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Education

San Diego State University

San Diego, CA Aug 2023 - May 2025

B.S. Computer Science

Associate's in Psychology

 Relevant Coursework: Software Engineering, Operating Systems, Artificial intelligence, Database Theory and implementation, Robotics

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Mexicali, B.C. Mexico Aug 2013 - May 2016

Associate's in Electronics

• Academic Tutor for Electronic Classes (Digital Design, Microcontrollers, Electrical Circuits)

Leadership & Work Experience

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Mar 2025 - Current

STEM & ART Instructor

- Teach hands-on classes in 3D printing, drone building and piloting, pottery, bridge engineering with popsicle sticks, and more programs.
- Instruct students ranging from elementary to middle school across multiple campuses
- Collaborate with schools and internal curriculum teams to deliver enriching, multidisciplinary STEM content.

The Coder School

Encinitas, CA Sep 2024 - Mar 2025

Coding Coach

- Taught kids aged 7–18 how to program games and interactive projects using Scratch, Python, and Roblox Studio.
- Delivered personalized instruction based on student skill levels, from complete beginners to intermediate coders.
- Build strong rapport with students and parents while tracking individual learning progress.

Sunny Days

Encinitas, CA Sep 2024 - Mar 2025

Behavior Technician

- Delivered Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy to children with autism spectrum disorder in home and school settings
- Supported individual behavior plans by implementing positive reinforcement strategies and data-driven interventions
- Tracked client progress and communicated results with Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) and caregivers

Projects & Technical Experience

San Diego State University: Unix/Linux System Administration Internship

- Installed and configured multiple Unix-based operating systems: OpenBSD, FreeBSD, Rocky Linux, Ubuntu,
- Set up a DNS server with BIND9, a Certificate Authority using OpenSSL, and LDAP authentication across lab VMs
- Deployed secure mail (Sendmail/Dovecot), file (NFS), and print (CUPS) servers in virtualized environments
- Compiled and deployed a custom Linux kernel, containerized web services with Docker and NGINX, and used Ansible for automation

CS 556: Robotics Labs

- Programmed a Pololu 3pi+ robot in Arduino C++ using PD controllers and PID controllers, Odometry, and Sensors
- Designed a Finite State Automaton (FSA) to switch robot behavior based on sonar and encoder feedback
- Implemented Particle Filter Localization, combining odometry and sensor input to track position on a grid
- Tuned controller parameters through experimentation and real-time debugging to ensure consistent behavior in dynamic environments

Unity RPG Game Project (Work in progress..)

- Designed and developed a 2D RPG game in Unity using C#, implementing player movement, knockback effects, shader-based visual feedback, and enemy AI
- Integrated keyboard and controller inputs, and developed sprite animation systems for characters and objects
- Managed a collaborative GitHub project using version control to coordinate team development and feature integration
- Debugged networked player logic, animation syncing, and gameplay responsiveness while incorporating screen shake and visual polish

Skills

- Languages: Python, C#, Java, SQL, C++, Haskell, Bash, Assembly, Pandas
- Tools & Technologies: Docker, Linux (OpenBSD, Ubuntu, Rocky Linux), OpenLDAP, OpenSSL, Git, Arduino IDE, Unity, GitHub, Scikit-learn, Microcontrollers (PIC), circuit debugging (oscilloscopes, multimeters), analog/digital components (logic gates, SCRs, op-amps), PLCs

Bonus Projects

Pacman AI Agent - Search Algorithms for Navigation

- Developed an intelligent Pacman agent using Python to traverse a maze while avoiding obstacles based on weighted paths.
- Implemented and compared various search algorithms (DFS, BFS, A*, UCS) to determine the most efficient route.
- Focused on path optimization and dynamic response to environmental hazards.

Smart Home Automation System - PIC Microcontroller Project

- Designed and implemented a smart home system using a PIC microcontroller, integrating both AC and DC control.
- Utilized photo sensors, optical sensors, relays, fuses, and SCRs to control lighting, temperature, and motion detection.
- Created a reliable multi-sensor interface for home automation with analog and digital components.

Data Science Research Project – House Price Prediction (Incomplete)

- Collected and cleaned multi-state housing datasets, applied normalization, and engineered features to improve accuracy.
- Used regression models including Linear Regression, Random Forest, and Deep Forest for price prediction.
- Focused on identifying key pricing indicators across states using scikit-learn and pandas.

Machine Learning Research – Future Tech Skills Forecasting (Incomplete)

- Analyzed job market data to predict trends in technical skills using ML models.
- Preprocessed and normalized time-series and categorical data, applied regression models to forecast skill relevance.
- Explored model performance using accuracy metrics and visualization tools for trend interpretation.

RF System - Transmitter and Receiver Radio

- Designed and built a working FM/AM radio system using discrete analog components
- Soldered components (capacitors, inductors, resistors, potentiometers) onto a copper plaque to create both the transmitter and receiver circuits.
- Applied principles of analog signal amplification, frequency modulation, and wave propagation.