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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

June 2014

B.S. in Mechanical Engineering - Control Information & Robotics

- Concentration: Writing
- Coursework: Design & Manufacturing, Dynamics & Control, Microcomputer Project Laboratory

WORK EXPERIENCE

Voxel8, Hardware Engineer

Somerville, MA

October 2014-March 2015

- Conceptualized, tested, and prototyped new parts for multi-material 3D printer
- Operated, tested, and debugged early-stage prototype
- Designed demo parts to exhibit the printer's capabilities to clients and researchers

Understory Weather, Engineering Intern

Somerville, MA

June 2014-September 2014

- Designed and fabricated electromechanical test equipment, including a linear actuator and a pneumatic propulsion system, for calibration and ruggedness testing of prototype
- Used Solidworks to spec out requirements and working with suppliers and manufacturers to deliver necessary parts

Vishwa Robotics, Design Intern

Cambridge, MA

January 2014-June 2014

- Worked on a project to build a powered robotic exoskeleton for a project sponsored by the US Navy
- Modeled parts in Solidworks and constructed prototypes with a 3D printer and homemade thermoformer

MIT Architecture Department, Undergrad Researcher

Cambridge, MA May 2013-August 2013

- Helped develop the next generation of Hyposurface, a 3D dynamic architectural surface
- Wrote motion control algorithms and ran tests for electric linear actuators

PROJECTS

Microcomputer Project Laboratory

February 2014 - May 2014

Designed and built a CNC-controlled etch-a-sketch

- Laser cut gears and a frame to attach the knobs of the etch-a-sketch to stepper motors
- Designed and constructed a circuit to allow the stepper motors to be controlled by a microprocessor
- Wrote assembly code capable of drawing any arbitrary shape on the etch-a-sketch

The Product Engineering Process

September 2013 - December 2013

- Collaborated on a team to develop a therapeutic robot targeted at dementia patients
- Wrote control algorithms in python for realistic, lifelike motions
- Team's prototype was ranked highest quality in the class

SKILLS

Programming Languages

Python, C, LATEX, *experience with* Java, C++, Arduino Basic

Software

Solidworks, Mathcad, *experience with* MATLAB, LabView, OpenCV, ROS

Hardware

3D printer, lathe, CNC milling machine, laser cutter, basic woodshop tools