Jeremiah M. Via

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Education

2012-2014 MSc in Computer Science & Cognitive Science (expected)

Tufts University, USA

2009-2012 BSc in Artificial Intelligence & Computer Science, First Class Honours

University of Birmingham, United Kingdom

2007–2009 AS in Computer Programming (3.83 GPA)

Grossmont College, USA

Work Experience

2012-2013 Graduate Research Assistant, Human Robot Interaction Lab, Tufts University

- Developed code in Clojure to automatically generated software components to allow bidirectional communication between the ROS and ADE middlewares
- Improved low-level feature extractor by enabling introspection on its current context
- Developing architecture wide fault-tolerant mechanisms
- Deployed code to run on actual robots
- Lead developer on the Willow Garage PR2 and the VGo telepresence robots
- Part of a team to develop learning by demonstration on a robot

Teaching Assistant, Robot Programming, University of Birmingham

- Explained concepts to help students develop localization and navigation algorithms
- Showed students how to debug remote and low-level hardware

Research Assistant, Research Institute for Cognition and Robotics, Universität Bielefeld

- Extended a data-driven fault detection system to work on the CAST robotics middleware
- Modified learning model and algorithm to become more space and time efficient without loss in fault detection power

Technical Skills

Languages: Java, C, Clojure, Prolog, Python Tools: Emacs, Git, Subversion, LaTeX

Platforms: Linux/Unix, Mac OS X, ROS, ADE

Awards

2012 Provost Fellowship, Tufts University

Best Research Dissertation, University of Birmingham

2011 Ede & Ravenscroft Travel Bursary

Nuffield Foundation Science Bursary

2010 British Computing Society Tammal Hussein Memorial Prize

Interests

I genuinely enjoy learning about new technical concepts, particularly in robotics and programming. Outside of technology, I enjoy getting outside and doing physical activities. I am a competitive powerlifter and I enjoy riding bikes.