

ILAN IWUMBWE

PROFILE

I am keen to learn new skills and become a competent problem solver and engineer. I do this by challenging myself with projects which introduce me to unfamiliar concepts, and exercise my pre-existing skills.

PROJECTS

8-BIT CENTRAL PROCESSING UNIT (CPU)

Built a CPU with a memory unit, registers, Arithmetic Logic Unit (ALU), 7-segment display, control unit, clock, and program counter using breadboards and integrated circuits.

I improved my debugging and circuitry skills, as well as my knowledge of the inner workings in computers.

16-BIT COMPUTING SYSTEM

Built a CPU, Memory, and ROM in Hardware Description Language, as well as a compiler, Virtual Machine translator, assembler, and a library to extend the high-level language, Jack, used to write programs for the computer.

I improved my understanding of the technology stack that makes computers work at various levels of abstraction.

TETRIS AI

Wrote a program that trained a population of neural networks on Tetris and chose the best performers to tune the weights of a population of child neural networks.

I improved my understanding of the inner workings of neural networks, as well as complex algorithms.

RISCV ASSEMBLER

I wrote an assembler for the RV32I RISCv variant.

This experience allowed me to exercise my C++ design skills and build robust and scalable architecture for my code.

RISCV CPU

I worked in a team of 4 to implement a CPU capable of running the full RV32I instruction set.

This experience taught me a lot about computer architecture, System Verilog, and how to work in a team and maximise success

MARS ROVER

Worked in a team of six to build a robot that could detect radio and IR signals and decode them into the name and age of an alien, respectively. I worked on writing code to host a webpage on an ESP32 board, send and receive commands via WebSocket protocol to control the robot, and update information on the webpage.

I learnt about the technology stack that runs the internet, and how protocols can be used to perform networking tasks.

ISSIE

I contributed to Issie; an F#/elmish/electron application used to build computer architecture circuitry. I worked on a feature that allows users to import design sheets between directories through a clean and robust interface, which manages edge cases like dependencies of sheets.

I learnt about functional programming and had the opportunity of contributing to an open-source project.

SKILLS

I have worked with Python, C++, F#, System Verilog, Bash and Git.

I also enjoy solving problems that require critical and analytical thinking and communicating my ideas to others.

EDUCATION

MENG ELECTRONIC AND INFORMATION ENGINEERING, IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON, LONDON, 2022-2026

First year modules: Mathematics, Analysis and Design of Circuits, Digital Electronics and Computer Architecture, Programming for Engineers (C++), Electronics design project

A-LEVEL, THE NATIONAL MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE, COVENTRY, 2020-2022

Studied Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, and Computer Science.

Grade: 4A*

Representative on open days, and co-head of robotics society

REFERENCES

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HOBBIES

Piano, Football, Reading, Bouldering