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Professional Summary

Electrical & Electronics Engineering graduate from the University of Southampton with specialization in embedded systems, IC design, and cybersecurity. Proven track record in both hardware and software development, from TSMC 65nm IC fabrication to real-time FPGA systems and full-stack applications. Experience includes space-grade software development for lunar CubeSat missions, achieving measurable improvements in system performance and reliability. Seeking graduate opportunities in embedded systems engineering, digital design, or firmware development.

Education

University of Southampton <i>BEng Electrical & Electronics Engineering (Expected First Class Honours)</i> Key Modules: Digital Systems Design, Integrated Circuit Design, Control Systems, Embedded Systems, Network Security, Signal Processing Final Year Project: TSMC 65nm IC Design & Fabrication (Team Lead)	Southampton, UK 2023–2026
ONCAMPUS Global <i>Undergraduate Foundation Programme, Engineering Pathway (Distinction)</i>	Southampton, UK 2022–2023
Moi Forces Academy <i>Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education</i>	Nairobi, Kenya 2018–2022


Professional Experience

ARTEMIS Small Sat-1 Lunar CubeSat Project <i>Junior Software Engineer</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed and optimized flight software in C/C++ for lunar mission CubeSat, reducing system latency by 6% through algorithm optimization and code refactoringEnhanced system reliability by 20% through implementation of comprehensive unit testing frameworks and automated debugging proceduresCollaborated with multidisciplinary team of 8 engineers to deliver space-grade software meeting strict timing and safety requirementsConducted code reviews and documentation following NASA coding standards and MISRA C guidelinesImplemented real-time telemetry processing system for ground station communication	University of Southampton Sep 2023–Jun 2025
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Technical Projects

Hardware & Digital Design
TSMC 65nm CPU Design: Complete IC Design & Fabrication Flow: Sep 2024–Jun 2025 Role: Team Lead (6-member team) Tools: S-Edit, T-Spice, L-Edit, Calibre DRC/LVS Led complete integrated circuit design from RTL to GDSII tape-out for TSMC 65nm process node. Designed CPU datapath and control logic, performed extensive SPICE simulations to verify timing constraints (setup/hold times), and conducted full physical verification including Design Rule Checking and Layout vs. Schematic validation. Successfully submitted GDSII files for fabrication with zero DRC violations. Achieved 15% area reduction through custom cell optimization and strategic floorplanning.
16-Stage FIR Notch Filter for Real-Time Audio on FPGA: Nov 2024–Dec 2024 Platform: Altera Cyclone V (DE1-SoC) Language: SystemVerilog Tools: Quartus Prime, ModelSim Designed parametrized Finite Impulse Response digital filter with notch filtering capabilities for real-time stereo audio processing. Implemented 4-state FSM controller achieving 19-cycle latency (950ns at 50MHz) from ADC

input to DAC output. Developed custom MATLAB scripts for optimal FIR coefficient generation and verification. Successfully processed dual-channel 48kHz audio with -40dB notch depth at configurable frequencies. Synthesized design utilized 2,847 logic elements (5% FPGA utilization).

 github.com/Bananz0/FIR-Filter-FPGA

WattsApp: Embedded Smart Energy Management Platform: Jan 2025–Mar 2025

MCU: ESP32 | **Protocols:** MQTT, Modbus RTU | **Sensors:** INA219, ACS712

Designed IoT-enabled smart meter system for real-time energy monitoring integrating solar generation, battery storage, and grid power. Implemented embedded C firmware for ESP32 managing power measurement ($\pm 0.5\%$ accuracy), load balancing decisions, and wireless data transmission. Developed React.js web dashboard for live visualization of energy flow and cost optimization recommendations. System achieved 12% reduction in peak grid consumption during testing phase through intelligent load shifting algorithms.

 github.com/Bananz0/WattsApp

Software Development.....

Somnus: Sleep Optimization Mobile Application: Jan 2025–Present

Platform: Android (Kotlin) | **APIs:** Health Connect, Google Fit, Samsung Health


Developing Android application that calculates optimal wake times using sleep cycle analysis and REM pattern detection algorithms. Integrated with Android Health Connect module for unified access to multiple health platforms. Implemented custom sleep stage classification model based on heart rate variability and movement data.

 github.com/Bananz0/Somnus

SmartSync Lighting: AI-Driven Smart Home Automation: Dec 2024–Present

Language: Python | **Libraries:** OpenCV, Spotify API, python-kasa

Engineered automated lighting system that synchronizes TP-Link smart bulbs with Spotify playback for immersive audiovisual experiences. Implemented computer vision algorithms using OpenCV for real-time album artwork analysis and dominant color extraction. Developed adaptive lighting schemes that adjust brightness and color temperature based on music genre classification and tempo detection. System processes and updates lighting in $< 200\text{ms}$ for seamless synchronization.

 github.com/Bananz0/SmartSync-Lighting

WinStream: Windows to AirPlay Audio Bridge: Jun 2024–Present

Language: C#/.NET | **Technologies:** Virtual Audio Drivers, AirPlay Protocol


Creating Windows application enabling system-wide audio streaming to AirPlay devices (HomePod, Apple TV). Implemented virtual audio device driver for transparent audio capture and developed real-time audio encoding/transmission using AirPlay 2 protocol specifications. Achieved $< 50\text{ms}$ latency for lip-sync compatibility with video content. Overcame Windows audio subsystem limitations through kernel-mode driver development.

 github.com/Bananz0/WinStream

ControlCraft: Interactive Control Systems Analysis Toolbox: Nov 2024–Dec 2024

Platform: MATLAB GUI (App Designer) | **Features:** PID Tuning, Root Locus, Bode Plots


