

## NEWS RELEASE

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### GARY BRADSKI JOINS WILLOW GARAGE MANAGEMENT TEAM

*Researcher, Author and Industry Speaker Becomes Company's Senior Scientist*

MENLO PARK, CA ó December 4, 2007 ó Continuing its investment in Open Source robotics platforms, Willow Garage Inc. today announced the appointment of Dr. Gary Rost Bradski as Senior Scientist. Bradski will leverage his experience in robotics, machine learning and computer vision research at Stanford University's AI Lab and will apply that knowledge to Willow Garage's personal robot and the autonomous vehicle programs.

Bradski holds a joint appointment as Consulting Professor in Stanford University's Computer Sciences Department and has more than 50 publications, along with 13 issued patents and 18 pending. He brings more than 15 years of research and robotics experience to Willow Garage. Previously responsible for the Open Source Computer Vision Library (OpenCV) that is used globally in research, government and commercial applications, Bradski has also been responsible for the open source statistical Machine Learning Library and the Probabilistic Network Library. More recently Bradski led the vision team for Stanley, the Stanford robot that won the DARPA Grand Challenge autonomous race in 2005 and most recently helped found the Stanford Artificial Intelligence Robot project under the leadership of Professor Andrew Ng.

"Gary's background and experience in open source software is consistent with the direction of Willow Garage: to create widely-used open source software packages for robotics," stated Steve Cousins, President and CEO of Willow Garage. "He will be contributing to the exciting programs already underway and will help us to chart new directions as we move forward."

"The field of robotics is expanding to embrace autonomous responses and take advantage of new sensors, better processors and better software. I am attracted by the opportunity to work at Willow Garage, where I can help lay the foundation for moving autonomous robotics into real markets. Scott and Steve are doing the world a favor by sponsoring open hardware and software that will create a standard to build on for the robotics community. Using these open standards, we can leverage 100 times the brainpower that any one company can wield and tackle the really challenging problems in robotics," Bradski observed.

"We are pleased to have a researcher of Gary's caliber and experience join the evolving scientific team at Willow Garage," commented Scott Hassan, Willow Garage founder. "His background in open source will contribute significantly to our robotics efforts," he concluded.

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## **About Willow Garage**

Willow Garage is a privately-funded research lab focused on developing the next generation of robotic devices. The company provides a state-of-the-art infrastructure for robotic software development, including test-driven development, agile methods, and solid robotic platforms. Willow Garage is investing in robotics platforms and that will enable the next generation of robotics applications - applications that serve and enhance the lives of people. Visit us at: [www.willowgarage.com](http://www.willowgarage.com)

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