

CYBERSECURITY AND CRYPTOGRAPHY RESEARCHER

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"Be the change that you want to see in the world."

Research Interests

- · Red teaming, ethical hacking, and offensive security methodologies
- Privacy-preserving cryptographic systems, including fully homomorphic encryption and zero-knowledge proofs
- Post-quantum cryptography and secure multiparty computation
- · Applied cybersecurity, privacy engineering, and secure systems design

Education

Sabancı University Istanbul, Turkey

B.Sc. in Computer Science and Engineering, Minor in Mathematics

Oct 2023 – Present

- GPA: 3.73 / 4.00 (as of July 2025) consistently increasing; primarily impacted by non-technical electives in first semesters
- CS GPA: Estimated 3.95+ core technical courses with consistent A grades
- Expected Graduation: June 2027
- Relevant Coursework: Malware Analysis, Network Security, Cybersecurity Applications, Cryptography, Computer Networks, Blockchain and Security Applications

Research Experience

Sabancı University

Istanbul, Turkey

RESEARCH INTERN - PURE PROGRAM (PROJECT ON HOMOMORPHIC ENCRYPTION OPTIMIZATION)

Jul 2025 - Sept 2025

- Investigated computational bottlenecks in matrix-vector multiplication over CKKS scheme
- Designed and benchmarked chunking strategies for optimizing encrypted linear algebra
- Worked with Microsoft SEAL and C++ to implement and test performance gains

Projects

DECENTRALIZED FINANCE (DEFI) BLOCKCHAIN APP

Spring 2025

- Developed a smart contract-based lending and staking dApp using Solidity and React
- Used OpenZeppelin libraries and deployed on Ethereum Sepolia testnet
- Demonstrated frontend-backend integration with Web3.js and MetaMask
- GitHub repository: github.com/Borhanxj/defi-blockchain-app

PYTHON-BASED PORT SCANNER Summer 2025

- · Built a CLI tool for multi-threaded TCP port scanning and banner grabbing
- Included input validation, error handling, and custom scan ranges
- GitHub repository: github.com/Borhanxj/py-port-scanner

STRESS LEVEL ANALYSIS – DATA SCIENCE PROJECT

Spring 2025

- · Analyzed correlation between stress, inflation, and social media usage using multiple datasets
- · Performed EDA, multi-axis visualization, correlation heatmaps, and hypothesis testing
- Used Python, Pandas, Seaborn, and statistical methods in Google Colab
- GitHub repository: github.com/Borhanxj/stress-level-analysis

Skills

Programming C++, Python, JavaScript, Solidity, Bash, Go (basic)

Cybersecurity Penetration Testing, Port Scanning, Network Analysis, Malware Analysis

Cryptography Homomorphic Encryption (CKKS), Post-Quantum Crypto (learning), Zero-Knowledge Proofs (learning) **Tools & Libraries** Microsoft SEAL, Git, Linux, Kali, Nmap, Burp Suite, Wireshark, Scapy, Hydra, John the Ripper, MetaMask

Data Science Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, EDA, Hypothesis Testing

Mathematics Abstract Algebra, Number Theory, Linear Algebra, Probability, Discrete Math

Awards & Honors

- Merit-based Scholarship (25%) Sabancı University, awarded at admission for academic excellence
- Dean's Honor List Multiple semesters with High Honors (GPA > 3.50)
- World 1st Place Caribou Mathematics Contest (High School Division)
- Distinction Certificate University of Waterloo Fermat Mathematics Contest
- Currently preparing for: CompTIA Network+, Security+, and eJPT (Practical Penetration Testing)

Languages_

- Persian Native
- English Full Professional Proficiency
- Turkish Full Professional Proficiency
- Azerbaijani Working Proficiency

Teaching Experience

Sabancı University

Istanbul, Turkey

Spring 2024 - Present

- LEARNING ASSISTANT MATHEMATICS & DIGITAL SYSTEMS DESIGN
- Led recitation sessions and problem-solving workshops for undergraduate students
- · Assisted in grading, student mentoring, and exam preparation
- Served as assistant for 4 semesters across multiple math and engineering courses

Talks & Conferences

Sabancı University

QUANTUM OPTIMIZATION AND SECURITY CONFERENCE

Spring 2025

• Attended keynote session led by Dr. Özlem Salehi Köken as part of the Dean's Speaker Series

Courses & MOOCs (Ongoing).

Cryptography I — Stanford Online (Instructor: Prof. Dan Boneh)