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Robotics Software Engineer & Architect with a focus on backend system development for robotics applications. Experienced within numerous industries, languages, and technologies. Strong aptitude for mechanical design and has a successful record of leading projects from proof of concept into production.

Education

University of California, Riverside & Davis **Sep. 2010 - Jun. 2014**

- **UCR**: BSME with concentration in Control Theory under Department of Mechanical Engineering (BCOE)
- **UCD**: Control Theory Concentration under Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
- **Independently** studied Mandarin Chinese and Russian languages

Technical Toolset

- Codeblocks
- Embedded C, C++
- Beckhoff/TwinCAT
- Allen Bradley
- RS-232/485, CANbus
- SVN, GIT, Jira
- C# .NET
- Festo, MagneMotion
- IEC 61131-3
- RSLogix/FactoryTalk
- Ignition SCADA
- MATLAB, Python
- Fanuc TP, Karel
- gRPC, JSON, SQL
- Atmel Studio
- Node.js
- HTML, CSS, JS
- Cognex, iRVision
- EtherCAT, EthernetIP
- Visual Studio

Professional Experience

Contract Automation Engineer at Belco Packaging Systems **Jun. 2024 - Present**

Designed and implemented motion control and process control solutions using Beckhoff PLCs and C# HMIs. Also provided support for legacy systems at customer facilities. Collaborate closely with the customers as well as Belco's mechanical and electrical engineering teams.

- **Diagnosed** and resolved complex field issues involving PLC logic, motion control, I/O, and machine sequencing
- **Worked** directly with customers to make changes and resolve downtime issues in production environments.
- **Troubleshooting** for legacy systems written in TwinCAT 2, Windows XP, and CP7802 PLC.

Sr. Robotics Software Engineer at CarbonCapture **Jun. 2023 - Dec. 2023**

Designed and implemented system level software architecture and automation solutions for modular Direct Air Capture (DAC) reactors. Owned the system architecture and core control software stack. I focused on ensuring robustness, scalability, and long-term maintainability across current and future product deployments. Worked cross-functionally with mechanical, chemical process, and data teams to translate physical system requirements into production software.

- **Architected** macro and micro level software systems defining the core DAC control platform (CCI Software Suite)
- **Developed** and maintained high-reliability automation software in C#, C++, and TwinCAT
- **Reviewed** source code at the commit level to enforce correctness, consistency, and engineering best practices
- **Collaborated** with mechanical, process, and data science engineers to align software layers with project requirements
- **Integrated** third party hardware, control devices, and externally developed software into the primary control stack
- **Mentored** engineers through technical problem-solving, code reviews, code school, and architecture discussions
- **Reduced** cost by eliminating the need for expensive absolute encoders–resulting in a phase 1 savings of over $100K
- **Proposed** mechanical design for door actuation; replacing motors with pneumatics to reduce cost and complexity
- **Contributed** to company culture by building up infrastructures such as git, jira, code reviews, and a code school program

Professional Experience

Sr. Controls Engineer at Essentium 3D **Jun. 2021 - Jun. 2023**

Leading robotics software architecture and development for high-speed industrial 3D printers. Ensuring that our team builds a software core that is sufficiently robust, scalable, and maintainable to support the product line. I refactored the existing code base into OOP scalable modules/layers. This allowed us to quickly change hardware and ultimately extend from plastics into metal printing.

- **Primarily** used Clearcore Teknic and Agito controllers for real-time control and C# for the application and UI layers
- **Lead** the design and architecture of our core software which allowed us to expand from plastic to metal printing
- **Mentor** Jr. Engineers on approaching complex problems and upkeeping best coding standards
- **OOP** and heavy emphasis on robustness, scalability, maintainability, and patterns in C# and C++
- **Anticipate** and mitigate the impact of future design changes on the software layers
- **Design** of macro and micro software architectures which define the core product
- **Manage** and review source control on a per-commit basis
- **TI & STM32** used for embedded controls (C/C++)
- **RTOS** used for multitasking on STM32

Sr. Robotics Software Engineer at Seagate Technology **Mar. 2017 - Jun. 2021**

Developing software for cutting edge processes in digital storage technology. I focused on developing complex motion control routines for pico-scale positioning, calibration routines, state-machine process synchronization, and machine vision integration using the Congnex SDK.

- **Primarily** used Beckhoff and Delta Tau for real-time control and C#/C++ for vision, application, and UI layers
- **Motion Control** Kinematics, pick-n-place, multi-axis coordination, Quantum HSM framework
- **OOP** Heavy emphasis on encapsulation, inheritance, polymorphism, and robust design patterns
- **User Interface** Allowing users to fluidly interact with the multi-threaded application
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- **Machine-Vision Calibration** to establish precision robot coordinate system
- **Version Control** Using SVN, TFS and Agile/Scrum using Jira
- **Support** core vision libraries in C/C++
- **Cognex** VisionPro API integration

Controls Engineer at Sorenson Engineering Inc. **Sep. 2014 - Mar. 2017**

Leading controls software development for high-volume manufacturing. I developed core software and worked closely with Mechanical Engineers to build proof of concept products (R&D environment).

- **Primarily** used Beckhoff, Festo, Maxxon, and Jenny Science for real-time control with TwinCAT for HMI/UI
- **Motion Control** – Kinematics, motor sizing, pick-n-place, multi-axis synchronization, and axis coupling
- **Increased** machine PPM by decreasing rotor inertia ratio by 140% for tighter position control (VSIII)
- **Fieldbus Integration** – Integrating multiple OEM device nodes into the EtherCAT controls network
- **Vision Inspection** – Driving digital cameras (Cognex, Baumer/VeriSens) via native C++ SDKs
- **Eliminated** need for expensive camming software license and a measurement sensor