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EDUCATION

Australian National University (ANU)

FEB 2019 - DEC 2023

- Bachelor of Engineering (Research & Development)
- Major: Mechatronics | Minor: Computer Science
- First Class Honours | GPA: 6.72 out of 7
- Excellence Scholarship (2019)
- CECC Dickins Scholarship in Engineering (2023)

Narrabundah College

JAN 2017 - DEC 2018

- ATAR: 99.20

PRIMARY WORK EXPERIENCE

Geodrones Australia, Mechatronics Engineer

NOV 2023 - PRESENT

- Finalist at Australian AI Awards 2024.
- Deployed near real-time AI change detection system on a drone (C++/Python/PyTorch), fusing camera and LiDAR measurements for live results to operators.
- Adapted, integrated and evaluated open-source state estimator for GPS-Denied UAV navigation on proprietary drones (ROS/Gazebo)
- Experience debugging and managing CMake build systems.
- Basic experience with networking: protocols, security, troubleshooting connectivity issues, using Wireshark.
- Developed a software stack enabling real-time, secure containerised (Docker) drone task swapping, improving operational flexibility and efficiency.
- All software developed and maintained collaboratively using Git
- Pitched to industry partners and VIPs, providing live demos at National Security & Defence expo (October Sky 2024).
- Designed basic custom PCBs with Altium.
- Expanded battery management system capability (C/STM32)
- Designed drone hover stabilisation using optical flow.

Complementary Inertial Navigation System for Improved UAV State Estimation, ANU Research Student

JAN 2023 - DEC 2024

- Co-authored paper in European Journal of Control – “Constructive synchronous observer design for inertial navigation with delayed GNSS measurements”.
- Achieved 86/100 on thesis and seminar.
- Advanced Linear Algebra to execute the implementation of a novel INS filter algorithm using ArduPilot and Python.
- Fused sensor measurements (magnetometer, barometer, GPS velocity) to further enhance performance.
- Results of my initial implementation were presented at the ArduPilot 2023 Conference.

Private Tutor, Tutor

MAY 2019 - PRESENT

- Tutoring 4 students (55 since 2019), aged 8-18, with diverse backgrounds.
- Improved student grades from C/B to A average.
- Simplified complex concepts for easy understanding.
- Taught time management and self-sufficiency skills.
- Eager to instill lasting subject curiosity in students

SECONDARY WORK EXPERIENCE

Signals & Bio Engineering Research, ANU Research Student

JAN 2020 - NOV 2021

Project 1: Selectivity of Acetone Breath Sensor (6 months)

- Achieved 88/100 on thesis and seminar.
- Meta-analysis to find areas to improve acetone breath sensors.
- Refined information extraction, interpretation and synthesis skills.

Project 2: ML Acoustic Emotion Recognition (12 months)

- Achieved 91/100 on thesis and seminar.
- Investigated spatial audio features for enhancing ML performance in acoustic emotion recognition.
- Gained knowledge in spatial audio and HRTF concepts.
- Seaborn data visualisation and ML algorithm adaptation.
- Testing through Python and MATLAB.
- sklearn for traditional ML and TensorFlow for deep learning.

BixeLab, Digital Identity Testing Analyst

NOV 2021 - NOV 2023

- World's second NIST/FIDO accredited biometric testing lab
- Data analysis with Pandas and creating client reports
- Small team of 15 - demanded adaptability and learning agility
- Automated processes and uplifted secure data handling protocol

SKILLS

- **Programming Languages:** Python, C++, C, Java, JS, Haskell
- **Tools:** Git, Linux, Docker, ROS, Vim, CMake, PyTorch, TensorFlow, Gazebo, ArduPilot, Jira, STM32 Cube IDE, Fusion360, Altium
- **Communication Protocols:** UART, I2C, PMBUS, CANOpen, UDP
- **Embedded:** C, Verilog
- **Front-end:** HTML, CSS, Curses (TUI)
- **Personal Projects:** Connect4, Pong, Snake, Portfolio Website

EXTRA CURRICULAR

ANU Engineering Student Association, Head of Social

2020 - 2021

- ANU's 3rd largest student association
- Lead a team of 3 people
- Organized 5 events
- Produced \$1,700 in sales from social events, exceeding previous years' performance

Volunteering for Australian Sri Lankan Buddhist Association (ASLBA)

2010 - 2024

- Volunteering for ASLBA at the Red Cross Blood Donation Centre as a photographer (2020)
- Master of Ceremony for and general involvement in cultural events (2010 - 2017)
- Volunteer at ASLBA community events

National Premier League (NPL) Soccer

2013 - 2021

- Highest level of football in Canberra
- Runners-up in 2019 (U18 NPL1) and semi-finalists in 2021 (U23 NPL2).
- Consistently trained while managing a balanced lifestyle.

Referees: Available on request