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#### **EDUCATION**

#### Nanyang Technological University (NTU)

Aug 2015 – May 2020

Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical and Electronic Engineering)

- Specialization: Info-communications Engineering (Computer Engineering)
  - Relevant Subjects: 1) Intelligent System Design/Computer Vision (Machine Learning) 2) Computational Intelligence (Fuzzy Logic/Genetic Algorithm/Neural Networks) 3) Web Application Design 4) Data Structures & Algorithms

# WORK EXPERIENCE/INTERNSHIP SUMMARY

### **Undergraduate Research Assistant, ST-NTU Corporate Laboratory**

May 2017 – May 2020

**Design and code** control and telemetry software for simulated/physical robots (*Coordinator Software Modules*)

- Capture and analyse user requirements
- Propose and coded software implementation
- Sought user feedback for improvements in future iterations
- Developed UAV and UGV robots to be controlled by mission planner

Project 1: **Coordination Program between ROS-based Mission Planner and <u>Simulated Robots</u>** (Ubuntu Linux , C++, LUA, Bash Scripting, ROS, VREP, Git)

Project 2: **Coordination Program between ROS-based Mission Planner and <u>Physical Robots</u>** (Ubuntu Linux, Python, C++, Bash Scripting, Git, UWB positioning, ArduPilot, Mavlink)

#### Bank Executive, DBS Bank Ltd

Dec 2014 – Jan 2016 (1 year 1 month)

- Managed day to day business operational requirements of DBS' mobile applications (DBS Lifestyle, DBS FasTrack)
- Captured and documented Business Requirements for mobile applications' functionalities
- Monitored software development cycle and user deployment status
- Performed User Acceptance Testing and Bug Tracking/Documentation
- Used Google Analytics to track anonymous user statistics and gather app insights
- Design optimized marketing campaigns to drive App usage using gained insights
- Performed market and competitor analysis to identify future development and business threats

Project 1: DBS Lifestyle App Project 2: DBS FasTrack (Old Tea Hut Mobile Application)

### ACADEMIC PROJECTS/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

NTU Final Year Project: Optimization of High Performance UAV (High Speed Drones)

(Ongoing)

- Identified performance limitations of high speed drones and Machine Learning solution
- Designed high speed drone to acquire time-series flight data for analysis and machine learning optimization
- Develop data pre-processor application & database for real-time & historical flight data (q/kdb+)
- Develop Machine Learning regression modules with kdb+ integration to model UAV flight characteristics EmbedPy, Python (Pandas, Scikit-Learn, Keras/Tensorflow), MySQL, q IPC, ODBC, Matlab (Regression Learner)
- Predict optimal control input for UAV in real-time using trained Machine Learning models
- Visualize and analyse live-streaming/historical flight data using Tableau and Spotfire Analyst dashboards
- Implement custom q Ticker Plant to distribute computationally intensive and low-latency modules across different machines (ML training, Real-time Prediction and Real-time pre-processing of live telemetry)
- Deploy software modules to cloud at <a href="http://renxiang.cloud/OHR400Dashboard">http://renxiang.cloud/OHR400Dashboard</a>
- Published and presented paper abstract "Dynamic Throttle Optimisation Of High Performance UAVs Using Machine Learning Techniques" at SocPros '19 Soft Computing Conference in Liverpool, UK (Sept, 2019)
- Github: <a href="https://github.com/foorenxiang/OHR400Dashboard">https://github.com/foorenxiang/OHR400Dashboard</a>

NTU Intelligent System Design Module: Face Recognition Using StarGan/PCA/KNN/OpenCV (Ongoing)

- Develop face identification application using Python and OpenCV
- Wrote data mining Python scripts to compile photos for training data from publicly accessible websites
- Expand dataset by using StarGan to generate facial expressions from mined photos (synthesized images)
- Developed custom Principal Component Analysis Python (PCA) module (replaces sklearn PCA module)
- Apply K-Nearest-Neighbour technique to identify faces from webcam stream

NTU Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme (UROP): Cloud Backend for Data Sourcing

- Designed and implemented REST API Data Structure to store and send data from IoT sensor arrays
- Configured MEAN Stack on Cloud-Hosted Ubuntu Linux Server to deploy REST API and MongoDB database
- Studied **Hadoop** HDFS and MapReduce theories

NTU Design and Innovation Project: *Planning and Coordination of UAVionics Workflow* (<u>Team Leader</u> of 7 Members)

- Recruited and managed 6 Teaching Assistants
- Taught <u>80</u> NTU Engineering undergraduates to build and program flight and land-based *drone systems*
- Researched and designed robotic kits used for teaching
- Planned and executed two assessment events with Teaching Assistant Team

#### **SKILLS**

- Languages: Fluent in English, Chinese (Mandarin)
- Agile Software Development, UML
- Programming Languages:

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Python	Q/KDB	C++	MySQL	Unix/Linux BASH Scripting
Java	JavaScript	PHP	CSS 3	HTML 5
MongoDB	Express.JS	Node.JS	LUA Scripting	Robot Operating System (ROS)

### • Software Applications:

Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook)	Git Version Control	
Ubuntu Linux, macOS, Windows	Ubuntu Web Server (DigitalOcean/AWS)	
BASH Shell/Windows Command Line	Docker	
Hadoop	KX Developer (Dashboard)	

#### LEADERSHIP/CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

NTU UAVionics, Vice-President (May 2019 - May 2020), Secretary (Jul 2017 - May 2019)

- Conducted 3 UAV Design Workshops for NTU Engineering undergraduates
- Involved in planning and executing **national level** robotics competition "RippleUX" for primary to tertiary educational level students

Garage@EEE, Student Chairman (Jan 2016 – Aug 2016), Student Vice-Chairman (Aug 2015 – Dec 2015)

- Recruited and led inaugural Garage@EEE Student Ambassador committee
- Planned and directed preparation of 3 engineering workshops for NTU Engineering undergraduates (
- Explored potential collaboration across NTU faculties to promote Maker Culture in NTU EEE

### Old Holland Road 400, *Founder and Team Leader* (Feb 2019 – Ongoing)

- Recruited and leading team of 3 to attempt **Guinness World Record** (Fastest ground speed by a battery-powered remote-controlled (RC) quadcopter)
- Directing technical development and flight operations
- Lead Developer (Aerodynamics, Mechanical, Launch Control)