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Embedded software engineer

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I am an embedded software engineer with a background in the aerospace industry and electrical engineering. I've been writing flight software for CanSat satellites in C since early high school. Now I design payload electronics for CubeSats.

My interests include embedded systems, network engineering and website development. Be sure to check out my flagship project: a real-time operating system kernel for 8-bit microcontrollers.

Skills

Tools and Languages	C/C++, Assembly (AVR, x86), CppUTest, Doxygen, Python / Django, Git, HTML/CSS/JS, GnuRadio, KiCad EDA, SolidWorks, pfSense, VMware ESXi, LaTeX, TianoCore EDK II
Communication	English (C1), Russian (Native)
Miscellaneous	CEPT Amateur Radio License (callsign R0QAV), NTU EMI TA certification

Technical Experience

Teaching Assistant — **Jan 2022 — Present (remote)**
Sakha Junior Science Academy — *Yakutsk, Russia*

- Helped to organize an international aerospace engineering school for high school students from Hong Kong.
- Controlled SJSA ground station as a licensed radio operator, provided technical support.
- Supervised high school students practicing satellite communications (news report in Russian).
- Assisted colleagues from Siberian State Aerospace University, Krasnoyarsk, in receiving telemetry from their CubeSat (ReshUCube, NORAD 53382) via SJSA ground station.

Lead Engineer / SAKHACUBE-1 CubeSat — **Jul 2021 — Present (remote)**
Sakha Aerospace Systems, LLC — *Yakutsk, Russia*

- Designed CubeSat payload flight electronics – YKTS-PL-EDU/16 MCU Cluster Module.
- Developed flight software for CubeSat Payloads, C / Atmel AVR.
- Prepared technical documents, reports and specifications with IEEE standards compliance.
- Maintained cloud & network infrastructure for team operations (Nextcloud, Gitlab, Onlyoffice).
- Fullstack WebDev (Django) as part of ground support software development – `yktaero.space` services.
- Developed an in-house document management system for technical documentation – `docs.yktaero.space`.

Intern / Junior Software Engineer — **Mar 2021 — Jun 2021**
«Sever» Information Security Center, LLC — *Yakutsk, Russia*

- Developed an internal quote generation tool with automated supplier data import, Flask/Python.
- Practiced network engineering, VMware ESXi management.

Intern / Electronics Engineer, Lab Assistant — **Jun 2019 — Nov 2020**
Yu. G. Shafer Institute of Cosmophysical Research and Aeronomy — *Yakutsk, Russia*

- Assembled PCBs for reindeer tracking collars, studied electronics engineering.
- Studied satellite & radio communication basics.
- Taken high-energy particle physics courses.

Education

Undergraduate, *Civil Engineering, National Taiwan University @ Taipei, Taiwan* — 2022 — Present
High School, *V.P.Larionov Physics & Technical Lyceum @ Yakutsk, Russia* — 2012 — 2020

Activities

YKS-HKG Aerospace Engineering School 2024 @ Yakutsk – Teaching Assistant (Electronics Eng.)	Winter 2024
Taiwan International Science Fair 2024 @ Taipei – Research Advisor	Winter 2024
National Taiwan University EMI TA workshop @ Taipei – Student	Fall 2023
MSU Aerospace Engineering School (RosCanSat competition) @ Moscow – Team Supervisor	Summer 2022
Yakutsk International Research School (YIRS) 2021 @ Yakutsk – Research Advisor	Fall 2021
Space-Oriented Learning for Americans and Russians (SOLAR program) – Finalist	Spring 2020
National Taiwan University Science Innovation School – Student, Research Presenter	Summer 2019
«Big Challenges» All-Russian project competition @ Sirius Center – Finalist	Summer 2019
WorldSkills Russia Finals in Space Systems Engineering @ Moscow – Participant, Silver award	Winter 2018

My Projects

Sakha Aerospace Systems Ground Station Network — **In development**

Link: https://gsn.yktaero.space — *Stack: Django, Jinja2, Django REST, Django Channels*

- Provides a public API to query satellite ground station status.
- Visualizes ground station operation by displaying antenna position and satellite passes.
- Receives real-time satellite telemetry data and forwards it to clients.
- Generates satellite pass schedule and manages ground station tracking.
- (Planned) Provides a public satellite imagery repository using ground stations.
- (Planned) Stores past telemetry packets and allows to obtain historic satellite data.

