

ELLIOT TRAPP

SOFTWARE & MISSION OPERATIONS ENGINEER

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE



NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Software and Mission Operations Engineer

July 2019 - Present

System for Telemetry Organization and Recovery (STOR) System Engineer

- Authored system engineering products including, Concept of Operations (ConOps), requirements, interface and sequencing diagrams and more, leading the initial development of the System for Telemetry Organization and Recovery (STOR) project.
- Facilitated seamless collaboration among team members by organizing regular tag-ups, maintaining comprehensive wiki documentation, and establishing dedicated Slack channels for project communication.
- Developed and maintained detailed Gantt charts to track and report project progress across multiple initiatives, ensuring alignment with L1 requirements and timely achievement of deliverables.
- Leveraged draw.io, PlantUML, and Mermaid.js to produce detailed project documentation and visual diagrams, significantly enhancing clarity and understanding for team members and stakeholders.

Operational Cloud Store (OCS) Cognizant Engineer

- Presented technical proposals on data management and cloud integration strategies, advancing data system engineering for the Europa Clipper project.
- Defined Infrastructure as Code (IaC) practices and produced dozens of Terraform and Serverless modules across the Europa Clipper mission, contributing to ongoing optimizations in DevOps practices and security.
- Conducted training sessions on operations topics, fostering team knowledge in system administration and cloud operations.

Distributed Object Manager Operational Lead

- Led a high-performing team of five engineers and four cohorts of interns to provide mission-critical support for twelve flight projects, ensuring operational excellence and reliability.
- Successfully deployed and managed a JIRA customer service desk, streamlining customer ticket processing and tracking.

Mars Sample Return Lander (SRL) Flight Software Developer

- Delivered python autocode modules to write C flight software for the SRL project enabling telemetry uplink and downlink from the surface of Mars.

Mars 2020 Entry Decent & Landing Visualization Developer

- Integrated orbiter telemetry, empowering the world to witness the real-time location of the MRO and MAVEN orbiters on landing night.

NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Software Engineering Intern

January 2019 - July 2019

Dynamics Algorithms for Real-Time Simulation (DARTS) Software Engineer

- Developed a multi-threaded optimization algorithm for efficient multi-body state propagation in physics simulations, improving computation speed and accuracy.
- Automated the generation of Jupyter notebooks for annual training sessions, enhancing customer engagement and streamlining instructional materials.

SKILLS+

Systems Engineering	Project Management	Professional Development	Stakeholder Engagement	Risk Management	Systems Integration	Requirements Analysis
CI/CD	Git/GitHub	Docker	Terraform	Serverless	Jenkins	Puppet
AWS	Python	ElasticSearch	Type/JavaScript	C	HTML/CSS	JIRA

EDUCATION+

Master of Science, Computer Science	<i>2016 - 2018</i>
DePaul University, Chicago	
Master of Arts, Philosophy	<i>2012 - 2015</i>
The New School for Social Research, New York	
Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy & Political Science	<i>2007 - 2011</i>
DePaul University, Chicago	

CERTIFICATIONS+

AWS Advanceduser	<i>January 2021</i>
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AWARDS+

NASA JPL Team Award	<i>Sept 2024</i>
NASA JPL Voyager Award	<i>July 2023</i>
NASA JPL Team Award	<i>Sept 2022</i>
NASA JPL Team Award	<i>June 2022</i>
NASA JPL Individual Award	<i>April 2022</i>
NASA JPL Team Award	<i>Sept 2021</i>
NASA JPL Team Award	<i>July 2021</i>