# Atif ANWER

# Postdoctoral Researcher in Computer Vision

## **Educational Background**



PhD Computer Sciences / Electrical & Electronics Engineering (Dual-Degree),

INSA Rouen Normandie, France & University Teknologi PETRONAS, Malaysia, Funded by: Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) project ICUB,

Supervisors: Prof. Samia Ainouz (INSA), Asst. Prof. Naufal Bin Saad (UTP)

Thesis: Specular Highlight Detection and Adversarial Generation of Specularity-Free Images

using Multi-Domain Translation Network Trained with Polarimetric Data



### MSc Electrical & Electronics Engineering,

University Teknologi PETRONAS, Perak Malaysia,

Supervisor: Asst. Prof. Syed Saad Azhar Ali

Thesis: Real-time underwater 3D scene reconstruction using Kinect v2 time of flight camera



#### B.E. Mechatronics,

Major: Robotics, Control Systems and Image processing,

National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST), Pakistan,

Supervisor: Dr. Saeed Ur Rahman

Thesis: Development and control of Bipedal Autonomous Robot (BART)

#### Research Interests

- 3D Human Pose Estimation applications
- Generative AI applications
- 3D Sensing and Robotic Perception
- Semantic Segmentation and Scene Understanding
- Mobile Robot design and development

## **Publications**

- [1] Atif Anwer, Samia Ainouz, Naufal M Saad, Syed Saad Azhar Ali, and Fabrice Meriaudeau. *Joint network for specular highlight detection and adversarial generation of specular-free images trained with polarimetric data. Neurocomputing*, 559:126769, 2023.
- [2] Clément Germanèse, Fabrice Meriaudeau, Pétra Eid, Ramin Tadayoni, Dominique Ginhac, Atif Anwer, Steinberg Laure-Anne, Charles Guenancia, Catherine Creuzot-Garcher, Pierre-Henry Gabrielle, et al. A Retinal Oct-Angiography and Cardiovascular STAtus (RASTA) Dataset on Swept-Source Microvascular Imaging for Cardiovascular Risk Assessment. 2023.
- [3] Atif Anwer, Samia Ainouz, Mohamad Naufal Mohamad Saad, Syed Saad Azhar Ali, and Fabrice Meriaudeau. *SpecSeg network for specular highlight detection and segmentation in real-world images. Sensors*, 22(17):6552, 2022.

- [4] Atif Anwer, Syed Saad Azhar Ali, Amjad Khan, and Fabrice Meriaudeau. *Underwater 3D scanning using Kinect v2 time of flight camera*. In *Quality Control by Artificial Vision 2017 (QCAV '17), Thirteenth International Conference on*, volume 10338. SPIE, 2017.
- [5] Atif Anwer, Syed Saad Azhar Ali, Amjad Khan, and Fabrice Meriaudeau. *Underwater* 3D Scene Reconstruction Using Kinect v2 Based on Physical Models for Refraction and Time of Flight Correction. IEEE Access, 5:15960–15970, 2017.
- [6] Atif Anwer, Syed Saad Azhar Ali, Amjad Khan, and Fabrice Meriaudeau. Underwater 3D scanning using Kinect v2 time of flight camera. In The International Conference on Quality Control by Artificial Vision 2017, 2017.
- [7] Atif Anwer, Fabrice Mériaudeau, and Syed Hasan Adil. Customized graphical user interface implementation of Kinect Fusion for underwater application. In 2017 IEEE 7th International Conference on Underwater System Technology: Theory and Applications (USYS), pages 1–6. IEEE, 2017.
- [8] Atif Anwer, Syed Saad Azhar Ali, Amjad Khan, and Fabrice Mériaudeau. Real-time underwater 3D scene reconstruction using commercial depth sensor. In 2016 IEEE International Conference on Underwater System Technology: Theory and Applications (USYS), pages 67–70. IEEE, 2016.
- [9] Atif Anwer, Syed Saad Azhar Ali, and Fabrice Mériaudeau. *Underwater online 3D mapping and scene reconstruction using low cost Kinect RGB-D sensor.* In 2016 6th International Conference on Intelligent and Advanced Systems (ICIAS), pages 1–6. IEEE, 2016.
- [10] Atif Anwer, Asim Baig, and Rab Nawaz. Calculating real world object dimensions from Kinect RGB-D image using dynamic resolution. In 2015 12th International Bhurban Conference on Applied Sciences and Technology (IBCAST), pages 198–203. IEEE, 2015.

