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Education

University of California, Davis

Fall 2016 - Summer 2020

Major: Computer Engineering, B.S.

GPA: 3.4

CS Coursework: Algorithm Design & Analysis, Applied Linear Algebra, Operating Systems, Networks.

EE Coursework: Embedded Systems, Digital Systems, Circuits, Signal Processing.

Experience

Firmware & Hardware Engineer - Research Assistant

April 2018 - June 2020

Miller Lab (millerlab.faculty.ucdavis.edu)

Auditory Neuroscience & Speech Recognition Lab

- Independently brought up, prototyped, and delivered a real-time solution to cross-reference external audio inputs with a Brain-Computer Interface by writing embedded firmware code in C, and designing a circuit for a single-bit ADC. Implemented low-overhead data structures/algorithms, and introduced large amounts of code modularity for maintainability. Brought latency down from the previous iteration by a factor of 10.
- Configured the software bringup for a custom RTOS (embedded Linux distribution) and cross-toolchain using the Yocto Project, including configurations for a bootloader, operating system, and other optimizations based on the ARM-based SoC architecture. Gained insight on writing Linux kernel modules, IPC, and device drivers.
- Taught myself TCP/IP communication in the scripting languages of MATLAB and Python to implement an external eye-tracking system for use in behavioral studies.
- Debugged software issues using tools such as GDB and Valgrind, alongside hardware issues through use of various lab bench equipment (oscilloscopes, function generators, logic analyzers).

Software Engineer - Intern

June 2018 - August 2018

General Atomics

EMS - Software and Controls

- Brought up a new iteration of an aircraft landing simulation in C++ by studying the in-house developed physics models reflecting the interaction of the aircraft and custom motors/actuators, and consulting the original codebase in MATLAB. Brought the runtime of the simulation down by a factor of 2, alongside the inclusion of more accurate physics models and algorithms. Despite tight time constraints and minimal assistance, I earned the "MVP" award for saving "hundreds of hours in simulation time and greatly reducing control system tuning efforts".
- Leveraged object-oriented design patterns, implemented large amounts of code modularity, and designed data structures with clean interfaces, for emphasis on maintainability.

Projects

Smart Dog Collar *Senior Design Project* C & Verilog

Fall 2019 & Winter 2020

- Wrote firmware code in C for the real-time application, with peripheral interfacing using SPI, I2C, I2S, and UART, to track ambient noise and cycle between different power modes.
- Brought up, assembled, and debugged multiple iterations of hardware to house the microcontroller and various sensors, leveraging circuit analysis techniques, a myriad of datasheets, and various lab bench equipment.

Operating Systems & Embedded Systems *Relevant Course Project* C++

Fall 2019 & Winter 2020

- Wrote C++ code to implement functionality of a Linux based OS, including the implementation of multithreading, building a device driver for a FAT16 file system, and writing a Linux shell.
- Built a smart, IoT AC unit onto an ARM Cortex-M SoC, with a feedback loop to control an IR emitter over SPI, based on data collected from both a temperature sensor over I2C and real-time weather forecast over the REST API.

Mobile Applications (IOS): *Round 'a Bound, Tic-Tac Emoji* Swift

Winter 2017 & Spring 2018

- Successfully delivered the products through their full life cycle, by utilizing different high level APIs to detect physics collisions, exhibiting independently made animations and sound, and incorporating an online leaderboard via a real-time database. While formerly published, the apps culminated in over 250 downloads.