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Education

University of California, Berkeley

Expected December 2025

BS in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

- **Coursework:** Machine Structures, Discrete Math and Probability, Integrated-Circuit Devices, Introduction to Robotics, Signal and Systems, Microfabrication, Control system and feedback, Robot Manipulation and Vision, and Artificial Intelligence, Internet Architecture/Internet of things (IoT), Cybersecurity, Application-Specific Integrated Circuits (An introduction to digital and system design)

Internships

Product & Research Intern

Remote

Custex Inc. — Berkeley SkyDeck ACE Program

June- Aug 2025

- Developed a Python-based Content Risk Analyzer that detects and categorizes high-risk text, including self-harm, abuse, and violent language.
- Worked on keyword-based detection pipelines, implemented structured logging in CSV, and built visual dashboards to track flagged activity over time.
- Created rules for identifying recurring high-risk patterns and generating automated alerts.

Projects

ASIC Design Engineer

Berkeley, CA

3-Stage Pipelined RISC-V CPU — EECS 151 ASIC Project

Ongoing (Fall 2025)

- Designed and implemented a 3-stage pipelined RISC-V CPU supporting the base integer instruction set and CSR operations in Verilog.
- Built a functional ALU, pipeline control logic, and hazard resolution units; verified operation using SystemVerilog assertions and custom testbenches.
- Integrated the processor with a direct-mapped cache and SRAM-based memory interface to optimize instruction/data access latency.
- Used Skywater 130nm technology for backend synthesis, floorplanning, and timing closure in Cadence Innovus. Improved understanding of RTL design, hazard mitigation, and physical design flow, contributing to efficient low-latency RISC-V system architecture.

PCB Design Engineer

Berkeley, CA

Custom MIDI Keyboard — Personal Project

August 2025

- Designed and fabricated a custom MIDI keyboard PCB integrating microcontroller-based key scanning and USB communication.
- Interpreted circuit schematics and created multi-layer PCB layouts in KiCad, defining component footprints, pads, and vias for optimized routing and manufacturability.
- Implemented grounding and decoupling strategies to minimize signal noise and ensure power integrity across the digital and analog domains. Performed board bring-up, continuity testing, and debugging using an oscilloscope and multimeter to verify correct signal paths and component operation.

Skills

Hard Skills:

- Verilog (HDL), Application-Specific Integrated Circuits (ASIC), RTL Design (Register Transfer Level), Cadence/Innovus, Floorplanning and Place & Route (P&R)
- PCB Design (schematic capture, layout, DRC verification) using KiCad and Altium
- MATLAB, ROS (Robot Operating System), Python, Sentaurus TCAD (Synopsys), C/C++, Java
- RISC-V Assembly, OpenMP, Git, GDB, Valgrind, Keysight EasyEXPERT
- CAD (Computer-Aided Design), Multi-joint Dynamics with Contact, Control Systems, IoT (Internet of Things), and Cybersecurity/Cryptography

Soft Skills:

- Strong problem-solving and analytical thinking developed through ASIC and robotics design projects
- Collaboration and teamwork from cross-disciplinary projects integrating hardware, software, and control systems
- Adaptability and perseverance under fast-paced technical environments
- Excellent verbal and written communication, including technical documentation and presentations
- Leadership and mentoring experience through lab and team coordination roles