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EDUCATION	Imperial College London	
	PhD in Computing	2018 – 2022
	Supervisor: Prof. Andrew J. Davision	
	The University of Tokyo	
	MS in Information Science and Technology	2016 – 2018
	BE in Mechano-Informatics	2012 – 2016
	Supervisors: Prof. Masayuki Inaba, Prof. Kei Okada	
WORK	Minerva Technologies Inc., Remote (Contract)	2016 – 2022
EXPERIENCE	Tumor detection in images by deep learning, and its evaluation for approval review.	
	Corvus Robotics Inc., Remote (Contract)	2020 – 2021
	Real-time warehouse inventory inspection with drones via semantic segmentation with d	eep learning.
	Honda Research Institute, Inc., Tokyo (Summer internship)	2014
	Autonomous safety braking system for driver assistance with deep learning.	
	Donuts Co. Ltd., Tokyo (Part-time)	2013 – 2014
	Web system engineer for E-commerce shops using PHP, SQL, and HTML/CSS.	
DISTINCTION	Contributions to the Open Source Community on GitHub	2015 - 2022
	Created popular software with 1-8k stars and 500-1000 daily traffics (e.g., <u>Labelme</u> , <u>Gdown</u>).	
	PhD President's Scholarship of Imperial College London	2018 – 2022
	One of the fifty PhD students for the full funded scholarship*1.	
	Two Patents on Object 6D Pose Estimation	2021
	Invented methods for 3D object-level scene understanding using vision sensors*2, 3.	
	IEEE Robotics and Automation Society Japan Joint Chapter Young Award at IROS 2018	2018
	One of the five Japanese students nominated with their conference papers*4.	
	Lead the UTokyo Team at the Amazon Robotics Challenge	2015 – 2017
	Won the 5th place our of 16 teams in 2016. Mainly worked on the vision part*5.	
PUBLICATIONS	 Kentaro Wada, Stephen James, and Andrew J. Davison, "ReorientBot: Learning Object for Specific-Posed Placement", IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Autom 2022. [Paper] [Video] [Webpage] 	

- Edgar Sucar, Kentaro Wada, and Andrew J. Davison, "NodeSLAM: Neural Object Descriptors for Multi-View Shape Reconstruction", IEEE International Conference on 3D Vision (3DV), 2021. [Paper] [Video] [Webpage]
- Kentaro Wada, Edgar Sucar, Stephen James, Daniel Lenton, and Andrew J. Davison, "MoreFusion: Multi-object Reasoning for 6D Pose Estimation from Volumetric Fusion", IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2020. [Paper] [Video] [Webpage]
- Kentaro Wada, Shingo Kitagawa, Kei Okada, and Masayuki Inaba, "Instance Segmentation of Visible and Occluded Regions for Finding and Picking Target from a Pile of Objects", IEEE International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), 2018. [Paper] [Video]

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KEY SKILLS

- Coding and software development with Python and C++ for deep learning, scene reconstruction, 2D/3D visualization, physics simulation, CLI tools, and GUI/Web applications.
- SLAM and 3D semantic scene understanding with expertise in object tracking, reconstruction, detection and pose estimation using onboard vision sensors and deep learning.
- Real-time vision and robotic system building for 3D scene understanding and motion generation with expertise in integration and design with asynchronous, distributed compute.

INTERESTS