ALAIN LOU

ECE, UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

SKILLS

LANGUAGES: Bash, C, C#, C++, Java, JavaScript, Perl, Python, RISC-V, Rust, Verilog/SystemVerilog, VHDL

FRAMEWORKS: cocotb, CppUTest, Litex, oneAPI, OpenCL, SYCL

TOOLS: AWS, Azure, CMake, GDB, Git, Linux, Logic Analyzer, Perforce, Quartus, Soldering, Vivado

EMPLOYMENT

Intel IP Design Intern, External Memory Interfaces Sept. 2021 - Current Toronto, Canada

• Features for Platform Designer (Quartus) and next-gen memory

May 2021 - Aug. 2021 , Waterloo, Čanada

University of Waterloo

Research Assistant (part-time), Configurable Arch. Lab

- Investigating area and performance characteristics of Efinix FPGA architecture
- Python and Tcl scripting, OpenCV to extract metrics not available in tool reporting
- Paper planned for FCCM 2022

Intel FPGA Software Engineering Intern. High Level Design lan. 2021 - May 2021 Toronto, Canada

- Improving performance, usability and code quality of OpenCL and SYCL products for Intel FPGAs
- Implemented USM host allocation use-after-free detection and warning, reset FPGA kernels on host program exit
- Ground-up rewrite of build system for FPGA runtime, using modern CMake, deleting 2.5k lines of Make code
- Addressed release gating issues: error in compiler, installation script shell compatibility and functional errors in SYCL designs
- Used GDB, OpenCL Intercept Layer and VS Debugger; gained knowledge about GCC, LD, MSVC and Quartus
- Group-wide triager for regression test failures in HLD products

Microsoft Explore Intern, OneDrive + SharePoint May 2020 - Aug. 2020 Redmond, WA

- PM and SWE in feature development lifecycle of datetime formatting and boolean rendering features in Microsoft Lists
- Collaborated cross-team to create design (Figma) and PM specs, iterating through user feedback, design critiques, spec reviews
- Implemented new web components using React, Fluent UI and the JavaScript Date API
- Wrote library functions to deal with localization, internationalization and timezone conversions

University of Waterloo

Jan. 2020 - Apr. 2020 Waterloo, Canada

Research Assistant (part-time), Intelligent Connectivity Lab

• Developed platform for distributed RFID readers, using Raspberry Pi running Windows 10 IoT and .NET framework

- Used Octane SDK for Impini RAIN RFID reader and Azure services to build batch data pipeline
- Webapp GUI using d3.js frontend and Azure VM running nginx, gunicorn, flask, cronjobs for batch processing

PROJECTS

6502 🕜 Aug. 2021 - Current

• Implementation of MOS 6502-compatibile processor using modern digital design tools (SystemVerilog, cocotb testbench)

Apr. 2021 Synth 🖸

- All-digital monophonic square wave synthesizer, using a single clock domain
- 115 200-baud UART TX/RX

Feb. 2021 - Mar. 2021 Pong (?

- Pure hardware implementation of Pong on an FPGA board
- 480x640 1-bit VGA controller, 7-segment scoreboard, ALTPLL

EDUCATION

University of Waterloo

Sept. 2018 - Apr. 2023

Candidate for BASc Computer Engineering

- Dean's Honours List x2
- President's Research Award x2
- Mentor in Tech+, ECE Society; UW Engineering Ambassador
- ECE 327 Hall of Fame (systolic array matrix multiplication on FPGA)