YktSat EDU/16 Payload Module — **In development**

Link: https://yktaero.space/projects/item/ykts-pl-edu16-sptx — *Stack: KiCad, C/C++, Doxygen*

- Expected to be launched in Q4 2024 with the SAKHACUBE-1 CubeSat, will be used for educational purposes.
- Compliant with PC/104, CubeSat, and Sputnix ICD specifications.
- 4-Layer modular PCB, designed from scratch in KiCad.
- Modular firmware written in C & AVR assembly, unit tests with CppUTest, CI/CD supported.
- Single makefile, firmware built and tested with self-hosted GitLab.

Sakha Aerospace Systems Datasheet website — **Operational**

Link: https://docs.yktaero.space — *Stack: Django, Jinja2, Django REST*

- Provides users with a list of all published technical documents.
- Search, filtering, reordering supported.
- Stores and displays revision history for all documents, provides file downloads for every revision.
- Allows creating new documents and uploading files via administration panel.
- (Planned) GitLab CI integration for LaTeX documents with automated publishing.

Ground Station Controller - stationctl — **Operational**

Internal tool — *Stack: Python, GnuRadio, Skyfield*

- Estimates satellite position in real time using orbital elements.
- Automatically adjusts radio link parameters (data rate, carrier frequency with Doppler shift, etc.).
- Aims antenna rotator to the satellite position.
- Production deployment & usage in Sakha Junior Science Academy.

Sakha Aerospace Systems server infrastructure — **Operational**

Link: https://status.yktaero.space — *Stack: VMware ESXi, pfSense, nginx*

- Various services for team collaboration: Nextcloud, Gitlab, Onlyoffice, Inventree.
- Simple status reporting with GitHub Pages, internal monitoring with Zabbix.
- Single Sign-On for all services using self-hosted Authentik, migration to Keycloak is planned.
- Fully self-hosted & virtualized, proper network isolation with VLANs, secure remote access with OpenVPN.
- Server uses enterprise-grade hardware.

YktSat PL-RTOS kernel — **Production usage**

Internal tool — *Stack: C/C++, Doxygen*

- Fully-featured Real Time Operating System (RTOS) kernel for MCUs.
- Currently supports AVR ATmega128 & ATmega2560, ARM Cortex-M4 support planned.
- Experimental task child–parent relationship with batch task operations.
- Mutex priority inheritance and FIFO locking.
- Built-in heap manager with allocation tracking and double free protection.
- Unit tests with CppUTest, Doxygen for documentation.
- Used in YktSat EDU/16 Payload Module firmware.

Jfkerman.me server infrastructure — **Operational**

Personal project, link: https://jfkerman.me — *Stack: VMware ESXi, pfSense, nginx, Django*

- Multiprotocol VPN for censorship circumvention, self-hosted Matrix server, TeamSpeak and SSO.
- Custom Outline VPN key management solution – outline.jfkerman.me, see on GitHub.
- Deployed in 2022 as a response to Russian Wartime censorship law.

UEFI mods — **Production usage**

Personal project — *Stack: TianoCore EDK II, UEFITool*

- DXE module with secret notes, activated with key combo, written in C with EDK II.
- Patched personal workstation EFI image with my custom DXE module, also added support for NVMe boot.
- Customized logos, UI images, backgrounds and DMI information; updated bult-in DXE drivers to latest versions.
- Flashed modded images into hardware, haven't bricked my PC.