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Experience

9/18 - Today

09/15 - 05/18 Research Assistant

Vision And Security Technology Lab

Working on various projects aimed at problems of image classification, object detections and face recognition. Focused on proposing solutions to improve performance both in traditional research based on closed set scenarios and real world or open set scenarios.

06/18 - 8/18 Computer Vision Intern

Misty Robotics

Developing object detection algorithms for systems with limited computational power. Formulating new evaluation metrics for comparing algorithms in unconstrained scenarios.

11/12 - 08/15 **Project Consultant**

My Personal Health Records eXpress (MphRx)

An exhilarating experience, that exposed me to the dynamics of startups and healthcare industry while juggling various responsibilities such as project management, product design, requirement gathering, product delivery and market analysis. Restructured and launched products for various major hospitals and diagnostic chains in India and US.

Programming



Publications

Reducing Network Agnostophobia link

Akshay Raj Dhamija, Manuel Günther and Terrance E. Boult Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2018 - Spotlight Presentation

Akshay Raj Dhamija, Manuel Günther and Terrance E. Boult

Improving Deep Network Robustness to Unknown Inputs with Objectosphere link

Uncertainty and Robustness in Deep Visual Learning (CVPR'2019 workshop) - Spotlight

Learning and the Unknown: Surveying Steps toward Open World Recognition link Terrance E. Boult, Akshay Raj Dhamija, Steve Cruz, Manuel Günther, James Henrydoss and Walter Scheirer

Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence - 2019

Tools



Unconstrained face detection & open-set face recognition challenge <u>link</u> website M. Günther, P. Hu, C. Herrmann, C. H. Chan, M. Jiang, S. Yang, **A. R. Dhamija**, D. Ramanan, J. Beyerer, J. Kittler, M. Al Jazaery, M. I. Nouyed, G. Guo, C. Stankiewicz, and T. E. Boult

Challenge paper at International Joint Conference on Biometrics (IJCB) 2017

What's hiding in my deep features? link

Ethan M. Rudd, Manuel Günther, **Akshay R. Dhamija**, Faris A. Kateb and Terrance E. Boult Book chapter - Deep Learning in Biometrics By CRC/Taylor & Francis Press.

Openset: The overlooked elephant of object detection <u>Under Review</u>
Akshay R. Dhamija, Manuel Günther, Jonathan Ventura and Terrance E. Boult

Awards

Top Scholar Award - Mountain Lion Research Day
University of Colorado
Outstanding Masters Degree Student - Computer Science
University of Colorado

Education

2018 - Now	PhD Student (Advisor Dr. Terrance E. Boult) - Computer Science University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
2015 - 2017	Master of Science - Computer Science University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
2010 - 2012	Master of Business Administration - Software Enterprise Management Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi
2006 - 2010	Bachelor of Technology - Biomedical Engineering Rajasthan Technical University, Kota, Rajasthan

Other Projects

Feature extraction & point cloud reconstruction – Satellite images

Under the guidance of Dr. Jonathan Ventura, this project aims at feature detection from satellite images as well as point cloud construction from multi-view satellite imagery using deep neural networks.

VR website using A-Frame

Aimed towards experiencing basics of Virtual Reality and creating a personal virtual reality website using A-Frame. The website may be found at dhamija.me/vr

Android application for GRE aspirants

The project was aimed at learning Android Application development and creating an application for GRE aspirants for practicing Reading Comprehensions. More than 4000 Downloads and 900 active users. Play Store Link

Robot object fetching

The project was a part of the robotics course at UCCS, where a robot equipped with a camera and a raspberry pie was used to identify a predefined cylindrical object, approach it and grip. Four ultra-sonic sensors were also used in order to localize the robot. ROS was used in the above project.

Patient monitoring system

Implementing goods codification and production reporting system at FPSI Proposing facility layout plans for an industry in MSME segment