# Nikola V. Maruszewski

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## **EDUCATION**

### Northwestern University

Evanston, IL

Bachelor of Science, Computer Science; Master of Science, Computer Engineering

Sep 2022 - Jun 2025

• Score: 4.00/4.00

• Relevant Coursework: Computer Architecture (with RISC-V); Advanced Digital Design (in Verilog); Compiler Construction; Code Analysis and Transformation (in LLVM); UI/UX Design; Machine Learning; Deep Learning

#### EXPERIENCE

Software Engineer

Jun 2023 – Present

Evanston, IL

Northwestern Fintech Club

Help build and maintain a trading infrastructure using C++, Python, CMake, Machine Learning, libcurl, and libuv.

- Created a orderbook system to pull orderbooks from exchanges using libcurl and libuv, then push them into a Redis instance for consumption by ML prediction clients.
- Organized linting and build systems for multiple projects, in C++ and Python.
- Helped create a devlopment architecture for the coming years, with a focus on reducing technical debt.

## Summer Undergraduate Researcher

Jun 2023 - Sep 2023

 $PARAG@N\ Lab$ 

Evanston, IL

Funded by an NSF REU and a grant from the NU CS department, I was able to perform cutting-edge research on quantum computing.

- Designed and programmed a quantum compiler to optimize quantum circuits for emerging quantum computer topologies.
- Created a development framework and tools for further quantum systems research.
- Student leader of the project while an undergraduate student.

Teaching Assistant

Jun 2023 - Aug 2023

Evanston, IL

Northwestern University

Acted as an undergraduate peer mentor for CS 321 Programming Languages.

- Held several office hours each week.
- Answered questions, both synchronously in office hours and asynchronously on a Piazza message board.

#### Campus Ambassador

Sep 2023 – Present

Evanston, IL

• Researched, reached out to, and scheduled meetings with relevant campus groups to discuss Ansys' tools.

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- Organized lunch info sessions for Ansys, including booking rooms and organizing food.
- Coordinated with a member of the Ansys team for the campus work.

## PROJECTS

Ansys

MediumAnt | C, Polulu Wixel, Polulu Micro Maestro, Servos

Jan 2022 - Feb 2022

- Six-legged ant-like robot created in collaboration with Dr. Shai Revzen at the BIRDS Lab at the University of Michigan.
- Built from laser-cut styrofoam; moves using 360° servos controlled by a Polulu Micro Maestro.
- Movement control accomplished by two wirelessly communicating Polulu Wixels, one on the robot to control motors and the other connected to a PC to recieve commands.

## Self-Balancing Robot | C++, Arduino, MPU6050, L298N

Jan 2020 - Jul 2021

- Two wheeled self-balancing robot using a MPU6050 gyroscope and L298N motor controller.
- All code is written in C++; the motors are PID controlled using the angle of the robot reported by the gyroscope.
- The bulk of the work was done from 2020.01.06 to 2020.01.24, with additional work during July 2021.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

Rebecca Ashley Thatcher Award for Overall Academic Achievement | Roycemore School Awarded to the best-performing student in the Roycemore Senior class.

2022.06.03

 ${\bf Headmaster's} \,\, {\bf Award} \,\, | \,\, {\it Roycemore \, School} \,\,$ 

2022.05.13

Awarded to the Senior best representing Roycemore's Core Values.

#### TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, C and C++, JavaScript, Java, MATLAB, Shell Script

Machine Learning: PyTorch, NumPy, PolaRS, Scikit-learn, Linear Algebra

Tools: Docker, Containerd, Taskfile, Make, CMake, Ruff and Flake8, Mypy, Poetry, Git, Github Actions, Linux

Robotics: Embedded devices, Embedded programming, ESP-32, Arduino, Intel 8051, Motor controls, Servos,

Gyroscopes, PID Tuning, Motion processing, Command processing, Wireless communication