# **Grant Skidmore**

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#### **Skills**

Programming: C++, C, Python, HTML, CSS, Javascript, SQLite

Technology Skills: Git & Github, OOP, Embedded Linux, SOLIDWORKS, Google Sheets,

Computer Hardware Installation, EE Lab Equipment, Eagle PCB

## **Projects**

MNIST Neural Network Image Classification - code

- ❖ A python program that classifies images of handwritten digits from the MNIST database, trains a neural network to identify digits, and tests accuracy by digit (~94% accurate)
- Implemented with PyTorch, which uses GPU cuda cores to make computation ~50x faster

Intuitive Auto-Irrigation System (Team Lead) - code | website

- ❖ Constructed a wireless ad-hoc one-hop sensor network controlled with C, C++, and Python
- Utilized an embedded linux Raspberry Pi as a master with up to 255 Arduino Nano nodes tested at a maximum 425ft inter-node communication range using the nRF24L01 radio transceiver
- ❖ Applied data collected from the sensor network and forecast data to reduce waste water consumption by up to 50% in residential irrigation by selectively watering only when needed

Autonomous Mechatronics Robot (Team Lead) - code | website

- Created an autonomous robot using an Uno32 embedded microcontroller running on bare metal
- Built a depth-first hierarchical state machine in C to manage sensors and run control logic
- Finished with the fastest time (1:25 for a 2:00 course) and 2nd overall out of 18 teams

# **Work Experience**

Tech Support Internship Oct 2020 - Present

GAO Tek; Los Altos, CA

❖ Provided virtual tech support including webpages, spreadsheets, & PC maintenance

Teaching Assistant Jan 2020 - June 2020

UC Santa Cruz; Santa Cruz, CA

- ♦ <u>C & Embedded Systems:</u> quickly debug and explain errors in students' C & C++ projects
- Analog Electronics for Bioengineers: graded student reports & validated electrical designs

**Student Instructor** Sep 2017 - June 2020

UC Santa Cruz; Santa Cruz, CA

- Instructed UCSC's largest-ever student-taught class (140 students)
- Created and presented weekly lectures and structured lesson plans
- Established relationships with university admin to preserve program longevity

Coach/Pro-Shop Feb 2014 - Apr 2020

Deep Cliff Golf Course; Cupertino, CA

- Taught golf & helped run the Junior Golf Camps (both private golf lessons and coaching)
- Handled customer concerns, eg. check-ins, sales, re-gripping (Yelp review about me)

### **Education**

**B.S. Bioengineering [Bioelectronics] -** *Graduated with honors* University of California, Santa Cruz