Randall Scharpf

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Education

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Expected graduation: June 2025

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science Cumulative GPA 3.843

Courses:

Math 61Discrete StructuresACS M151BComputer Systems ArchitectureA+CS 118Computer Network FundamentalsA

Leadership and Technical Experience

Bruin Spacecraft Group

Project Rapid Electrical Power System Lead

Project Rapid Chief Engineer

November 2021 - Present

June 2023 - Present

Accomplishments:

Validated 18650 Li-Ion battery models using custom data acquisition circuit, to inform system design

- Assembled custom printed circuit boards to prototype and test DC/DC voltage conversion
- Negotiated updated requirements with UCLA Plasma, Energy, and Space Propulsion Laboratory
- Expanded satellite electrical subteam from 2 to 7 members and instituted new task organization system

Bruin Formula Racing

General Member

November 2021 - Present

Accomplishments:

- Accelerated dashboard from 3 to 30 frames per second by optimizing code
- Redesigned thermal camera driver to fit on microcontroller with 2KB RAM
- Improved simultaneous plotting capabilities for data visualization Python program
- Designed balancing circuit for supercapacitor power supply filter

Northern Tier National High Adventure

Wilderness Canoe Guide

June 2023 - August 2023

Accomplishments:

- Earned Superior National Forest guide license, Wilderness First Aid certification, and CPR certification
- Led 5 crews on over 380 miles of canoeing and 140 portages over 34 days
- Taught identification of native berries, plants, birds, and mammals to scouts
- Provided insight into local anthropology and geological history

Skills

Languages Frameworks Microcontrollers Sensors • Java • Java Swing • Arduino • Quadrature Encoders • C++ • jUnit • STM32 • NTC Thermistors

- Python React

 Wordpress A
- C Wordpress API
 Javascript
- PIC10SAM D51
- Gyroscopes Ultrasonic Sensors

Activities and Projects

Pacific Crest Drum and Bugle Corps

- Rehearsed for over 250 hours during June and July
- Performed in 12 states during July and August
- Placed 20th overall at Drum Corps International World Championships

Helpful Bot

- Wrote Discord bot using Node.js with Discord.js wrapper library
- Integrated with custom Wordpress plugin in PHP for configuring settings
- Managed chat permissions to check for vulnerabilities
- Sent reminders for team meetings automatically

Minesweeper Winner

- Included Java Swing GUI
- Scanned screen for Minesweeper tiles programmatically
- Cleared an average of 13 squares per second by automatically clicking

Temperature Detector Building

- Wrote custom seven-segment display driver for 8-digit common anode display on Arduino
- Calibrated NTC thermistor to Steinhart-Hart equation using hot water solution
- 3D-printed casing to protect and mount displays, wiring, status LEDs, and battery
- Obtained 0.1°C average error and won gold medal at a Science Olympiad competition with 40 teams

Honors and Awards

- ICPC Southern California Regional Contest 13th Place (2022)
 - Algorithmic online judge programming competition
 - 50 three-person college teams from around Southern California
- Gold Medal in Cybersecurity at State Science Olympiad (2021)
 - Half computer security-emphasis online judge programming skills assessment
 - Half exam on ciphers, techniques, and protocols used by the internet
 - 200 two-person high school teams at regional level, narrowed to 30 at state level
- USNCO Honors (2020, 2021)
 - Top 150 of 16,000 individual high schoolers at local level, narrowed to 800 at national level
 - Multiple choice and free response chemistry exams
- AIME Qualifier (2020, 2021)
 - Top 5% of American Mathematics Competition exam participants nationwide