

# Charles Liu

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## EDUCATION

### University of Toronto, St. George Campus

Expected May 2026

*Bachelor of Applied Science in Computer Engineering, Minor In Artificial Intelligence Engineering*

*Toronto, ON*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Software Engineer Co-op, Embedded

May 2024 – Present

*ecobee Inc.*

*Toronto, ON*

- **Won a company-wide hackathon** by designing a portable air quality sensor and engineering its **RESTful API** endpoints for **AWS** services and mobile app integration. Utilize **Postman**.
- Eliminated **100%** of human errors by developing an **ASP.NET**-based **microservice client** in **C#** that automates serial number replenishment. Leveraged **Test Driven Development** by writing unit tests with **XUnit**.
- Improved automated hardware testing precision by **56%** via revamping test infrastructure software with **.NET** framework and **OOP** best practices in **C++/CLI**. Used to produce **3 million+** smart thermostats.
- Boosted **MongoDB** query result performance by refactoring dashboard web app persistence layer in **Python**.
- Streamlined software release process by engineering a **Github Actions CI/CD** pipeline using **YAML** and **Python** scripts to build artifacts, upload software bundles, and generate release notification emails to clients.
- Practiced Agile by utilizing **Jira** scrum boards to plan sprints and track progress, documenting technical findings in **Confluence**, and reviewing MRs/PRs code with **Github/Gitlab**.

### Hardware/Firmware Engineer Intern

May 2023 – September 2023

*Epic Safety Inc.*

*Vancouver, BC*

- Architected production-grade **Windows** software with **C#** and **.NET Core** to conduct tests and store results.
- Wrote **Embedded Firmware** in **C** on a **STM32 ARM Cortex-M0** using Keil MDK and STM32CubeMx.

### Web Developer, Freelance

May 2021 – August 2021

*Karasik Auctions*

*Vancouver, BC*

- Developed a collectibles-labeling web application using **ReactJS/NodeJS** that catapulted the company's efficiency by **200 %** by semi-automating the arduous process of hand-editing new grading labels.

## OTHER TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

### Cloud Software Open Source Contributor

September 2024 - Present

*CNCF Kubernetes Knative Project*

*Toronto, ON*

- Enabled synchronous requests on Kubernetes Knative Eventing's asynchronous event-driven architecture by making the custom init container triggers for the RequestReply resource in **Go**.

### Autonomous Vehicle System Software Engineer

October 2024 - Present

*aUToronto- University of Toronto's first-prize-winning autonomous vehicle design team*

*Toronto, ON*

- Automated self-driving vehicle system fault recovery by implementing a diagnostics **Robot Operating System** node for a system watchdog in **C++** and converting Cepton lidar driver nodes to use ROS 2's managed lifecycle.

## SKILLS

**Programming Languages:** C++, C#, Python, JavaScript, C, SQL, Golang, HTML5, CSS.

**Frameworks and Libraries:** ReactJS, NodeJS, ExpressJS, .NET, Bootstrap, PyTorch, YOLO, OpenCV, scikit-learn.

**Tools and others:** Kubernetes, MongoDB, Docker, Bash, Git, Github, Visual Studio, Vim, Agile, STMCubeMx.

## PROJECTS

### Seatbelt Detection Using Deep Learning

August 2023

- **Preprocessed data** by merging, cleaning and converting COCO datasets from RoboFlow and Imagenet.
- **Built computer vision model** by leveraging the **YOLO** object detection model for **transfer learning** and combining it with a fully-connected **ANN** classifier using **PyTorch**.
- **Trained model** using **adversarial training** for improved performance, **CUDA** for expedited training time.
- **Evaluated model** by building a baseline **CNN** that achieved a **90.5 %** accuracy on validation dataset.