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Software Engineer, Google, 8 years. Shipped **10M+** Pixel, Nest, and Beam devices. Built ML systems across **7** product lines: anomaly detection via clustering, failure classification (**98.5%** accuracy), quality regression ($\pm 0.5 \text{ dB}$). Production-hardened, research-ready.

Software Engineer

Research, Labs

San Francisco Bay Area

1/2025

Camera Team

- Owned camera hardware-in-the-loop test (HILT) infrastructure, enabling new tests, hardware, and platforms
 - Eliminated **105**-day camera HILT failure streak within **1** month of start-date, resolved **10+** blocking issues
 - Collaborated with team to improve pass rate from **30%** to **100%**, grow suite from **10** to **30+** tests
- Re-architected camera software updater for multi-peripheral support, integrating new hardware configurations
- Drove cross-platform integration spanning device state management, client services, networking, and OS layers
- Reduced system image by **30% (700 MB)**, implemented CI/CD presubmit checks, and built developer tooling
- Achieved code approval from Google Fellow **Sanjay Ghemawat** ("Sanjay Number of **1**")

9/2023

Platforms

- Designed end-to-end factory software architecture, **adopted by Google-HP partnership**
 - Aligned **25** cross-functional stakeholders spanning engineering, security, and program management
 - Built secure data pipeline between Google and HP factories, enabling real-time production monitoring
 - Unified factory interface through comprehensive testing and calibration framework
 - Formulated system health-checking as a factory final-assembly test via a Diagnostics framework
 - Integrated **6** mission-critical subsystems: audio, camera, displays, lighting, OS, USB
 - Automated **25+** manual preflight tests, saving **2+** days of engineer time in 2024 alone

⌚ 🖥️ 💾 C++, Python, Bash

9/2023

Software Engineer

Platforms & Devices Product Area

San Francisco Bay Area

⌚ 🖥️ 💾 Google Central Test Engineering

- Shipped **10M+** Nest Cam, Pixel Tablet, Pixel Buds Pro/2 devices as factory audio software DRI
 - Saved **\$120k** in capex via test code optimizations: Nest Cam (**52%** time reduced), Pixel Tablet (**23%**)
 - Achieved **36%** faster performance than any other Google audio test suite with Nest Cam
 - Pioneered Nest's first fully-remote hardware program from prototype to mass production during COVID-19
- Shipped **6** ML analytics models for automated fault detection across **7** Nest/Pixel products
 - Applied clustering to surface **10+** previously unknown defect patterns, generating labeled datasets
 - Built classification models achieving **98.5%** accuracy, automating defect detection
 - Developed regression models predicting quality metrics within $\pm 0.5 \text{ dB}$, replacing manual measurement
- Mentored intern who built a data fusion of {"3D" Lidar + "2D" photos}, implementing feature matching via ML SuperGlue Network and OpenCV ORB, producing color depth-maps and interactive 3D reconstructions
- Spearheaded organization-wide scaling initiatives: documentation overhaul (**350** users/month, **750** sessions/month), expanded test coverage (hundreds of new test cases), standardized libraries achieving **70%** code reduction
- Created foundational tools adopted organization-wide: factory data downloader, unified audio test framework, knowledge-sharing platforms
- Contributed **1.3M** lines of code across **16** languages to production systems

⌚ 🖥️ 💾 Python matplotlib, numpy, pandas, SciPy ⚙️ ↑ Git

12/2019

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12/2019	Software Engineer  Garmin Safety & Datalink	Aviation Kansas City Area
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Led system testing achieving DO-178B aviation safety compliance for GDL-60 datalink receiver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Designed test architecture, built infrastructure, and authored comprehensive test plans ○ Developed embedded software enabling configuration sync across dual OS environments (Garmin, Linux) ○ Led STEM outreach: hovercraft engineering project (presented at Kansas State ACM), mentored Bring Your Child To Work Day, conducted facility tours 	
7/2018	C  Git	
7/2018	Software Engineering Intern  Garmin Interfaces/Data Routing	Aviation Rolla, MO
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Built validation system for aviation tool achieving 25% code reduction while enhancing reliability 	
8/2017		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Delivered 10+ quality-of-life enhancements for aforementioned aviation tool
8/2017	Software Engineering Intern  Garmin	Automotive OEM Los Angeles
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improved automation suite reliability from 80% to 100% and achieved 5x speed improvement through API optimization 	
5/2017	 Visual Studio	
12/2017	 Team Lead, DRI Missouri S&T Satellite Team Stereoscopic Imaging	Aerospace Rolla, MO
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Led 6-person interdisciplinary team developing nanosatellite payload with real-time stereoscopic imaging and 3D reconstruction for satellite monitoring ○ Architected synchronized dual-camera system on Raspberry Pi for precise, space-based stereoscopic imaging ○ Collaborated with chief engineer to design flight software meeting aerospace standards 	
4/2016		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Achieved critical design review approval; satellite launch scheduled for 2026
5/2017	 Research & Teaching Assistant Missouri University of Science and Technology	Computer Science Rolla, MO
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Built discriminative subgraph algorithm comparing execution traces from correct vs. faulty runs to automatically pinpoint buggy code ○ Taught programming fundamentals to hundreds of students across 4x classes and labs instances of Introduction to Programming and Data Structures ○ Successfully detected plagiarism, style infractions, and bugs via self-developed automation using Stanford's MOSS 	
8/2016		
12/2014	 Assistant Jefferson College <i>Rehired 5/2015–8/2015, 5/2016–8/2016</i>	Employment Services Hillsboro, MO
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Created user manual adopted as standard training resource for all new assistants 	
9/2014		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Managed campus-wide student employment database and designed marketing materials
8/2014	Web Developer Freelance	<i>De Soto, MO</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Delivered 6 client projects including websites, UI/UX design, and data analytics 	
5/2014		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Specialized in WordPress and Bootstrap for responsive web development
5/2014	 Assistant Missouri Valley College	Computer Lab Marshall, MO
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provided technical support to students with Visual Basic, C, and C++ programming assignments and projects ○ Coached students in a diverse array of computer applications (Microsoft Suite, Visual Studio, etc.) and programming concepts, debugging techniques, and best practices for software development ○ Maintained and updated software installations across lab workstations, ensuring compatibility with coursework 	
9/2013		

