ASHKAN ARABI

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science The University of Texas at El Paso Graduating May 2026

Major GPA: 4.00

EXPERIENCE

Capital One: Incoming Software Engineering Intern

June 2025 - August 2025 | McLean, VA

Texas Instruments: Information Technology Intern

May 2024 - August 2024 | Dallas, TX

- Set up infrastructure for robotic automation for chip manufacturing by deploying Docker containers on Linux servers.
- · Ensured system reliability through unit and integration testing with Insomnia before final deployment.
- Coordinated with 10+ stakeholders to configure Oracle SQL databases, REST APIs, and documentation.

GNOME Foundation: Open-Source Contributor

December 2023 - June 2024 | Remote

- Collaborated in development of GNOME Clocks; used by thousands of Linux users to track time.
- Added full-screen timers and timer editing using **Vala** bindings and **GTK** components (video demo **C**).
- Authored functionality for world clock to show country and state when two cities have the same name.

UTEP: Undergraduate Research Assistant

January 2024 - May 2024 | El Paso, TX

- Contributed to creation of Autistic vs neurotypical speech classifier by synthesizing training data.
- Built accent-changer model model using **HuggingFace** pretrained AI/ML to change foreign English accents to native.
- Implemented neural style-transfer model in **PyTorch** to learn PyTorch & explore usage for accent-changing.
- Increased evaluation script speed by 144x reimplementing KNN in PyTorch to utilize GPU.

PROJECTS

HackerHunt 2

Solo | January 2025 - present

- · Democratized collaboration by making a platform for UTEP students to find collaborators for technical sideprojects.
- Used **Django + ChakraUI + Redux + React-Router** to create fast, state-of-the-art fullstack webapp.

Backlogz 2

Team of 4 | April 2025

- Boosted personal productivity by creating an app to generate 90-second podcasts based on users' backlog of interesting topics.
- Shipped app for Android, iOS, and web by using React Native and Expo-Router cross-platform frameworks.
- Won 3rd place in SFHacks 2025's startup track.

Video Stabilizer

Solo | April 2025

Created a video stabilizer using OpenCV, ORB feature matching, and RANSAC to reduce camera shake in real-time footage.

Flirtify 2

Solo | December 2024 - January 2025

- Created an Android chat app that uses Google's Gemini API to add a flirting tone to all sent messages.
- Used Flutter (Dart) to create the mobile UI and Firebase to enable instant communication.

Newsbridge 2

Team of 4 | September 2024 - December 2024

- · Increased access to diverse news by creating an AI RSS news translator & orator with 55 GitHub stars.
- Implemented a microservice architecture using **Docker Compose**, for components to scale independently.
- Used FastAPI with PostgreSQL to fetch users' news sources and pass them to LLM and TTS models for summarization.
- Programmed interactive web UI using Redux.JS and React.JS.

Team of 4 | September 2024

- · Built full-stack web-app to help non-native speakers practice their pronunciation using spaced repetition.
- Conceived custom scheduling algorithm on Node.JS and MongoDB (noSQL) back-end to fetch the next practice word.

Bloomberg Tech Lab on Campus

Team of 2 | April 2024

- One of 40 students selected to collaborate with Bloomberg engineers to build stock data processing application.
- Designed and implemented a queued messaging system using RabbitMQ for real-time data stream processing.

LEADERSHIP

President & Founder - Free and Open Source Software Club at UTEP 2

December 2023 - March 2025

- Scaled UTEP's first open-source-focused student organization from 0 to 264 members in 3 semesters.
- Organized 47 workshops, personally presenting 20, covering technical topics such as Git, Linux, Django, and more.
- Hosted UTEP's first open-source hackathon, OpenHack, attended by 12+ first-time contributors.

SKILLS

Languages: Python(adv.), Java(adv.), JavaScript(adv.), Dart(med.), Vala(med.), HTML/CSS(med.), Bash(med.), Haskell(med.), Tools: Linux(adv.), Git(adv.), PyTorch(med.), TensorFlow(med.), ReactJS(med.), Docker(med.), Flask(med.), Node.JS(med.),