ASHKAN ARABI

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EDUCATION

B.S. Computer Science, Mathematics Minor

the University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX

Graduating May 2026

GPA: 3.91 Major GPA: 4.00

Honors & Activities: Dean's List since Fall '22, Houston Endowment Scholarship Recipient

Relevant coursework: Discrete Structures, Data Structures, Matrix Algebra, Computer Architecture

SKILLS

Programming / Markup Languages: Python, JavaScript, Java, Bash, LaTeX, C++

Frameworks & software: TensorFlow, git, ReactJS, Singularity

Certifications: Coursera Deep Learning Specialization - August 2023

EXPERIENCE

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA: Undergraduate Researcher

June - July 2023

- Conducted original research on using Wi-Fi CSI for hand gesture recognition on smartphones (LaTeX)
- Developed novel lightweight CNN architecture to classify 5 gestures (TensorFlow, Python, Bash)
- Used HPC GPU cluster for model development & optimization (SSH, Singularity, Bash)

UTEP, El Paso, TX: Computer Lab Assistant

January - May 2023

- Troubleshooted hardware & software of more than 10 students and faculty daily (Windows, MacOS)
- Maintained and updated fleet of 500+ computers (Windows)

ACADEMIC & PROJECTS

Music Genre Classification

Spring 2023

Developed convolutional model to classify music genres based on their mel spectrogram.

- Led team of 3 to meet project deadlines by dividing tasks based on skill level (Project Management)
- Designed, tested, and implemented CNN model for classification (TensorFlow, Numpy, Conda)

Blabber - a CLI Twitter replica

Fall 2022

Made CSI app that allows users to create an account, post, follow others, see a timeline, and delete their account

Used scanners and writers to save, update, and delete user information and posts (Java)

Contribution to Monkeytype

Spring 2021

Added 3 levels of Persian tests to open source typing test website

- Developed script to extract and check words from large text bodies using Vajehyab.com dictionary API (Python)
- Uploaded more than 21,000 most used Persian words to site database (git, GitHub)

PERSONAL PROJECTS

Chess Knight Path Finder

Spring 2023

Used DFS graph traversal to find the most optimal path for chess knight.

Given a starting and ending point, algorithm finds least number of steps to reach destination (JavaScript)

Weather Webapp Spring 2023

Used variety of web APIs to develop weather forecast webapp with dynamic UI elements

- Used asynchronous programming to fetch and render data from OpenWeatherMap.org (JavaScript)
- Bundled site assets using Webpack to minimize deployment size (Webpack)

To Do List Webapp Fall 2022

Developed interactive to-do list webapp with local save function through vanilla JS

- Developed all internal logic from scratch following OOP principles (JavaScript)
- Used Chrome's local storage API for saving user data (JavaScript)
- Used typical git/GitHub workflow during implementation (git, GitHub)

LEADERSHIP

Association for Computing Machinery

Fall 2022 - Present

Multiple leadership roles, including publicity offier & treasurer)

- Recruited 50+ members through tabling and PowerPoint presentations. (presentation)
- Assisted with organizing and planning of more than 6 workshops sponsored by companies such as Google. (management)