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ABOUT ME

I am a **Software Engineer** *with comprehensive hands-on experience in autonomous mobile robotics, proven in developing software architecture, behaviors, and estimation algorithms. As a* **ROS 2 expert**, *I am a member of its Technical Steering Committee and one of the maintainers of its core libraries.*
I am also a **Technical Lead** *and skilled contributor, excelling at organizing and executing complex projects for small development teams. I adhere to* **Agile methodologies** *with a focus on* **writing clean, well-documented, and thoroughly tested code**.
I expertly track team progress and communicate effectively with management and stakeholders through **concise and informative reports**. *I remain aligned with business priorities and can* **move with urgency** *to deliver successful solutions.*
In my free time, I enjoy a balance of outdoor and indoor hobbies, such as hiking, playing board games, reading books, and studying personal finance.

TECH SKILLS

8+ years experience with **C++**
It is my go-to language. I have an in-depth understanding of its features and design choices. I contributed to define coding guidelines for my company and mentored junior developers.
Proficient with **Python**
I often use it for prototypes and non-performance-critical applications.
Worked on projects using **Bash**, **C**, **Java**, **JavaScript**, **Matlab**.
Daily user of **Docker**, **Git**, **LaTeX**.

LANGUAGES

Italian: *Mothertongue*
English: *Fluent*
Chinese: *Basic spoken*

EXPERIENCE

Principal Robotics Engineer | iRobot

August 2018 – Present — Pasadena, CA, USA

- *Promoted from Robotics Engineer to Senior Robotics Engineer to Principal Robotics Engineer, consistently exceeding expectations.*
- *Served as Technical Lead for a team of 5 people. Improved ROS 2 performance, reducing CPU usage by over 70%, and successfully deployed it on Roomba™ robots.*
- *Software Architect for floorcare robots and the Create™3 application.*
- *Developed libraries for writing strategies using behavior trees.*
- *Improved accuracy of dead-reckoning through data synchronization.*

Data Scientist | MusixMatch

January 2018 – July 2018 — Bologna, Italy

Implemented a Java pipeline to recognize product references in lyrics and provide recommendations for advertisements. Developed a Python framework for training and testing neural networks for various NLP tasks.

Graduate Internship | KUKA Robotics

July 2017 – January 2018 — Augsburg, Germany

Designed and implemented C++ algorithms for the efficient autonomous exploration of environments exploiting prior information. Published multiple patents and a paper based on this project.

EDUCATION

M.S. Artificial Intelligence and Robotics | La Sapienza

September 2015 – January 2018 — Rome, Italy

Final Grade: 110/110 With Honors | Thesis: "Active SLAM using Connectivity Graphs as Prior" Advisor: Prof. Giorgio Grisetti

B.S. Automation Engineering | University of Bologna

September 2012 – June 2015 — Bologna, Italy

Final Grade: 109/110 | Thesis: "Design and Implementation of the Guidance Law for a Quadrotor Aerial Vehicle" Advisor: Prof. Lorenzo Marconi

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

2017 *Sapienza University Excellence Path*
2013 *AlmaTong Double-Degree Scholarship*

PUBLICATIONS

2019 ***Active SLAM using Connectivity Graphs as Priors.*** *Soragna A., Baldini M., Joho D., Kuemmerle R., and Grisetti G. IROS.*

2019 ***ROS 2 for Consumer Robotics.*** *Soragna A., Oxoby J., and Goel D. ROSCon.*

2018 ***Optimal graph exploration with active loop closure.*** *Soragna A., Baldini M., and Kuemmerle R. European patent.*

2018 ***Online adaptation of a prior topology graph to the observed environment during autonomous exploration.*** *Soragna A., Baldini M., and Joho D. European patent.*