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Education

December Carnegie Mellon University • Pittsburgh, PA • 3.90 GPA

2019 Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Work Experience

2017- Research Assistant • Carnegie Mellon Biorobotics Lab • Pittsburgh, PA

- Present Developing a compact, high current motor driver with GaNFETs and Field Oriented Control
 - Designed a miniaturized platform with an under 1 square inch footprint and wide input power supply for edge computing, analog sensing, and inertial measurement
 - Evaluated and developed with TI mmWave technology, experimental 76-81GHz radar
 - Implemented UART echo for the ATTiny 85 in AVR assembler with 34 word program

2019- Teaching Assistant • Carnegie Mellon University • Pittsburgh, PA

- Present Working to support a course focusing on the theoretical background and practical application of robot kinematics and dynamics
 - Developed tools in LaTeX to make homework submission easier

Summer Electrical Engineering Intern • HEBI Robotics • Pittsburgh, PA

- 2019 Developed a modular power controller for seamless power ORing, battery charging, power button control, soft-start, and high efficiency DC-DC conversion up to 6A per channel
 - Designed a configurable test bench to assess the robustness and efficiency of regulators
 - Created a small form-factor Ethernet switch to fit into an existing modular T-joint
 - Developed a shunt regulator capable of mitigating transient spikes by over 50%
 - Worked on an Ethernet-enabled sensing platform with software selectable output voltages

2016- System Lead • Carnegie Mellon Racing • Pittsburgh, PA

- Worked on a team to create an award winning Formula 1 Electric race car
 - Designed, documented, and routed the wiring harness for the car
 - Reverse engineered, documented, and reorganized an old design for increased clarity

Summer Electrical Engineering Intern • Deeplocal • Sharpsburg, PA

- Optimized firmware for a Cypress Programmable System on Chip (PSoC) to control 300 addressable LEDs, 6 motors, and numerous auxiliary sensors from a single low-cost chip
- Designed, prototyped, and assembled PCBs under tight constraints for custom lighting
- Selected and tested motors and motor controllers based on torque and speed requirements

Skills

PCB and Hardware Design Altium Designer • PSoC Creator • Quartus II • SystemVerilog

Power Electronics • Analog Design • Digital Circuitry Circuit Design **CAD** Experience AutoCAD • Autodesk Inventor • Fusion 360 • 3ds Max

C • x86 Assembly • MATLAB • Python • C++ • LaTeX • Java • ROS **Programming Fabrication and Prototyping** Laser Cutting • PCB Milling • CNC Routing • 3D Printing • Soldering