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EDUCATION

Politehnica University of Bucharest, Bachelor in Computer Science

iii 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 (1st year): 9.18/10

Projects

emscripten-functions (GitHub link)

Aug 2023 - Jul 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 **1500** downloads on crates.io for the emscripten-functions crate (the Rust-friendly wrappers), and over **1400** for emscripten-functions-sys (the raw Rust bindings).

ThemeChanger (GitHub link)

iii 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)

m 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.

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• Added my ThemeChanger application to nixpkgs.

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