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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 (± 0.5 dB). Production-hardened, research-ready.

Experience

1/2025	Software Engineer Google Beam Camera Team	<i>Research, Labs</i> San Francisco Bay Area
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Owned camera hardware-in-the-loop test infrastructure, enabling new tests, hardware, and platforms<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Eliminated 105-day camera test 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○ Earned code approval from Google Fellow Sanjay Ghemawat for fixing company-wide documentation	
9/2023	Platform Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Designed factory software architecture adopted by Google-HP partnership for Beam manufacturing<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 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, calibration, and diagnostics framework<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 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
9/2023	Software Engineer Google Central Test Engineering	<i>Platforms & Devices Product Area</i> San Francisco Bay Area
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Shipped 10M+ Nest Cam, Pixel Tablet, Pixel Buds Pro/2 devices as factory audio software DRI<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Saved \$120k in capex via test code optimizations: Nest Cam (52% time reduced), Pixel Tablet (23%)○ Shipped 6 ML analytics models for automated fault detection across 7 Nest/Pixel products<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 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 ± 0.5 dB, replacing manual measurement○ Mentored intern exploring neural vs. classical feature matching trade-offs, benchmarking SuperGlue against ORB for sensor fusion; produced colorized 3D reconstructions enabling visual inspection of hardware failures	
12/2019	Software Engineer Garmin Safety & Datalink	<i>Aviation</i> Kansas City Area
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Led system testing achieving DO-178B aviation safety compliance for GDL-60 datalink receiver○ Developed embedded software enabling configuration sync across dual OS environments (Garmin, Linux)	
7/2018	 Software Engineering Intern Garmin Interfaces/Data Routing  Software Engineering Intern Garmin Automotive OEM  Research & Teaching Assistant Missouri S&T Computer Science	8/2017– 6/2018 5/2017– 8/2017 8/2016– 4/2017
	 artificial AI algorithms: evolutionary SAT solver, chess engine with minimax/alpha-beta, A* puzzle solver.  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, and 10+ shell tools.	

Expertise

tech	Languages Python, C++, C, Bash, SQL ML/AI scikit-learn, TensorFlow, Colab, GCP Vertex AI Tools Docker, Git, Make, regex, tmux, Vim, Xcode, CI/CD, Linux Python Cython, matplotlib, numpy, pandas, pdb, pyenv, SciPy, sphinx, tox, venv
misc	8 products launched, 25+ interviews conducted, 1 intern mentored, 8x Google Peer Bonus, 5x Google Spot Bonus, Google “Thank You” campaign recipient, Summa Cum Laude, 1st Place MegaMiner AI

Education

12/2018	Bachelor of Science Computer Science Missouri University of Science and Technology	Rolla, MO
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