11/2012	Hospitality Staff	
	Villa Antonio Winery	<i>Hillsboro, Missouri</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assisted with dining operations: hauled dishes, cleaned facilities, and maintained service standards ○ Directed event parking and assisted with event setup for weddings and special occasions 	
6/2010	Harvested grapes from vineyard and transported to production facility during summer seasons	
	Software Engineer Google Beam	1/2025–present
	Software Engineer Google Beam	9/2023– 1/2025
	Software Engineer Google Central Test Engineering	12/2019– 9/2023
	Software Engineer Garmin Safety & Datalink	7/2018–12/2019
	Software Engineering Intern Garmin Interfaces/Data Routing	8/2017– 6/2018
	Software Engineering Intern Garmin Automotive OEM	5/2017– 8/2017
	Bachelor of Science Missouri S&T Computer Science	1/2015–12/2018
	Team Lead, DRI Missouri S&T Satellite Team	4/2016–12/2017
	Research & Teaching Assistant Missouri S&T Computer Science	8/2016– 4/2017
	Assistant Missouri S&T Computer Lab	1/2016– 4/2017
	Assistant Jefferson College Employment Services	9/2014–12/2014, 5/2015–8/2015, 5/2016– 8/2016
	Web Developer Freelance	5/2014– 8/2014
	Assistant Missouri Valley College Computer Lab	9/2013– 5/2014
	Hospitality Staff Villa Antonio Winery	6/2010–11/2012
	artificial AI algorithms: evolutionary SAT solver, chess engine with minimax/alpha-beta, A* puzzle solver, hill climbing.	
	starikov.co Independent technical writing on AI, computer science, and mathematics. 70+ posts, 14k views/year.	
	.dotfiles Multi-platform, enterprise-grade development environment with 80+ plugins, E2E tests, and 10+ shell tools.	

EXPERTISE

tech	Languages	Python, C++, C, Bash, SQL
	<i>Additional</i>	LaTeX, Swift, C#, Lua, Perl, Assembly, Lisp, Matlab, Vimscript, Basic, AppleScript, ActionScript
	ML/AI	scikit-learn, TensorFlow, Colab, GCP Vertex AI
	Tools	Docker, Git, Make, regex, tmux, Vim, Xcode, CI/CD, Linux
	Markup	CSS, HTML, JSON, Markdown, reStructuredText, XML, YAML
	Python	Cython, matplotlib, numpy, pandas, pdb, pyenv, SciPy, sphinx, tox, venv
	C++17	abseil, Boost, catch2, lldb, STL, valgrind
impact	8 consumer/enterprise products launched, 25+ interviews conducted, 1 intern mentored, 800+ CLs submitted, 300+ code reviews, 100+ bugs fixed, 9 managers reported to	
awards	8x Google Peer Bonus, 5x Google Spot Bonus, Google “Thank You” campaign recipient, {Garmin new-hire, Google Noogler orientation, Google Beam semi-annual summit} trivia champion, Summa Cum Laude, 1st Place MegaMiner AI, 6x Dean’s List, 18th/229 Missouri S&T ACM Competitor	

EDUCATION

12/2018	Bachelor of Science Computer Science	
1/2015	Missouri University of Science and Technology	<i>Rolla, MO</i>
	GPA 3.83/4.0; Major GPA 3.88/4.0	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
	Advisers Dr. Jennifer Leopold, Dr. A. Ricardo Morales, Dr. Simone Silvestri, Professor Clayton Price	
	Associations	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ACM Academy of Computing Machinery ○ MSAT Missouri S&T Satellite Team ○ IEEE Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers 	2/2016–5/2018 12/2017–5/2018 1/2016–5/2017
	Coursework Artificial Intelligence, Evolutionary Computing, Data Mining, Object-Oriented Numerical Modeling, Analysis of Algorithms, Undergraduate Research, Differential Equations, Calculus, Linear Algebra, Statistics, Modern Physics, Physics, Discrete Mathematics, Web Design, Micro Embedded Design, Chemistry	

	Private Pilot Ground School 3/2019–5/2019	
	Jefferson College 8/2014–12/2014 <i>A+ scholarship</i>	
	Missouri Valley College 8/2013–5/2014 <i>Track & Field scholarship</i>	
5/2013	High School	<i>Diploma</i>
8/2009	De Soto Senior High	<i>De Soto, MO</i>
	Associations Cross-Country (Class 3 , 2x All-District individual [2011–2012], 1x All-District team [2012], #5 team state ranking [2012]), Track & Field, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)	
5/2009	Elementary, Middle School	<i>Diploma</i>
8/2000	Sunrise R-IX School District	<i>De Soto, MO</i>
	Associations Cross-Country, Basketball, Computer Club, Quiz Bowl, Chess Club, Yearbook Design Awards Presidential Fitness Award [x8, 2001–2009], School Speech Contest Winner	