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EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University

Master of Product Development, GPA 3.96/4

May 2014

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Gandhinagar

Bachelor of Technology, GPA 8.6/10

April 2013

Major in Mechanical Engineering with Minor in Computer Science and Engineering Awarded Merit Scholarship, 2011-12, 1st in class

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Micro Texturing on Curved Surfaces using Reverse EDM, Internship, IIT Bombay

Summer 2012

- Improved hydrophobicity of metal by fabricating micro pillars on their surface
- Presented and published research paper in AIMTDR (manufacturing) conference proceedings

Point of Sale (POS) System, Internship, Vardhaman Technology, Mumbai

Summer 2011

Designed a portable computer system and its internal parts to mount motherboard, hard disk, display

PROJECTS

Custom Cosmetics, Industrial Design & Entrepreneurship Process Fundamentals, CMU

Fall 2013

- Redesigned lipsticks to minimize the wastage of the pigment left in the tube
- Conceptualized a unique ecosystem for online purchase of lipsticks that allowed complete customization of lipstick shade, tube color, label and extended it to other cosmetic products

Automatic Irrigation System, Innovation and Product Development, IIT Gandhinagar

Spring 2012

- User centered development approach to prototype an irrigation system for house gardens
- Developed a low-cost kit with components such as automatic water timer, modular stands & flow valves
- Designed the system to control the amount of water to different plants as per their requirements

Switching of Book Shelves, Kinematics and Dynamics of Machines, IIT Gandhinagar

Spring 2012

- Designed a linkage mechanism for height adjustment of two book shelves by interchanging them
- Developed a prototype to demonstrate the working of the mechanism to interchange two shelves

Electronic Hat for Quadriplegic People, IIT Gandhinagar

Fall 2011

- Developed a hat for computer pointer maneuvering using just head movements
- Interfaced an accelerometer with Arduino and used Processing language to implement functions for movement of computer pointer in four directions, right and left clicks

LEADERSHIP

Organizer, Amalthea (Annual Technical Summit), IIT Gandhinagar

2010-12

- Initiated the college's first technical summit with other batch mates
- Led a team of 4 students for website development and internet marketing

Founding Member, Rompotiks (Robotics Club), IIT Gandhinagar

2009-11

Organized workshops & competitions for students of college

SKILLS

Software: SolidWorks, Autodesk Inventor, Adobe Flash, Illustrator, InDesign, Gimp

Programming: C, HTML, CSS, Scilab, Matlab, R, SQL

Design: User Centered Research, Ethnographic Studies, Scenario, Storyboarding