

# MATTHEW SUMPTER

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## INDUSTRY

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### Meow Wolf

Aug 2022 - Present

*Senior Software Engineer*

- Maintained and developed new features for our credits and ticketing e-commerce site, supporting approx. \$10M in annual sales.
- Maintained our exhibitions key state management API and supported a full migration from MongoDB to Postgres. The API supports the customer experience of over 2 million visitors annually.
- Led an effort to integrate state management into our ticketing web app
- Gave department-wide talks on data privacy and served as a member of the data governance committee
- **Tech:** React, Typescript, GraphQL, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, Nest.js, Next.js, Apollo, PostgreSQL

### Sandia National Laboratories

Jul 2021 - Aug 2022

*R&D Software Engineer*

- Worked within a cross-functional team of 10+ software engineers and specialists to drive backend services for the company, developing of several backend endpoints in Java with Spring Boot to improve efficiencies of internal systems.
- Led a series of process optimization initiatives to streamline workflow for 800+ hours of manual tasks, leveraging tools such as Cypress.io to automate processes that saved over \$45K in labor costs per year for the team.
- Trained 2 developers for Cypress end-to-end testing, coaching employees to ensure the team exceeds all performance metrics while maintaining 100% staff retention.
- Granted and maintained a DOE Q Clearance
- **Tech:** Java, Spring Boot, Kubernetes, Typescript, ReactJS, Cypress, Docker

### SOFWERX

Jan 2019 - May 2019

*Primary Supervisor, David Salvador*

*Data Science Intern*

- Managed and coordinated a suite of projects for a team of 8+ interns, delivering and presenting technical requirements to senior leaders to help drive over \$7.8MM in annual revenue for the organization.
- Spearheaded the development of a rapid proof-of-concept to secure an additional \$40K in research and development funding, meeting 100% of project deadlines within a condensed 10-week timeline.
- Partnered with software and electrical engineering professionals to train on data science and engineering industry standards, building relationships within the department to develop technical expertise.

## EDUCATION

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**Masters of Science, Computer Science**, University of South Florida

Aug 2019 - May 2021

GPA: 4.0/4.0

Relevant Coursework: Data Mining, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Social Media Mining, Network Science, Advanced Databases, Interactive Data Visualization

*Advisor: Dr. Giovanni Luca Ciampaglia*

**Bachelor of Science, Physics**, Florida State University

Aug 2009 - Dec 2012

GPA: 3.25/4.0

Minor in Mathematics

Graduated with Honors

## RESEARCH

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### Graphics and Visualization Lab

Jan 2021 - Jun 2021

USF Computer Science and Engineering Department

Primary Investigator, Dr. Paul Rosen

Graduate Research Assistant

- Built a community-driven interactive map to communicate air pollution trends in Kansas City and promote grassroots activism. Project was contracted by the environmental non-profit, CleanAirNow Kansas City.
- **Tech:** HTML/CSS, JavaScript, D3.js, Leaflet.js, RESTful APIs

### Computational Sociodynamics Lab

Jan 2020 - Jun 2021

USF Computer Science and Engineering Department

Primary Investigator, Dr. Giovanni Luca Ciampaglia

Graduate Research Assistant

- Investigated graph mining methods for generating and generalizing belief systems of online communities
- Developed an end-to-end pipeline for semantic triple extraction and ontology matching for the purpose of automated fact-checking
- Developed trend and sentiment analysis for the temporal evolution of Twitter data related to the COVID-19 pandemic
- **Tech:** Python, Numpy, Scikit-Learn, Tensorflow, RESTful APIs

### Cyber Identity and Behavior Research Lab

May 2019 - Jun 2021

USF Computer Science and Engineering Department

Primary Investigator, Dr. Tempestt Neal

Graduate Research Assistant

- Investigated trends in an online user's response to credibility warnings that preclude a news report, using qualitative and quantitative survey analysis
- Developed a novel technique for the fuzzy classification of writing samples by rhetorical modes
- Investigated techniques for multi-modal mobile authentication using both front-facing camera images and various sensor readings
- **Tech:** Python, NumPy, Scikit-Learn, Tensorflow, Qualtrics, Tableau, Android Studio (Java)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Aug 2019 - May 2021

