

# Yilei Cai

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## Objective and Skills

To obtain a position utilizing my skills in computer science and statistics:

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES    Java, Python, Scala, Ruby, C++, SQL, Shell, JavaScript, C, MATLAB, SML  
TOOLS                        Spark, Flink, Kafka, Hive, Airflow, Oozie, Hadoop, Pig  
KNOWLEDGE                Big data, Machine Learning, Probability and Statistics

## Education

### Carnegie Mellon University

Pittsburgh, PA

M.S. IN COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY, SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Sep. 2013 - May 2015

- Departmental Merit Fellowship (major GPA: 3.9/4.0)

### Duke University

Durham, NC

M.S. IN NEUROBIOLOGY, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Sep. 2011 - May 2013

- Withdrawal from PhD Program

### Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Hong Kong

B.S. IN MOLECULAR BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES WITH MINOR IN MATHEMATICS, CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGY

Sep. 2007 - Jun. 2011

- University Scholarship, Lee Hysan Foundation Exchange Scholarship, Dean's List, First Class Honors

## Work Experience

### AirBnB

San Francisco, CA

SOFTWARE ENGINEER, GROWTH AND TRAFFIC TEAM

Dec. 2018 - present

- Built offline and real time components for customer data platform (Flink, Kafka, Spark, Scala, Hive, Airflow)
- Rewrote the visitor-user mapping pipeline, that infers a visitor's user id across different platforms (Spark, Scala)
- Maintained and improved data pipelines that prepare marketing summary and visits data. (Ruby on Rails, MySQL, Hive, Airflow)

### Yahoo!

Sunnyvale, CA

MACHINE LEARNING ENGINEER, BIG DATA MACHINE LEARNING TEAM

Feb. 2018 - Nov. 2018

- Implemented Spark based method to launch parameter server instances (Spark, Scala)
- Used TensorFlowOnSpark to generate word embeddings (word2vec), and optimize performance (Python)
- Made enhancements to parameter server based LDA (Scala)

SOFTWARE ENGINEER, GEMINI ADS TEAM

Nov. 2016 - Feb. 2018

- Built offline model training and feature engineering pipelines for ads ranking (Pig, Oozie, HDFS, Python, Java, Shell, Hive)
- Added features for online ads scoring service (C++)
- Developed an internal reporting tool for ads data visualization based on the open source web application, Superset (Python, SQL, JavaScript)

### Third Wave Systems

Minneapolis, MN

APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER

Jul. 2015 - Nov. 2016

- Designed and implemented a new GUI de novo for a machining process simulating software
- Used C++ Open Cascade library for 3D geometry rendering and integrated it into GUI (java) using Java Native Interface (JNI)
- Added semi-automated report generation function (Java and C++)

## Academic Projects

### Carnegie Mellon University

Sep. 2013 - May 2015

- Classified newspaper articles using machine learning models (Python, MATLAB)
- Designed and implemented a distributed Map/Reduce framework (Java)
- Designed and implemented a *simple search engine* (Python)
- Designed and implemented an urban transit system simulator (Java)
- Designed and implemented the game Scrabble with GUI (Java)
- Designed and implemented a social network analysis framework and its plugins (Java)

## Research Experience

### Duke University and HKUST

Sep. 2009 - Dec. 2012

- Performed two-photon/confocal microscopy and biochemical experiments to study molecular neuronal plasticity