

# Ali Jafar

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)

*Masters of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering*

Chicago, IL

*Jan. 2023 – Dec. 2024*

### University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)

*Bachelors of Science in Computer Engineering*

Chicago, IL

*Aug. 2018 – May 2021*

## TRACKS

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**Computer and Networked Systems:** Design and Optimization of Computer Systems

**Digital Systems and VLSI:** Design, Analysis and Fabrication of Electronic Components and Systems

**Relevant Courses:** OS, Embedded Systems, Neural Networks, Robotics Control, HPC & Cloud, Signals & Digital Communication

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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**Lab Equipment:** Oscilloscope, Multimeter, Function Generator, Power Supply, Soldering Station, Breadboard

**Architectures:** CPU, GPU, Neural Networks, Data Center & Cloud

**Software:** C, C++, Python, MATLAB, Assembly, HDL/Verilog

## EXPERIENCE

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### Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

*University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)*

Jan. 2019 – May 2021

*Chicago, IL*

- Introduced fundamentals of computer programming using C.
- Instructed groups of students on topics ranging from primitive data types to data structures.
- Created a finer student learning experience through various visual aids.
- Hosted help sessions throughout week for assisting and tutoring the students with course material.
- Assisted in running the class labs, both in person and virtually.
- Conducted coding interviews to assess students' progression with course material.
- Supported professor conducted meetings.

## PROJECTS

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### Line Following Robot | C, Altium

- Contributed in designing custom PCB using Altium.
- Developed custom software for camera sensing and each sub system of the robot.
- Designed and tested custom circuits for motor control, boost converter, steering.
- Placed 1<sup>st</sup> against classmates in random track race with fastest time.

### Lidar Object Detector | Linux, Python

- Developed a custom Computer Vision algorithm for object detection with Lidar.
- Developed Linux environment in Nvidia Jetson Nano to communicate with sensors.
- Contributed in design and testing hardware based off engineering requirements.
- Coordinated with team to meet requirements and deadlines.

### ML & Neural Network | Python

- **Forest Fires Classification**
- **Reinforcement Learning Based TCP protocol**

### Simulators | Python

- **Circuit Satisfiability Simulation**
- **MIPs Assembly Simulator** CPU single/multi cycle & Pipeline Architecture
- **Custom 8-bit CPU HASH Simulation**