

# Sachin Fernando

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## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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### Software

programming (C++, Python, MATLAB), ROS, software testing (GoogleTest, pytest), OS (Windows, Linux), CI/CD, Docker, simulation (CARLA, Driving Scenario Designer), libraries (scikit-learn, PyTorch, OpenCV)

### Hardware

vehicle testing and CAN interfacing (dSPACE ControlDesk, Vector CANalyzer), sensor calibration (radar, lidar, camera), HV and LV electrical testing/debugging

## RESEARCH GROUP / DESIGN TEAM

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University of Waterloo EcoCAR Team ([Mobility Challenge](#) and [EV Challenge](#))

Jan. 2021 – Present

*Connected and Automated Vehicle Software Development*

Waterloo, ON

- Converted stock SUVs from manual control to level 2/3 autonomy by leading perception, controls and V2X algorithm development using **ROS** based architecture in **Python** and **C++**.
- Achieved near 25% increase in tracking accuracy from previous year through alternative **sensor fusion** techniques. Preliminary validation conducted using **CARLA** simulator.

*Propulsion and Controls Integration*

- Ensured vehicle performance met engineering standards through hardware-in-the-loop (**HIL**) and vehicle-in-the-loop (**VIL**) tests on local track. Gained proficiency with **CAN** interfacing with Vector CANalyzer.
- Calibrated radar and camera sensors for dynamic driving using **CAPL** scripts.
- Resolved all major software and hardware issues relating to in-vehicle Electronic Control Units (**ECUs**) using **dSPACE ControlDesk** and HV/LV electronic test equipment.

## INTERNSHIPS

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Stacktronic

May 2020 – Aug. 2020

*Battery Systems Engineering*

Kitchener, ON

- Developed model and charging simulations for custom battery pack to determine energy efficiency under various pack configurations using **MATLAB's Simscape Electrical** toolbox.
- Reduced pack frame's form factor by 15% by re-designing mounting geometry using **Onshape CAD** platform.

Dematic Ltd.

May – Aug. 2018, Jan – Apr. 2019

*Controls and Simulation Engineering*

Mississauga, ON

- Supported senior engineer in **controls development** and commissioning of 100+ conveyor unit system.
- Validated PLC logic for merge and sortation system using RSLogix with **Emulate 3D**.

## EDUCATION

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University of Waterloo

*Candidate for MASc, Mechatronics Engineering*

(Expected) Aug., 2023

- Thesis: An Automated Testing Framework for Perception Algorithm Development
- Engineering Dean's Entrance Award (85%+ admission average)

*BASc, Systems Design Engineering*

June, 2021

- Presidents Scholarship of Distinction (95%+ admission average)

### Relevant Coursework

- EV and HEV Design Fundamentals
- Algorithm Design and Analysis
- Autonomous Mobile Robots
- Computational Intelligence
- Multi-sensor Data Fusion
- Control Systems