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SUMMARY

CREATIVE, SELF-MOTIVATED, AND PASSIONATE ENGINEER DRIVEN TO SOLVE PROBLEMS AND CREATE NOVEL NEW IDEAS.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND
B.S. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
Graduated May 2017 | Tacoma, WA

SKILLS

- Software Development (Embedded: C, C++, Desktop: Qt, .Net)
- STM32 Ecosystem: Cube, TouchGFX
- PCB design and layout (Altium Designer)
- Power Electronics Design and Controls
- Electromechanical System Design

ABOUT

My work specializes in embedded systems, but I enjoy the breadth of skills involved with creating something from scratch: CNC machining, computer graphics, metal fabrication. See my website for a portfolio of personal projects.

WORK EXPERIENCE

CHAPMAN LEONARD | FIRMWARE/EE/SYSTEMS CONSULTANT

Dec. 2023 - Present | North Hollywood, CA

- Hired as a consultant to spearhead upgrading traditional video production studio equipment to software control.
- Responsible for systems design, power-electronics design, high reliability real-time firmware, UI firmware, and systems integration for version 2 of an 8000 pound hydraulic/electric studio crane base to run IMU-based hydraulic post-stabilization, servo drive for repeated movements, and wireless console for user control.
- Designed circuit boards, created firmware/bootloader suite, and produced a small production run of a camera-head "Mini-Console" with touch screen interface created using ST TouchGFX. Created a series of user-interface devices and associated electronics and firmware to interface with the Mini-Console.
- Coordinated a small team of mechanical engineers for electro-mechanical upgrades to existing bases.

FREEFLY SYSTEMS | ROBOTICS ENGINEER

July 2017 - June 2022 | Woodinville, WA

- Involved in system design, electrical design and software development of medium-volume (prosumer) products, including:
 - *Industrial Gimbal Payloads*: Owned the system design, electrical and software design and development, and production processes for a new gimbal framework, and PX4 aircraft integration for Astro.
 - *Astro*, a drone aimed at industrial applications: Electrical design and PCB layout, and application/bootloader firmware development/validation of a high reliability field-oriented brushless motor drive.
 - *MoVi Ecosystem*: Owned firmware development of Freefly's cinema-grade gimbals and controllers including a major software revamp that introduced many new features for existing customers. For high-volume products, developed factory bringup fixtures and systems.
 - *Alta X*: Motor telemetry module: in rapid response to a crash and recall, reverse-engineered a protocol for proprietary off-the-shelf motor drives and developed an electrical and software package for communicating with the aircraft.

UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND | SCIENCE SUPPORT ENGINEER

Sep. 2013 - May 2017 | Tacoma, WA

- Supported the sciences at UPS by designing and maintaining research equipment
- Projects include:
 - *String winder*: designed, fabricated, and programmed a computer controlled guitar string lathe for a research project, and the supporting equipment and software for analysis. Co-authored paper with findings.
 - *Nitrogen Generator*: designed, fabricated, and programmed a computer controlled pressure-swing-absorption system for replacing nitrogen dewars in the UPS Chemistry department
 - *CNC Plasma Cutter*: built a CNC plasma cutter for use in the machine shop

DIGIWEST, LLC | ENGINEER/TECHNICIAN

Summer 2014 | Portland, OR

- Involved with assembly, development, testing, and packaging of the Digiwest BlueMAC traffic data collector hardware
- Designed and prototyped a version of the BlueMAC product for use in NEMA TS2 cabinets

MISC. Before 2013

- Routeware - Special Product Engineering Consultant
- Mentor Graphics - Software Development Intern
- FIRST Robotics Technical Mentor