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OBJECTIVE: Mechanical engineer with 8+ years of product development, robotic, and medical design experience interested in developing electronic and software skills; seeking multidisciplinary opportunities and innovative challenges

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mechanical Engineer & Business Developer | [NK Labs](#) | Cambridge, MA | Jun 2017 – Present

Mechanical Engineering

- Engaged in projects through full prototype design process: system architecture, conceptual and detail design, FEA, fabrication, assembly, and testing
- Designed custom parts in SolidWorks for a wide range of applications, industries, and client companies
 - DFM: Multi-Axis Machining, Water Jet, MIG / TIG Welding, Rapid Prototyping, Injection Molding, etc.
- Prepared technical drawings, interfaced with machinists, implemented GD&T practices when appropriate
- Specified part finishes such as anodize, paint, coatings, and surface finish as needed
- Worked closely with electrical design team to determine PCB mechanical layout, connectors, clearances, etc.
- Led project to design, build, and test smart camera vision system for industrial environment; passed IP65 test
- Created automated 3-axis dark box test rig to assess light-sensitive electronics; wrote MATLAB control software
- Redesigned and refitted high-vacuum chamber for muon-catalyzed fusion physics experiment for ease-of-access and assembly, particle permeability, vacuum compliance, wire routing, and existing geometric constraints
- Coordinated and collaborated with various clients, manufacturers, vendors, testing facilities, etc.

Business Development, Marketing, & Recruitment

- Served as main point of contact for potential clients; conducted introductory and detail meetings
 - Managed project leads; drafted project proposals and edited grant applications
 - Led interview process for co-op and full-time hires: filtered resumes, ran phone screens, hosted interviews, etc.
 - Overhauled and maintained company website, improved SEO, created ads, and increased monthly traffic by >3X
 - Hosted company booths at US Dept. of Energy ARPA-E Summit and BIOMEDevice Expo
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Advanced Systems Mechanical Engineering Co-op | [Boston Engineering](#) | Waltham, MA | Jan – Jun 2016

- Created complex parts and assemblies for AUV and robotic systems in PTC Creo and maintained in Windchill PDM
 - Designed static and dynamic seals, housings, and identified preferred CG and CB of marine components
 - Learned and applied basics of circuitry to assemble functional electrical prototype systems
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Mechanical Engineering Co-op | [Farm Product Development](#) | Hollis, NH | Jan – Jun 2015

- Worked on design projects for clients across the biomedical industry from brainstorming to full-scale prototypes
 - Obtained skills for surface modeling within SolidWorks and earned Advanced Surfacing certification
 - Performed FEA using ANSYS Workbench and SolidWorks Simulation to determine necessary part geometry
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Research & Development Co-op | [LeMaitre Vascular](#) | Burlington, MA | Jan – Jun 2014

- Used SolidWorks to design, model, and produce drawings of parts and fixtures for biomed R&D and production use
 - Conducted device and component testing on samples across many of company's surgical product lines
 - Made regular use of laboratory equipment such as Instron Tester, Vision System, and burst pressure system
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TECHNICAL SKILLS

Software: SolidWorks CSWP | PTC Creo / Windchill | Onshape | MATLAB | ANSYS | Git | Linux (Ubuntu) | Python (basic)

Fabrication: Mill | Lathe | 3D Printers (SLA, FDM) | Water Jet Cutter | Laser Cutter | DFM | Woodworking | Soldering

Testing: Instron Material Tester | Multimeter | Oscilloscope | Ingress Protection | High-Vacuum

Languages: English (native) | Spanish (limited working proficiency)

EDUCATION

B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, Minor in Biomechanical Eng. | [Northeastern University](#) | Boston, MA | May 2017

Honors: Graduated *magna cum laude* | University Honors Program | Dean's List | Nat'l Hispanic Recognition Program

Senior Capstone Design Project: Automated Control System to Map Cartilage Material Properties | **Team Lead**

INDUSTRIES

Robotics & Automation | Consumer Electronics | Biotech | Enclosures | Cryogenics | Aerospace | Scientific Instrumentation