

# Farhan Islam

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## EDUCATION

### McMaster University

Hamilton, ON

Bachelor of Engineering, Electrical Engineering (B.Eng.)

Expected Graduation: Apr 2029

- **Awards:** Engineering Award of Excellence
- **Relevant Coursework:** Electronic Devices & Circuits, Signals & Systems, Electromagnetics, Logic Design, Microprocessor Systems, Data Structures & Algorithms

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Programming Languages:** C/C++, Python, MATLAB, Assembly

**Embedded Systems:** ESP32, STM32, Arduino, I2C/SPI/UART, Real-Time Processing

**Power & Control Systems:** PWM Control, PID Tuning, Power Distribution

**Communication Protocols:** WebSocket, Bluetooth, Serial Communication

**Design Tools:** LTSpice, AutoCAD, Soldering, Circuit Prototyping

**Version Control:** Git, GitHub

## EXPERIENCE

### Electrical Team Lead

Sep 2023 – Apr 2024

Team 9659, FIRST Robotics Competition

Toronto, ON

- Led cross-functional team of 5+ members in designing and implementing robot electrical systems, including wiring, power distribution, and motor control, improving **system reliability by 20%**
- Optimized power distribution network to reduce energy loss by **25%**, ensuring stable voltage delivery to motors and sensors under high-load conditions during competitions
- Programmed autonomous and teleoperated control algorithms in **C++** for precise motor control, improving movement accuracy through PID tuning and sensor feedback integration
- Debugged electrical issues during testing cycles, troubleshooting voltage drops and component failures to ensure operational readiness and safety
- Contributed to team's success in earning **District Championship Rookie All-Star Award** and **FIRST Ontario Provincial Championship Qualifying Award**

### Software Development Intern

May 2024 – Aug 2024

IX Technology

Toronto, ON

- Developed a real-time weather data platform by integrating **RESTful APIs** and implementing **asynchronous JavaScript** workflows to handle live data updates efficiently
- Worked with event-driven client-side logic and AJAX-based requests to dynamically update application content while maintaining responsiveness and reliability

## PROJECTS

### Accessible Microwave Control System | Arduino, C++, ESP32, STM32, Bluetooth, WebSocket |

- Engineered dual-microcontroller system delivering **real-time audio feedback** to users with visual and hearing impairments, achieving **<30ms audio latency** through optimized **WebSocket communication** and Bluetooth transmission to hearing aids
- Programmed **ESP32** in **C++/Arduino** to process **HC-SR04 ultrasonic sensor array** data, implementing multi-sensor cross-validation and noise filtering algorithms to reduce false positives in button detection
- Integrated **STM32 Nucleo** microcontroller for stable **5V power regulation**, eliminating voltage fluctuations that previously caused sensor measurement errors and system instability
- Developed **WebSocket server** on ESP32 for bidirectional communication, enabling real-time sensor data streaming and wireless audio feedback through hearing aid integration

### DC Motor Speed Controller with PWM | Arduino, C++, H-Bridge Driver

- Designed closed-loop motor speed controller using Arduino and L298N H-bridge driver, implementing **PWM control** to regulate motor speed with minimal steady-state error
- Programmed control algorithms in **C++** using optical encoder feedback for precise speed regulation, achieving fast settling time and handling load disturbances effectively
- Implemented over-current protection circuitry to prevent motor driver damage during stall conditions, enhancing equipment safety and reliability