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Expert in Software Algorithm Design, Domain Specific Languages, & Anti-Reverse Engineering (aka Obfuscation)

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My profession is a computer scientist and inventor. I have a long and successful track record inventing and implementing [algorithms](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Algorithm) in a wide range of application domains such as automotive, pay TV, [VLSI](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Very_Large_Scale_Integration) [CPU](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_processing_unit) design, shop floor production control, [bioinformatics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bioinformatics), accessibility, and telecommunications. I am hired to solve challenging and interesting problems that have greatly benefited my employers and clients. A common technique that I use is developing [DSLs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Domain-specific_language) (Domain-Specific Language) and their associated [compilers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Compiler). And I have unique expertise in the sub-specialty of cybersecurity related to anti-[reverse engineering](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reverse_engineering), aka [obfuscation](https://www2.cs.arizona.edu/~collberg/Teaching/553/2011/Resources/obfuscation.pdf).

I invent software [algorithms](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Algorithm). Recently I was granted patents in the field of software updates for the automotive industry. Typically for all my inventions I must implement a working POC (Proof Of Concept), and often I also implement a MVP (Minimum Viable Product). I am a “hands-on” technology expert who comfortably “swims” from the highest conceptual level down to the lowest level of “bits and bytes”.

For many projects I invent a [DSL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Domain-specific_language) (Domain-Specific Language), that [compiles](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Compiler) into working software. Where feasible I design the [DSLs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Domain-specific_language) to be [declarative](https://stackoverflow.com/questions/1619834/what-is-the-difference-between-declarative-and-procedural-programming-paradigms) - as opposed to procedural. [DSLs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Domain-specific_language) greatly simplify the problem space especially for domain experts who are not software professionals. And [DSLs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Domain-specific_language) greatly help to rigorously specify testable software architectures and specifications.

I am an [expert generalist](https://simplicable.com/new/expert-generalist) and an [autodidact polymath](https://iamautodidact.com/how-to-become-an-autodidact-polymath-the-complete-guide/) [2](http://www.avrahambernstein.com/cv/AvrahamBernstein-CV-Full.html" \l "fn2). My “secret weapon” is a subscription to the [O’Reilly Safari](https://www.oreilly.com/library/view/learning-java-4th/9781449372477/pr02s07.html) technical library. I am able to synthesize my knowledge. I am often able to apply the skills and knowledge that I acquired in one domain, and successfully apply them to another. To get to this level of expertise so quickly, I have often relied upon domain experts who mentored me. In return, I have mentored many others.

My ideal career position is to be either a principal engineer or an [*algorithm*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Algorithm) designer reporting to either the CTO or the VP R&D. For a large firm, I aim to be a senior person on the technical ladder as opposed to the management ladder. I prefer working independently, or otherwise managing a small team, where I shine as a mentor. Formerly I had senior management positions, but I prefer to return to the individual contributor path. See this article about the benefits to a firm by having managers who have returned to become [individual contributors](https://swaroopch.com/back-to-ic). (And my formal background in economics and business is an important added value which allows me to engage in [economic thinking](https://www.joelonsoftware.com/2002/06/12/strategy-letter-v/)). Just like [Picasso](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pablo_Picasso) never stopped loving and creatively painting throughout his whole life, I love and thrive on the intellectual challenge of inventing software algorithms - which obviously requires that I be a “master software engineer”. Even though I am now in my 60’s, you can see from my recent patents that I am still at the “top of my game”. I have come to the conclusion that I want to continue working only on what I enjoy doing best.

I attended university in Toronto Canada where I received a Master’s degree in economics and applied mathematics. My thesis was the economically efficient design of a [hydroelectric dam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hydroelectricity) using computer simulation of water flow. At the age of 14, my first major programming project was to program a perfect game of 3D X’s and O’s (aka [Qubic](https://img0.etsystatic.com/053/1/11127679/il_570xN.771759904_fqi9.jpg)) played on a stack of four transparent 4x4 boards. I wrote the program in Fortran on a [mini-computer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IBM_1130) that had just 64 KB RAM including the space required for the O/S.

