Nicolas F. Abboud

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M.Sc.in Mechatronics; Software and Automation Engineer; Interested in Web Development and Artificial Intelligence.

Education

- Masters of Science in Mechatronics, School of Mechanical Engineering, Newcastle University, United Kingdom. (September 2017 October 2018)
 - Master's project and thesis: <u>Autonomous three-wheeled omnidirectional mobile</u> robot with facial and voice recognition capabilities.
 - o Graduated with **Distinction**, and awarded prize for academic performance.
- Bachelors of Technology in Mechatronics Engineering, University of Balamand, Lebanon. (September 2014 June 2017)
 - o **Bachelor's project**: Internet of Things in Smart Home Automation.
 - o Graduated with **Distinction**, and on **Dean's Honor List** for entire degree.

Work Experience

- **Software and Web Developer**, Self-Employed Freelancer, (April 2020 to present)
- **Software and Automation Engineer**, Green Essence Renewable Energy Solutions, Lebanon (*January 2019 to May 2020*)
 - Lead software engineer on "Wattron- data logging device for solar inverters and smart energy meters".
 - Developed backend PHP apache web-server.
 - Design and maintenance of Database (MySQL)
 - o Electrical and Electronics support for various solar PV projects.
 - Associate engineer on technical proposal for the Lebanese Center for Energy Conservation (LCEC).
- **Software Engineering Intern**, Green Essence Renewable Energy Solutions, Lebanon (*June-August 2017*)
 - Developed a server-side webservice in C# on a Raspberry Pi 3, operating Windows 10 IoT Core.
 - Integrated basic web development (HTML, PHP) for remote monitoring and control.
 - Delivered a working prototype as proof of concept.
- Research Intern, Laboratoire d'Ingénierie des Systèmes de Versailles (LISV), University of Versailles Saint Quentin, Versailles, France. (June-July 2016)
 - Study of electromagnetic induction principles applied in induction powered vehicles.
 - Design and implementation of photodiode laser PCB for magnetic field detection.
 - Worked in a research environment which taught me technical organizational skills.

Projects

- Wattron data logger for solar inverters and smart meters.
- Autonomous three-wheeled omnidirectional mobile robot with facial and voice recognition.
 - Masters project https://youtu.be/Hsz_atQDfnQ
- C# based Pac-Man game, Arduino powered uv/grayscale-navigation mobile robot, PV solar streetlight, JAVA based social network
 - o Part of B.Tech. degree from University of Balamand.
- Web development portfolio:
 - o Github https://github.com/8bit-nyk
- LinkedIn: https://linkedin.com/in/nicolas-abboud-135798158

Operational skills

- Programming Languages:
 - o C#, JAVA, Python. (proficient knowledge)
 - o C, Assembly, VHDL. (limited -for a specific course/project- knowledge)
- Full stack web development: The Odin Project (HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Ruby on Rails, SQL/Database design, VCS Git)
- Engineering design and simulation: Adobe AutoCAD (2D & 3D), Adobe Inventor, MatLab and Simulink [Control Systems]
- Networking operational knowledge: CCNA1 & CCNA2 (certificates), Distributed Control System, and SCADA.
- Linux OS environment operational knowledge
- Robotics Operating System basics
- Additional software with previous operational knowledge:
 - Design: Altium Designer 2016.LabView MultiSim.
 - Industrial Automation PLC Programming: Delta WPLsoft 2.30, Seimens Sematic Step7.
 - Microcontroller Programming: Quartus II 9.1, MPLAB X IDE v2.26 (PIC18F microcontroller), and Easy68K.
 - GearPro Design by Dontyne Systems.

Additional Skills

- Multilingual **Arabic** (mother tongue), **English** (fluent), **French** (Intermediate)
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal.
- Interpersonal Skills:
 - Counselor at SES-LAU 2012 summer camp.
 - Member of the Lebanese Scouts Association from 2012-2016, and Rover Scouts Leader in 2015-2016.
- Project and time management skills attained throughout studies and work.

General Interests and Hobbies

- Artificial Intelligence
- Problem solving and building things (tinkering, puzzles, sudoku, chess)
- Outdoor nature activities (hiking and camping)