

# Jacobus Lock

*Motivated, dynamic engineer and PhD student, seeking new challenges and work experience in my field while I complete my studies*

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## Education

- 2016 - Present **PhD in Computer Science**, *University of Lincoln*, Lincoln, UK.  
This project attempts to combine machine learning, human-machine interfacing and computer vision in a novel way to produce an indoor navigation system for the visually impaired that adapts to a user's usage patterns, skills and limitations. Project website: [lcas.github.io/ActiVis](https://lcas.github.io/ActiVis)
- 2014 - 2015 **Master of Mechatronic Engineering**, *Stellenbosch University*, Stellenbosch, South Africa.  
This project successfully determined the pose accuracy of a drone in flight in the outdoors with computer vision and machine learning regression techniques. The resulting error covariance matrix was integrated into the drone's control model. Report available at: [bit.ly/2wjp7q0](https://bit.ly/2wjp7q0)
- 2010 - 2013 **Bachelor of Mechatronic Engineering**, *Stellenbosch University*, Stellenbosch, South Africa.

## Projects

### NFCPay.

Designed, built and implemented a cashless vending machine that allows a student to buy a product using QR code, NFC or student ID authentication and deployed a remote server that tracks and encrypts all transactions and communications.

### EchoLocate.

Developing a geo-tracker app that listens to the environment for ultrasonic trigger cues and logs the geo-location once such a cue is detected.

### PiLock.

Created a centralised lock control system where a user can control the status of a group of locks using their Android phone and uses a back-end server for authentication and user logging.

## Technical Skills

Strong Android (SDK and NDK), Java, C\C++, Python, Git, Matlab, Latex  
Knowledgeable Django, Kotlin, Bash, embedded programming

## Languages

Afrikaans Native  
English Native, raised in bilingual household  
German Basic, learning

## Hobbies and Interests

Travelling, history, economics, hiking, reading, cooking.

## References

Available upon request.