The following are many of the application domains in which I have worked:

1. automotive: 2018-20: [Argus](https://argus-sec.com/)

(a) I worked on greatly increasing the efficiency of vehicle software updates. My IP (Intellectual Property) enabled my employer to set up a business unit in this field.   
(b) I invented and patented algorithms in the fields of [delta compression](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delta_encoding) and assembly “hot patching”.   
(c) I developed legal and safe workarounds to the fundamental [Misra C](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MISRA_C) restrictions on the use of dynamic memory allocations and variable length structures. These restrictions forced most software architects and programmers into abandoning many of the software advances made in the past 20 years.

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1. Internet and satellite pay-TV: 2004-17: [Viaccess-Orca/Orange](https://www.viaccess-orca.com/), [NDS](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Synamedia)

(a) cybersecurity research  
(b) anti-[reverse engineering](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reverse_engineering), aka [obfuscation](https://www2.cs.arizona.edu/~collberg/Teaching/553/2011/Resources/obfuscation.pdf)   
(c) “lightweight” cryptography, where I am continuing to do my own independent research until today for the purpose of possibly building my own [obfuscating compiler](https://github.com/JonathanSalwan/Tigress_protection)

(e) [More details ...](http://www.AvrahamBernstein.com/cv/AvrahamBernstein-CV-Full.html" \l "pay-tv)

1. miscellaneous recent compiler projects: 2020-21: [Qedit](https://qed-it.com/), stealth mode cybersecurity startup

(a) patching [x86-64](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/X86-64) assembly code  
(b) [WASM](https://webassembly.org/) (Web Assembly)

(c) [More details ...](http://www.AvrahamBernstein.com/cv/AvrahamBernstein-CV-Full.html" \l "misc-compiler)

1. [**bioinformatics**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bioinformatics): 2009: [Syntezza](https://www.syntezza.com/)

(a) invented [PCR](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polymerase_chain_reactio) algorithms

(b) [More details ...](http://www.AvrahamBernstein.com/cv/AvrahamBernstein-CV-Full.html" \l "bioinformatics)

1. accessibility: 1988-present: Cubital (defunct), Virtouch (defunct), and continuing independent research until today

(a) invented algorithms and applications for the blind, [dyslexics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dyslexia), and quadriplegics

(b) [More details ...](http://www.AvrahamBernstein.com/cv/AvrahamBernstein-CV-Full.html" \l "accessibility)

1. online privacy & personal cybersecurity: 2000-present: [Canary Mission](https://canarymission.org/), and continuing independent research until today

* Internet hygiene for the masses

1. transportation vehicle guidance: 2010: Telequest (defunct)

* invented algorithms for guiding vehicles through urban traffic (similar to what [Waze](https://www.waze.com/) does)

1. telecommunications: 1998-2004: Phasecom-Vyyo (defunct), Jolt (defunct), TMT (defunct), [NDS](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Synamedia)

(a) hybrid protocols, operations research, algorithms, QA, [DSL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Domain-specific_language), communications laboratory architecture

(b) [More details ...](http://www.AvrahamBernstein.com/cv/AvrahamBernstein-CV-Full.html" \l "telecommunications)

1. **Mil-spec QA: 1994-95:** [Elop/Elbit](https://elbitsystems.com/about-us-quality-assurance-elbit-systems-electro-optics-elop/), Pitkha (defunct)

(a) invented a [DSL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Domain-specific_language) that was used to implement thousands of mil-spec QA tests for the Israeli manufacturered fire control subsystem of the US Army’s [BlackHawk](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sikorsky_UH-60_Black_Hawk) helicopter

(b) [More details ...](http://www.AvrahamBernstein.com/cv/AvrahamBernstein-CV-Full.html" \l "milspec-qa)

10.[**VLSI**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Very_Large_Scale_Integration) [**CPU**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_processing_unit) design: 1991-93 & 1998: [DSPG](https://www.dspg.com/), Pitkha (defunct), Fourfold (defunct)

(a) invented a [DSL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Domain-specific_language) that could extremely accurately simulate a [DSP](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Digital_signal_processor) [CPU](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_processing_unit), along with designing a software development toolchain including C compiler, linker, assembler, and debugger   
(b) wrote a C compiler for a 128 core stack based [CPU](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_processing_unit)

