# Lucas de Paula

# **Software Engineer**

Software engineer with 5+ years of experience building autonomous systems and real-time applications deployed in the field. Co-founded a drone tech startup used in wildfire detection and search & rescue missions across the world. Well-versed in C++ and Android Uls, with published research in Al-driven aerial robotics.

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#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## ROBOTTO CO. - Aalborg, Denmark

Co-founder and Software Developer

Feb 2019 - Oct 2024

### FireAl (Autonomous Drone Missions)

- Built C++ backend for autonomous drones missions which detect wildfires using DJI M300 & NVIDIA Jetson.
- Enabled early fire detection with 90+% average accuracy across diverse environments.

# OmniSight (Search & Rescue System)

- Developed embedded C++ modules for autonomous navigation in complex terrains.
- Integrated feedback from GRAF firefighters and WWF personnel to enhance usability.

### Android Ground Control App (FireAl & OmniSight)

- Built a custom Android app for drone control and real-time telemetry visualization using Java.
- Collected user feedback from field operators often shipping QoL updates.

#### TileElevation

- Engineered a real-time elevation map utility to prevent terrain collisions.
- Adopted in all company missions, reducing crash risk during autonomous flight to nearly zero.

### **SKILLS**

- Languages: C++, Java, Python, SQL, C#
- Technologies: OpenCV, JSON, XML, REST APIs
- Tools: Git, Docker, CMake, Gradle
- Platforms: Linux (Ubuntu, Fedora), NVIDIA Jetson, Android, Raspberry Pi
- Practices: Agile (Scrum/Kanban), CI/CD, Field Testing, UX Feedback Integration

# **EDUCATION**

# AALBORG UNIVERSITY - Aalborg, Denmark

**Bachelor of Robotics** 

Aug 2016 - Aug 2019

- Focus: Control systems, autonomous navigation, human-robot interaction.
- Capstone: Al-based drone platform for wildfire mapping using monocular vision.

# PERSONAL PROJECTS

### **TOUCHPAD VOLUME CONTROL**

Developed a Fedora desktop utility to control volume via touchpad gestures using ALSA.

## **BUFF SNAKE (MULTIPLAYER GAME)**

Created a gym-themed multiplayer Snake game featuring unique mechanics and "buffing" effects.

# ADDITIONAL

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- "Estimation of Wildfire Size and Location using a Monocular Camera on a Semi-Autonomous Quadcopter" ICVS (2019)
- "A Framework for Wildfire Inspection Using Deep Convolutional Neural Networks" SII (2020)

# **LANGUAGES**

English | C2 (Fluent) Portuguese | C2 (Native) Spanish | B2 (Intermediate) Danish | A1 (Basic)

# **VOLUNTEERING**

Cheetah Conservation Volunteer – South Africa, 2016