

# Steven Qian

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## Education

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### University of Virginia

B.S. Computer Science

Aug. 2022 – May 2026

*Related coursework:* Data Structures, Algorithms, Computer Systems, Applied Circuits, Linear Algebra, Probability, Multivariable Calculus, Ordinary Differential Equations, Discrete Math

## Skills

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**Programming:** Python, Java, C, Assembly, MATLAB

**Machine Learning & AI:** TensorFlow, PyTorch, Keras, Pandas, NumPy, Scikit-learn, Computer Vision

**Cloud & DevOps:** AWS, Docker, CI/CD (GitHub Actions)

**Database:** MySQL, PostgreSQL, Databricks, Oracle,

**Big Data:** Hadoop, Spark

**Operating System:** Linux, Unix, Windows

**Cybersecurity:** VPN, VLAN

**Cloud Computing:** AWS, GCP, Azure

**Web Framework:** Flask, Django

## Work Experience

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### Headstarter AI

Fellowship

July 2024 – Sept. 2024

### University of Virginia

Research Assistant

May 2024 – June 2024

- Analyzing the performance of Membership Inference Attacks and identifying factors contributing to their poor performance on large language models, such as dataset sizes, training iterations, and n-grams.
- Improving methods and adding new methods to evaluate result data using **Python**, contributing to the understanding of membership inference and its implications for privacy in machine learning.
- Fixing bugs in the source code and maintaining the code to ensure compatibility of new packages and updates, addressing issues arising from version conflicts.
- Assist with writing the documentation of the research process, methodologies, and code to ensure clarity and reproducibility.

### Cisco Networking Academy

Teaching Assistant

Sept. 2020 – June 2022

- Led workshops on AWS configuration and management, training over 30 students in cloud networking fundamentals.
- Designed and implemented scalable cloud-based networking solutions using **AWS** services (EC2, VPC, Lambda, ELB, S3), enhanced network infrastructure for educational purposes and increasing lab setup efficiency by 40%
- Established a controlled environment for vulnerability testing and penetration testing, training students in ethical hacking techniques and cybersecurity best practices.

## Project Experience

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### Code for Charlottesville

Data Pipeline Developer

July 2024 – Present

**Canvas CoPilot** (Won 1st place at University of Virginia Hackathon)

Machine Learning Engineer

March 2024

- Developed an AI-powered academic assistant using Canvas and OpenAI APIs, enhancing students' ability to manage and prioritize daily academic tasks.
- Coded web scraping scripts and built an ETL pipeline to improve data flow between Canvas and the database.
- Developing encryption for database for better personal data security, utilized AES for encrypting database and SSL/TLS for securing data in transit.