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## **PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES**

Python
SQL
MATLAB
Java
Haskell
Shell
Dafny
С
Scala
Assembly
Pascal

# **XURONG (JASON) LIANG**

Ph.D. Student, Research Assistant & Teaching Assistant Computer Science

## **EDUCATION**

## Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Computer Science

2023 — 2027 (exp.)

University of Queensland, Australia

Ph.D. project Tiny Machine Learning for On-device Recommendation Advised by A/Prof. Hongzhi Yin and Dr. Rocky Tong Chen.

### **Bachelor of Computer Science (Honors)** University of Queensland, Australia

2022

Honors project PEP++: Improved Pruning-Based Embedding Dimension Optimization for Recommender Systems Advised by Dr. Rocky Tong Chen.

Awarded an Honors Class I Degree (cumulative GPA 7.000/7.000).

## **Bachelor of Computer Science**

2019 - 2021

University of Queensland, Australia

Graduated with cumulative **GPA 6.792/7.000**. Major in **Data Science**.

### **High School Diploma**

**2016 — 2018** 

Indooroopilly State High School, Australia

Graduated with OP4 (Highest: 1, Lowest: 25).

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

# Dean's Commendation for Academic Excellence —

2022

**Bachelor of Computer Science (Hons)** 

University of Queensland, Australia

Awarded to students who obtained a grade point average of 6.60 or higher in single semester.

### Dean's Commendation for Academic Excellence -**Bachelor of Computer Science**

2019 - Jul 2021

University of Queensland, Australia

Awarded to students who obtained a grade point average of 6.60 or higher in single semester.

### Cloud Computing INFS3208 Best Project Runner-up Award

2021

University of Queensland, Australia

Awarded for outstanding performance in INFS3208 Cloud Computing individual project competition 2021.

# FRAMEWORK SKILLS

**PyTorch** 

**Spark** 

**TensorFlow** 

Flask

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Data Mining
Data Science
Machine Learning
Natural Language Processing
Recommender System

# **LANGUAGES**

### **English**

Bilingual

High proficiency in reading and writing

#### Chinese

**Mandarin** Native Fluency

Chinese

Cantonese Native Fluency

#### **Prentice Scholar 2020**

University of Queensland, Australia

Prentice Scholars are students whose academic performance sits within the top five percent of the undergraduate Computer Science and Information Technology cohort at The University of Queensland.

Subject Prize Award - Information Processing and Technology

Indooroopilly State High School, Australia

Ranked 1st in the Information Processing and Technology course cohort.

# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarship

2023 — 2027

2020

2017

UQ International Onshore Merit Scholarship

2022

Winter Research Scholarship

2021

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Learning Compact Compositional Embeddings via Regularized Pruning for Recommendation Paper, Code

ICDM'23

**Xurong Liang**, Tong Chen, Quoc Viet Hung Nguyen, Jianxin Li, and Hongzhi Yin

# **ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE**

## **Casual Teaching Assistant**

University of Queensland, Australia

Tutoring course INFS7901 – Database Principles in Semester 1 and INFS3208/INFS7208 - Cloud Computing in Semester 2 each year. Offering practical & tutorial sessions weekly and responsible for assignment and exam paper marking.

#### **Casual Research Assistant**

University of Queensland, Australia

Sep 2021 — present

Feb 2022 — present

Conducting research relevant experiments, data preprocessing, baseline testing and algorithm implementation in the field of **Explainable Recommender Systems**.

### Winter Research Scholar University of Queensland, Australia

Jun 2021 — Jul 2021

Dynamic Topic Modelling on Social Media — Utilizing Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques to model and analyze the change of trending topics on social media in relation to COVID-19 throughout the first 100-day period since the virus emerged. Project conducted under the supervision of Prof. Zi (Helen) Huang and Dr. Rocky Tong Chen. Project result visualization available at https://topicvis.nifu.me/.

### **Voluntary Teaching Assistant**

Dec 2019 — Jan 2020

Dalu Primary School (大 芦 小 学), Yulin, Guangxi 537000, China

Teaching English and Information Technology courses to elementary school students. In charge of homework materials organization and marking.

# **SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

### Self-employed Courier Delivery Service Brisbane, QLD 4000, Australia

Dec 2020 — Feb 2021

Contracting last-mile delivery orders with courier providers such as 1stEx®

and CouriersPlease® in particular regions around Brisbane.

### IT internship Program

Nov 2018 — Feb 2019

Yulin Jintao Yinghua Trading, LLC (金涛英华贸易有限公司), Yulin, Guangxi 537000, China

Maintaining the hardware and software of the company with assistance from full-time employees of the Information Technology department.

#### **Expo Helper**

Jul 2017

AAS Education & Student Services, Spring Hill, QLD 4000, Australia

Assisting prospective students in answering any inquiries regarding further studies abroad. Assisting in student recruitment and encouraging prospective genuine students to apply to the institute on-site.

## Voluntary International Student Ambassador Indooroopilly State High School, Australia

Jan 2017

Assisting new students at International Student Orientation and providing school tours for visiting delegates.