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— 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–Present

 - Writing, auditing and correcting 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 • 16x16 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 **96% 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 λ -calculus.
- Hack the Hill Hackathon**
DEVELOPMENT MANAGER — DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Ottawa | November 2022–October 2024

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

— AWARDS —

- uOCTF 2025** — 1st place
 - uOttHack 6** — 1st place, QNX challenge
 - CS Games 2024** — 1st place, IOT challenge
 - uOCTF 2024** — 1st place
 - DeFi The Conventional** — 1st place, DeFi challenge

March 2025

January 2025

March 2024

November 2023

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