## Professional Experience

2018

2020

2016

2016

2004

Machine Learning R&D Engineer, Apeira Technologies, Le Creusot, France Tasked with research and development of human post-estimation and posture correction algorithms to improve cyclist performance.

2022 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, *Université de Bourgogne*, Dijon, France

Tasked with development of segmentation and classification techniques on OCT images for prediction of cardiovascular disease.

Development of software pipeline for end-to-end detection, segmentation, and analysis of Tunnelling Electron Microscopy (TEM) images of nanoparticles.

Freelance 3D CAD & Graphic Designer, Freelancer.com

Executed multiple 3D CAD modelling and graphic design projects from concept to prototype to completion.

Co-Founder & CTO, Scifacterz, Islamabad, Pakistan

Robotics Startup venture centred on design and of "NBE (Non-Biological Entity)" an open-source, low cost, research platform and Home Service Robot

Manager (Mechatronics), Islamabad, Pakistan

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# Select Projects

SpecSeg Category 2

This repository is the implementation of our paper 'Spec-Seg Network for Specular Highlight Detection and Segmentation in Real-World Images'. The developed network and pretrained weights can be used for network training and testing. Please cite the paper if you use them and find them useful.

## Teaching Experience

Masters Course (MSc Health AI), Image Processing, University de Bourgogne, Département IEM (Informatique Electronique Mécanique)

University de Bourgogne, France

**Undergraduate Course**, *Data Analysis and Digital Tools*, Département Informatique et technologie de l'information, INSA Rouen, France

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Lab Assistant, Soyez Acteurs du Web!, Département Informatique et technologie de l'information, INSA Rouen, France

**Teaching Assistant**, *Probability & Statistics*, Department of Electrical & Electronics Engineering, UTP, Malaysia

# Languages

Urdu Native

2022

2021

2021

2019

2017

English Fluent IELTS (Band 8.0)

French Basic Good Understanding, Medium Speaking

### Skills

Frameworks and Python, TensorFlow, OpenCV, MATLAB, C#, Visual Basic, HTML, CSS Languages

3D Modelling and PTC Creo, Sketchup, Blender Rendering

Design and Illustration Adobe Photoshop, Affinity Designer, Figma, Corel Draw

Misc Git, LATEX, WordPress, 3D Printing

### **Achievements**

**Graduate Assistant Scholarship**, *Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS*, Malaysia

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2016 2017	1st round favourite,
2011	Robot Launch 2014 (Global robotics startup competition), RoboHub.org
2011	Winner "Intel More to the Core™ Challenge",  Intel™, Pakistan
2010	Winner "CPU IQ Blogger Challenge, South Asian region", Intel™, Pakistan
2009	Member Technical Evaluation & Judges panel, "RoboSprint 2010", Air University, Islamabad
2003	Winner "Best Idea Award", "1st National Fire Fighting Robot Competition (FFRC)", College of EME, NUST, Pakistan
	Extra Curricular/Pro-Bono
2020	<b>Administrator</b> , r\ComputerVision subreddit and Computer Vision discord server
2010	Guest writer (Hardware reviewer), wccftech.com
2007	Lead Server Administrator, Micronet Broadband Ltd., Islamabad, Pakistan
	Courses & Certificates
2020	Francais Langue Etrangere, INSA Rouen, Normandie, France
2019	Deep Learning for Computer Vision with Python, Pyimagesearch.com,
2017	Practical Python and OpenCV, Pyimagesearch.com,
2016	Robotic Vision, Queens University of Technology (MOOC)
2012	Advanced Digital Image Processing, Muhammad Ali Jinnah University, Pakistan
2011	Computer Vision, Muhammad Ali Jinnah University, Pakistan
2010	Nonlinear Control Systems, Muhammad Ali Jinnah University, Pakistan
2010	Robust Control System, Muhammad Ali Jinnah University, Pakistan
2010	Pattern Recognition,
	Muhammad Ali Jinnah University, Pakistan

# References

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