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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Robotics and Intelligent Vehicles Research Lab, Northeastern University

Research Assistant, Advisor: **Prof. Taskin Padir**

Jul 2016 – Present

- Worked with **Dr. Velin Dimitrov** to support his thesis on human-in-the-loop cyber-physical systems. Designed an experiment using a Turtlebot & Clearpath Jackal to analyze the performance of a blended shared control architecture and its effect on human-robot team performance. Presented at **RISE 2017** and submitted to **ICRA 2019**.
- Worked with PhD student **Tarik Kelestemur** to lead & mentor a group of undergraduate students to support the development of Toyota's Human Support Robot. I designed & developed **DialogflowROS**, a speech interface system with hotwords and context sensitive grammar using Google's Speech & NLP APIs. Our team participated in Robocup@Home2017/18 and was invited to the World Robot Summit 2018. We placed 4th internationally and best in the USA. Presented at **MIT IEEE URTC 2018**.

Integrated Human-Machine Systems Lab, Northeastern University

Research Assistant, Advisor: **Prof. Yingzi Lin**

Nov 2015 – Jun 2016

- Supported graduate student Li Wang's project on the use of EEG sensors to interface with robots using SVM classifiers. Submitted to **ACC 2016**.
- Researched the effects of cold pain on physiological signals by designing an experiment to measure pain tolerance. Presented at **RISE 2016**.

Mechatronics Research Lab, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Research Intern

Sep 2014 – Feb 2015

- Supported **Prof. Kamal El-Toumi** and **Dr. Iman Soltani**'s project on car and pedestrian detection in autonomous vehicles for Ford through a literature survey. Trained BRISK, FAST, and SURF classifiers using Matlab and analyzed performance, accuracy, and tradeoffs of each feature extractor.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Arçelik, Istanbul, Turkey

Robotics R&D Intern

Jul 2018 – Present

- Conducted a market analysis and systematic review on state-of-the-art literature in home robotics and smart homes. Presented results to executives and research managers.
- Designed and prototyped proof-of-concept robot technologies including a clutter cleaning robot.
- Wrote a technology road map for a future research/product ecosystem at Arçelik, creating projects for future coops as well.

iRobot, Bedford, MA

Lead Systems Test Intern

May 2017 – Dec 2012

- Designed an optoelectronic test fixture for iRobot's home-based product line which identified critical docking issues in old generation Roombas.
- Trained & assisted interns with on-boarding, power tools, software, and electronics. Ran workshops to train interns on tools like ROS.
- Designed, built, and maintained test fixtures by programming MCUs, designing electronic circuits, and machining & printing parts.
- Wrote a shape, color, and face detection program for iRobot's future STEM product using OpenCV.
- Wrote LabView programs that collected sensor data from iRobot's future products to validate new features.

Neuro Behavioral Center, Walpole, MA

Partner & Co-Founder

Aug 2014 – Present

- Established a psychiatric clinic, setting up operations including finance, HR, and legal structure.
- Wrote employee training manual, handbook, and company policy.
- Currently focused on monitoring financial performance and clinic budget.

EDUCATION	<p>Northeastern University, Boston, MA</p> <p>B.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering Exp. Apr 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concentration: Robotic systems, kinematics, and dynamics. • Minor: Mathematics • Dean's List (All Semesters) Cumulative GPA: 3.89 / 4.0
SKILLS	<p>Programming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Experienced (3+ years) C\C++, Python, MATLAB, Simulink, HTML\CSS. ▪ Proficient (1+ years) JavaScript, LabView, Verilog, Bash Scripting, MIPS Assembly, \LaTeX. <p>Platforms ROS, Linux, Tensorflow, Scipy, Numpy, Pandas, Matplotlib, OpenCV, PCL, Git, NI DAQs</p> <p>Applications OrCAD/PSpice, Eagle PCB, Solidworks, Jira (Agile), AutoCAD.</p> <p>Fabrication CNC Milling, Manual Milling & Turning, Soldering & Crimping, Rapid Prototyping.</p>
PUBLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> [1] A. Abou Allaban, V. Dimitrov, and T. Padir, "A blended human-robot shared control framework to handle drift and latency," Submitted to <i>Int. Conf. on Robotics & Automation</i>, 2019. [2] A. Abou Allaban, T. Kelestemur, N. Yokoyama, and T. Padir, "A System Architecture for Mobile Robots in a Home Environment: Team Northeastern's Approach for Robocup@Home," Presented at <i>IEEE MIT Undergraduate Research Tech. Conf.</i>, Boston, MA, USA, Oct 2018. [3] A. Abou Allaban and T. Padir, "Performance Evaluation of a Blended Shared Controller in Human-Robot Teams," in <i>Research and Innovation Student Expo</i>, Boston, MA, USA, Apr 2017. [4] Y. Lin, L. Wang, and A. Abou Allaban, "A Feature Extraction and Classification Algorithm for ERD/ERS-based classification in a Brain-Computer Interface system," in <i>Proceedings of the American Control Conference</i>, Boston, MA, Jul 2016.
AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS	<p>Northeastern Presidential Global Scholarship Jul 2018 Award given to Northeastern students with an outstanding academic record seeking to pursue a global co-op opportunity.</p> <p>Northeastern Excellence Scholarship 2015 – 2019 Merit-based scholarship awarded for students who have academically excelled in their coursework.</p> <p>Best/Outstanding Delegate Nov 2014 – Jul 2015 Awarded to MUN delegates that showcase the best debating and leadership skills. Awarded at MITMUNC, UMass Amherst MUN, UNAGB MAL & RMUN.</p> <p>1st place ADNOC Regional Science Fair Jan 2014 Awarded for designing a system for controlling a robot with gestures using a Microsoft Kinect.</p>
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & ACTIVITIES	<p>IEEE RAS - Northeastern Student Chapter, Boston, MA Jul 2018 – Present <i>Founder, President</i> Established an IEEE RAS Student Branch Chapter. Conducted workshops on robotic technologies, invited speakers from industry & academia, and collaborated with research labs to connect students with research projects.</p> <p>Al-Noor Academy Model UN, Mansfield, MA Mar 2014 – Present <i>Founder, Advisor</i> Established an MUN organization at the Glenelg School of Abu Dhabi, paving the way for a major student led group with 150+ members. A similar organization was introduced at Al-Noor Academy. Currently assisting in an advisory role.</p> <p>IEEE HKN - Gamma Beta Chapter, Boston, MA 2018 – Present <i>Member, Tutor</i> Tutor for Northeastern's upper-level ECE classes as part of IEEE-HKN's tutoring initiative.</p> <p>Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society, Boston, MA 2018 – Present</p>
LANGUAGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Native: English, Arabic ▪ Intermediate: Turkish