Karthik Kalidas

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INTERESTS

Robotics
Hardware IoT
Systems Engineering

EDUCATION

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
M.S. Mechanical Engineering
Columbus, OH, USA
Graduated Dec 2020 | GPA: 4.0/4.0

IIT BOMBAY
BTech. Mechanical Engineering
Mumbai, India
Graduated Aug 2019 | CPI: 8.4/10.0

ONLINE
• Udacity Self-Driving Car Nanodegree
• Udacity AI For Healthcare Nanodegree

TECHNICAL SKILLS

LANGUAGES
Comfortable: • C++ • Python • Go
Familiar: • Java • JavaScript • SQL

SOFTWARE
• ROS2 • Bazel • CMake
• Docker • AWS • Linux • Temporal
• MATLAB • CANape • CANalyzer
• SolidWorks • Onshape • ANSYS
• Jama • Cameo • Jira

RESPONSIBILITIES

Graduate Teaching Associate
Multidisciplinary ME Lab, OSU, 2020

Department Academic Mentor
ME Department, IITB, 2017

AWARDS

2024	Employee of the Quarter, Q2
2021	Employee of the Quarter, Q1
2018	Institute Technical Citation
2015	All India Rank 606, JEE Advanced
2015	KVPY Scholarship Recipient

HOBBIES

• Jiu-Jitsu
• Adventure Sports
• Mindfulness
• Tinkering

WORK EXPERIENCE

TORC ROBOTICS
Senior Systems Engineer | Test Automation
Jan. 2025 – Present | Dallas-Fort Worth, TX, USA
- Leading technical roadmap for HIL testing across the organization
- Automated robotic HIL testing via CI/CD for faster, reliable validation
- Established standalone test stage framework using Temporal workflows

System Integration Engineer | Autonomous Driving Kit
Nov. 2021 – Jan. 2025 | Albuquerque, NM, USA
- Led rapid integration and deployment of autonomy hardware platform in collaboration with **Daimler Truck** for mass production
- Developed patented sensor setup station for complete sensor set configuration in under ~**12 mins** with remote diagnostics monitoring
- Commissioned over 3 vehicle generations using self-developed tooling, optimized workflows, and comprehensive documentation
- Spearheaded system issue troubleshooting, RCA, and resolution

Test Engineer | On-Road Testing
Jan. 2021 – Nov. 2021 | Albuquerque, NM, USA
- Executed comprehensive test plans to identify system limitations, collecting pertinent data to drive continuous improvements
- Played key role in deploying supplementary instrumentation, infrastructure, and sensor calibration as defined by test plans
- Active involvement in tuning and optimizing longitudinal and lateral controllers, improving vehicle performance in diverse driving conditions

KPIT TECHNOLOGIES
ADAS Intern
May 2018 – Jul. 2018 | Pune, India
- Designed and tested rapidly deployable hardware to enable Automatic Emergency Braking in passenger vehicles
- Received Pre-Placement Offer (**PPO**) to join full-time based on internship progress and performance

KEY PROJECTS

PEDESTRIAN COLLISION AVOIDANCE FOR AUTONOMY
M.S. Thesis | Advisor: Prof. Aksun Guvenc, OSU
Aug 2019 – Dec. 2020 | Columbus, OH, USA
- Designed software stack to simulate autonomous shuttles to operate at the Ohio State School of Blind
- Developed pedestrian motion models and tracking algorithm using Interacting Multiple Model filter
- Conference paper[1] published and presented at **SAE WCX**, 2021

FORMULA STUDENT
IIT Bombay Racing | Chief Mechanical Officer
Sep 2016 – Aug. 2019 | Mumbai, India
- Led overall mechanical system design, manufacturing, integration and performance testing of an electric racecar with a focus on electromechanical powertrain, high-voltage battery, cooling system
- Presented at the prestigious Design Event and Cost Event to leading motorsport professionals at Silverstone Circuit, **FS UK '19**