

# Aashir Farooqi

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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](http://millerlab.faculty.ucdavis.edu))

**Auditory Neuroscience & Speech Recognition Lab**

- Independently brought up, prototyped, and developed a real-time solution to cross-reference external audio inputs with an EEG acquisition system by writing C code on a bare-metal embedded system and designing/assembling a single-bit ADC PCB in Altium. Brought latency down from the previous iteration by a factor of 10.
- Configured, built, and designed a custom RTOS (embedded Linux distribution) and cross-toolchain using the Yocto Project in a Linux environment, by using shell command line tools, and by understanding the architectural design of the embedded system, alongside the computer architecture of the host system.
- Designed/read a number of schematics, consulted a number of datasheets for the various IC components used, utilized the GNU debugger for software-level debugging, and used hardware-level debugging tools such as oscilloscopes, logic analyzers, and function generators to debug circuits that interface with the embedded software.
- Implemented an external eye-tracking peripheral using TCP/IP communication and a Python to MATLAB library for use in behavioral studies.

**Software Engineer - Intern**

June 2018 - August 2018

General Atomics

**EMS - Software and Controls**

- Leveraged object-oriented and algorithm design principles in an agile software development team environment, to convert the code base for an aircraft landing from the high-level OO scripting language of MATLAB to C++, bringing the runtime of the simulation down by a factor of 2. 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".
- Wrote unit-tests in C++ to verify the accuracy of the simulations, using the Catch testing-framework.

## Projects

**Smart Dog Collar** *Relevant Course Project* C & Verilog

Fall 2019 & Winter 2020

- Wrote C code on a bare-metal embedded system, with peripheral interfacing using SPI, I2C, I2S, and UART, to track ambient noise, and cycle between different power modes for the SoC and peripherals.
- Designed/read schematics, consulted datasheets, designed/assembled multiple PCBs, and debugged circuits using logic analyzers, oscilloscopes, and other hardware-level debugging tools.

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

Spring 2020

- Wrote C++ code to implement the functionality of a Linux based Operating System, including the implementation of preemptive threading, building a Linux device driver for a FAT16 file system, and writing typical Linux shell command line tools.

**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 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.

**Web Development:** [aashpointo.github.io/KmapWebsite](https://aashpointo.github.io/KmapWebsite) HTML/CSS & JavaScript

Winter 2018

- Implemented the Quine-McCluskey algorithm in JavaScript to compute the *Sum of Products* and *Product of Sums* from a set of truth-table inputs, primarily for use in digital logic design.