

Training Course on Vision-Based Control Systems

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Engineering	Duration	10 Days
Base Fee	\$3,000 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

1. Comprehend the fundamental principles of computer vision and its application in industrial control.
2. Design and implement effective vision systems for various industrial automation tasks.
3. Select appropriate cameras, lenses, and lighting for optimal image acquisition in diverse environments.
4. Develop and apply advanced image processing algorithms for feature extraction and analysis.
5. Integrate vision data into feedback control loops for precise robotic manipulation and process control.
6. Implement real-time object detection and recognition using traditional and deep learning methods.
7. Perform 3D vision tasks, including depth perception, point cloud processing, and pose estimation.
8. Understand and utilize machine learning techniques for visual inspection and quality control.
9. Troubleshoot and optimize performance issues in vision-based control applications.
10. Apply vision guidance for robotic systems in pick-and-place, assembly, and welding operations.
11. Evaluate and select appropriate vision software libraries and hardware platforms.
12. Ensure data integrity and security in networked vision systems and industrial environments.
13. Drive innovation in manufacturing and automation through the strategic deployment of VBC systems.

Organizational Benefits

1. Enhanced Automation Precision: Achieve higher accuracy in robotic and automated tasks.
2. Improved Quality Control: Early detection of defects and reduced product waste.
3. Increased Production Efficiency: Faster cycle times and optimized workflows.
4. Reduced Operational Costs: Minimized manual inspection and rework.
5. Greater Flexibility in Manufacturing: Adapt to diverse product variations with vision guidance.
6. Safer Work Environments: Automation of hazardous tasks.
7. Data-Driven Process Optimization: Insights from visual data for continuous improvement.
8. Competitive Edge: Adoption of cutting-edge vision technology.
9. Skilled Workforce: Empowered employees proficient in advanced vision systems.
10. Accelerated Digital Transformation: Enabling smart factory initiatives.

Target Participants

- Automation Engineers
- Robotics Engineers
- Process Engineers

- Manufacturing Engineers
- Quality Control Engineers
- R&D Engineers
- Control System Engineers
- Machine Vision Specialists
- Systems Integrators
- Technicians involved in automation and quality inspection

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Module 1: Fundamentals of Computer Vision for Control

- **Introduction to Computer Vision:** Core concepts, applications in industry, and control loops.
- **Image Formation and Sensing:** Digital cameras, image sensors, and pixel properties.
- **Basic Image Processing Operations:** Histograms, brightness, contrast, and color spaces.
- **Vision System Architectures:** Hardware components (cameras, frame grabbers, processors).
- **Case Study:** Setting up a basic vision system for presence/absence detection on an assembly line.

Module 2: Optics, Lighting, and Image Acquisition

- **Lenses and Optical Principles:** Focal length, depth of field, and distortion.
- **Industrial Lighting Techniques:** Backlight, diffuse, dark field, and structured light.
- **Camera Selection and Calibration:** Resolution, frame rate, sensor size, and intrinsic parameters.
- **Image File Formats and Data Transfer:** Efficient handling of visual data.
- **Case Study:** Optimizing lighting and lens selection for inspecting reflective surfaces.

Module 3: Image Preprocessing and Enhancement

- **Noise Reduction Techniques:** Filtering (Gaussian, Median, Bilateral) for clearer images.
- **Geometric Transformations:** Translation, rotation, scaling, and perspective correction.
- **Image Segmentation:** Thresholding, edge detection (Canny, Sobel), and region growing.
- **Morphological Operations:** Erosion, dilation, opening, and closing for feature manipulation.
- **Case Study:** Preprocessing images of electronic components to enhance features for inspection.

Module 4: Feature Extraction and Description

- **Edge and Corner Detection:** Harris, SIFT, SURF for robust feature identification.
- **Blob Analysis:** Extracting properties of connected regions (area, centroid, orientation).
- **Line and Circle Detection:** Hough Transform for geometric shape recognition.
- **Texture Analysis:** Describing surface patterns for material inspection.
- **Case Study:** Using blob analysis to count and sort small parts on a conveyor belt.

Module 5: Object Recognition and Identification

- **Template Matching:** Comparing unknown objects to known patterns.
- **Pattern Recognition Algorithms:** Machine learning basics for classification.
- **Geometric Pattern Matching:** Robust recognition despite partial occlusion or varying orientation.
- **Barcodes and QR Codes:** Decoding and utilizing encoded visual information.
- **Case Study:** Developing a system to identify different product variants on a production line.

