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EDUCATION

MSc in Computer Science
CGPA: 3.64/4.00
Middle East Tech. Univ.
(Among world's top 80)
2010 - 2014

BSc in Computer Engineering
CGPA: 3.06/4.00
Middle East Tech. Univ.
2005 - 2010

STRENGTHS

Programming
Javascript • Go • Java
Python • C++

Web
Node.js • Angular
Meteor • React • Vue
MongoDB • Express
jQuery • Kafka • Jasmine
Protractor • Mocha
Chai • Sinon • Cypress
Socket.IO • D3.js
Jenkins • gulp • Redis
AWS • Google Cloud
Splunk • GoCD
HTML5 • CSS/SASS
Grafana • Prometheus
Docker • Kubernetes

Research
Computer Vision
Machine Learning
Pattern Recognition
Remote Sensing
Perceptual Organisation

Vision
Matlab • OpenCV

Version Control
Git • SVN

Project Management
Jira • Asana • Trello
Basecamp

WORK EXPERIENCE

CREDIM | CTO - STOCKHOLM (MAY 19 – JUN 20)
Node.js, React, Python, MongoDB, Express, Karma, Mocha, Chai, Sinon, AWS
- Development maintenance of an online credit decision app

BGL GROUP | SENIOR SOFTWARE ENGINEER - LONDON (SEP 18 – APR 19)
Node.js, React, GoCD, MongoDB, Express, Kafka, Prometheus, Splunk, Mocha, Chai, Sinon, Cypress, Kubernetes
- Development & maintenance for Rewards platform of **comparethemarket.com**

NEARENT | CTO - LONDON (2017 - 2018)
Javascript, HTML5, CSS, Node.js, Rails, MySQL, AWS
- **nearent.com** - C2C rental marketplace with delivery and insurance services

STRATAGEM | SOFTWARE ENGINEER - LONDON (2014 – 2017)
Angular.js, Node.js, Go, Python, MongoDB, Redis, Cassandra, RabbitMQ, AWS
- **stratabet.com** - sports trading application which combines predictive algorithms with human analysis to show you the best betting opportunities
- **stratapro.co** - sports trading platform with a combination of ML models, performance analysis and financial trading information
- **stratasport.com** - odds aggregator and match analysis platform
- **stratatips.co** - subscription-based platform providing betting tips
- **onsideanalysis.com** - data collection platform for Stratagem sports analysts

BE-TECH | FOUNDING ENGINEER - ANKARA (2013 – 2014)
Kinect SDK, Java, Javascript, Meteor.js, React, MongoDB, PhoneGap, Ionic
Designed and developed projects below:
- **podcast.gift** - online podcast sharing platform
  https://www.producthunt.com/tech/podcast-gift-2-0
- **wobomo.com** - Q&A based social networking platform
- **mottom** - social networking mobile app to share famous quotes (in Turkish)
- **ballot** - online voting mobile app - available on App Store and Google Play

MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY ANKARA – (2010 – 2014)
- **Teaching Assistant** of *Fundamentals of Image Processing, Introduction to Computer Graphics, Introduction to Embedded Systems Development, Computer Engineering Design, Data Communications and Computer Networking* courses
- **Researcher** in three projects (details are provided in the following page)

V-COUNT | Part-Time Software Engineer (2010)
.NET, C#, OpenCV, Embedded Linux
- Worked in an automatic number plate recognition project

PUBLICATIONS

Master's Thesis
Estimating Border Ownership Using Iterative Vector Voting and Conditional Random Fields

Journal
M. Akkus, G. Topuz, B. Ozkan, and S. Kalkan. Analysis of Visual Cues and a Computational Model for Border Ownership. CVIU

Conference
B. Ozkan and S. Kalkan. Extraction of border ownership information by conditional random field model.
In IEEE 21st Signal Processing and Communications Applications Conference (SIU), pages 1-4, April 2013.

M. Akkus, G. Topuz, B. Ozkan, and S. Kalkan. A comprehensive database for border ownership. In Signal Processing and Communications Applications Conference (SIU), IEEE 21st, pages 1-4, April 2013.

LANGUAGES

English: Fluent
Turkish: Mother tongue

ACHIEVEMENTS

2017	Nearent got accepted to XRC Labs among **10 most promising startup companies from around the world** and awarded seed funding
2010	Recipient of Turkcell Technology Leaders scholarship program for Master's Degree
2005	Ranked **720th** out of 1.5 M examinees in the Undergraduate Placement Exam in Turkey

RESEARCH PROJECTS

BORDER OWNERSHIP ESTIMATION PROJECT | Researcher
- Project goal: Estimating border ownership and acquiring accurate visual information from images using this information for perceptual organization

I developed:
- two different estimation models based on Tensor Voting and Conditional Random Fields
- an online border ownership annotation tool, and a data set of 1003 images with border ownership labels (collaboratively with other researchers)

HASAT | Research Software Developer
- Project goal: Automatic target detection & recognition from aerial images
- Involves over 150 targets, 50 project members and associates including Turkish Armed Forces, Middle East Technical University and a dew defense industry companies

I developed:
- a rule-based, ontological target recognition algorithm
- a context-aware CRF model to solve target disambiguation problem
- detection algorithms for invasion and landing areas using SVM & rule-based methods

TURKCELL REMOTE SENSING PROJECT | Researcher
- Project goal: Finding the most appropriate locations to build base stations by detecting growth and increase rates of trees & buildings

I developed:
- an unsupervised tree detection algorithm
- a building detection algorithm using spectral & spatial cues of shadows and buildings
- a remote sensing software (collaboratively with other researchers) using MATLAB, Google Earth API and .NET