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**EDUCATION**

**University of Pennsylvania,** School of Engineering & Applied Science *Philadelphia, PA*

Candidate for Master of Science in Engineering in Robotics *– GPA: 3.33/4* *May 2021*

*Courses: Design of Mechatronic Systems, Introduction to Robotics, Applied Machine Learning , Machine Perception, Deep Learning for Data Science, Learning in Robotics*

**Manipal Academy of Higher Education,** School of Engineering & IT *Dubai, UAE*

Bachelor of Technology in Mechatronics Engineering— *GPA*: 9.46/10; Minor: Robotics and Automation *Oct 2018*

*Research Abroad*: University of Salford, UK in Spring 2018

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**EXPERIENCE**

**Autonomous Systems and Advanced Robotics Research Centre - University of Salford** *Manchester, UK*

*Undergraduate Student Researcher Feb 2018 – May 2018*

* Developed algorithm for mobile robot localization based on visual landmarks using 3D depth camera
* Deployed object detection model for identifying landmarks and retrained on new classes using transfer learning
* Implemented obstacle avoidance using sensor fusion of multiple sonar sensors

**Mimic Production** *Berlin, Germany*

*Robotics and Animatronics Intern*   *Mar 2019 – May 2019*

* Developed software pipeline in Python for animatronic control of robot face with RaspberryPi
* Designed and fabricated mechanism for realistic humanoid robot face

**Pico International** *Dubai, UAE*

*Mechatronics Intern Oct 2018 – Jan 2019*

* Developed embedded software for mechatronic exhibits at events and exhibitions

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**TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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| * *Software*: C, C++, Python, ROS, Git | * *Libraries:* OpenCV, Numpy, PyTorch, OpenAIGym |

**RELEVANT PROJECTS** [**[portfolio:** vishnuprem.github.io **for more]**](https://vishnuprem.github.io/)

**CNN for Violence Detection from videos** *(2019)*

* Extracted optical flow data to train CNN to detect violent actions from videos using PyTorch and OpenCV

**Chess Playing Robot** *(2017)*

* Developed computer vision algorithm using Python and OpenCV for tracking chess pieces and identifying move
* CAD design and 3D printing of robot arm and gripper to pick and place chess pieces

**Motion Tracker** *(2017)*

* Surveillance camera that detects and turns towards detected motion using OpenCV and Python

**RL for Bipedal walking** *(2017)*

* Built and optimized a NN controller with genetic algorithm for a two-legged agent using Python and OpenAI Gym

**Tic-Tac-Toe Program** *(2013)*

* C++ program that plays Tic-Tac-Toe against a human

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**ACTIVITIES & OTHER ACHIEVMENTS**

Volunteer Head of Mechatronics Department for annual tech festival Technovanza’17 at MAHE Dubai • 1st Place in ‘Institute of Physics’ Young Lecturer Competition ‘18 at Manchester Metropolitan University, UK • Best Actor Award at Interhouse Drama Competition ’14 SEPS, Abu Dhabi • Best Speaker at Interhouse Debate Competition’14 SEPS, Abu Dhabi