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# EDUCATION

**B.S., The University of Texas at Austin, Austin TX (Class of 2024) Aug 2021 – May 2024**

* GPA: 3.95/4.00, graduated early in 2½ years with High Honors
* Software Engineering and Design, Electrical & Computer Engineering

**Honors Diploma, Texas Academy of Math and Science, Denton TX (Grades 11th, 12th) Aug 2019 – May 2021**

* GPA: 3.95/4.00, early college residential program for high-school students
* Awarded for exceptional academic performance and completing 475 community service hours

# EXPERIENCE

# Embedded Software Engineer @ Lockheed Martin June 2024 – Current

* Developed next-generation F-16 mission software using Agile methodologies in C++ using Object Oriented principles

# • Expanded current role to include successful implementation of GitLab CI/CD project pipelines to automate builds

* Demonstrated pipeline to all agile teams which resulted in a larger initiative to expand it to other software domains
* Reduced time spent for repetitive code conversion through python/bash scripting, regex

# Software Engineer @ NASA May 2023 – Aug 2023

* Devised a unique solution to provide the CST-100 ground flight-control team with imagery from Boeing’s Starliner
* Developed a wiki extension to export Artemis II+ crew training material to international partners (IP)
* Pioneered a VR ISS experience, Node.js web application, new features to flight displays, wiki projects, etc.

**Systems Software Engineer @ NASA Jan 2023 – May 2023**

* Rectified complicated deployment discrepancies between crew and ground displays by thoroughly understanding the architecture of software deployment for mission control displays
* Identified and corrected multiple issues in flight camera display overlays which required thorough analysis of python code, Linux-based deployment architecture, and other proprietary code

**Quantum Transport Software Developer** **August 2023 – May 2024**

* Developed a FOSS simulation to model nano-electronic devices in Julia, React
* Implemented and optimized a matrix inversion algorithm to run exponentially faster
* Refactored codebase with modularization, CI/CD, new interface and features, documentation, etc.

**Propulsion Team Leader @ Design Build Fly (DBF) @ UT** **Aug 2021 – Jan 2023**

* Led a team to optimize propulsion system selection, power management, wiring, wind tunnel testing, data analysis, propeller balancing, receiver programming
* Singlehandedly engineered an urgent solution to a parcel deployment system to complete the mission for our remote-controlled aircraft after other designs and plans had failed for the Systems Team
* Published a design proposal and report, placed top 10th in the international DBF competition hosted by AIAA

**Engineering** [**Research**](honors.unt.edu/scholars-day/som-wakdikar) **@ TAMS** **Dec 2020 – Aug 2021**

* Stress/strain analysis of shear walls, created and tested cold-formed steel structures, modeled a 155-unit apartment

# SKILLS

* Proficient in Python, Linux, Java, CI/CD DevOps using GitHub/GitLab, JavaScript, Julia, C, C++, React.js, OOD/OOP, Full-stack/backend/frontend development, Bash, debugging
* Exposure to Docker, Perl, Unity (VR), Jira, Agile methodologies: Scrum/Kanban, Ada, ARM Assembly, SQL, MongoDB, MATLAB, PCB designing, Autodesk Eagle, Autodesk Revit, Abaqus FEA

# PROJECTS

* [Fine-tuning](https://medium.com/@jaspertan_49883/rationallama-fine-tuning-an-llm-for-logical-reasoning-and-why-its-hard-c590ff4081fc) an LLM: Successfully achieved a higher accuracy than GPT 3.5 Turbo on logical reasoning datasets
* Hardware Checkout: Leveraged MongoDB, Heroku, Flask, and JavaScript to create and deploy a full stack web app
* Kaggle Competition: Placed 2nd in Data Science Lab course competition for binary classification
* Weather Application: Java, Android Studio, Google APIs, Weka and tested on an android smartphone
* Augmented Welding: Computer Vision project using Python, OpenCV to simulate a welding path
* Embedded Systems (x2): Communication between two devices using RF technology; engineered a video game
* Earthquake Prediction: Python machine learning model to predict building damage after an earthquake