

# Emilien Breton

613-913-9909 • mail@emilien.ca • github.com/Bricktech2000 • linkedin.com/in/emilien-breton • https://emilien.ca/

## — EXPERIENCE —

### EcoSafeSense

FIRMWARE ENGINEER

Ottawa | October 2024–Present

- Writing firmware for ESP32-based air quality sensor and complementary test bench.

### Cohere

SENIOR DATA QUALITY SPECIALIST — ADVANCED MATHEMATICS

Freelance | October 2024–April 2025

- Wrote, audited and corrected LLM prompts and responses with utmost attention to detail to produce **spotless training data** in formal logic, combinatorics, number theory, graph theory and optimization.

## — PROJECTS —

### DFA Regex Engine

- Built regex engine in C99 that compiles regular expressions down to minimal deterministic finite automata to match input strings in **linear time** without backtracking.
- Wrote extensive test suite of over **400 tests** to ensure end-to-end correctness of engine and catch regressions.
- Developed grep-like tool as real-world stress test for engine, achieving performance on par with GNU grep.

### Breadboard Microcomputer

- Designed 8-bit microcomputer from from logic gates upward, including instruction set architecture, from-scratch assembler and cross-platform emulator in Rust, totaling over **20 000 SLOC** and **750 hours** of work.
- Wrote various utilities in Assembly running natively on microcomputer — Wozmon-inspired memory monitor • 16×16 sprite editor • Tetris clone • native assembler • postfix notation calculator.
- Built microcomputer in hardware by hand-wiring discrete 74HC-series logic chips on breadboards.

### Rudimentary C Compiler

- Building C99 compiler from scratch in Rust targeting breadboard microcomputer's instruction set.
- Implemented dead code elimination, constant folding and strength reduction, resulting in **20% increase** in generated code performance and **10% reduction** in binary size across test suite.
- Developed extensive C standard library, including heap allocator supporting **malloc and free**, string handling functions such as **strlen and memcpy** and input/output routines including **getline and printf**.

### Multilayer Perceptron

- Wrote static reverse-mode automatic differentiation library in C99 for use in deep learning.
- Designed multilayer perceptron model and implemented stochastic gradient descent, momentum and L2 regularization, achieving **97% accuracy** on MNIST database after 3 minutes training on 16 threads.

## — VOLUNTEERING —

### Computer Science Club

CLUB EXECUTIVE

University of Ottawa | June 2022–Present

- Running growing community of **over 1500** computer science students at the University of Ottawa.
- Collaborating with executive board to brainstorm, plan, fund and market monthly events and meetups, such as workshop on Vim bindings and mini-course on the  $\lambda$ -calculus.

### Hack the Hill Hackathon

DEVELOPMENT MANAGER — DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Ottawa | November 2022–October 2024

- Led development of open-source event management system based on Next.js and Prisma and used by over **1000 hackers** and **50 organizers** throughout hackathon.
- Built and maintained internal payment portal powered by Stripe and React.js in collaboration with sponsorship team, enabling processing of over **20 000\$**.

## — AWARDS —

- **uOCTF 2025** — 1st place March 2025
- **uOtaHack 6** — 1st place, QNX challenge January 2025
- **CS Games 2024** — 1st place, IOT challenge March 2024
- **uOCTF 2024** — 1st place November 2023
- **DeFi The Conventional** — 1st place, DeFi challenge March 2022

## — SKILLS —

- **Languages** — C • Rust • Python • C++ • JavaScript • HTML/CSS • JSON • YAML • Markdown • LaTeX • Lua
- **Developer Tools** — GNU/Linux • Vim • Bash • Fish Shell • Git • GDB • GNU Make • Docker
- **Other Technologies** — React • Node.js • Express • Figma • Notion • Cloudflare • GitHub