Module 6: Vision-Based Measurement and Metrology

- **Dimensional Gaging:** Accurate measurement of object dimensions.
- **Calibration for Measurement Accuracy:** Ensuring precise real-world measurements from pixels.
- **Surface Inspection:** Detecting scratches, dents, and surface defects.
- **Robotic Measurement Systems:** Integrating vision for automated metrology.
- **Case Study:** Implementing a vision system for non-contact measurement of manufactured parts.

Module 7: 3D Vision and Depth Perception

- **Stereo Vision:** Principles of binocular vision and depth calculation.
- **Structured Light Systems:** Projecting patterns for 3D reconstruction.
- **Time-of-Flight (ToF) Cameras:** Directly measuring depth information.
- **Point Cloud Processing:** Working with 3D data for object recognition and pose.
- **Case Study:** Using a 3D vision system for bin-picking applications in robotics.

Module 8: Robot Vision Guidance

- **Eye-in-Hand vs. Eye-to-Hand Configurations:** Setup and calibration for robotic tasks.
- **Pose Estimation and Tracking:** Determining object position and orientation for robot control.
- **Robot-Vision Calibration:** Aligning camera and robot coordinate systems.
- **Path Planning with Vision Feedback:** Adapting robot movements based on visual data.
- **Case Study:** Guiding a robot arm to precisely pick and place randomly oriented objects.

Module 9: Machine Learning for Visual Inspection

- **Supervised Learning for Classification:** Training models to categorize images (e.g., good/bad parts).
- **Unsupervised Learning for Anomaly Detection:** Identifying unusual patterns without prior labels.
- **Feature Learning with Neural Networks:** Automating feature extraction.
- **Deployment of ML Models in Vision Systems:** Integrating trained models into industrial applications.
- **Case Study:** Training a machine learning model to detect subtle defects on product surfaces.

Module 10: Deep Learning for Computer Vision

- **Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs):** Architectures for image classification and object detection.
- **Object Detection Models:** YOLO, Faster R-CNN, SSD for real-time applications.
- **Image Segmentation with Deep Learning:** Pixel-level classification (U-Net, Mask R-CNN).
- **Transfer Learning in Vision:** Reusing pre-trained models for new tasks.
- **Case Study:** Using a deep learning model for real-time quality control of complex assemblies.

Module 11: Real-Time Vision and Embedded Systems

- **Real-time Image Processing:** Optimizing algorithms for speed.
- **Embedded Vision Platforms:** NVIDIA Jetson, Raspberry Pi for compact solutions.
- **FPGA-based Vision Systems:** High-performance hardware for demanding applications.
- **Parallel Processing for Vision:** Utilizing GPUs and multi-core processors.
- **Case Study:** Developing an embedded vision system for high-speed inspection on a production line.

Module 12: Vision Software and Libraries

- **OpenCV:** Comprehensive open-source library for computer vision.
- **Halcon, Cognex VisionPro, National Instruments Vision:** Commercial vision software packages.
- **Python for Computer Vision:** Key libraries (NumPy, SciPy, scikit-image).
- **Integration with PLCs and Industrial Controllers:** Communication protocols and interfaces.

- **Case Study:** Implementing a vision application using OpenCV to control a sorting mechanism.

Module 13: Advanced Applications of Vision-Based Control

- **Vision for Assembly Verification:** Ensuring correct component placement.
- **Surface Crack and Defect Detection:** Automated inspection of critical parts.
- **Medical Imaging and Analysis:** Vision in diagnostics and surgical guidance.
- **Autonomous Vehicle Vision:** Perception systems for self-driving cars and industrial vehicles.
- **Case Study:** Developing a vision system for automated quality inspection of soldered joints on PCBs.

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and expert-led discussions
- Case study analysis and real-world application
- Group workshops and role-playing exercises
- Peer collaboration and experiential learning
- Digital resources, toolkits, and templates

Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- a. The participant must be conversant with English.
- b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to FINESKILL TRAINING CENTER account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
07 Sep 2026	18 Sep 2026	Online	\$2,200

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14 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	\$2,200
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Online	\$2,200
28 Sep 2026	09 Oct 2026	Online	\$2,200
05 Oct 2026	16 Oct 2026	Online	\$2,200
12 Oct 2026	23 Oct 2026	Online	\$2,200
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