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Computer, Software, and Robotics Engineer

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Apple Inc.

Camera Systems Engineer

March 2019 - Present

- Develop and maintain XNU kernel drivers and userspace software, including frameworks and testing tools for Apple's camera technologies.
- Collaborate with image signal processing teams to architect interprocess communications, commanding, optimize system performance, and ensure feature compatibility.
- Lead hardware bring-up efforts, working extensively with ARM SoCs on device trees, bootloaders, the OS kernel, and userspace on Apple's platforms.
- Contribute and ship dozens of major features and low-level camera system software stacks across all Apple devices with cameras.
- Work closely with the factory team to ensure successful production ramping across hardware build phases and lifecycles.
- Possess extensive experience with system-level high-performance, low-latency data delivery across the camera software and hardware stack.

SpaceX

Associate Flight Software Engineer, Starlink

June 2018 - September 2018

- Developed firmware for early-stage Starlink satellites, working on ARM-based systems with an RTOS.
- Designed fault-tolerant, system-critical code for sensor and memory drivers, contributing to reliable operation in flight.
- Implemented a time synchronization algorithm for the flight computer system, enhancing communication accuracy across satellite subsystems.

University of California, Santa Cruz

Teaching Assistant

January 2018 - December 2018

Microprocessor Systems Design (Fall 2018): Led labs on embedded systems, C programming, hardware debugging, and Linux-based software design.

Engineering Capstone Design (Winter - Spring 2018): Advised 20 senior project teams, assisting in system design, architecture, debugging, and project execution across diverse domains, including robotics and mesh networking.

CityBlooms Urban Micro Farms June - October 2017, January - March 2019

Embedded Software and Hardware Engineering Intern

Developed sensor and peripheral drivers in C/C++ for microcontrollers and Linux IoT systems, automating deployments for live agricultural environments.

Created software for ARM controllers and Embedded Linux. Developed a dynamic frequency scaling algorithm that significantly improved device battery life.

EDUCATION

M.Sc. Robotics Engineering **September 2017 - December 2018**

Emphasis: Robotics Engineering & Control Theory
University of California, Santa Cruz

- Courses: Robotics, Optimal Estimation, Stochastic Filtering, Control Theory
- Thesis: Improved Field Exploration with Variance Suppressing Path Planning
- Developed path planning techniques for optimal autonomous field exploration

B.S. Computer Engineering **September 2013 - June 2017**

Concentration: Robotics & Control
University of California, Santa Cruz

- Research/Projects: UAVs, Sensor Networking, Power Systems
- Graduated with Honors in Major

Minor Computer Science **September 2013 - June 2017**

University of California, Santa Cruz

PROJECTS

Micro Linear Algebra Package - A matrix math library optimized for embedded systems. The library contains functionality for learning, data fitting, filtering, and controls.

github.com/SargisYonan/uLAPack

Embedded Kalman Filter - A Kalman filtering library for linear and nonlinear systems. The library is ideal for embedded systems where dynamic memory allocation is a concern.

github.com/SargisYonan/ukal

Field Exploration Simulation Framework - A MATLAB framework and simulation environment for autonomous field exploration using prediction variance suppression techniques introduced in my Masters thesis.

github.com/SargisYonan/field_exploration

KEY SKILLS

Programming: C, C++, Python, XNU Kernel Development

Embedded Systems: ARM SoCs, AVR, Firmware Development

Robotics: Sensor Fusion, Feedback Control, Sensor Design

Math: Kalman Filters, Control Theory, Geostatistics