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 - present | McLean, VA

Created data pipeline for fraud detection in payment processing using Java, Spring Boot, & Hibernate.

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 defined model using **HuggingFace** pretrained AI/ML to change foreign English accents to native.
- Implemented neural style-transfer model I 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 2

Solo | January 2025 - present

- Democratized collaboration by making a platform for UTEP students to find collaborators for technical sideprojects.
- Used Django REST Framework (Service-Oriented Architecture) & Django ORM to create MVP webapp.
- · Incorporated email verification, password resetting, and transactional notifications through AWS SES.
- Raised \$1000 in pre-seed funding for first round of market validation advertisements.

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 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 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.),