MARWAN ABDELWAHAB

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EDUCATION

University of South Florida – Tampa, FL

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

Graduation: May 2026 GPA: 3.94/4.0, Dean's List x6

• Relevant Coursework: Computer System Design, Computer Architecture, Hardware Accelerators for ML, CMOS VLSI Design, Operating Systems, Electrical Systems, Electronic Materials, VLSI Testing, Data Structures and Algorithms, Intro to AI, Computer Logic and design, Discrete Structures, Program Design

EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant - Computer Logic & Design

January 2025 – Present

USF CSE Department

Tampa, FL

- Supported instruction for 100+ students by grading assignments and exams, providing detailed written and verbal feedback that clarified misconceptions and contributed to a 10% improvement in class averages
- Conducted weekly office hours guiding students through logic design concepts, **Verilog** debugging, and circuit simulations, increasing overall project completion rates
- Designed and delivered demonstrations on **Linux** and **VS Code** workflows, boosting student confidence in applying professional tools to academic projects.

Operations Assistant May 2024 – Present

USF Housing & Residential Education

Tampa, FL

- Managed campus-wide housing key inventory for over 2000 keys and lock workflow systems, maintaining 100% tracking accuracy across 15+ residential communities
- Coordinated 5 mailroom clerks per shift during peak semester occupancy, improving package processing efficiency by 25% and reducing resident complaints significantly
- Processed ad hoc maintenance requests, lockouts, and room changes in collaboration with facilities and security teams, cutting response times by 20%

PROJECTS & RESEARCH

Electronics Team Lead | Society of Aeronautics and Rocketry at USF

August 2024 – Present

- Directed a 5-member team to deliver a real-time **Data Acquisition** system for rocket engine tests, ensuring safe cross-team integration with propulsion and mechanical subsystems
- Designed and validated 3 custom PCBs for power distribution, signal conditioning, and sensor interfacing, achieving a 20% reduction in noise and consistent data integrity across 5+ system tests
- Programmed **FreeRTOS-based** firmware in **C++** on **ESP32** microcontrollers to acquire and synchronize data from **3** sensor types (pressure, load cells, thermocouples), improving telemetry reliability and reducing latency by **15%** during live tests

Undergraduate Researcher | SEES Lab (Secure, Efficient, and Evolvable Systems)

June 2025 - Present

- Researched **generative AI** for hardware design by applying large language models to automate **RTL** code generation and verification workflows, advancing methods for AI-assisted circuit designs
- Developing a novel hierarchical **Verilog** dataset aiming at **50–70** designs with varying complexity to establish a standardized evaluation platform for benchmarking **state-of-the-art LLMs** in hardware design
- Designed and executed experiments using Yosys, OpenLane, and Sky130 to analyze functionality, complexity, and PPA trade-offs of LLM-generated hardware modules
- Strengthened research methodology and academic presentation skills through the **CRA UR2PhD** program, contributing toward future peer-reviewed publications in **AI** and **EDA**

RISCV SoC with ML Accelerator | ASIC Design, Verilog, OpenLane

April 2025 - Present

- Designed a single-cycle **RISC-V CPU** in Verilog and integrated a custom ML coprocessor for vector dot-product acceleration, developing instruction decoding, ALU, and control modules
- Verified functionality of implemented instructions through **15+** assembly test programs and waveform analysis, ensuring correct execution and accelerator memory-mapped access
- Synthesized the design using **Yosys** and **OpenLane**, producing a **DRC/LVS-clean GDSII** layout on the **Sky130 PDK** and evaluating preliminary area, timing, and power metrics

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, C/C++, Verilog HDL, SystemVerilog, TCL, RISC-V, HTML/CSS, SQL

Frameworks/Technologies: RTL Design, ASIC Design/Flow, RTOS, Embedded Systems, UART/I2C/SPI, PyTorch, PCB Design. Sky130 PDK

Developer Tools: Git/Github, Cadence Virtuouso, AMD Vivado, OpenLane, Yosys, EasyEDA, VS Code, Arduino IDE, Google Colab,

Oscilloscope, Logic Analyzer