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EDUCATION

University of Manchester

July 2026

MEng (Hons) Mechatronics Engineering | On track for First-Class Honours

- First year result: 86.2%, 3rd Best Overall Performance in the Year Group
- Second year result: 83.2%

Malay College Kuala Kangsar

May 2022

International Baccalaureate Diploma

43 out of 45 points, 7 out of 7 in all Higher-Level subjects (Physics, Maths AA, English B)

Malaysian Public Service Department (JPA)

May 2022 - July 2026

Recipient of JPA International Study Scholarship

PROJECTS

3rd Year Individual Project

Sept. 2024 - Present

Formula Student Vehicle Control Unit (VCU) Development

- The project involves designing a custom STM32 F4 microcontroller based <u>PCB using Altium Designer</u>, adhering to the functional requirements of the team.
- Developing <u>low-level firmware in C</u> using STM32 HAL libraries, adhering to stringent safety regulations and functional specifications.

2nd Year Embedded Systems Project

Oct. 2023 - May 2024

Autonomous Line Following Buggy

- Won the award of <u>best embedded systems project</u> by winning the final race against 50 other teams in the cohort and breaking last year's record time by over 10 seconds which was more than 20%.
- Developed Mbed C++ code using a state machine architecture with multiple external and timer interrupts which allows for a constant rapid 3 kHz sensor update rate for the system.
- Designed the buggy's CAD in <u>SOLIDWORKS</u>, optimising weight distribution to reduce rotational inertia allowing for accurate 90-degree turns at the maximum speed of 2 m/s.
- Implemented a digital 2-layer cascaded PID controller for precision movement control.

EXPERIENCE

Manchester Stinger Motorsports (Formula Student Team)

Oct. 2023 - Present

Software Sub-team Leader | June 2024 - Present

- Leading a team of 7 students in the development of a range of software programmes from the low-level embedded firmware to the high-level software for data acquisition (DAQ).
- Implementing a Real-Time Operating System (RTOS) using <u>FreeRTOS</u> with CMSIS V2 interface for efficient multitasking on a single core microcontroller.

Auxiliary Electronics Sub-team Engineer | Oct. 2023 - May 2024

- Collaborated as part of a 100+ large student team, contributing to projects as a part of smaller sub-teams.
- Developed Brake System Plausibility Device (BSPD) <u>PCB using Kicad</u> comprising only analogue electronics, enhancing the knowledge of practical electronics.
- Acquired practical experience in developing a safety-critical device, working within strict requirements to ensure high reliability and prevent potential safety risks.

UK CanSat Competition

Oct. 2022 - May 2023

Power Electronics and CAD Lead

- Cooperated with a diverse team of 4 student engineers from different academic backgrounds to design and build a compact can-shaped satellite.
- Developed a cost-effective two-stage parachute and landing leg deployment system, optimising limited space and weight constraints by utilising a single servo motor, thereby creating additional room for incorporating extra electronics and sensors into the CanSat.
- Enhanced problem-solving and project management skills through a long-term, systematic project.

Hexapod Spyders Project | Sept. 2023 - May 2024

- Cooperated with a team of 5 students on developing a hexapod robot that utilised Robot Operating System (ROS) for the core functionality, enabling synchronisation with a 'mother' hexapod for coordinated movement.
- Engaged in comprehensive software and hardware integration, demonstrating proficiency in robotic systems.

Maze Solver Robot Project | Sept. 2022 - May 2023

- Collaborated in a team of 3 to create an autonomous buggy capable of solving a maze
- Improved understanding of using Arduino development boards and the fundamental principles of motor control with a feedback loop.
- Applied practical knowledge in electronics and programming, showcasing the ability to bridge theory with hands-on experience.

F1 In Schools Competition

April 2015 - Dec. 2017

Design Engineer and Team Leader

- Led a dedicated team of 4 in manufacturing a miniature F1 car, gaining skills in project management
- Used SOLIDWORKS to design the car and run FEA and CFD simulations to optimise its performance.
- Utilised CNC Milling and 3D Printing for precise and efficient manufacturing processes.
- Two times "Fastest Car Award" winner and represented Malaysia in the World Finals 2017.

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Makerspace Society

June 2024 - Present

Student Technician

 Supervised and mentored new students, conducting hands-on weekly workshops on electronics and 3D printing to inspire a passion for making.

The University of Manchester

June 2023 - June 2024

Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS) Leader

 Facilitated academic support for a group of 30 peers as a PASS Leader, facilitating engaging weekly workshops and fostering a collaborative learning environment.

Hackchester (Cybersecurity Society)

Oct. 2022 - May 2023

Student Developer

 Conducted weekly workshops with the goal of enhancing awareness and expertise in the field of cybersecurity and facilitated the development of the society's website.

SKILLS

Programming

- Experienced in embedded software development in C/C++ with Mbed, STM32 HAL and Arduino.
- Used Python for quick scripting and data analysis with libraries such as NumPy and Matplotlib.
- Completed 3 online courses by Harvard University (CS50x, CS50p, CS50ai).

PCB Design

- Altium: Used for 3rd year project, learnt High Speed and Mixed Signal Design using Altium and completed Altium Academy Online course.
- Kicad: Used for Formula Student and personal projects.

3D CAD

- Most experienced with SOLIDWORKS, Onshape and Fusion360.
- Extensively used for prototyping with a personal 3D printer.

MATLAB and Simulink

- Used extensively in the degree course units such as control systems, signal and systems, mechatronics analysis and design, applied mechanics and industrial robotics.
- Completed Matlab Onramp and Simulink Onramp online course.

Linux Operating System

 Experienced in Linux-based software development and cybersecurity, including deploying a home NAS using a Debian-based OS, implemented ROS for the Spyders Project.