Letter of Intention
For Information Systems MSc Program
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I have graduated from Computer Engineering Department of Middle East Technical University in 2014 and decided to pursue Master's degree in Information Systems program in order to refine my knowledge and skills in information systems. I believe it will also contribute me to reach my career goals as I want to be a researcher at an academic or research organization.

METU Computer Engineering provided me a strong foundation and gave me a lot of opportunities to improve myself in the areas of my interest. I have worked on my senior project under the guidance of Assistant Professor Selim Temizer in MODSIMMER-Mobility System Laboratory. My senior project team won the first place in Transportation and Logistics Area of TÜBİTAK - National Industry Related Design Project Competition held in June 2014. Moreover, we came 2nd among 26 projects in METU Computer Engineering Senior Design Project Competition. After graduation, we continued to work on our project and in November 2014, our first paper named "Clover: Autonomous Cargo and Mail Delivery" is published on Turkish Autonomous Robots Conference (TORK) that is held in METU.

Besides my theoretical knowledge, I was able to improve myself in professional life as well. Since July 2014, I have been employed as a Software Engineer in Comodo, which is a leading company in the field of cyber security. In our project, we are designing and developing Comodo's Chromium based security-focused web browsers "Dragon" and "Chromodo".

During the researches which I took part in and the lectures I attended to, I got involved in many tasks related to information systems. Now I wish to continue my studies to learn and discover more. I am highly motivated to work in this area and pursue a M. Sc. degree in this field, and I consider advancing to a Ph. D. degree as well. It is obvious that, one has to overcome many challenges and obstacles to achieve such a goal. However, in my opinion, it is easier and fun to face challenges while working in a field that you are interested in. Hence, I am confident that I will reach my goal and I would be honored to do so by studying in METU Information Systems program.

Kind regards,
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