# **DERICK THOMAS**

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#### **EMPLOYMENT**

## Software Engineer/Founder

# VisualCalcs (startup)

March 2019 - Present

Section Properties Calculator (VisualCalcs.com)

- Developed an in-browser CAD application that calculates the structural properties of beams for aerospace and civil engineering.
- Implemented this full stack application including a JavaScript/HTML/CSS client side with CAD drawing functionality. The Python/Flask server side accepts JSON representations of the user's input and performs numerical analysis.

### **Structures Engineer**

## **Altech Aerospace**

August 2018 - March 2020

- Authored structural analysis for a major radome installation on upcoming Airbus aircraft. This analysis,
  which typically takes four months, was submitted to the FAA in less than 2 months due to use of VBA and
  Python to automate simulation tasks, run analyses, and generate reports.
- Designed and substantiated structural repairs and modifications for major US carriers.

### Mechanical Engineer, Intern

#### Tektronix

**September 2017 – June 2018** 

- Designed and implemented assembly system enabling the user to constantly glue a 5mm optical prism to the end of a bundle of fiber cables with +/- .05mm positional tolerance.
- The system involved actuated motion, machined components, high-magnification optics, a GUI (VBA), and a UV-curing adhesive dispenser. The project was completed under budget and with all stretch goals met.
- System was integrated into the manufacturing process of their flagship military avionics component.

## Mechanical Engineer, Intern

## Daimler

April 2016 - September 2016

- Designed, prototyped and tested components for use in the powertrain of the premier Freightliner vehicle.
- Used VBA to automate interaction between legacy information systems and Excel.

### Musician/Music Teacher

### Self-Employed

March 2011 - September 2014

• Performed and recorded with multiple groups, managed a teaching studio, and taught lessons and classes.

### **EDUCATION**

# Portland, OR

**Portland State University** 

September 2014 – June 2018

• Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering. In-major GPA: 3.8.

### Eugene, OR

**University of Oregon** 

September 2010 - June 2014

• Bachelor of Arts, Music Performance.

#### **PROJECTS**

**Personal Website:** dthomas.io (for additional information and projects)

- **Digital Meeting Scheduler** (In Progress). Web-based tool that generates and distributes polls to determine best meeting time and platform.
  - <u>Technologies Used</u>: Node.js, Express, MySQL, HTML/CSS
- Uptower Data Acquisition Device, a remote monitoring system for wind turbine power generation. Developed FIFO routines to manage asynchronously collected data, implemented software and hardware filters, created packet-based wireless communication protocol with data transmission error detection and implemented power saving modes to allow continuous data collection during low wind periods. Technologies Used: C, ARM Cortex-M4, I2C, SPI, UART, CubeMX, Eclipse, Oscilloscope, Breadboard

#### **LANGUAGES AND TECHNOLOGIES**

- Languages (proficient): JavaScript, Python, HTML/CSS
- Languages/Frameworks (familiar): C, Node.js, Flask, Django, MySQL, Express
- · Software: SolidWorks, PTC Creo, Siemens NX10, FEMAP, MATLAB, Visual Studio, PyCharm