# **Bilal Shihab**

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## **EDUCATION**

#### UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Austin, TX May 2027

Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering, Computational Track

Organizations: Biomedical Engineering Society, Texas Guadaloop, Texas Engineering World Health

• **Relevant Coursework:** Intro to Computational Engineering Design, Intro to Computing, Introduction to Python & C++, Statistics, Intro to Embedded Systems, Circuits, Signals, Biomechanics, Numerical Methods, Differential Equations & Linear Algebra

# **SKILLS AND INTERESTS**

- **Technology/Skills:** Python, C, C++, ARMv6-M Assembly, MatLab, R, Jupyter, Embedded Systems Programming, Google Cloud, Pandas, Matplotlib, Android Studio/IntelliJ, Pytorch, Keras, Machine Learning, SolidWorks, Fusion 360, Captum, Optuna,
- Languages: Arabic (Native), French (Beginner)

### **EXPERIENCE**

#### **LONGHORN NEUROTECH**

Austin, TX

Edge AI Team Lead

Sep 2025 - Present

 Promoted to lead the new Edge AI team, directing a group of student engineers on the initiative to optimize neural networks for deployment on embedded systems like Raspberry Pi.

AI/ML Developer

Sep 2024 - Aug 2025

- Collaborated on developing machine learning models for Brain-Computer Interfaces (BCI) aimed at controlling a prosthetic arm, leveraging advanced techniques such as CNNs and Capsule Networks.
- Explored and implemented various interpretability techniques, including Optuna for hyperparameter optimization, to improve model transparency and enhance the reliability of BCI applications.

#### RECANZONE LABORATORY, UC DAVIS

Davis, CA

Research Intern

Jun 2025 - Present

- Authored a pull request for a new <u>3D feature visualization UI</u> to the open-source phy neuroscience software, designing an
  interactive 3D-to-2D projection pipeline with full camera controls for intuitive exploration of complex neural spike data.
- Engineered the mathematical model for the 3D viewer, enabling intuitive real-time data rotation through direct user mouse control.

#### FUNCTIONAL OPTICAL IMAGING LAB, UT AUSTIN

Austin, TX

Researcher and Programmer

Sep 2023 - Present

- Developed a comprehensive <u>Laser Speckle Analysis UI</u> using Python and PySide6, integrating real-time image capture and analysis with Basler cameras and Arduino control for auto laser intensity adjustment.
- Enhancing precision in speckle pattern evaluation and optimizing laser current recommendations through advanced histogram, pixel count, and contrast analysis methods.
- Optimized contrast adjustment script, rewriting it from MATLAB to Python, enhancing the system's efficiency.

TRY ALADDIN

San Jose, CA

AI Intern

Jun 2025 - Aug 2025

- Designed an automated social media content pipeline using n8n, designing a workflow for AI agents to scrape product data, generate Instagram content, and interface with the Facebook API.
- Containerized the automation workflow and its dependencies using Docker, creating a reproducible development environment.
- Integrated a Large Language Model via its REST API within n8n, responsible for transforming product data into social media posts.

#### **PROJECTS**

ECG PCB PROJECT

Austin, TX

- Collaborated in a team to develop an Electrocardiogram PCB using Autodesk Fusion 360 for physiological signal monitoring.
- Selected components and designed the schematic layout for the signal amplification and filtering stages of the circuit.
- Led the project workflow by designating tasks to group members and optimizing the allocation of resources to ensure the timely
  completion of the project.

### **HEALTHCARE AI PROJECT**

Austin, TX

- Creating a system for <u>uploading and managing DICOM files</u> using Google Cloud Healthcare API.
- Implemented a Pub/Sub notification system to monitor DICOM uploads, enabling real-time data processing.
- Configured Google Cloud resources, including DICOM stores and Pub/Sub topics, to support healthcare data workflows.
- Planned integration of AI-powered analysis using Google MedGemma for DICOM images to enhance diagnostic capabilities.

#### LAUNCH KIT (SAAS PROJECT)

Austin, TX

- Spearheading the development of <u>Launch Kit</u>, an AI-powered platform designed to streamline college and career navigation for students by providing college recommendations and automating personalized professional networking.
- Architecting and implementing a scalable microservices ecosystem where autonomous AI agents built with Python communicate
  and collaborate to handle complex tasks like data analysis, content generation, and quality assurance.
- Integrating Google's Gemini API to power the core analytical capabilities of each agent and leveraging third-party services like ScraperAPI for robust, real-world data extraction from public web sources.