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Brief Research Statement

A highly experienced professional in the field of robotics and AI with over 10 years of experience programming robots and over 5 years of experience managing teams of engineers. Holds a PhD in Robotics and Artificial Intelligence and has strong technical and interpersonal skills. Has contributed to the field with over 20 academic publications and 2 patents, and has participated in European projects. Seeking the next step in their career as a manager in the robotics field.

Skills

Management: 5+ years. Trained in Agile Development, Nonviolent Communication, and Effective Leadership
Programming: 10+ years. Experience primarily with Python, C++, and Prolog in ROS
Languages: Italian (native), English (fluent), German (B2), French (A2)

Employment Experiences

Magazino GmbH

Head of Robotic Integration (03/2022 - Present)
Disciplinary supervisor and technical lead of a team of 10+ developers in charge of robot architecture design, robot behaviors development and product QA. Additionally, responsible for a commercial Behavior Tree based framework, adopted by multiple multinational companies to develop behaviors for their autonomous robots.
Keywords: VDA5050, Integrator CLI, SW & HW QA, Gazebo, GitLab, Docker, Podman, Behavior Trees.

Team Lead Behaviors & Reasoning (01/2018 - 03/2022)
Disciplinary supervisor and technical lead of a team in charge of robot behaviors development, data analysis, and SW QA. The team contributed to the development of three products: TORU, SOTO, ACROS.AI.
Keywords: Behavior trees, Automated planning, SW QA, Gazebo, Buildbot, Data Analysis, Pandas, Jupyter, GCP.

Senior Robotics Software Engineer (02/2017 - 01/2018)
Responsible for the behaviors, navigation and deployment of TORU.
The robot won several awards, such as Best ROS Based Product 2020, Best product LogiMAT 2018, etc.
Keywords: ROS, Behavior Trees, Django, Diagnostics, Prolog, Error modeling and Handling.

Robotics Software Engineer (11/2015 - 02/2017)
Robot navigation and behavior developer.
Keywords: ROS, Move Base, Topological graph planner, NetworkX, Django, Behavior Trees.

Additional Experiences

Open and Closed Source Contributions

Author/maintainer/contributor of various open and closed source projects
Repositories: ros/diagnostics, pyswip, behavior_trees, robot_state_reasoning,
topological_graph_planner, ros/geometry2, PetriNetPlans, etc.

Academic and Research Roles

European Project Reviewer
Project Names: SciRoc (EU-H2020 funded project)

SPC, PC and Reviewer for various international conferences
Conferences: IJCAI, ECAI, AI*IA, etc.

International Research Project Contributor
Project Names: AIPlan4EU (EU-H2020 funded project), RoboDevOps (Bavarian funded project)

RoboCup 2013 Standard Platform League

Team Leader and coordination and behaviors developer of the SPQR team
Achieved 1st place at Iran Open 2013 & 3rd place at German Open 2013

Education

CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

PhD Visitor: CORAL Laboratory under the supervision of Prof. Manuela Veloso
Visiting Period: 09/2014 - 03/2015

SAPIENZA - UNIVERSITÀ DI ROMA, ITALY

PhD in Robotics and Artificial Intelligence (11/2012 - 02/2016)
Title of the Thesis: Acquiring Knowledge Through Multi-Modal Human-Robot Interaction
Advisor: Prof. Daniele Nardi

Laurea Magistrale in Electronic Physics (09/2010 - 10/2012)
Title of the Thesis: Study of the Readout System of a Microcapillary Position Detector Filled with
Scintillating Liquid
Grade: 110/110 cum laude, excellence program

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PISA, ITALY

Laurea Triennale in Physics (09/2007 - 07/2010)
Title of the Thesis: Numerical Solution of the Unidimensional Scrödinger Equation

Publications

JOURNALS, BOOK CHAPTERS, AND PATENTS

Capabilities for error categorization, reporting and introspection of a technical apparatus. **G. Gemignani**, M. Grimm, M. Tenorth. European Patent and Trademark Office, filed on August 8th, 2021.

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Living with Robots: Interactive Environmental Knowledge Acquisition. **G. Gemignani**, R. Capobianco, E. Bastianelli, D. D. Bloisi, L. Iocchi, D. Nardi. Robotics and Autonomous Systems, RAS 2016.

