

Samer Rustum

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Skills

Programming Technologies Ruby (Rails), PostgreSQL, React.js, Redux, HTML/CSS/JS, Python, Java (Processing), Firebase, Git, PICBASIC PRO, C++
Software AutoDesk Fusion 360, Figma, Traxmaker 3 Pro
Hardware PCB Designing, PCB Etching, Machining, Soldering, Woodworking

Projects

8-Bit Computer (In progress)

- Assembling an 8-Bit computer entirely on breadboards with simple logic gates.
- Includes a clock, output register, several registers, memory, an Arithmetic Logic Unit (ALU), memory, and a program counter.
- Programmable to do simple arithmetic and instructions.
- Utilizes common ICs including the **555 timer IC**, **74LS161 binary counter IC**, **74189 64 ram IC**, **74LS283 4-bit adder IC**, and **28C16 EEPROM chip**.
- Currently finished developing the clock, registers, and ALU.

Firefighter Robot

- Designed and developed a firefighter robot using **BASIC**, **sensors**, **PIC microcontrollers**, **custom PCBs**, and **CAD software**.
- Programmed a smart algorithm in **GreatCowBasic** that can navigate any maze and extinguish a flame within it.

Botanical Workspace

- A productivity web app that motivates the user into finishing their to-do list items by overwatering their plants as a punishment for not completing their tasks.
- Programmed and set up an **Arduino** using **C++**, **solenoid valves**, and **breadboarding** to take input from a server and deliver water to a plant whenever a task is not completed, this resulted in the Best Hardware Hack award at Backyard Hacks MLH.
- Created an automatic plant waterer using a **DHT11 Temperature and Humidity sensor** to regularly read the soil's moisture and temperature levels and automatically send data to the computer through serial and determine whether the plant needs water.

Covid Control

- A service consisting of a wireless camera system and web application aimed to help business owners by detecting whether customers are wearing a mask alongside displaying useful information related to COVID.
- Developed the front-end using **React.js** and **Bootstrap** to display a friendly dashboard for business owners to keep track of customers and the latest COVID numbers and news.
- Integrated **News API** and a **covid-data API** using **Axios** to regularly fetch news and covid numbers from news sources and government websites in **JSON** format to display on the dashboard.
- Presented at STEM Comp 2020 and won first place.

Experience

Full Stack Developer | Kinme Technologies

01/2022 – 04/2022

- Worked as a full stack developer with a **React/Rails/Postgres** stack, maintaining the tech stack while simultaneously fixing bugs and past issues.
- Added several new features to remove hardcoding and make the application scalable.
- Designed, tested, and implemented functionality to expand the app outside of Ontario, Canada, including writing a **custom API** that grabs the latest provincial tax rates.
- Created **scheduled jobs** to regulate and check users' validity on the platform and remind users of expiring documents through email, automating a portion of the moderator's administrative tasks.
- Regularly participated in **code reviews** to ensure code quality and receive mentoring from senior developers.

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Logistics Lead | Hack the Earth

11/2019 – 07/2021

- Worked as the head of logistics to organize Canada's largest environmental hackathon.
- Secured partnerships and support from numerous organizations and individuals such as **Ocean Wise**, the **Kitchener-Waterloo Optimist Club**, **the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson**, and **the Honourable Bardish Chagger** to deliver an excellent experience for 200+ participants.
- Acted as the main contact point for sponsors and partners.

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Manufacturing Team Lead | Sir John A Macdonald Secondary School's Electric Vehicle Club

09/2020 – 06/2021

- Built an electric car leading a team of 10+ using advanced machinery such as CNCs, lathes, and mills, resulting in two second-place finishes.
- Spearheaded development on a new chassis, incorporating more computer aid designs and CNC fabricated parts to increase accuracy.
- Acted as the intermediary between the teacher body and the manufacturing team by dividing up tasks and relaying important information to ensure good communication and timely completion of the project.

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Education

Candidate for Bachelor of Applied Science in Computer Engineering | University of Waterloo

2021-Present

- Recipient of the Kothari Family Entrance Scholarship awarded to two outstanding students.
- Relevant Courses | Digital Circuits, Linear Circuits, Intro to Programming in C++

Awards

3rd Place Masseyhacks VI – Vincent Massey S.S	2020
1st place STEM Comp 2020 – Waterloo Region	2020
Best Hardware Hack Backyard Hacks – Major League Hacking	2020
Best UI Path Hack Hack the 6ix – University of Toronto	2020
Finalist Hack the North 2021 – University of Waterloo	2021