NIXON CHAN

EDUCATION

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University of Waterloo 2020-2025

Bachelor of Applied Science: Mechatronics Engineering (Co-op)

GPA: 94%

3x Engineering Term Dean's Honours List **Languages:** Python, C++, C, MATLAB, C#

Software: Git, Linux, Azure, GCC, C/Make, Pytest, Docker, Jenkins, Jinja, Simulink, Jira/Confluence

TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

ML Stack Software Engineer Intern

Toronto, Canada

Cerebras Systems

January 2023 - Present

- Analyzed and performance tested heuristic and profile guided compiler optimizations in GCC, Make, and CMake
- Implemented debug output cookie hashing for weight streaming buffers using Boost and C++17

ML Software Developer

Toronto, Canada

Altohelix Corporation

August 2021 - Present

- Architected a sign recognition application for Boston Dynamics Spot using **Python**, **Azure Custom Vision** and **Function App** to classify over 10 live images per second
- Extended recognition application to extract and analyze frames from drone capture videos using OpenCV
- Integrated LTE wireless range extension functionality into Boston Dynamics Spot using SSH, Linux, Raspberry Pi, and Azure
- Created a VPN server on Azure VM using OpenVPN and SSH, and utilized iptables to forward port traffic to Raspberry Pi
- Developed dropbox web feature using C#, Razor Pages, Google Drive API, and Dropzone, enabling progressive file uploads

Linux Systems Software Developer Intern

Waterloo, Canada

Dejero Labs

May 2022 - August 2022

- Implemented a Linux vulnerability scanner in Python, scanning over 500 Debian packages for vulnerabilities in ~15 seconds
- Integrated vulnerability scanner with Jenkins to automate security scanning for builds using Jenkinsfiles and Groovy scripts
- Created HTML/CSS vulnerability output tables for better user comprehension and data digestion using Jinja templating
- Designed unit test coverage tools using gcovr, pytest, and gocov-xml to generate Cobertura XML coverage files
- Integrated coverage files into build sequence using **Jenkins Plugins**, allowing developers to rate coverage on their CRs
- Constructed tool in **Python** to analyze code coverage of a given commit SHA using set theory operations

UAV Autopilot Embedded Software Engineer Intern

Waterloo, Canada

UWaterloo Aerial Robotics Group

January 2021 - April 2022

- Designed, simulated, and tested autonomous landing and takeoff control systems on a fixed wing aircraft using C++ and FSM's
- Restructured and debugged the previous attitude control system using Simulink and GDB
- Optimized Simulink and PID model to better represent flight dynamics and tested path following using Flight Gear
- Researched and introduced SD card driver for STM32F7 using STMCubeMX and FatFS

Software Quality Analyst Intern

Toronto, Canada

i4i (Infrastructures for Information)

September 2021 - December 2021

- Designed tool automating Excel data conversion into XML, using Python and XSLT reducing user input time by ~95%
- Tested scripts relating to company database and Microsoft Word authoring tool using QaTraq

PROJECTS

AWS DeepRacer WildCard Competition

- Trained reinforcement learning model for autonomous 1:16 scale racing using PPO and a customized reward function
- Competed against graduate and undergraduate students across Canada during the Ottawa wildcard competition, achieving a time of ~11.3 seconds and placing second overall

Embedded Voice Recognition

- Developed keyword recognition system using **Edge Impulse**, with a ~90% audio recognition accuracy on a mobile deployment
- Extracted features from audio datasets using anti-aliasing, Fourier transforms, and mel frequency cepstral coefficients