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Education

University of California, Davis
Master of Science in Computer Science

Davis, California September 2025 - January 2027

San Diego State University

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

San Diego, California August 2022 - May 2025

Courses: Applied Security Management, Database Management, Data Structures and Algorithms, Real-Time Operating Systems, Software Systems, Unix System Administration, Machine Learning, Programming Languages, Computer Architecture

GPA: 3.65

Work Experience

Software Engineer Intern

Redtry.AI (<u>redtry.xyz</u>)

February 2025 - May 2025 San Diego, California

- Powered 200+ product searches by building an agentic AI chat website using React.js and a Flask API deployed on AWS EC2.
- Developed a distributed web crawling system using AWS Lambda, S3, and SQS, inserting 15,000+ product JSONs into PostgreSQL.
- Reduced TensorFlow classification time for 5,000 URLs from 225.1s to 5.9s by batching inputs with NumPy.

Research Assistant | Autonomous Racing

SDSU Real-Time Embedded Control Systems Lab

September 2024 - May 2025

- San Diego, California
- Programmed an embedded **Ubuntu** computer to autonomously race 1/10th-scale cars using **ROS 2** for **IPC**.
- Engineered a YOLO computer vision pipeline for autonomous overtaking, increasing obstacle detection throughput from 4.6 Hz to 11.5 Hz.
- Integrated ORB-SLAM3 into vehicle by building a ROS 2 wrapper, enabling real-time environment mapping.

Projects

DAWZY (devpost.com/software/dawzy)

June 2025

- Developed an agentic AI music production assistant selected as a top 3% finalist among 331 teams at UC Berkeley's AI hackathon in 24 hours.
- Delivered natural language voice control over DAW including track creation, effects, and navigation via Claude Tools and Python ReaScripts.
- Transformed user humming into accurate digital music using Google's MT3 transformer, achieving 96% note start time accuracy.

Applied Security Management Lab

January 2025 - March 2025

- Hardened a virtual network by isolating internal systems from a public-facing DMZ using an OPNSense firewall VM with Suricata NIDS.
- Centralized authentication and enabled DNS for 6 Windows VMs using Active Directory.
- Automated endpoint threat detection and incident response against 300,000+ CVEs for 7 VMs by deploying Wazuh XDR on an LXC container.
- Conducted penetration tests on 6 Unix VMs using Metasploit and Greenbone on Kali Linux.

Kernel Process Scheduler (github.com/andb00/CS596-RT-2024Fall-Group05/tree/project3/proj3)

September 2024 - October 2024

- Reengineered the Linux kernel's process scheduler, adding 500+ lines of kernel C and 3 new system calls.
- Implemented a rate-monotonic scheduler, efficiently managing up to 50 concurrent processes using a red-black tree.
- Prevented process starvation by enforcing CPU utilization limits using hrtimers, SIGINT, and SIGKILL.
- Tested the modified kernel on a Raspberry Pi, reducing kernel compile and deploy time to 2 minutes via a Bash script.

Skills Summary

Languages: TypeScript, JavaScript, Python, C, C++, Go, Java, SQL, Bash, HTML, CSS

• Full Stack: React.js, Flutter, Node.js, Flask, Junit, Jest

AWS: CloudFormation, Lambda, S3, EC2, VPC, ECS, Route 53
 Dev Tools: Git, Docker, Gitlab, VMWare, CMake, Maven, Cursor
 Data Science & AI: Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, YOLO, TensorFlow

• Soft Skills: Strong Stakeholder Management, Excellent Communication