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EXPERIENCE

Software Engineer

Sep. 2022 - Aug. 2024

Cornerstone Robotics Limited

- Managed state machine systems with over 1,000 states for a behavioral supervision application in laparoscopic surgical robots, enhancing robustness and reliability
- Developed features using **C++** and **Python** on real-time embedded Linux systems with DDS structure, including **Yocto & VxWorks**, achieving **time-critical performance**
- Designed and developed an in-house debugging tool using **Qt**, improving efficiency in identifying and resolving issues
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams in **SDLC**, utilizing **Agile**, **Waterfall**, and **Test-Driven Development** methodologies, ensuring **quality deliverables** and meeting **deadlines**
- Led the development of a new state machine in a new surgical robot, overcoming challenges in laparoscopic surgery and successfully attracting **investor funding**

MPhil Candidate and Research Assistant

Oct. 2019 - Aug. 2022

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

- Led development of **software and hardware prototypes** for **3D reconstruction** in endoscopic procedures, securing a **new funding project**
- Implemented high-performance algorithms in C++ and Python for 3D point-set processing, integrating sensor fusion to ensure reliability. Used libraries like OpenCV, PCL, and OpenGL
- Developed anti-counterfeiting and joystick control systems for surgical robots using ARM Cortex MCU (STM32), including firmware and hardware development, and implemented communication protocols like 1-Wire, I2C, and UART, resulting in a secure and efficient control system
- Presented research at academic conferences under the mentorship of Prof. YAM Yeung

Research and Development Intern (Full-time)

June 2017 - July 2018

ASMPT

- Developed high-precision motor systems and low-cost electromagnetic position sensors, achieving low-latency feedback and accurate control
- Developed a full-stack web app using PHP, JavaScript, and Bootstrap to automate the CE file system and processes, increasing efficiency by 50%

EDUCATION

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Master of Philosophy in Mechanical and Automation Engineering

Aug. 2020 – Aug. 2022

• Thesis: Dual-channel Bi-directional Structured Light 3D Imaging System

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) Degree in Electronic and Information Engineering

Sept. 2014 – Sept. 2019

PROJECTS

Structured Light 3D Reconstruction for Endoscope | C++, Python, QT, PCL

June 2020 - Aug. 2022

- Developed a prototype multi-channel structured light system, reducing measurement error from 12.3% to 5%
- Utilized translation of point sets, Iterative Closest Point (ICP), and Moving Least Squares (MLS) techniques to integrate multiple point cloud data sources, producing a more complete dataset (50% increase)
- Designed a user-friendly QT-based GUI with threading capabilities, ensuring seamless integration and optimal performance
- Leveraged PCL and OpenCV for point cloud reconstruction, registration, and smoothing, ensuring high accuracy

- Developed firmware for ARM Cortex MCU (STM32) for a lightweight, agile quadruped robot
- Utilized **Mbed OS RTOS framework** to ensure precise **task scheduling** and **real-time control** of robot movement with protocols like **CAN bus, I2C, and SPI**
- Integrated IMU and distance sensors to enhance stability and obstacle detection
- Collaborated with a **multidisciplinary team** to refine **robot gait algorithms**, resulting in **improved locomotion and efficiency**
- Validated system performance using lab instruments and debugging tools such as ST-LINK and CAN BUS analyzer

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: C/C++, Python, C#, Java, JavaScript, PHP, SQL (MySQL), HTML/CSS

Frameworks: VxWorks, OXF, Qt, Bootstrap

Developer Tools: IBM Rational Rhapsody, CMake, Docker, Keil µVision, STM32CubeMX, Altium Designer, SolidWorks

Libraries: OpenCV, PCL, PyTorch, NumPy, Matplotlib