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Soft Skills

- Teamwork
- Adaptability
- ▶ Time Management
- Strong collaboration and communication skills
- ▶ Technical document writing

Technical Skills

- ▶ C++, Java, JavaScript, Python
- PyTorch, PySpark, OpenCV and data visualization libraries
- Deep Learning libraries like JAX, Tensorflow, Keras
- Data Structures and Algorithms
- Agile Methodologies
- Mixed Reality, Unity (with HoloLens)

Objective

Looking for a job position in the field of Artificial Intelligence starting from September 2024. Currently working on my Master's Thesis under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Marc Pollefeys at ETH Zurich. My experience in research and programming, in addition to my effective working skills and my commitment to learning, ensures that I will make a positive contribution.

Education

Computer Science (M.Sc.)

09/2021 - Present

University of Zurich (UZH)

Major in Artificial Intelligence, Minor in Data Science Relevant courses: Deep Learning, Vision Algorithms for Mobile Robotics, Foundations of Data Science, Advanced Topics in Artificial Intelligence, Introduction to Interactive-Visual Data Analysis

Student Activities: Launch and IT Committee Member at ETH Entrepreneur Club. We organized Launch AI+X Summit in collaboration with ETH AI Center. Also made the website.

Publications

- "Weighted Maximum Likelihood for Controller Tuning", Gonca Yilmaz*, Angel Romero*, Shreedhar Govil*, Yunlong Song, Davide Scaramuzza, ICRA 2023
- "MOVSeg: Open Vocabulary Segmentation from Multi-Modal Inputs", Gonca Yilmaz, Songyou Peng, Hermann Blum, MMFM Workshop, ICCV 2023

Road Damage Detection (Research Project): Unsupervised Domain Adaptation concept for Road Damage Detection on 2D images from Japan, Czech and India datasets. *Supervisors:* Ismail Nejjar, Prof. Dr. Olga Fink (EPFL)

Policy Search for Controller Tuning (Research Project): Weighted Maximum Likelihood for fine-tuning MPCC controller, paper and video, published at *ICRA 2023*, *Supervisors:* Angel Romero, Yunlong Song, Prof. Dr. Davide Scaramuzza (UZH and ETH Zurich)

Open Vocabulary Image Segmentation for RGB-D (Research Project): Using CLIP and Mask Former for RGB-D open vocabulary image segmentation task, paper published at Multimodal Foundation Model Workshop, *ICCV 2023, Supervisors:* Songyou Peng, Dr. Hermann Blum, Prof. Dr. Marc Pollefeys (ETH Zurich)

Domain Adaptation for Open Vocabulary Image Segmentation (Master's Thesis): Findings are submitted to *ECCV 2024*. Extended abstract version is published at Multimodal Foundation Model Workshop, *CVPR 2024*. *Supervisors:* Dr. Hermann Blum, Dr. Francis Engelmann, Songyou Peng, Prof. Dr. Marc Pollefeys (ETH Zurich)

$\label{eq:computer Science (M.Sc.) - Special Student} \ \ \,$

09/2021 - Present

ETH Zurich

Relevant courses: Computer Vision, Mixed Reality, Probabilistic Artificial Intelligence, Computational Semantics for Natural Language Processing (NLP), Natural Language Processing for Law and Social Science, Introduction to Social Networks, Machine Perception

Computer Vision concepts

Transformers, Large Language Models

Natural Language Processing

Deep Learning

Languages

Turkish	Native
English	C1
German	B2
French	A2

Interests

- Piano
- Yoga
- Paragliding
- Cooking
- Travelling

Projects

GymFeat: Fitness app, which gives real-time feedback to the user's movements during a work-out using pose estimation

Floor Plan Generation from 3D

► Furniture: HoloLens app for interior design, uses object tracking

DANCER for Multi-Source Document Summarization:

Adapting DANCER, a singlesource document summarization model (transformer) for multisource document summarization task

Word Sense Disambiguation for Racial Bias Analysis: analyzes New York Times corpora for the presence of racial bias using Word Sense Disambiguation

model (transformers)

Computer Science (B.Sc.)

Bilkent University

Comprehensive Scholarship Student

Graduated with Honors

Senior Project: "GymFeat: Al Fitness Trainer". (here is the link to our website)

Computer Engineering (B.Sc.) - Erasmus+

03/2020 - 08/2020

08/2017 - 06/2021

TU Dortmund Dortmund, Germany

Exchange Student at TU Dortmund for a semester

Work Experience

Incoming Applied Scientist Intern

04/2024 - 09/2024

Amazon

Berlin, Germany

Will be working with Amazon Fulfillment Technologies & Robotics team on developing novel robotics, computer vision, and machine learning solutions for warehouse automation.

3 x Software Engineer Intern

2021 - 2023

Google

Zürich, Switzerland

- Google Search Quality (Summer 2023): using Large Language Models to improve Google Search ranking quality, the model will be deployed to search to serve billions of customers
- Google Commerce Search Quality (Summer 2022): building tools for offline model analysis and computing further metrics to evaluate ranking models
- Fitbit Mobile Device Infrastructure (Summer 2021): building a file storage microservice, to enable researchers to reach the raw data logs that are uploaded from Fitbit devices, while conducting an experiment

Part-Time Computer Vision Engineer

02/2023 - 05/2023

Flappie

Zurich, Switzerland

Flappie provides a cat flap where the door only opens if the cat is not bringing prey. I wrote the computer vision infrastructure for the smart cat flap where we detect whether the cat is bringing prey through the cameras placed in the flap.

Software Development Engineer Intern

07/2020 - 10/2020

Amazon

Berlin, Germany

Amazon Music ML: analyzing features of the recommendation systems in detail

Part-Time Software Developer

02/2020 - 08/2020

AlgoritiX, Prof. Dr. Yavuz Oruç Remote

CodeAPeel, programmed with Java, aims to house Intel, Sparc, and MIPS ISAs. I programmed the compiler so it could accept some instructions.

Software Engineer Intern

Gelisimpark Egitim Ankara, Turkey

Helping them organize and retrieve data by using PostgreSQL.

Teaching Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant

09/2022 - Present

08/2019 - 09/2019

ETH Zürich Zürich, Switzerland

Environmental Systems Data Science (Fall 2023) by Prof. Dr. Loic Pellisier Data Structures and Algorithms (Spring 2023) by Prof. Manuela Fischer and Prof. Felix Friedrich Wicker

Environmental Systems Data Science (Fall 2022) by Prof. Dr. Loic Pellisier

Graduate Tutor

10/2021 - 01/2022

University of Zurich Zürich, Switzerland

Foundations of Computing 2 (Fall 2021) taught by Prof. Dan Olteanu

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

09/2019 - 01/2020

Bilkent University Ankara, Turkey

Calculus 1 (Fall 2019) by Aydan Pamir Introduction to Programming in Java (Spring 2019) by Aynur Dayanik