

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

Cummulative GPA: N/A

PhD, COMPUTER ENGINEERING

2016-

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Cummulative GPA: 3.905, Magna Cum Laude

BSEE, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

2011-2015

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE RESEARCH, ORLANDO FL

NOVEMBER 2015-

The focus on my research here has been on the security of the **Internet of Things**, more specifically the development of defenses for IoT devices against attacks. Consequently, much of my work so far has been in **PCB design and assembly** to develop devices to test out security ideas or provide education on hardware security. Designs so far have incorporated **MSP430** and **Atmel** microcontrollers, and work is on a new design incorporating the **CC3200** Wifi SoC.

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHER, ORLANDO FL

DECEMBER 2014 - MARCH 2015

This research experience actually has had so far two major projects. The first phase was focused on Working on a **RAVEN II** medical robot running the **ROS C++** robotics framework. This robot was meant to work as surgery robot, with our task being to augment the controls with BCI-based controls to improve usability. Unfortunately the robot proved hard to use, and we switched over to working in **signal processing** in **Python** of EEG data in general. Our team has been studying **feature extraction** and **SSVEP frequency detection** to hopefully advance the state of the art. We have used **emokit Python** library to extract signals from Emotiv EEG headset.

## INTERNSHIPS

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IBM EXTREME BLUE INTERN, RTP NC

MAY 2015 - AUGUST 2015

Here our team worked on zero knowledge **encryption** for **IBM Connections Cloud**. We were the pioneering efforts at this, producing a proof of concept to pave the way for the actual Connections team to develop. We used **JavaScript and Node.js** for the server **backend**, and modified and used existing **Java** and **Python** code and libraries for various parts of the project. Our team was organized around modern programming practices, working in an **agile** team of four, with heavy emphasis on **test coverage** and **unit testing**.

GOOGLE SOFTWARE ENGINEER INTERN, CHAPEL HILL NC

MAY 2014 - AUGUST 2014

Here I worked as an intern on the Skia benchmarking team, worked on benchmarking framework for **Skia** rendering engine team. I learned **Go**, and contributed code in **C++**, **Python**, and **Go** for both internal and open source projects. This job involved pipelining the gigabytes of data being produced daily from test bots into a useful visualization for the Skia team.

## PROJECTS

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- **UCF Lunar Knights** project, electrical/communications teams
  - Helped with **wireless communication** with **Beaglebone Black**
  - **UART** communication with **Arduino** to send **PWM** to motor controllers
  - Helped in robot assembly, troubleshooting and debugging
- **IEEE-UCF Hardware Team** for SouthEastCon, motors team
  - Involved in the design and construction of motors system for competition robot
  - Programmed, along with a few others, the **Arduino** powering the robot during competition
- Senior design project
  - **Hardware system design** for all components
    - \* Led overall hardware system design
    - \* Designed schematics for all components using **KiCAD** EDA software
    - \* Converted schematics into PCBs using **KiCAD**
  - Research into **signal processing** for **feature extraction** with respect to applications in **brain-computer interfaces**
  - Created and designed laser cut design to create gimbal to control wheelchair joystick
  - Wrote **assembly** for the **MSP430** to test the gimbal

## SKILLS

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- Hobbyist experience with eletronics design and reverse engineering, guitar electronics repair
- Fluent in **C/C++**, **Python**, **Go**, **Verilog**
- Working knowledge of **x86/x64/MIPS/MSP430** assembly, **Java**, **LaTeX**, **bash**, **MATLAB** **Kicad** EDA Software Suite, **Multisim**, **Xilinx ISE**
- GitHub user: <https://github.com/cactorium>