Richard Arthurs, EIT

BASc Mechatronic Systems Engineering – Simon Fraser University, 2019

Software Development

• MATLAB, Simulink

• C, C++

- Python
- Git, GitLab
- Linux, MacOS, Windows Jira

Space

- Radiation testing of electronics
- Understanding of SAR image formation
- Spacecraft AI&T and operation

Experience

Software Engineer, SpaceAlpha Insights

- Wrote firmware for SAR range compression (DSP) and data path control using Xilinx System Generator and VHDL
- Verified firmware using MATLAB to generate test data and compare with a floating-point reference
- Wrote embedded software in C++ with PetaLinux to configure IP blocks on a Xilinx RFSoC
- Developed test software and control GUIs (PyQT) for interacting with embedded platforms
- Maintained product specifications for real-time synthetic aperture radar processor with 4 FPGAs
- Key contractor liaison on SAR High Speed On-Board Processing project for CSA (<u>RFP, pg. 96</u>)
- Analyzed electronic components for spaceflight compatibility

Firmware and Electronics, Zaber Technologies

- Wrote embedded software in C++ for ARM microcontrollers used in high-precision motion control products with an agile team
- Developed integration tests (Python, pytest), unit tests (C++), and test infrastructure (hardware)
- Worked with product managers to define new features and write public-facing documentation

SoC Verification Software Developer Co-Op, Intel

- Designed and implemented an SSD controller block testbench with SystemVerilog and UVM
- Performed verification planning, microarchitecture review, and bringup testbench development

Product Engineering Co-Op, Ballard Power Systems

- Wrote software in MATLAB to integrate fuel cell models into a single tool to quickly evaluate fuel cell designs
- Verified simulation results against test data and managed tool releases

Command and Data Handling Co-Lead, ORCASat

<u>ORCASat</u> is a CubeSat for telescope calibration that deployed in December of 2022 from the International Space Station. It is currently operational.

- Wrote embedded software in C with FreeRTOS for telemetry collection, file downlink, command scheduling, and subsystem interfacing
- Implemented ground control and testing GUI application in Python with pytest
- Implemented telemetry database API and apps for <u>telemetry timeline</u> and <u>plotting</u> with Python
- Presented at key gate reviews and wrote the data budget and concept of operations
- Planned software and hardware development for a team of 5-10 people

Embedded and FPGA

- VHDL, Verilog, SystemVerilog
- Xilinx System Generator and Vivado
- FreeRTOS, PetaLinux

Hardware

- Xilinx UltraScale+, STM32, NVidia Jetson
- Schematic capture and PCB layout (Altium)
- Board bringup

May 2021 – Present

May 2016 – December 2016 to guickly evaluate

September 2019 - May 2021

January 2018 – December 2018

May 2018 – Present

"Houston" - ORCASat Testing and Ground Control App

Desktop application (Python) for mission operations, telemetry processing, and automated testing.

- Designed overall system architecture and integrations with services such as the telemetry database
- Implemented an automated test framework using pytest to run tests on the entire spacecraft
- Developed simulators for GPS and TT&C subsystems to use for benchtop testing
- Wrote, maintained, and executed tests over wired and RF links (demo)

ORCASat Onboard Computer

Onboard computer for ORCASat. More information can be found <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>.

- Wrote low-level drivers and application software using C and FreeRTOS for TMS570 microcontroller
- Selected electronic components and did schematic capture (Altium)
- Managed OBC integration with radio subsystem, GPS, power system, and payload (interface control documentation and software)
- Requirements definition, timelines, test plans, concept of operations planning, and risk analysis

FPGA-based Camera Module (Capstone Project)

Camera module using Xilinx Artix-7 FPGA with custom image pipeline to acquire, process, and store images. Intended as a prototype for a CubeSat payload.

- Implemented and verified core imaging pipeline IP in Verilog
- Designed system architecture: imaging pipeline, MicroBlaze soft processor, and external hardware
- Managed software (C++), firmware and hardware integration to prototype a working imager
- Synthesized RTL and managed timing closure

Other Projects

- Image classifier: trained a neural network to classify images in real-time, deployed on NVidia Jetson
- **alphaTX radio:** developed PCB with STM32 MCU and CC1101 transceiver, implemented communications protocol and hardware drivers in C++

Publications

- Software for Testing and Mitigating Radiation-induced Effects in Commercially Available Integrated
 Circuits <u>IAC 2020</u>
- Development of Automated Testing Infrastructure for a CubeSat On-Board Computer (<u>CSME 2020</u>)
- Hardware and Software Project Management Best Practices for Small Satellite Systems (<u>CSME 2020</u>)

Certifications and Experiences

- Amateur Radio Operator Certificate (Basic With Honours & Advanced) VA7RGO
- UBC ELEC 400S "Spacecraft Systems Engineering" audited and completed all coursework (2019)
- Attended spacecraft testing and operations workshops at Canadian Space Agency (May 2019)

Projects

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January 2019 – August 2019