Teaching Assistant

- Tutored 150+ students while teaching undergraduate level courses for 4 semesters, developing 15+ programming assignments for current and future iterations of the course to support department objectives
- Fall 2020/Spring 2021: Quantum Computing (*Dr. Richard Rauscher*)
- Spring 2020: Data Structures (*Dr. William Hendrix*)
- Fall 2019: Senior Project in Info Tech (*Dr. Richard Rauscher*), Data Structures (*Dr. Valentina Korzhova*)

### Club Z Tutoring, Tampa, FL

Oct 2017 - May 2018

Tutor

- Tutored ages 10 - 17
- Mathematics: Algebra, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus
- Sciences: Physics (with and without calculus), Chemistry

- SAT Math and Grammar

**Insight Adventures**, Yangshuo, Guangxi Province, China  
*Outdoor Educator*

Aug 2016 - Aug 2017

- Taught lessons on rock climbing technique, kayaking technique, survival skills, orienteering, navigation, Leave-No-Trace ethics, and basic first-aid to K-12 international students
- Trained employees on high-rope safety skills and self-rescue
- Organized and managed a community service project for Hong Kong students to install a municipal water line to a rural school
- Organized and managed a community service project for Shanghai students to beautify a school for ASD students, including mural painting, garden creation, and peer learning

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-Reviewed

1. **M Sumpter** and GL Ciampaglia. (2021). Preserving the Integrity and Credibility of the Online Information Ecosystem. *IEEE Data Engineering* (<http://sites.computer.org/debull/A21sept/p4.pdf>)
2. RA Proma, **M Sumpter**, H Lugo, E Friedman, KT Huq, P Rosen. (2021). CleanAirNowKC: Building Community Power by Improving Data Accessibility. *IEEE Workshop on Visualization for Social Good* (<https://vis4good.github.io/papers/2021/proma.pdf>)
3. **M Sumpter** and T Neal. (2021). User Perceptions of Article Credibility Warnings: Towards Understanding the Influence of Journalists and AI Agents. *MEDIATE 2021 (AAAI ICWSM)* ([http://workshop-proceedings.icwsm.org/pdf/2021\\_64.pdf](http://workshop-proceedings.icwsm.org/pdf/2021_64.pdf))
4. **M Sumpter** and GL Ciampaglia. (2021). REMOD: Relation Extraction for Modeling Online Discourse. *KnOD'21* (<https://arxiv.org/abs/2102.11105>)
5. J Oberstaller, SR Adapa, GW Dayhoff II, J Gibbons, TE Keller, C Li, J Lim, M Pham, A Sarkar, R Sharma, AH Wani, A Vianello, LM Duong, Ch Wang, CGF Atkinson, M Barrow, NW Van Bibber, J Dahrendorff, DAE Dean, O Dokur, GC Ferreira1, M Hastings, GS Herbert, KT Huq, Y Kim, X Liao, X Liu, F Mansuri, LB Martin, EM Miller, O Natarajan, J Pang, F Prieto, PW Radulovic, V Sheth, **M Sumpter**, D Sutheland, N Vijayakumar, and R Jiang. Uncovering host-microbiome interactions in global systems with collaborative programming: a novel approach integrating social and data sciences [version 1; peer review: 1 approved with reservations]. *F1000Research* 2020, 9:1478 (<https://doi.org/10.12688/f1000research.26459.1>)
6. AC Miklos, **M Sumpter**, and H-X Zhou (2013) Competitive interactions of ligands and macromolecular crowders with maltose binding protein. *PLoS ONE* 8, e74969

### Theses

1. **M Sumpter** (2012) Macromolecular Crowding Effects on Protein-Ligand Binding Equilibrium. B.Sc. Honors Thesis. Florida State University.

## PRESENTATIONS

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- **Workshop Presentation:** *User Perceptions of Article Credibility Warnings: Towards Understanding the Influence of Journalists and AI Agents.* MEDIATE 2021 (AAAI ICWSM), June 2021.
- **Workshop Presentation:** *REMOD: Relation Extraction for Modeling Online Discourse.* Workshop on Knowledge Graphs for Online Discourse Analysis, April 2021.
- **Poster Presentation:** *Continuous Multimodal Mobile Authentication: An Exploratory Study.* USF Research Experience for Undergraduate Poster Session, July 2019.
- **Undergraduate Thesis Defense:** *Macromolecular Crowding Effects on Protein-Ligand Binding Equilibrium,* December 2012.