Awab Q.

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Skills

Languages C, C++, Python, System Verilog, JavaScript/TypeScript, LISP, ARMv7, Bash, Rust Technologies Git, Linux, OpenGL, AWS, PostgreSQL, Fusion 360 CAD, AMD Vivado, Numpy/Pandas

Experience

Huawei | Software Engineering Co-op

Sep 2025 - Present

• Research compiler optimisations for kernel Access Control Policies as part of the Data and Privacy Protection Technology Lab.

Christie Digital Systems | *Software Engineering Co-op*

Jan 2025 – May 2025

- Characterised computer vision systems, automated manual correction and developed an optical testing framework with C++.
- Extended a critical binary encoder in C++ and interfaced directly with projection hardware to implement multi-colour features.
- Researched solutions to optical distortions, utilising Numpy, Pandas and Matplotlib to analyse lab data in Python, leading to improved camera calibration techniques and subpixel projector alignment.

University of Waterloo | *Software Engineering Instructional Support Assistant*

May 2024 - Sep 2024

- Worked in Linux server environment to maintain course infrastructure with bash scripts, achieving a high uptime for users.
- Planned and delivered weekly tutorials on C++, object-oriented design, and software engineering to second-year SWE students.
- Ran frequent office hours to clarify course concepts, aid with assignment problems, and guide students about **safe C++** practices.

Expresume | Full-Stack Web Developer Intern

May 2023 - Sep 2023

- Spearheaded backend design for an AI platform, leveraging PostgreSQL, and AWS services after evaluation of company needs.
- Redesigned main frontend stack to use Tailwind and NextJS server components, increasing code reuse with better performance.

Projects

Fluid and Rigid-Body Simulator [awabq.com/488] | C++, GLSL

- Developed real-time, lock-free multithreaded physics engine in C++ with quaternion-based rotation for arbitrary convex meshes.
- Implemented a large-scale, shallow water simulation using discretised fluid equations and adaptive time-stepping for stability.
- Coupled the water simulator with the rigid-body engine to enable fluid-rigid body interaction.
- Developed custom **OpenGL rendering pipeline** with optimised GLSL shaders implementing Blinn-Phong lighting, cube-map reflections, and geometry tessellation for continuous water surface rendering with optimal GPU utilisation.

Handheld Game Console | C++, C

- Developed for a Cortex-M core on an **STM32 MCU**, using a logic analyser and oscilloscope to debug and verify hardware behaviour.
- Leveraged a 3D printer to draft, rapidly prototype and iterate on a custom housing in AutoDesk Fusion.
- Created **SPI screen driver** improving latency, whilst optimising power consumption and maintaining real-time constraints.

Lambda Calculus Interpreter | C, Lambda Calculus

- Designed a scanner, lexer, parser, and evaluator for lambda calculus, with support for currying, variables, and avoiding capture.
- Enabled support for the **Y-combinator** and recursion by implementing alpha-beta reduction to lazily evaluate lambda expressions.
- Wrote a custom linear memory allocator for better memory management and cache locality, eliminating memory errors.

Activities

The Undergraduate Mathematics Society of UW | President

Sep 2024 – Jan 2025

- Led the organisation, streamlining internal procedures, creating and building strong relationships with partners.
- Acted as the primary representative for over 6,500 math students, focusing on creating new events and inclusive club spaces.

mathNEWS | Editor Sep 2023 – Present

- Organise writing events, copy-edit submissions, and publish over 700 copies fortnightly of the campus-favourite publication.
- Collaborate with other editors to lay-out issues in Adobe InDesign, arrange professors' interviews, and coordinate with writers.

Education

University of Waterloo

Sep 2022 - Apr 2027

Candidate for Bachelor of Computer Science, Digital Hardware Specialisation

Relevant Coursework: Graphics, Embedded and Digital Hardware Design, Concurrency, Compilers, OS, Data Structures & Algorithms.