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EDUCATION

Politehnica University of Bucharest, **Bachelor in Computer Science**   📅 Oct 2022 - Jul 2026

- Relevant Coursework: Computer programming (**C** & **Python**; **Assembly**; **Rust**), Operating systems usage, Data structures and algorithms, Numerical methods (**Octave**), Object-oriented programming (**Java**), Operating systems, Programming paradigms, Algorithm design, Communication protocols
- **Cumulative grades**: 9.39/10

PROJECTS

emscripten-functions (GitHub link)   📅 Aug 2023 - Sep 2024

- Implemented raw **Rust** bindings for **emscripten** system functions. Emscripten is a compiler toolchain that allows C & C++ code to be ran on web pages using **WASM**. Emscripten is the easiest way of building Rust code for web that depends on C or C++ libraries.
- Built Rust-friendly wrappers for **29** emscripten-specific functions.
- Over **2500** downloads on `crates.io` for the `emscripten-functions` crate (the Rust-friendly wrappers), and over **2200** for `emscripten-functions-sys` (the raw Rust bindings).

ThemeChanger (GitHub link)   📅 Aug 2021 - Jul 2024

- Designed a Linux app in **Python** and **GTK3** that lets the user modify the mouse cursor, application icon, and widget themes and settings of **4** theme frameworks, even for unthemable libadwaita apps.
- Implemented live theme reloading using **6** desktop environment-specific mechanisms.
- Built a mechanism of showing instantly GTK3 theme and CSS changes in the app.

Personal dotfiles management system (GitHub link)   📅 Mar 2021 - Mar 2024

- Created a GitHub repository with my configuration files for select programs I use, like `vim`, `zsh`, VSCode.
- Implemented **shell scripts** for **5** distro families that install some apps that I like and configure a freshly installed **Linux** system the way I like it, and a **Windows** script that does this too.

Proportional election methods simulation (GitHub link)   📅 Jan 2021

- Implemented a **Svelte** web app that can simulate **4** proportional election apportionment methods.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Undergraduate teaching assistant, Assembly programming   📅 Feb 2024 - Present

- Held a weekly laboratory session for over **10** students that shows them the basics of **x86 Assembly**.
- Built a **Docker** image for lecture demos.

Rust workshop April 2024, desktop applications track   📅 Apr 2024

- Taught **4** students over a Saturday day the basics of desktop application development using **Tauri**.

OPEN SOURCE CONTRIBUTIONS

- Enhanced the tests suite of Lemmy and `rust-vmm/kvm-ioctls`.   📅 Jan 2024
- Implemented the option to hide the "mentions" tab in the Tiny IRC client.   📅 Jan 2023
- Added my ThemeChanger application to nixpkgs.   📅 Oct 2021 - Jul 2022