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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

	Software Engineer  Google Beam Camera Team	<i>Research, Labs</i> <i>San Francisco Bay Area</i>
1/2025	<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○ Reduced system image by 30% (700 MB), implemented CI/CD presubmit checks, and built developer tooling○ 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	
	 C++, Python, Bash	
9/2023	Software Engineer  Google Central Test Engineering <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%)○ 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<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○ 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	<i>Platforms & Devices Product Area</i> <i>San Francisco Bay Area</i>
12/2019	 Python matplotlib, numpy, pandas, SciPy  Git	Garmin, 2y 6m 11d

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	De Soto, MO
	<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>
6/2010		o Assisted with dining operations: hauled dishes, cleaned facilities, and maintained service standards o Directed event parking and assisted with event setup for weddings and special occasions o Harvested grapes from vineyard and transported to production facility during summer seasons	
	 Software Engineer Google Beam	9/2023-present
	 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.	
	 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
	Additional	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	
	o ACM Academy of Computing Machinery.....	2/2016-5/2018
	o MSAT Missouri S&T Satellite Team.....	12/2017-5/2018
	o IEEE Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.....	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 A+ scholarship	
	 Missouri Valley College 8/2013-5/2014 Track & Field scholarship	

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	