

GÖKTUĞ ÖCAL

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EDUCATION

BOGAZICI UNIVERSITY

MSc in Computer Engineering

Istanbul

2021 - 2024

- Relevant Courses: Advanced DL, Testing and Verification Tech. in ML, NLP, Cloud Computing, Operating Systems
- Researched “Robust Time Series Forecasting Models against Adversarial Attacks” and built LSTM-based robust forecasting models. <https://github.com/GoktugOcal/time-series-adversarial-attacks>
- Thesis topic was “Network-Aware Federated Neural Architecture Search”. <https://github.com/GoktugOcal/NAFNAS>
- **Publication.** Öcal, Göktuğ, and Atay Özgövde. "Network-aware federated neural architecture search." *Future Generation Computer Systems* 162 (2025): 107475.

ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

BSc in Control and Automation Engineering

Istanbul

2015 - 2020

- Volunteered at the Artificial Intelligence and Intelligent Systems Laboratory (AI2S) for 2 years. Studied robotics and AI-based time-series forecasting models.
- Assisted and managed a student club called OTOKON. Organized robotics and coding courses and events.

EXPERIENCE

DAIKIN EUROPE

Air Conditioning system manufacturer and provider

Ghent

2024

Data Scientist

- Developing ML-powered predictive maintenance systems for residential air conditioning units on Databricks using Python and PySpark.
- Developing MLOps pipelines and systems in AWS and Databricks.

FORD OTOSAN

Lead automotive manufacturer in the region

Istanbul

2022-2024

Data Scientist

- Developed a driver evaluation algorithm with Python and PySpark that aims to evaluate truck drivers in a fleet and detect the problematic drivers who need training in a specific behavior in terms of driving.
- Experience as a Scrum Master for the Data Analytics CoE team and was responsible for defining development, coding and deployment procedures.

REENGREN

Provides sustainability and energy management products

Istanbul

2020-2022

Data Scientist

- Developed a time series analysis algorithm that detects the saving potentials in energy consumption in non-operating hours of retail and reduced the energy cost by %7 on average.
- Reduced the workload of customer teams by %40 by utilizing energy analysis tools by providing data analytics and algorithms with an API interface to the running services of analysis.
- Developed a statistics-based dynamic anomaly detection algorithm that detects anomalies caused by connection faults of IoT devices without using much memory.
- Created a humble procedure for the company for deploying and serving ML models, creating interfaces for running algorithms and building APIs for triggering algorithms.

Data Science Assistant (Part-Time)

2019-2020

- Developed time series forecasting models that forecast energy consumption of retailers, banks, and hospitals with a %6 error on average for the next 48 hours in hourly intervals by using LSTM models.

CERTIFICATION AND SKILLS

- Python, SQL, OOP, Tensorflow, Sklearn, Spark,
- Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Time Series Analysis, Statistical Modelling
- Big Data with PySpark, Datacamp, 2022 || SQL Fundamentals, Datacamp, 2022
- Machine Learning, Coursera, Stanford University, 2020
- IELTS, 7.0/9.0, 2021 || Dutch B2 Certificate, 2025

PERSONAL INFORMATION & PROJECTS

- Built F1 data analysis library for Python: <https://github.com/GoktugOcal/LiveF1>.
- Content creator in F1 data analytics: <https://x.com/f1bydata>.
- Deep interest in cinema, communication and graphical design.
- Really enjoy playing team sports, reading about movies and designing visual content.
- Trying to write about my interest on a personal blog. goktugocal.com