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About Me

Hello! I'm Raul, a Brazilian Computer Science student passionate about the synergy between computing and intelligence. I focus mainly on researching **Deep Reinforcement Learning**.

General Information

- Nationality: Brazilian and Italian (dual citizenship)
- Date of Birth: August 08, 2003 (21 years old)
- Current Institution: Federal University of Santa Maria (Brazil)
- Current GPA: 3.66/4.00 (American), 2.94/3.00 (Japanese)

Work and Scholarships

- 09/2023 – current **Reinforcement Learning for Robotics Research Grant**, CAPES (Brazil). Researching deep reinforcement learning for terrestrial robot navigation.
- 03/2023 – 08/2023 **Deep Computer Vision for Precision Agriculture Research Grant**, Wageningen University and Research and Federal University of Santa Maria. Researched image instance segmentation methods for weed and soy detection in crops.
- 09/2022 – 03/2023 **Human Robot Interaction Internship**, Qiron Robotics, Brazil. Enhanced humanoid robot AI for improved human-robot interaction, focused on facial recognition and conversational interfaces.
- 12/2021 – 08/2022 **PET Research Grant**, Federal University of Santa Maria (Brazil). Supported peer learning, taught workshops and conducted research on invoice data analysis.

Education

- 2021 – current **Bachelor of Science in Computer Science** – Federal University of Santa Maria, Brazil. Expected graduation in December 2024.
- 2014 – 2020 **Advanced English Course** – Wizard Language School, Brazil. Graduated with the highest distinction.
- 2018 – 2020 **High School Diploma** – Murialdo Ana Rech, Brazil. Arithmetic average of 9.22/10.0.

Research Publications

Papers Published in Journals

- 1 M. dos Santos Lima, V. A. Kich, R. Steinmetz, and D. F. Tello Gamarra, "Delta robot control by learning systems:: Harnessing the power of deep reinforcement learning algorithms," *Journal of Intelligent & Fuzzy Systems*, vol. 46, no. 2, pp. 4881–4894, 2024.
- 2 J. A. Bottega, V. A. Kich, J. C. d. Jesus, *et al.*, "Jubileo: An immersive simulation framework for social robot design," *Journal of Intelligent & Robotic Systems*, vol. 109, no. 4, p. 91, 2023.

Papers Presented in Conferences

- 1 J. A. Bottega, R. Steinmetz, A. H. Kolling, *et al.*, "Virtual reality platform to develop and test applications on human-robot social interaction," in *2022 Latin American Robotics Symposium (LARS), 2022 Brazilian Symposium on Robotics (SBR), and 2022 Workshop on Robotics in Education (WRE)*, IEEE, 2022, pp. 1–6.
- 2 J. D. Mazzarolo, R. Steinmetz, and S. L. Mergen, "Um estudo sobre a falta de padronização na descrição de produtos em notas fiscais eletrônicas," in *Anais do XVII Escola Regional de Banco de Dados*, SBC, 2022, pp. 31–40.
- 3 L. D. de Moraes, V. A. Kich, A. H. Kolling, *et al.*, "Double deep reinforcement learning techniques for low dimensional sensing mapless navigation of terrestrial mobile robots," in *International Conference on Intelligent Systems Design and Applications*, Springer, 2022, pp. 156–165.





Papers Accepted (to be presented and/or published)


- 1 R. Grando, R. Steinmetz, V. A. Kich, *et al.*, *Improving generalization in aerial and terrestrial mobile robots control through delayed policy learning*, 2024, Manuscript accepted for the 20th IEEE International Conference on Automation Science and Engineering (CASE).
- 2 V. Kich, J. Bottega, R. Steinmetz, R. Grando, A. Yorozu, and A. Ohya, *Curling the dream: Contrastive representations for world modeling in reinforcement learning*, 2024, Manuscript accepted for the 2024 International Conference on Control and Automation Systems.
- 3 V. Kich, J. Bottega, R. Steinmetz, R. Grando, A. Yorozu, and A. Ohya, *Kolmogorov-arnold networks for online reinforcement learning*, 2024, Manuscript accepted for the 2024 International Conference on Control and Automation Systems.
- 4 V. A. Kich, J. A. Bottega, R. Steinmetz, R. Grando, A. Yorozu, and A. Ohya, *Advancing behavior generation in mobile robotics through high-fidelity procedural simulations*, 2024, Manuscript accepted for the 33rd IEEE International Conference on Robot and Human Interactive Communication (RO-MAN).
- 5 R. Steinmetz, V. A. Kich, H. Krever, *et al.*, *From seedling to harvest: The growingsoy dataset for weed detection in soy crops via instance segmentation*, 2024, Manuscript accepted for the 11th IEEE International Conference on Cybernetics and Intelligent Systems (CIS) and Robotics, Automation and Mechatronics (RAM).

Papers Under Review




- 1 R. Grando, R. Steinmetz, J. Jesus, *et al.*, "Parallel deep reinforcement learning for hybrid mobile robots," 2024, Manuscript under review for the Journal of Intelligent & Robotic Systems.
- 2 R. Steinmetz, F. Rosa, V. Kich, J. Bottega, R. Grando, and D. Gamarra, "Encoded representations and world modeling for autonomous terrestrial robot navigation," 2024, Manuscript under review for the Springer Autonomous Robots Journal.

Service

- 07/2022  **Machine Learning Workshop Presenter and Organizer**, Federal University of Santa Maria (Brazil).
- 06/2022  **Git and Github Workshop Presenter and Organizer**, Federal University of Santa Maria (Brazil).
- 05/2022  **Java Workshop Presenter and Organizer**, Federal University of Santa Maria (Brazil).
- 02/2022  **Latex Overleaf Workshop Presenter and Organizer**, Federal University of Santa Maria (Brazil).

- 2024  **Paper reviewer for conference**, 11th IEEE International Conference on Cybernetics and Intelligent Systems (CIS) and the 11th IEEE International Conference on Robotics, Automation and Mechatronics (RAM)


Idioms

- English  Fluent reading, writing and speaking.
- Portuguese  Native language.
- Italian  Basic reading, writing and speaking.

Academic References


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