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# Biography

I'm an electrical engineer interested in finding applications for deep learning in computer-science and engineering fields. I enjoy working with embedded systems and playing with microcontrollers. Eventually, I want to bridge the gap between humans, machines, and AI, and find ways to combine them to make something greater than the sum of its parts. In my off-time, I follow my interests through online courses such as those offered by Coursera or edX.

## Skill Summary

Programming	$\mathbf{Tools}$	Competencies	
С	Ngspice	Schematic Capture	Machine Learning
Python	$\overrightarrow{\mathrm{Altium}}$	PCB Fabrication	Pattern Recognition
Matlab	NI LabView	Embedded Systems	Deep Learning
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Git	$\operatorname{AutoCAD}$	Analog/Digital Design	Medical Image Processing

## Experience

Research Intern - Department of Neuroinformatics

Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute International

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- Researched application of deep learning to fMRI for decoding object representations in the brain.
- Implemented a stacked denoising autoencoder using Theano, a Python module for symbolic optimization of multi-dimensional math.
- Applied denoising autoencoder to generic object decoding in preparation for further experiments.

Research Intern - Department of Cognitive Neuroscience Kyoto, Japan Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute International July 2012 - April 2013

- Developed visual attention and neuroplasticity experiments using MATLAB, psychophysical stimulus generators, and EEG data capture software.
- Preprocessed fMRI data to allow longitudinal and cross-sectional analysis of data.
- Extracted patterns from fMRI, EEG, MEG, and behavioural experiment data.
- Built classifiers from experimental data to predict spatial attention.

Lab Supervisor

Southern Alberta Institute of Technology

Calgary, Alberta

September 2010 - May 2011

- Supervised Electrical Engineering Technology lab during open lab hours
- Helped first-year students with unfinished labwork.

# Communications Technician

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Rocky Mountain House, Alberta June 2006 - August 2009

- Installed 2-way radios, cellular handsfree kits, and other communication equipment into vehicles
- Diagnosed and maintained vehicle-mounted communication and safety equipment.

## Education

Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering GPA: Blah/BLAH

University of Victoria
Graduating August 2014

**Diploma in Electronics Engineering Technology** GPA: Shoop/SHOOP

Southern Alberta Institute of Technology *Graduated 2011* 

• Graduated in the Dean's List

## Massively Open Online Courses

- Web Intelligence and Big Data
- The Brain and Space

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## **Projects**

- Designed a portable USB battery pack as a capstone project at the University of Victoria.
- Designed a 20 MHz arbitrary signal generator as a capstone project at SAIT.
- Implemented an unsupervised image segmentation algorithm by Deng and Clausi using Markov Random Fields.
- Developed a software-defined PSK31 transceiver using GNU Radio.
- Planned a satellite tracking and communication ground station with UVic ECOSat team as part of the Canadian Satellite Design Competition.

## Extracurricular Activities

#### ATR Machine Learning Club

- Read journal articles about recent developments in the machine learning field.
- Presented recent journal articles to colleagues at ATR (Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute International).

#### Microprocessor Group

- Built Engenuics embedded microcontroller kit.
- Developed hardware drivers for peripherals.

#### Language Learning

- Received private lessons in Japanese for one year.
- Self-directed study in Mandarin Chinese.

### **Affiliations**

• ASET (Past Member)

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