Nicholas Carr UBC Engineering Physics

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Portfolio - GitHub - LinkedIn

Skills

Software Tools Altium, EasyEDA, SolidWorks, OnShape, ArduPilot, MATLAB, Jupyter, LATEX

Prototyping Skills Soldering, Electrical Testing, Crimping, Hand Tools
Languages Python, TypeScript, JavaScript, C, Java, VHDL, Assembly
Libraries Arduino, ROS, NumPy, Angular, Node.js, Vue, React

Technical Experience

Steering Software Integration Intern - <u>Tesla</u>

May 2023 - Aug 2023

- Updated factory calibration routines to support new ECU interfaces, allowing new vehicles to be built
- Wrote automated hardware-in-the-loop tests to validate CAN interfaces using pytest
- Analyzed CAN signal traces using Vector CANape to verify correct operation between interconnected ECUs
- Wrote SQL queries to analyze aggregate data from the fleet
- Designed and wrote assembly instructions for a low voltage wiring harness prototype

Robotics Software Engineer Intern - Neupeak

Jul 2022 - Aug 2022

- Built a web-based 3D visualization using THREE.js and live data from ROS to visualize the robot's pose in real time, allowing operators to see the state of the robot remotely
- Built a 3D viewer to review previous point clouds and robot actions, allowing developers to debug reported errors from the field in depth

Control Systems Intern - Bioform

May 2022 - Jun 2022

- Designed and wired sensor circuits for industrial control systems, allowing signals to be read by a controller and data acquisition system
- Configured and tuned PID control for R&D production facility
- Specified and ordered wiring using component datasheets and application requirements
- Wrote an application using Python and Qt to collect experiment data and control the facility
- Processed and generated plots for data from dozens of experiments using MATLAB
- Successfully operated facility for a test run with the new control systems

Comms Sub-Team - <u>UBC Orbit Student Design Team</u>

Sep 2019 - Aug 2021

- Used software-defined radio to test prototype satellite radio hardware, successfully verified that it was transmitting at the correct frequency using spectrum analyzer
- Worked on a Python-based serial test client to automate 24/7 reliability testing of radio hardware
- Tested client using an Arduino sending mock data back to the test client over serial

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Education

Engineering Physics - 5th Year - UBC

Sep 2019 - May 2024

Course selection includes automatic control, signals and systems, software construction, machine design, quantum mechanics, and partial differential equations

Exchange - Technical University of Denmark

Aug 2022 - Dec 2022

Took masters courses in robotics, ML & DSP, image analysis, and spacecraft design

Projects

Coaxial Ducted Indoor Delivery Drone - Capstone

Sep 2022 - Apr 2024

- Designed and fabricated a 3D-printed ducted airframe and thrust vectoring surfaces
- Selected and installed an autopilot module, rangefinder sensor, and propellers
- Designed and constructed a test stand to measure thrust and control torque through two load cells connected to an ESP32 microcontroller
- Demonstrated autonomous altitude control and flyability (video)

Autonomous Parking Enforcement Competition

Sep 2021 - Dec 2021

- Wrote an autonomous robot controller in Python using ROS framework to drive around a track and read license plates from parked cars in Gazebo simulation
- Processed camera images using OpenCV
- Created a license plate character recognition model using Keras and TensorFlow
- Wrote PID line-following algorithm using image of road markings

Video Doorbell Project

Aug 2020

- Wrote Arduino firmware to stream video from an off the shelf ESP32 camera module
- Implemented MJPEG video streaming and MQTT telemetry and control
- Integrated camera into Home Assistant home automation platform

Hackathon Experience

Faucet Drip Detector - MasseyHacks V

Mar 2019

- Built an internet-connected device to detect faucet leaks
- Wrote Arduino firmware to read a water sensor and log drip events to a Node.js server
- Created a custom water sensor using water droplets as a conductive path
- Won third place and the Great Lakes category prize

Co-founder - Cursor

Sep 2017 - Jun 2019

- Helped Toronto-area youth learn to code through introductory workshops
- Co-lead a 3-hour React Native workshop for 20 attendees aged 12-16

Jul 2018

• Organized a 12-hour hackathon for 18 participants

Feb 2019