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### **Aftab Narsimhan**

**Electrical Engineering** 

#### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Programming: C# • C • Java • Android • HTML / CSS / JS • Assembly (8051)

Software Tools: MS Visual Studio • Atmel Studio • Android Studio • Git / Perforce • Linux

Embedded Systems: Atmel • Arduino • Raspberry Pi • Altera • Smart Servo Motors

#### **ACADEMIC & CO-OP STATUS**

**Academic Program** 

- Biomedical Electrical Engineering; 6 of 8 academic terms completed
- Anticipated date of graduation: May, 2017

Co-op Status

Completed 3/4 work terms; available for 4 months beginning May, 2016

#### **CO-OP WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### Kardium Inc.

#### **Automation Engineer Co-op**

September, 2014 – September, 2015

- Created hardware and software solutions to automate the manufacturing processes involved with building the components of a medical catheter device
- Designed/updated PCBs using Altium, populated the boards through surface-mount soldering, and tested with standard electrical tools
- Wrote the drivers for the board using Atmel or Arduino microcontrollers in C
- Used C# to create GUI applications that interfaced with the device and many APIs or supporting libraries
- Implemented databases using Microsoft SQL Management Studio and Entity Framework with C# to log data and keep track of calibrations/settings between multiple devices
- Developed several solutions using PID controllers, threading, timers / interrupts, SPI, thermocouples, watchdogs, filters, ADCs, USART communication

#### **TECHNICAL PROJECTS**

# EC Turbo-Fan Helicopter Team Lead, Control System Lead

January, 2016 - Present

- Designing a 2-Degree-of-Freedom (DoF) helicopter with all but the lift and yaw DoF mechanically constrained
- Developing a closed loop feedback system by implementing a PID controller within a microcontroller that interfaces with sensors to control the position of the helicopter
- Writing the firmware for the microcontroller in C++ and creating a GUI test interface in C# to allow for quicker and more efficient calibration, PID tuning and debugging
- Adding Bluetooth capabilities to the device to allow for wireless PID tuning and flashing of new firmware
- · Creating an Android app with a simulated joystick to allow for easy, wireless control of the helicopter

#### Raspberry Pi Internet Monitor Personal Project

January, 2016 - Present

- Acquiring experience and proficiency with Python by developing a small embedded solution on a Raspberry Pi 2 in order to monitor the status of my home internet and alert me of connectivity issues
- Implementing a GUI to allow for easy customization of monitoring parameters, and hardware indicators (LEDs) for easy visual cues of internet status

#### **Personal Portfolio Website**

August, 2015 – Present

#### http://www.aftabnarsimhan.com

- Developed a personal website from the ground up using HTML, CSS, JS and PHP, with the Bootstrap framework in order to have a more prominent online presence and learn the basics of web development
- Learned how to use Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator CS6 in order to create my own graphics

Smart Fall Detector March, 2015 nwHacks Hackathon

- Prototyped a smart fall detector for safety of elderly patients in a care-home
- Developed an Android app which relays alerts sent from the fall detector (i.e. Myo armband) by Bluetooth
- Implemented a cloud-based backend storage (Firebase) which updates a central web portal monitored in real-time by hospital personnel based on data received by the Android app

### **Electromagnetic Tether Robots**

March, 2014 - April, 2014

Firmware Lead

- Worked with a group of 6 peers to design, build, program and test an autonomous robot (receiver) that follows another keypad controlled robot (electromagnetic beacon)
- Designed and programmed a state machine for the robots and implemented several commands such as parallel park with SPI using Assembly and C

#### **VOLUNTEER WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### Vancouver General Hospital, Vancouver, BC Electronic Patient Data Transfer Solution

January, 2016 - Present

- Prototyping a way to modernize a paper-based data transfer process between a doctor and patient after intubation procedures
- Implementing the data transfer through the use of a QR code generated from a web portal, which can then be scanned by an Android app on the patient's phone in order to generate an electronic copy

## Toronto General Hospital, Toronto, ON Research Assistant / Engineering Consultant

July, 2013 – August, 2013

- Worked meticulously and independently to learn the complex aspects of a portable ex vivo liver perfusion device being developed, within two weeks, to further my understanding of the device and how to simplify its components
- Demonstrated initiative beyond expectation by producing the outline of a new prototype, with modifications that makes the device more portable, earning me a recommendation letter from my supervisor

## Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA QA Intern

July. 2010 - August. 2010

- Worked with the R&D Team in the automation and robotics department, classifying and validating up to 20 software
  defects a day to improve robustness and stability of the Bravo Liquid Handling System
- Learned VWorks automation and the Bravo instrument software independently within a few days and used them for debugging purposes
- Documented and organized findings using an excel spreadsheet and submitted to the supervisor for further functional improvement of the Bravo instrument

#### **EDUCATION**

# University of British Columbia Bachelor of Applied Science – Electrical Engineering

September, 2012 - Present

- Dean's Honour List (2014 2015)
- Credits: 86 Cumulative Grade: 86.2%

#### **CLUBS AND SOCIETIES**

UBC Open Robotics

APEGBC Member Advantage Program for Students (MAPs)

UBC Biomedical Engineering Student Team

May, 2014 – Present September, 2013 – Present March, 2014 – March, 2015

#### **ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS**

- Coding, gaming, reading, learning languages
- Rock climbing, badminton, Ultimate Frisbee, exercising, travelling
- Technology that has a huge impact / influence on society