CONFERENCES

Planning for Automated Testing of Implicit Constraints in Behavior Trees. U. Köckemann, D. Calisi, **G. Gemignani**, J. Renoux, and A. Saffiotti. International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling, ICAPS 2023.

Automatic Extraction of Structural Representations of Environments. R. Capobianco, **G. Gemignani**, D. D. Bloisi, D. Nardi, and L. Iocchi. Chapter in Intelligent Autonomous Systems 13, 2016.

Multi-Robot Search for a Moving Target: Integrating World Modeling, Task Assignment and Context. F. Riccio, E. Borzi, **G. Gemignani**, and D. Nardi. International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, IROS 2016. **RoboCup Best Paper Award**.

Multi-Robot Task Acquisition through Sparse Coordination. S. Klee, **G. Gemignani**, M. Veloso, and D. Nardi. International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, IROS 2015.

Disambiguating Localization Symmetry through a Multi-Clustered Particle Filtering. F. Previtali, **G. Gemignani**, L. Iocchi and D. Nardi. International Conference on Multisensor Fusion and Information Integration 2015.

Graph-Based Task Libraries for Robots: Generalization and Autocompletion. **G. Gemignani**, S. D. Klee, D. Nardi, and M. Veloso. AI*IA 2015.

Approaching Qualitative Spatial Reasoning About Distances and Directions in Robotics. **G. Gemignani**, R. Capobianco, and D. Nardi. AI*IA 2015.

Language-Based Sensing Descriptors for Robot Object Grounding. **G. Gemignani**, M. Veloso, and D. Nardi. RoboCup Symposium 2015. **Best Paper Award**.

Context-based Coordination for a Multi-Robot Soccer Team. F. Riccio, E. Borzi, **G. Gemignani**, and D. Nardi. RoboCup Symposium 2015.

On Task Recognition and Generalization in Long-Term Robot Teaching (Extended Abstract). **G. Gemignani**, S. Klee, M. Veloso, and D. Nardi. 14th International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems, AAMAS 2015.

Teaching Robots Parametrized Executable Plans Through Spoken Interaction. **G. Gemignani**, E. Bastinaelli, and D. Nardi. 14th International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems, AAMAS 2015.

Automatic Extraction of Structural Representations of Environments. R. Capobianco, **G. Gemignani**, D. Bloisi, D. Nardi, and L. Iocchi. 13th International Conference on Intelligent Autonomous Systems, IAS 2014.

On-line Semantic Mapping. E. Bastianelli, D. Bloisi, R. Capobianco, F. Cossu, **G. Gemignani**, L. Iocchi, and D. Nardi. 16th International Conference on Advanced Robotics, ICAR 2013.

WORKSHOPS

Dialog with Robots to Support Symbiotic Autonomy. D. Nardi, R. Basili, E. Bastianelli, D. Croce, **G. Gemignani**, A. Vanzo. In Proceedings of the 7th International Workshop on Spoken Dialog Systems, 2016.

Contexts for Symbiotic Autonomy: Semantic Mapping, Task Teaching and Social Robotics. R. Capobianco, **G. Gemignani**, L. Iocchi, D. Nardi, F. Riccio, and A. Vanzo. In Proceedings of the AAAI'16 Workshop on Symbiotic Cognitive Systems, 2016.

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Multi Robot Perception and Action: World Modeling and Task Allocation. F. Riccio, M. T. Lazáro, **G. Gemignani**, and D. Nardi. RSS 2015 Workshop Principle of multi-robot systems.

Task Recognition and Generalization in Long-Term Robot Teaching. **G. Gemignani**, S. Klee, M. Veloso, and D. Nardi. Autonomous Robots and Multirobot Systems, ARMS 2015.

Symbiotic Semantic Mapping. **G. Gemignani** , D. Nardi, D. D. Bloisi, R. Capobianco, and L. Iocchi. International Symposium on Experimental Robotics, ISER 2014.

Knowledge-Based Reasoning on Semantic Maps. R. Capobianco, **G. Gemignani**, D. Nardi, D. Bloisi, and L. Iocchi. Knowledge Representation and Reasoning in Robotics Symposium at AAAI Spring Symposium, 2014.

Knowledge Representation for Robots through Human-Robot Interaction. E. Bastianelli, D. Bloisi, R. Capobianco, **G. Gemignani**, L. Iocchi, and D. Nardi. Knowledge Representation and Reasoning in Robotics Workshop at 29th International Conference on Logic Programming, 2013.