

Michael J. Wilber

Computer Vision Ph.D. Student, Fourth Year

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Technical Skills

- **Research interests:** Primary interests in computer vision, machine learning, and deep learning. Specific areas include biometrics, object recognition, perceptual embeddings, and artistic style recognition.
- **Languages and Libraries:** Fluent in Python, the scientific Python stack (numpy/scipy, Cython, scikit-learn, scikit-image), Javascript, and general purpose POSIX tools. Familiar with several common ML/CV tools including Torch7, Theano, libsvm, scikit-learn, OpenCV. Contributor to open-source projects including node.js and Racket.
- **Linux Server Administration:** Ten years of Debian, Ubuntu, and Arch Linux experience on server, desktop, and cloud services (EC2, DigitalOcean). Managed over 20 Debian servers at the Vision and Security Technology Laboratory at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS) and Securics, Inc.

Education

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| 2014–2019 | Ph.D. in Computer Science, Cornell Tech
Supported by the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (NSF GRFP) |
| 2013–2014 | Graduate studies at University of California, San Diego
Transferred to Cornell to follow my advisor, Dr. Serge Belongie |
| 2009–2013 | Bachelor of Innovation in Computer Science, University of Colorado Colorado Springs (4.0 GPA)
Supported by the Kane Family Foundation Scholarship, Braxton Scholarship |
| 2008–2010 | High-school concurrent classes at University of Colorado Colorado Springs (4.0 GPA) |
| 2007–2008 | High-school concurrent classes at Colorado Technical University (4.0 GPA) |

Professional Experience

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| 2016 | Summer Intern, Adobe Research, San Jose <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Built systems to analyze millions of images and terabytes of data |
| 2014 | Summer Intern, Dropbox Photos Team, San Francisco <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted product-focused computer vision research in a collaborative team environment.• Introduced our team to more efficient tools and technologies.• Helped maintain the computer vision evaluation and experimentation pipeline. |
| 2014–Present | Research Assistant, Cornell University, Cornell Tech NYC <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducting research related to many areas of computer vision, including perceptual similarity, large-scale crowdsourcing, and object recognition.• Helping establish and maintain the new vision group's presence at Cornell.• Serving as TA for classes including four semesters of "CS5785 Modern Analytics." |
| 2013 | Research Assistant, University of California, San Diego <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted computer vision research: face recognition, object recognition, perceptual similarity.• Helped maintain servers and lab equipment. |
| 2012–2013 | Software Engineer, Securics, Inc., Colorado Springs, 80918 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Helped implement "MugHunt," an attribute face search engine. MugHunt was one of the most popular demos in its session at CVPR 2012.• Conducted face recognition experiments to evaluate academic and commercial algorithms. |

- 2009–2013 **Assistant Researcher, Vision and Security Technology (VAST) Laboratory at UCCS**
- Maintained laboratory equipment and over 20 Debian servers.
 - Performed research on face detection and biometrics, including biometric template protection.
 - Designed and implemented a cluster computing framework for large-scale fingerprint matching.
 - Helped organize the *Face and Eye Detection on Hard Datasets* Competition, IJCB 2011.
- 2011 **Summer Researcher, NSF REU Program, University of Colorado Colorado Springs 80917**
- Designed and implemented a privacy-enhanced biometric authentication protocol, “Vaulted Verification.” This work resulted in a provisional patent application, two first-author conference papers, and scored fourth place in the *2012 National Security Innovation Competition* sponsored by the National Homeland Defense Foundation.
- 2009–2010 **NSF RAHSS High School Intern, Securics, Inc., Colorado Springs 80198**
- Helped implement “Verified Presence,” a time-tracker kiosk system that allows employers to verify employees’ physical attendance with fingerprints.
 - Helped test and debug “EPayNotary,” a payment verification service that integrates with PayPal. EPayNotary protects customers by verifying the identity of merchant recipients.

Selected Publications and Patents

- 2016 *Residual Networks Behave Like Ensembles of Relatively Shallow Networks*
To Appear Veit, A.; **Wilber, M.**; Belongie, S. Neural information processing systems (NIPS 2016)
- 2015 *Learning Concept Embeddings with Combined Human-Machine Expertise*
Wilber, M.; Kwak, I. S.; Belongie, B. International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV 2015)
- 2015 *On Optimizing Human-Machine Task Assignments*
Veit, A.; **Wilber, M.**; Vaish, R.; Belongie, B.; Davis, J.; *et al.* AAAI Conference on Human Computation and Crowdsourcing Work-in-Progress session (HCOMP 2015 WIP)
- 2015 *Image Representations and New Domains in Neural Image Captioning*
Hessel, J.; Savva, N.; **Wilber, M.** Workshop on Vision and Language Integration (VL 2015)
- 2014 *Cost-Effective HITs for Relative Similarity Comparisons*
Wilber, M.; Kwak, I. S.; Belongie, S. J. AAAI Conference on Human Computation and Crowdsourcing (HCOMP 2014)
- 2014 *Exemplar Codes: An Accurate and Efficient Mid-Level Representation for Big Vision Problems*
Rudd, E.; **Wilber, M.**; Boulton, T. E. Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition BigVision workshop (CVPR 2014)
- 2014 *Exemplar Codes for Facial Attributes and Tattoo Recognition*
Wilber, M.; Rudd, E.; Heflin, B.; Lui, Y. M.; Boulton, T. E. Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV 2014).
- 2014 *Good Recognition is Non-Metric*
Scheirer, W. J.; **Wilber, M.**; Eckmann, M.; Boulton, T. E. Pattern Recognition 47 (8), 2014
- ★ 2013 **Best paper award: Animal Recognition in the Mojave Desert: Vision Tools for Field Biologists**
Wilber, M.; Scheirer, W.; Leitner, P.; *et al.* Workshop on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV 2013).
- 2013 *Issues in Rotational (Non-) Invariance and Image Preprocessing*
Jain, L.; **Wilber, M.**; Boulton, T. Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Biometrics Workshop (CVPR 2013)
- 2012 *PRIVV: Private Remote Iris Authentication with Vaulted Verification*
Wilber, M.; Scheirer, W.; Boulton, T. E. Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Biometrics Workshop (CVPR 2012)
- 2012 *Secure Remote Matching with Privacy: Scrambled Support Vector Vaulted Verification (S^2V^3)*
Wilber, M.; Boulton, T. E. Workshop on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV 2012)
- 2011 *Face and Eye Detection on Hard Datasets*
Parris, J.; **Wilber, M.**; Heflin, B.; *et al.* International Joint Conference on Biometrics (IJCB 2011)