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I build tools. Tools make us happy.

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Senior Software Engineer, Machine Learning and Data Mining

Apr, 2017 - Present



Sunnyvale, CA

I work on *Jobs You May be Interested In* ([linkedin.com/jobs](https://www.linkedin.com/jobs)). I make this gigantic recruiter faster, easier to debug/improve and less costly.

- Reducing latency with simplified index queries – -10% latency, +5% member applies.
- Engineering tooling – helped team to double # of model launches; debugging tool that enables one-button query tracing.
- Project planning for unified index powering *job search* and *jobs you may be interested in* – -50% index maintenance.

Software Engineer, Tools and Infrastructure

Oct, 2014 - Apr, 2017



Mountain View, CA

I maintained the testing framework for Google's ContentAds frontend web-server. On an average day, my work means 10^6 quicker/stable tests, or 10^2 happier developers.

- 24% faster regression tests – 7 years of computation savings every single day.
- iRegtest – 5 times faster test development time, by keeping the test environment up. Also mentored intern to extend it to Selenium tests.
- I've also implemented various kinds of tests (and random stuffs).
 - Fuzz-tester – a tool that generates unexpected server input from users and/or backend servers. I built an AI scorer for the effectiveness of generated inputs.
 - Load-tester – tools and metrics to calibrate server's performance under heavy traffic. This tool gates our releases.

Software Engineer, for the rest of the world

www.crowdgrammar.com: Proof-read articles quickly, thoroughly and cheaply, by out-sourcing to native US workers. For \$20, you get a 100-page long PhD dissertation proof-read in 3 days, getting at least one correction per sentence.

<https://github.com/xuehuichao/freemind-latex>: Focus on your ideas, and slides shall generate itself. This program compiles mindmaps into L^AT_EX Beamer, and then PDF slides.

Education

Ph.D. in Computer Science, 2008-2015, University of Pittsburgh, PA, USA



GPA: 3.94/4

- *Advisor*: Prof. Rebecca Hwa
- *Research Area*: Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning
- *Dissertation*: *Computational Models of Problems with Writing of English as a Second Language (ESL) Learners*
 - Detecting redundancies (e.g. ...I believe that **if**...)
 - Auto-completing tutor feedbacks (demo at www.xuehuichao.com)
 - Detecting preposition errors (e.g. ...need **of**for speed).



B.S. in Computer Science, 2004-2008, Fudan University, Shanghai, China

- Awards: Rank: 3rd/143, GPA: 3.66/4
 - *OOCL Scholarship* – Nov 2006: highest GPA during that academic year
 - *2nd class People's Scholarship* – Nov 2007 and Nov 2005: top 10%.
- *Bachelor Thesis*: Cross-document Coreference Resolution and Named Entity Recognition (supervised by Prof. Yaqian Zhou and Prof. Xuanjing Huang)

Past Internship Experience

Research Intern – Automatic speech grader



Summer 2013

Princeton, NJ(USA)

- Developed regressors to measure learners' grammar sophistication in TOEFL.
- My regressor helped improve 5% in speech grader accuracy.
- Submitted a conference paper.

Software Engineer Intern – Translation table compression



Fall 2010

Mountain View, CA(USA)

- Goal is to reduce phrase table size in Google's translation engine.
- Merged phrase translations that differ only in named entities.

Software Engineer Intern – Ads impression drop investigation



Fall 2007

Shanghai, China

- Goal is to help engineers quickly find reasons of impression drops.
- Built a tool to find correlated events (e.g. impression bump in other campaigns).

Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Martin Birks, Daniel Cole, Stanley P. Y. Fung, and **Huichao Xue** Online algorithms for maximizing weighted throughput of unit jobs with temperature constraints. In *Journal of Combinatorial Optimization* 26(2), pages 237-250, 2013

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Huichao Xue and Rebecca Hwa. Improved correction detection in revised ESL sentences. In *Proceedings of The 52nd Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL short)*, Baltimore, USA, 2014. Association for Computational Linguistics, 2014

Suma Bhat, **Huichao Xue**, and Su-Youn Yoon. Shallow Analysis-Based Assessment of Grammatical Competence for Automated Speech Scoring In *Proceedings of The 52nd Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*, Baltimore, USA, 2014. Association for Computational Linguistics, 2014

Huichao Xue and Rebecca Hwa. Redundancy Detection in ESL Writings. (*to appear*) In *Proceedings of the 14th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL)*, Gothenburg, Sweden, 2014. Association for Computational Linguistics, 2014

Huichao Xue and Rebecca Hwa. Modeling ESL word choice similarities by representing word intensions and extensions. In *Proceedings of the 24th International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING)*, Mumbai, India, 2012. Association for Computational Linguistics, 2012

Martin Birks, Daniel Cole, Stanley P. Y. Fung, and **Huichao Xue**. Online algorithms for maximizing weighted throughput of unit jobs with temperature constraints. In *FAW-AAIM*, pages 319-329, 2011

Huichao Xue and Rebecca Hwa. Syntax-driven machine translation as a model of ESL revision. In *Proceedings of the 23rd International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING): Posters*, pages 1373–1381. Association for Computational Linguistics, 2010

Technical Skills

Programming languages: Python, C/C++, Javascript, Perl, Java.
Scientific computing: scipy/numpy, Spark, sklearn, Matlab/Octave
Data collection: Amazon Mechanical Turk, BeautifulSoup
Software development: GNU Linux, Emacs, Google AppEngine, ionic, angularjs, MySQL/Sqlite, L^AT_EX, version control softwares
Programming contests: Before I entered college, I won 1st prize in China’s regional programming contest – top 4 in Hebei Province (NOIP 2003).