

EDUCATION

Boston University

PhD Computer Science

Start 09/2025

- Specialization in Real-time Operating Systems

BA/MS Computer Science

Expected 05/2025

- Cumulative GPA: 3.72/4.0
- Notable Courses: Object Oriented Design (CS611), Cloud Computing (CS 528), Operating Systems (CS 552), Databases (CS660), Algorithms (CS 630), Functional Programming (CS 320)

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- **Coding Skills:** C/C++, Kubernetes, Python, Rust, Docker, Git, Bash, Emacs, FlutterFlow, CI/CD
- **Interests:** Operating systems, charity, Jazz trumpet, fitness

PROJECTS (www.github.com/rkulskis)

Bits of CS Inc., Independent

03/2023 - Present

- Founded a nonprofit for free online education.
- Authored a computer science textbook covering college-level curricula, published online (www.bitsofcs.com)

Standalone Operating System, School

12/2023

- Co-developed a virtual disk in C and Assembly on intel i386 architecture with FIFO thread scheduling, inode-based file system, dual-mode system calls, and memory mapping

WORK HISTORY

BU Student Researcher under Professor Rich West, PhD, Boston University

07/2024 - Present

- **RT-DDS:** Built a publisher-subscriber real-time data distribution service on the Qwest real-time OS and Linux
- RT-DDS is the only data distribution service on a real-time OS, meaning it can provide unparalleled timing and predictability guarantees compared to GStreamer or ROS/ROS2.

Red Hat Collaboratory, Boston

09/2023 - 07/2024

- **Unikernel Linux:** Hacked Linux with Professor Orran Krieger, PhD, to dynamically link applications to the kernel for performance gains in industrial workloads (e.g., improved Redis throughput by 22%)
- **OPE Gradescope Bridge:** Implemented scalable OpenShift service REST API for grading student assignment code in Open Education Framework
- **OPE Testing:** Automated testing in container build process with GitHub Actions shell and Jupyter Notebook tests; reduced container build time by 70% using mamba

Teaching Assistant, Boston University, Boston, MA

09/2022 - Present

- Taught CS 131 (Combinatorics) for two semesters and CS 330 (Algorithms) for 5 semesters

PUBLICATIONS

- Ross Mikulskis, Peter West, Rafi Syed, Zhiyuan Ruan, Richard West. “**RT-DDS: A Real-Time Data Distribution Service for Task Pipeline Processing**”, manuscript in preparation

HONORS AND AWARDS

- **Hariri Institute Student Excellence Award**, Boston University 06/2024
- **BU Student Academic Enhancement Fund**, Awarded \$700 for Bits of CS textbook 10/2023
- **Thomas M. Menino Scholarship recipient (full-tuition)**, Boston University 03/2021
- **All-State Jazz Trumpet - 2nd place**, MMEA All-State 01/2021

VOLUNTEER WORK

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Mass

10/2023 - Present

- Volunteer Big Brother in BU community program, meet with brother every 2 weeks

Charity Runner in Falmouth Road Race

08/2023

- Raised \$850 in funds for *Soccer Without Borders Boston*

Fundraising Chair, Phi Kappa Tau

01/2023 - 05/2023

- Organized a concert with Berklee student-led bands with net profit of \$800