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EDUCATION

Harvard University | Master of Science | Computational Science and Engineering 2024.09 – present

New York University Shanghai | Bachelor of Science | Honors Mathematics | Computer Science 2020.09 – 2024.05

- Honors Mathematics GPA: 4.00/4.00, including: Linear Algebra, Math Modeling, Probability Theory, Numerical Analysis, etc.
- Computer Science GPA: 3.97/4.00, including: Algorithms, Operating Systems, Computer Networking, Software Engineering, etc.

SKILLS

- [1] **Programming:** Proficient in Python, Rust, C, TypeScript; Intermediate in Java, C++, Julia, MATLAB
- [2] **Frameworks and packages:** Tauri; React; Numpy, Scipy, Pandas, Polars, Scikit-learn, Matplotlib, Seaborn, PyTorch
- [3] **DevOps:** CircleCI, Github Actions; Docker; Git / GitHub; AWS, WeChat / Alipay Cloud; Computer networks; Linux

WORKING EXPERIENCE

Scikit-learn | Open Source | Core Developer | [120 Merged Pull Requests](#) 2023.04 – present

SKILLS: Python, Cython, JavaScript, Sphinx, scikit-learn, numpy, scipy, pandas, polars, CI/CD

- Managed maintenance tasks e.g., test suite coverage, code refactoring, developer API improvement, automated GitHub workflows, etc.
- Enhanced sparse array and polars dataframe support, estimator representation, metrics visualization, multilabel data cross-validator, etc.
- Optimized IncrementalPCA on sparse data (>10x faster, >30x less memory), SPD matrix generator (>10x less memory), etc.
- Led the redesign the entire scikit-learn main website and coordinated efforts in documentation improvements and UI / UX enhancements.

DISC Lab, Fudan University | Lab Assistant | [DASFAA'24](#) | [GitHub](#) 2023.05 – 2023.08

SKILLS: Python, PyTorch, HuggingFace, LLM, instruction tuning

- Led the construction of 403K legal knowledge instruction data, curated with legal syllogism prompting for higher expertise.
- Fine-tuned DISC-LawLLM, an LLM specialized for legal services based on Baichuan 13B Chat, outperforming GPT-3.5 Turbo.
- Participated in designing a verifiable knowledge retrieval module to inject external knowledge and enhance output actuality.
- Drove the implementation of a comprehensive benchmark for legal systems evaluation in both objective and subjective dimensions.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Privacy-Preserving Network Configuration Sharing via Anonymization | [SIGCOMM'24](#) | [GitHub](#) 2022.10 – 2024.08

ADVISOR: Professor Guyue Liu, guyue.liu@gmail.com

- Proposed the ConfMask framework to systematically anonymize topology and routing information in network configurations.
- Designed the anonymization algorithm for different protocols that mitigated deanonymization risks yet preserved important utilities.
- Managed to rigorously prove the route equivalence and routing utility preservation properties of the anonymization framework.
- Led the implementation of the end-to-end network configuration anonymization system and the artifact evaluation.

SOFTWARE PROJECTS

Deskulpt: A Cross-Platform Desktop Customization Tool | [GitHub](#) 2024.03 – present

SKILLS: Rust, TypeScript, Tauri, React, Vite, SWC

- Led the development of a cross-platform system for highly customizable desktop widgets that can be written in React / TypeScript.
- Integrated rich development tools in Deskulpt, enabling streamlined widget creation and debugging, editor and type hints, etc.
- Built Deskulpt using Tauri to ensure system security and compatibility across Windows, macOS, and Linux environments.
- Utilized Rust's async capabilities in the backend to ensure responsive interactions between the UI and system resources.
- Implemented security measures, e.g., CSP protection, constraints on file system access, limiting frontend capabilities, etc.

CampusHelper: WeChat / Alipay Miniprogram 2023.12 – present

SKILLS: TypeScript, MongoDB, WeChat / Alipay cloud, miniprogram frameworks

- Utilized miniprogram cloud, including cloud functions, database, and storage to enhance data management and service reliability.
- Optimized miniprogram performance through cloud-based technologies, lazy loading, list virtualization, etc.
- Built a clean, consistent, accessible, and user-friendly interface, enhancing the overall user experience.
- Won the 2nd Prize (4th Place) in the [2023 Alipay Miniprogram Developers' Competition](#).

PUBLICATIONS

AUTHORS WITH † ARE SORTED BY α - β ORDER, OTHERS ARE SORTED BY CONTRIBUTION

- [1] Yuejie Wang, Qitong Men, **Yao Xiao**, Yongting Chen, and Guyue Liu. 2024. ConfMask: Enabling Privacy-Preserving Configuration Sharing via Anonymization. In *Proceedings of the ACM SIGCOMM 2024 Conference (ACM SIGCOMM'24)*. Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA, 465–483. doi:10.1145/3651890.3672217
- [2] Shengbin Yue, Shujun Liu, Yuxuan Zhou, Chenchen Shen, Siyuan Wang, **Yao Xiao**, Bingxuan Li, Yun Song, Xiaoyu Shen, Wei Chen, Xuanjing Huang, and Zhongyu Wei. 2024. LawLLM: Intelligent Legal System with Legal Reasoning and Verifiable Retrieval. In *29th International Conference on Database Systems for Advanced Applications (DASFAA'24)*. doi:10.48550/arXiv.2309.11325