# Alexander Sotnikov

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### **SKILLS**

**Programming:** Java, Python, HTML, CSS, Markdown, C++, C, Javascript, ReactJS, NodeJS

MATLAB, Assembly, LATEX, GIT, Object Oriented Programming

Hardware: Raspberry Pi, Arduino, STM32

Soft Skills: Leadership, Initiative, Communication, Teamwork, Organization

Design Environments: Vercel, Eclipse IDE, AutoCad, Canva, Microsoft Office Suite, Github

#### **EXPERIENCE**

## **Guidance Navigation Communications Engineer**

Sept 2024 - Present

UW Orbital Design Team

• Creatively built physical and mathematical models in **MATLAB** and **simulink**, which accurately simulated how angular momentum built up on the of the satellite, and proposed solutions on how to mitigate the build up using satellite thrusters.

# **Robotics Programmer**

Sept 2022 - Jan 2024

VEX Robotics Team

- Effectively **communicated** solutions as part of a **team of 10 members** working on the robots code.
- Successfully programmed crucial sections of the robots **drive train** using the language, **VEX**, allowing the team to successfully complete all mobility related challenges **50% faster then expected**, during the competition.

#### Founder and President

Sept 2020 - June 2024

AY. Jackson Chess Club/Community

• Took **initiative** by founding the chess club and growing it into an online community of more than **100 members**, by **leading** a team of volunteers, also assisting me in **organizing** weekly tournaments attended by **20+ people**.

## Volunteer Assistant Instructor

Sept 2021 - Sept 2022

Myungs Taekwondo Thornhill

• Assisted in implementing lessons, by **teaching** groups of up to **25** students, kicks and poomsae techniques.

#### **PROJECTS**

# CelestiaTrack ✓ - Python, Git, C++

• Using API written in **Python**, efficiently extracted and decoded precise ephemeris databases, with more then **1** million entries, about various planets from **JPL's Horizons System**, allowing my **team** to create an accurate **Dynamic 3D Orrery model** of our Solar System. Project built for **NASA Space Apps Hackathon**.

# Physics Club Website - Vercel, ReactJS, Javascript, HTML, CSS, EmailJS

- Used **ReactJS**, **HTML**, and **CSS**, to create an interactive website for the schools physics club; besides club information, also included an embedded **sign up form** which facilitated a **200% membership increase**.
- Creatively employed **EmailJS**, a **back-end** service which allowed me to create a responsive form that efficiently passed more then **90 user feedback/queries** straight into the clubs email inbox.

## Calculator Arduino Project - Arduino, C, Tinkercad

- Designed a prototype of a working calculator in **Tinkercad**, which employed an **Arduino** to function.
- Applied my knowledge of **electric circuitry** to differentiate **15 different types** of user inputs, and then using code written in **C** to display the correct mathematical output on an LCD screen.

#### **EDUCATION**

BASc Computer Engineering, University of Waterloo

Expected 2029

High School Diploma, AY. Jackson SS.

2020 - 2024