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We extend our sincere thanks to every author who has contributed to IST publications. Your willingness to share your expertise strengthens our professional community, enriches our publications, and helps ensure that the voices of technicians and technical professionals are heard, recognised, and celebrated. Through your contributions, you are helping to build a stronger, more connected, and more informed STEMM and technology community for the benefit of current and future generations.

Thank you to every author who has contributed to the IST publications. We look forward to celebrating many more authors in the years ahead and adding new names to this growing legacy of published contributions.



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