

WRPS Chief Technology Office Internship Recap

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Robotics Development Internship Scope



- Support semi-automated and automated robotic system development
- Develop automated experimental workflows to enhance safety and efficiency
- Run continuous testing to validate and qualify automated systems
- Assist in daily CTO work involving robotics and robotic testing procedures
- Increase worker safety and efficiency within the Hanford Mission





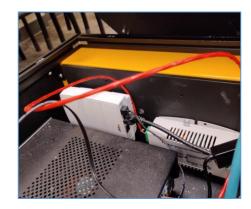
Support CTO Robotics Work







- Prepare equipment for integration into future testing
- Maintain, repair, and script recoveries for platforms
- Design and prototype parts for integration of equipment onto platforms
- Continuously test and validate automated systems and routines





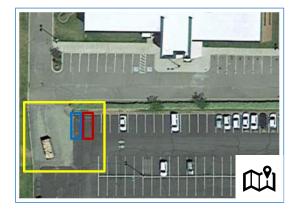




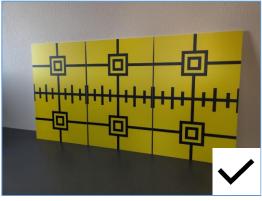
Method for Validating Automated Systems



- For Waypoint Robotics Vector autonomous navigation:
- Locate an area and develop testing course
- Determine method to check data quality
- Run Vector platform continuously on course
- Analyze data gathered from test sessions
- Develop report on lessons learned from testing











An Insight Into Data Analysis















- Images gathered through hours of testing are processed through software
- Pixel-by-pixel comparison to qualify observations made in final stopping position
- Less red in the resulting image means the Vector stops in the same spot each time











Gained Experience



- Insight into difference between consumerapplication vs development-application of robotic systems
- Methods to maintain work fluidity and efficiency while teleworking
- Design and execution of quality testing methods for autonomous routines
- Bash scripting for recovery operations on robotic platforms





Plans for the Future



- Continue supporting WRPS CTO work
- Conclude and report findings from Vector navigation testing
- Incorporate additional technologies onto robotic platforms
- Continue M.S. thesis track for Mechanical Engineering at FIU
- Make connections with new people and work through more experiences





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