Nico Zucca

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Experience

Stratom: Robotics Software Engineer

May 2024 – Current

- Developed Mermaid Analysis tool (Merm-An) to automatically generate system architecture diagrams from source code with commit hook.
- Designed RTOS abstraction layers enabling compatibility between FreeRTOS and Linux, enhancing flexibility for embedded controllers.
- Developed architecture and multiple demonstrators for new embedded controller to replace NI cRIO for autonomous vehicles.
- Authored safety software to detect and prevent self-collision for autonomous vehicles, ensuring safety in production environments.
- Implemented GPS waypoint initialization for auto-docking on Autonomous 60K-Loader.
- Wrote robot diagnostic health monitor in ROS2 that interfaces with an Android application for easy debugging and health monitoring.

ARIA Lab: Robotics / SLAM Researcher

November 2023 - July 2024

- Lead team of 13 on Robust Mono-SLAM Meta-analysis, including application of SLAM to high-variance situations (FPV drone videos).
- Developed set of over 30 blender SLAM challenge sequences, addressing falling leaves, fog, low visibility, high acceleration, featureless environments, and more.
- Created automatic sequence evaluator to run up to 12 SLAM algorithms against a suite of test sequences and score the predicted trajectories.
- Developed tools and tutorials for using Docker, Blender, and lab servers.
- Developed novel feature matching algorithm for robust feature matching in high variance planar situations.

Trimble: Software Engineering/Robotics Intern

May 2023 – December 2023

- Managed perception team for deployment of Autonomous vehicle.
- Developed complete multi-platform application using C/python/Docker for peripheral configuration and flashing, including SM Radars, Ethernet Cameras, and Ouster Lidars.
- Designed and constructed complete electrical twin of our autonomous vehicle for use in bench testing and validation.

OSARO: Mechatronics/Robotics Intern

May 2022 – August 2022

- Using Solidworks and Arduino, designed and prototyped a special purpose scanner/ buffer/orientation control system for glasses cases in an automated warehouse setting.
- Using VBA, developed a tool that fully automates the creation of low-poly-high-fidelity collision meshes for an entire robot cell from native CAD files. Previously 20+ hrs/modification.

Unaliwear: Engineering Technician | Outsource Manufacturing Liaison - Full time April 2021 - August 2021

- Developed a complete new product (CAD, prototyping, focus groups, testing, manufacturing).
- Managed transition to a new primary supplier for metal watch parts.
- Oversaw the testing and validation of samples from new manufacturers.
- Coordinated outsourced materials research in China.

Iris Automation: *LabVIEW Software Developer - Full time*

March 2021 - April 2021

 Cleaned and optimized 3rd party LabVIEW automation code used in EV Automotive manufacturing.

Technical Skills Code and Computing

C/C++ ROS/ROS 2
Python Flutter
Linux Rust

Docker LabVIEW

Computer-Aided Design

Solidworks OnShape

PTC Creo

Design for injection molding Design for FDM 3D printing

Electronics

PCB EDA → KiCad Soldering

Education

B.S. Computer Science

- Graduated Spring 2024
- C-MAPP Scholar 2022 & 23

Certifications

2023 CSM Algobowl 1st place HackMIT 2022 IBM Sustainability challenge – 1st prize

Eagle Scout

CAPSTONE Diploma for Autonomous Drifting

General Skills

Leadership Communication Time Management Work Ethic

Interests

HMI

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Special-Purpose Robotics