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### EDUCATION

Özyeğin University

Istanbul, Turkey

Bachelor of Science, Computer Science

September 2018 - January 2023

• GPA: 3.81/4.00

#### EXPERIENCE

Özyeğin University

Istanbul, Turkey

Undergraduate Research Assistant

October 2021 - July 2022

• Worked with Dr. Mehmet Özsoy and Dr. Ata Can Bertay on global cryptocurrency statistics

#### University of Cambridge

Cambridge, UK

Research Intern

July 2021 - September 2021

• Worked remotely in the AFAR Lab under the supervision of Prof. Hatice Güneş on a human-robot interaction project in which ROS (Robot Operating System) is used to develop an experiment environment for Pepper Robot

## Özyeğin University Intelligent Systems Lab

Istanbul, Turkey

 $Research\ Intern$ 

February 2021 - June 2021

• Worked with Dr. Reyhan Aydoğan on a human-robot negotiation project in which I was funded by Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) with the "TUBITAK STAR Program" grant

#### Özyeğin University

Istanbul, Turkey

Undergraduate Research Assistant

May 2020 - January 2021

• Worked with Dr. Mehmet Özsoy on applications of NLP in Economics

## Honors & Awards

- OBSS, University Specific  $1^{st}$  Prize in CodeMaster Hackathon

March 2022

• Özyeğin University, High Honors List

2019 - 2023

• Yandex, Honor Team Award in MusicHackOzyegin Hackathon among +14 teams

July 2020

- Alternatif Bank,  $1^{\rm st}$  Prize in Unobstructed Banking Hackathon among +9 teams

March 2020

• Özyeğin University, Undergraduate Placement Exam Entrance Scholarship (100%)

2018

#### Projects

OzU Rover Team

Istanbul, Turkey

Technical Team Leader

September 2019 – April 2020

- Managed CS, EEE, ME division members with agile development techniques to work collaboratively
- Developed the team's 5<sup>th</sup> generation rover's ("Hope") software and electronic parts of the science module for the University Rover Challenge (URC) 2020 organized by The Mars Society in USA (Qualified for the finals) (Challenge canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic)

Software Developer

November 2018 – April 2020

- Developed different modules of the team's 4<sup>th</sup> generation rover prototype, Theia II
- Ranked 13<sup>th</sup> among 56 teams in European Rover Challenge (ERC) 2019 organized by European Space Agency (ESA) in Poland

## Publications

- Axelsson, M., Churamani, N., Çaldır, A., & Gunes, H. (2022). "Participant Perceptions of a Robotic Coach Conducting Positive Psychology Exercises: A Systematic Analysis". https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2209.03827
- Churamani, N., Axelsson, M., Çaldır, A., & Gunes, H. (2022). "Continual Learning for Affective Robotics: A Proof of Concept for Wellbeing". https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2206.11354

  Paper presented at 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Affective Computing and Intelligent Interaction (ACII) 2022
- Gökay, H., Çelik, N., Savaşlı, A., Çaldır, A., Yıldırım, S., & Bebek, O. (2019). "The Comparative Analysis of the Strategies Used in Planetary Rovers' Autonomous Locomotion"
   Paper presented at Turkey Robotics Conference (ToRK) 2019

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

• Board Member, OzU Interdisciplinary Thought Club, Özyeğin University

• Speaker, Turkish Technology Team Foundation

2020 - 2021

2019

## Skills

Languages: Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), German (Beginner)
Programming Languages: Python (+8 years), C++, Java, SQL, HTML

Frameworks: Robot Operating System (ROS), ROS 2, OpenCV, Keras/Tensorflow, PyTorch, Scikit-learn, Selenium, PyQt5,

pytest

Tools: Docker, Arduino programming, Webots, Choregraphe

Others: Socket programming, GUI programming, RESTful APIs, LaTeX, Threading