

# ASHKAN ARABI

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## EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Graduating December 2025

The University of Texas at El Paso

**Major GPA: 4.00**

Relevant coursework: Data Structures and Algorithms, Object-Oriented Design, Numerical Analysis, Operating Systems

## EXPERIENCE

**Capital One: Incoming Software Engineering Intern**

June 2025 - August 2025 | McLean, VA

**UTEP: Undergraduate Research Assistant**

January 2025 - May 2025 | El Paso, TX

- Created and tested **Docker** and **AppTainer** containers for Nvidia DGX GPU clusters to facilitate reproducible HPC research.

**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](#) ).
- 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 performance by **144x** reimplementing KNN in PyTorch to utilize GPU.

## PROJECTS

**hackerhunt.tech** 

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.
- Incorporated email verification, password resetting, and transactional notifications through **AWS SES**.

**Athlytix**

Team of 4 | April 2025 - May 2025

- Created platform to connect MMA fighters seeking improvement with gyms/orgs seeking talent, using **Supabase** and **React**.
- Enabled scalable extraction of statistics from training & fighting videos by using **Deno serverless functions**.
- Won the **Innovator Award** at STTE foundation's AI hackathon.

**Backlogz** 

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.

**Newsbridge** 

Team of 4 | September 2024 - December 2024

- Increased access to diverse news by creating an AI RSS news translator & orator with **54 GitHub stars**.
- Implemented a microservice architecture using **Docker Compose**, for future load-balancing & increased capacity.
- 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**.

**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** 

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.), HTML/CSS(med.), Bash(med.), Haskell(med.), PHP(novice),

**Tools:** Unix/Linux(adv.), Git(adv.), ReactJS(adv.), PyTorch(med.), FastAPI(med.), Supabase(med.), Firebase(med.), Django(med.),