

Daniel Xu

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EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology

B.S. in Mechanical Engineering

Atlanta, Georgia

Expected Graduation, 2027

- o GPA: 4.0
- o Related Coursework: Computing Techniques, Engineering Graphics and Design, Engineering Materials

SKILLS

Tools: CAD, SolidWorks, Fusion360, OnShape, CATIA, Office, Excel/Sheets, VSC, AWS, Google Colab, Unity, ROS, Git, Xometry

Programming: Java, Python, JavaScript, C#, MATLAB, Arduino, ROBOTC/C, C++, R Studio

General: Rapid Prototyping, Experimental Design, Verbal and Written Communication skills, Problem Solving

EXPERIENCE

Laboratory for Intelligent Decision and Autonomous Robots

Atlanta, Georgia

Undergraduate Researcher

Aug 2025– Present

- Building perception-based potential gap detection and navigation system for the Go2 quadruped robot in ROS. Uses camera and laser scan data to conduct 2D gap-navigation policy.
- Designing next-gen robotic feet for the Cassie biped to improve traction and terrain adaptability by building in sensors into soles to determine foot grip/actuation decisions.

Happy Hackers Foundation

Vancouver, British Columbia

Co-Director

Aug 2023 – May 2024

- Organized monthly hackathons, workshops, algorithmic coding competitions garnering a community of 600+ participants from 28+ countries
- Raised \$50000+ from sponsors such as Echo 3D, CoCalc, Microsoft, and Axure by designing sponsorship packages and cold emailing companies.
- Organized online workshops with NYU Robotics Design Team, Postman API, and Harvard Algorithm Design Professors

Funfhundert Plus

Richmond, British Columbia

Car Salesman

Jul 2023– Sep 2023

- Personally managed clients, handled negotiations for trade-in deals, phone calls, and designed online advertisements
- Prepped for appointments, washing, and detailing vehicles for myself and other salesmen

PROJECTS

CanSat

Drumheller, Alberta

Team Lead

Jan 2023 – Apr 2023

- Built a can-sized device that is launched via model rocket and transmits atmospheric data that it collects live to a yagi antenna ground station (over 1000 data points)
- Designed a controlled landing mechanism, employing a parachute cutaway sequence, and flip-out drone propellers
- Won Technical Achievement Award at Canadian Satellite Design Challenge

Robotic Violin

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Partner Project

Jul 2023 – Jul 2023

- Built a robotic violin that plays arrangements of various pieces based on UDP wifi signals that it receives.
- Designed on CATIA and controlled by arduino code written for ESP32 dev modules with servos and DC motors.
- First robotic violin built at the University of Pennsylvania (including all level programs)

*** More details + engineering and coding projects in portfolio on LinkedIn ***

ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP

Georgia Tech's Hytech Racing Team (Electric Formula SAE)

Atlanta, Georgia

Member of the Mechanical Controls Subteam

Aug 2024 – Present

- Designed the current acceleration and brake controls, using CATIA design to ensure function and ergonomics.

Georgia Tech's RoboJackets

Atlanta, Georgia

Member of the Mechanical Robo-wrestling team

Aug 2024 – Present

Georgia Tech Ice Hockey

Atlanta, Georgia

Player

Aug 2024 – Present

- Play as a member of the Georgia Tech ice hockey team in the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA)