DESMOND MEHTA

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EDUCATION

Yale University New Haven, CT

B.S.+M.S., Computer Science

4.22 GPA, 1580 SAT

Sep 2024 — May 2028

• Relevant coursework: Discrete Math, Systems Programming, Compilers, VLSI, Intensive Physics

Cold Spring Harbor High School

Cold Spring Harbor, NY

Sep 2020 — Jun 2024

• Relevant coursework: Linear Algebra, Multivariable Calculus, Physics C, 12× AP 5's

Columbia University Science Honors Program

New York, NY

Weekend coursework in Relativity, Quantum Computing, and Materials Science

Sep 2022 — May 2024

Work

Head of Platform at Sea12 New York, NY

Led full-stack development and deployment of our AI agent orchestration platform

Apr 2025 — Aug 2025

Research

Asynchronous VLSI & Architecture Group

Yale University

Designing silicon modules for inter-chip communication

Jan 2025 — Present

Bioelectronics Lab Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research

Jun 2024 — Aug 2024

Improved radio transmission protocol for rodent-implanted neural recording device

Columbia Engineering

Neural Acoustic Processing Lab

Jun 2023 — Aug 2023

MATLAB signal processing methods for minimally-invasive neural implants

Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research

<u>Human Brain Mapping Lab</u> Python signal processing to study the role of Sharp Wave–Ripples in memory

Jun 2022 — Mar 2023

ACTIVITIES

Yale Undergraduate Aerospace Association

New Haven, CT

CubeSat Architecture and Security Board Lead and Project Liquid Team Member

Sep 2024 — Present

- Leading migration of satellite codebase from C to C++ and planning of higher-level design paradigms
- Designing new STM32-based motherboard for liquid-fuel rocket; rewriting codebase in Rust

FIRST Robotics Competition

Cold Spring Harbor, NY

Build Captain, CAD Captain, Field Technician

Jan 2021 — Apr 2024

- Qualified for World Championship in 2023 and 2024
- Developed autonomous targeting system in addition to leading design in 2024

Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam

Cambridge, MA

Team Founder and Technical Lead

May 2023 — Jun 2024

- Designed and fabricated a cost-effective, environmentally-friendly, and scalable solution for tick mitigation
- 1 of 8 teams selected nationally for \$7,500 grant, only team to win Microsoft Make What's Next grant

PROJECTS

Watch:

Openwhisper: Open-source Superwhisper clone, written with Tauri (Rust and Svelte)

NHRL: Designed robots for and competed in the NHRL Combat Robotics Competition in 2023 and 2024

Drone: Designed, built, and programmed an FPV drone using KiCAD, Onshape, and Rust

• Wrote control systems and multiple drivers from scratch; codebase is 100% Rust

Congressional App Challenge: Developed an app to track water quality; 2023 Winner, District NY01

SKILLS

Programming: C, Rust, C++, Python, MATLAB, Java, Go, JS/TS, React, Svelte, Verilog, CUDA

CAD: Experienced in Onshape, Solidworks, Fusion 360, KiCad, Magic VLSI