

ASHKAN ARABI

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

The University of Texas at El Paso

Graduating December 2025

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 **Appthainer** 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 speed by **144x** reimplementing KNN in PyTorch to utilize GPU.

PROJECTS

HackerHunt 

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 

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.

Flirtify 

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 

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**.

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.), Vala(med.), HTML/CSS(med.), Bash(med.), Haskell(med.),

Tools: Linux(adv.), Git(adv.), Docker(adv.), ReactJS(adv.), PyTorch(med.), TensorFlow(med.), Flask(med.), Node.JS(med.),