Built comprehensive educational tool for control systems analysis and design. Implemented interactive PID controller tuning with real-time step response visualization, automated stability analysis (Routh-Hurwitz, Nyquist), and transfer function manipulation tools. Includes frequency domain analysis with customizable Bode/Nyquist plots and time domain simulations. Successfully deployed in undergraduate control systems labs serving 60+ students.

 github.com/Bananz0/ControlCraft

PiBoard: Real-Time Collaborative Whiteboard: Apr 2024–May 2024

Framework: Qt (C++) | **Platform:** Raspberry Pi | **Protocol:** Custom Serial

Developed collaborative whiteboard application with custom serial communication protocol over GPIO. Implemented efficient data serialization for real-time drawing synchronization between multiple Raspberry Pi devices. Achieved $< 100\text{ms}$ update latency through optimized protocol design and threading architecture. System supports up to 4 concurrent users with automatic conflict resolution.

 github.com/Bananz0/PiBoard

Infrastructure & Cybersecurity.....

Enterprise-Grade Home Network Infrastructure: Ongoing

Technologies: OPNsense, UniFi, Docker, Proxmox, HAProxy

Architected and deployed production-grade home network infrastructure including:

- **Network Security:** OPNsense firewall with Zenarmor IDS/IPS performing deep packet inspection; integrated Tailscale mesh VPN for zero-trust remote access; AdGuard DNS for network-wide ad/malware blocking
- **Containerized Services:** Docker Compose orchestration hosting 15+ services (Plex, Jellyfin, Nextcloud, Home Assistant, Sonarr, Radarr, Overseerr); HAProxy reverse proxy with SSL/TLS termination and load balancing across multiple backend servers
- **Virtualization:** Proxmox hypervisor managing 5 VMs for service isolation and resource optimization; implemented automated backup strategies with 3-2-1 rule compliance
- **Monitoring:** Prometheus + Grafana stack for real-time infrastructure monitoring; Uptime Kuma for service availability tracking

Achieved 99.8% uptime over 12-month period with zero security incidents. Infrastructure serves 8 concurrent users with average response times <50ms.

Hackintosh Systems Engineering: 2023–Present

Successfully built and maintained 3 production Hackintosh systems (laptops and desktops) demonstrating deep understanding of UEFI/BIOS architecture, kernel extensions (kexts), and macOS bootloader configuration. Created custom OpenCore EFI configurations ensuring hardware compatibility (WiFi, Bluetooth, audio, GPU acceleration). Published detailed build guides and EFI packages for Lenovo ThinkPad G50-80 benefiting 200+ community members.

Technical Skills.....

Programming & Hardware Description Languages.....

Proficient: SystemVerilog, C/C++, Python, JavaScript/Node.js

Competent: C#, MATLAB, Kotlin, PowerShell

Hardware Design & Embedded Systems.....

IC Design: TSMC 65nm Process, Cadence S-Edit/L-Edit/T-Spice, Mentor Calibre (DRC/LVS), GDSII Tape-out

FPGA/Digital: Altera Quartus Prime, Xilinx Vivado, ModelSim, SystemVerilog, VHDL

PCB Design: KiCad, Autodesk EAGLE, Altium Designer (basic)

Simulation: LTSpice, NI Multisim, MATLAB Simulink/Simscape

Platforms: Arduino (AVR/ARM), ESP32, Raspberry Pi, STM32 (basic)

Software Development.....

Web Technologies: React.js, Express.js, RESTful APIs, WebSocket

Mobile: Android (Kotlin), Health Connect API

Databases: PostgreSQL, MongoDB, SQLite

Version Control: Git, GitHub, GitLab CI/CD

Cybersecurity & Networking.....

Network Security: OPNsense/pfSense Firewall Configuration, IDS/IPS (Suricata, Zenarmor), VPN (Tailscale, WireGuard, OpenVPN)

Infrastructure: UniFi Network Management, HAProxy (Load Balancing/Reverse Proxy), SSL/TLS Certificate Management, VLAN Segmentation

Protocols: TCP/IP Stack, MQTT, Modbus RTU/TCP, SPI/I2C/UART, AirPlay

DevOps & Infrastructure.....

Containerization: Docker, Docker Compose, Portainer

Virtualization: Proxmox VE, VirtualBox, VMware

Linux Admin: Ubuntu Server, Debian, Bash scripting, systemd, iptables
Monitoring: Prometheus, Grafana, Uptime Kuma
Tools & Software.....
IDEs: VS Code, CLion, Android Studio, Quartus, Vivado
CAD/Modeling: Fusion 360, KiCad
Scientific: MATLAB (Control Systems Toolbox, Signal Processing, Simulink), Jupyter Notebook, NumPy/SciPy

Professional Memberships

2024–Present: Member, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
2024–Present: Member, Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA)
2024–2026: Associate Member, Royal Aeronautical Society (AMRAeS)

Achievements & Activities

2025: Attended ISACA Winchester Chapter technical workshop on cybersecurity frameworks
2024–2025: Active contributor to open-source projects: endlessh-go (Golang), Nearby-Sharing-Windows, AudioPlaybackConnector
2024: Represented university at Engineering Society technical demonstrations

Additional Information

Languages: English (Native), Swahili (Native), Spanish (Beginner - A1)
Interests: Amateur radio (studying for Foundation License), IoT security research, HomeKit/Matter protocol development
Right to Work: UK Student Visa (valid until 2026), eligible for Graduate Route visa