Abhay Harpalani

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EDUCATION

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Urbana, IL

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

Class of 2027

Dean's List (Top 20% of class)

GPA: 3.9

James Scholar - University Honors Program Courses: Data Structures & Algorithms

Experience

Tech Lead and Web Developer

Apr. 2024 - Present

Illinois Global Review

Urbana, IL

- Spearheaded development of a scalable news website using Python, HTML, and CSS
- Designed and implemented user authentication, article upload, and editing workflows using the Flask framework
- Led UI/UX design, enhancing user experience and maintaining brand consistency
- Collaborated with editorial teams to ensure seamless content management for administrators

Project Lead Sept. 2023 - Present

Vex Robotics Club

Urbana, IL

- Programmed an Arduino-based drone using C++
- Used control systems algorithms such as PID and Kalman Filters to gain more accurate measurements
- Implementing a VSLAM algorithm to take camera input and generate a 3D model

Web Developer and Lab Monitor

Oct. 2023 - Present

UIUC OpenLab Makerspace

Urbana, IL

- Redesigned website with more modern and responsive design, improving experience for OpenLab users
- Helping users with OpenLab equipment as a lab monitor
- Used Adobe Creative Suite to create new advertising posters, electronic billboards, and website designs

Automation Intern

June 2022 - Feb. 2023

 $Lawrence\ Berkeley\ National\ Laboratory$

Berkeley, CA

- Developed automation for Google Apps and Smartsheets to streamline onboarding and project updates for clients
- Used Google Apps APIs in Python and JavaScript to update project databases and send emails to managers

Project Manager

Aug. 2019 – Jan. 2022

 $Eagle\ Scout\ Project$

Fremont. CA

- Led the design, approval, and construction of an arbor and a planter for the Quarry Lakes Demonstration Garden
- Supervised 15 scouts and adults to coordinate material delivery, unloading, and construction efforts
- Successfully achieved rank of Eagle Scout

Student Researcher

May 2020 – Sept. 2020

Aspiring Scholars Directed Research Program

Fremont, CA

- Analyzed text from the Voynich Manuscript, a codex written in an unknown language
- Developed frequency translation algorithm to assist with translating text
- Published research paper in the ASDRP Communications Journal

Projects

Analog Synthesizer | PCB and Circuit Design, Analog Electronics, Python

Oct. 2022 - June 2023

- Designed, tested, and built an analog synthesizer which takes input from a digital keyboard
- Utilized concepts in analog signal processing, circuit design, and Raspberry Pi programming with Python

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, C/C++, Go, JavaScript, Java, HTML/CSS

Developer Tools: Git, VS Code, PyCharm

Libraries: NumPy, Pillow, pthreads

Programs: Ghidra, Fusion 360, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop

Clubs: Eta Kappa Nu (HKN), VEX Robotics, SIGPwny Cybersecurity Club, Synton Amateur Radio Club, oSTEM

Other: CAD Design, Soldering, Graphic Design