(c) [More details ...](http://www.AvrahamBernstein.com/cv/AvrahamBernstein-CV-Full.html" \l "vlsi-cpu-design)

1. shop floor production control: 1989-91: [Iscar](https://www.iscar.com/newarticles.aspx/countryid/1/newarticleid/259), DEC (defunct)

(a) invented a [DSL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Domain-specific_language) that could configure and fully automate a factory that produced thousands of different kinds of cutting blades

(b) [More details ...](http://www.AvrahamBernstein.com/cv/AvrahamBernstein-CV-Full.html" \l "sfpc)

1. 3D printing: 1987-88: Cubital (defunct)

(a) senior software engineer

(b) [More details ...](http://www.AvrahamBernstein.com/cv/AvrahamBernstein-CV-Full.html" \l "3d-printing)

1. robotics: 1986 & 1996-97: Orisol (defunct), [Optimet/Ophir](https://www.optimet.com/about_ophir_optronics.php)

(a) invented a [DSL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Domain-specific_language) based on [AutoCAD](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AutoCAD) for high speed leather sewing workstation with live video feedback   
(b) invented a [DSL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Domain-specific_language) in order to automate use of an [interferometer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Interferometry)-like workstation (based upon [conoscopic probe](https://www.deepdyve.com/lp/emerald-publishing/conoscopic-probes-are-set-to-transform-industrial-metrology-dL3FC3ukUZ) technology) enabling it to be used on a factory floor   
(c) invented a [DSL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Domain-specific_language) used to implement a 3D graphics toolkit based upon [OpenGL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/OpenGL) in order to visualize and manipulate the huge clouds of potentially millions of data points resulting from the probe measurements

(d) [More details ...](http://www.AvrahamBernstein.com/cv/AvrahamBernstein-CV-Full.html" \l "robotics)

1. avionics: 1984-85: DSI (defunct?), [Elta/IAI](https://www.iai.co.il/about/groups/elta-systems)

* junior programmer for the radar on the [Lavi fighter plane](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IAI_Lavi)

1. data collection terminals: 1983 & 1986: DSI (defunct?), [Elta/IAI](https://www.iai.co.il/about/groups/elta-systems), Elde (defunct)

* my first embedded software project in which I implemented a micro kernel for the [Intel 8080](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intel_8080) under the guidance of a senior mentor

## Computer Languages & Packages

| Expertise | Language |
| --- | --- |
| 5/5 | C99, C11, [gcc](https://gcc.gnu.org/), clang, bash, awk, [markdown](https://daringfireball.net/projects/markdown/), [pandoc](https://www.pandoc.org/), Linux User Mode API & CLI |
| 4/5 | make, [sed](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sed), Python, [pyexpander](https://pyexpander.sourceforge.io/), [TCL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tcl), [tinyc](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tiny_C_Compiler), Zim personal wiki, MkDocs static web site generator |
| 3/5 | C++, HTML5, Javascript, [WASM](https://webassembly.org/), [XML](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/XML), JSON, Yaml, [ELF](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Executable_and_Linkable_Format), [Lief](https://github.com/lief-project/LIEF), [Zydis](https://github.com/zyantific/zydis), [Pydis](https://github.com/novogen/pydis), [SrcML](https://www.srcml.org/), [Beautiful Soup](https://beautiful-soup-4.readthedocs.io/en/latest/), [Jinja2](https://jinja2docs.readthedocs.io/en/stable/), Reveal.js, git, Jira, Excel, Visual Studio, [libvirt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Libvirt), [VirtualBox](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/VirtualBox), Windows User Mode API |
| 2/5 | CMake, [SVG](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scalable_Vector_Graphics), Golang, [LLVM](https://llvm.org/), Antlr, bison, flex, Assembler, [Forth](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forth_(programming_language)), Prolog, Lisp, Fortran, C#, Java, J (i.e. neo-APL), Lua, Sql, Numpy, OpenGL, [SNMP](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simple_Network_Management_Protocol), TCP/IP, UDP, vim |

My expertise level ranking is based upon how frequently I use these languages, and also based upon my personal preferences. But since I write compilers, I am usually able to become proficient in any computer language that my job requires within 1-2 weeks.