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# Work Experience

## 09/21 - Now ENTRUST Corp. - Data Protection Solutions Engineering, Cambridge, UK

My current position as an Electrical Engineer II, which amounts to the tasks of a hardware design engineer within the company, alongside firmware and software development duties.

# <u>Software developer role (Jun – Aug 2023)</u>

- Set up the infrastructure, compilation, and linking environment for the Cortex M microcontrollers in the controller module. (GCC, CMake)
- Developed the prototype firmware in C for the microcontrollers, allowing the validation of the design.

## Additional Duties for Hardware Engineering

- Created Python scripts to automate the lab infrastructure using MQTT with Raspberry Pi clients.
- Automated Jira ticket creation through the Python Jira API to streamline the hardware development cadence.
- Improved data collection and validation of the InfluxDB database used to monitor equipment.

#### Hardware Engineering

- Developed three iterations of a controller module for a 1U-rack server using ARM Cortex M microcontrollers, as well as iterations of smaller PCBs for the server.
- Designed a PCB and wrote the firmware for an RP2040-based power monitoring interposer on a PCle interface Used for automation and data collection.
- Created resources and designs for the office to use a 3D printer, and I personally handle printing requests for mocking up enclosures and prototypes.

#### 07/20 - 08/20 CRYSTALVISION LTD, Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire, UK

A two-month internship on a video and audio encoding solution for parallel streaming involving hands-on experience with custom FPGA transceivers reaching capabilities of 400Gb/s.

- Designed VHDL tests to produce eye-diagrams for three different FPGA chips.
- Optimised existing VHDL codebase by updating their low-level routines.

#### 07/19 - 08/19 SWINDON SILICON SYSTEMS - SENSATA, Swindon, UK

A two-month internship at the company, in which I was part of a project involving the development of a custom ASIC solution for a pressure-controlled haptic feedback device.

- Programmed an FPGA with Vivado to interface with Python via a Jupiter Notebook.
- Incorporated simulation tests previously running on a PC in order to increase the portability of the overall design.

#### Education

### 2017 – 2021 Gonville & Caius College, University of Cambridge

MEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering, 2:1, BA, MA (Cantab)

Master's Course Summary:

- Sensors and Instrumentation, with Embedded Systems for the Internet of Things
- Radio Frequency and Integrated Digital Electronics
- Data Transmission, Information Theory, and Coding
- Computer Systems, Software Engineering and Design
- Accounting and Finance, Modelling Risk

#### Master's Thesis

"High Capacity Digital Coherent Transceivers"

Optical digital coherent transceivers have the capability of achieving 1 Tbit/s links in the core networks and 100 Gbit/s links in access networks. I developed algorithms in MATLAB for the simulation of transceivers, mainly those required for synchronisation and equalisation (both linear and nonlinear), as well as modulation techniques such as probabilistic shaping.

## Accomplishments

- 12/2021 Internal company hackathon participation and winner of the entertaining and creative award for a sweater with a scrolling LED display.
- 07/2020 Electronics Projects Creator for Hercules Cambridge, a platform for people to learn practical work skills like CAD, hardware, and software design through hands-on projects. I was responsible for mentoring electronics projects to teach useful applications of hardware in real-life situations.
- 06/15 01/17 18-month Military Service in the Cypriot Army (Artillery), achieving rank of Second Lieutenant. As such, I oversaw a platoon of 20 private soldiers. The experience has led to the improvement of my communication and leadership skills.
- 2015 First place award for the highest combined mark in the Pancyprian examination in Mathematics, Physics Chemistry, and the highest single mark in Greek. English IELTS with mark 8/9 (July-2012).

## Activities and Interests

3D Printing	Puzzles/Logic Games	Basketball	