

# FRANCISCO MERCADO

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Wisconsin-Madison

Bachelor of Science, *Mechanical Engineering*, December 2015

Bachelor of Science, *Applied Mathematics*, December 2015

Certificate, *Computer Science*, December 2015

GPA: 3.7/4.0

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Simulation Based Engineering Lab (SBEL)**, *Research Assistant*, Madison, WI Dec 2012 – Dec 2015

Generated demos based on experiments from scientific journals (Nature) using an in-house physics engine, CHRONO. Demos include:

Synchronization of a system of coupled oscillators (metronomes)

Locomotion of a six-legged robot on granular terrain

Mixing of sand-like particles in a rotating barrel

**Directional Striping Company**, *General Laborer*, Sun Prairie, WI May 2015 – Oct 2015

Preparation and asphalt sealing parking lots and driveways.

**Elizabeth Waters Dining Hall**, *Team Member*, Madison, WI Aug 2011 – Dec 2012

Server, Cashier, Chef's Assistant, Dishroom, Supply Transportation.

## PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

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**C:** 14 mechatronics labs with an ATmega2560 including: Fixed point PID & DDA stepper motor control

**C++:** CHRONO demos written in C++

**MATLAB:** Created a 2D physics engine for kinematic and dynamic simulation of machine systems

**Java:** Character recognition of handwritten digits through neural network, Open Street Map A\* path finder

**EES (Engineering Equation Solver):** Analysis of thermodynamics, fluid dynamics, and heat transfer systems

**Python:** Vigenère cypher cracker, YouTube channel video archiving, Mastermind Game (AI in progress)

**Maple:** Static and Dynamic structural analysis

**Fortran:** Introductory knowledge

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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**Lindbergh Lecture Presentation** Sep 2013

Presented my research from the summer of 2013 at SBEL to UW-Madison Mechanical Engineering graduate students and faculty

**Recognition of Outstanding Student Employee (ROSE) Award** Mar 2012

Award presented to the top 1% of housing employees (17 of 1700)

**Dean's List of Distinguished Students** Fall 2011 – Fall 2015

**Grainger Engineering Scholarship** Aug 2012 – May 2015

## COURSEWORK OF INTEREST

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Introduction to Artificial Intelligence | Cryptography | Linear Programming Methods

Artificial Intelligence in Robotics (Udacity)

Kinematics and Dynamics of Machine Systems | Dynamic Systems

Mechatronics in Control & Product Realization | Electro-mechanical Power Conversion

Heat Transfer | Fluid Dynamic | Thermodynamics

Applied Mathematical Analysis | Linear Algebra | Differential Equations