Birkan Kara
Frontend Developer

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SUMMARY

Hello, I'm Birkan, a frontend developer based in Istanbul. I have over 5 years of experience living and working in New York City (2018-2023).

I started my career as a videographer in New York City. In September 2022, I discovered my interest in web development as a hobby and side job. I quickly realized that there are similarities between creating videos and building websites. This realization motivated me to switch my career to frontend web development.

· Github: github.com/karabirkan
· Portfolio: birkankara.dev

EXPERIENCE

Full Stack Development Program
The Odin Project   **September 2022 - August 2023, New York City**

The Odin Project is an open-source, self-paced online curriculum that provides aspiring web developers with the resources and projects needed to learn and master full-stack web development skills, including HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and various frameworks like React and Node.js.

· Completed The Odin Project's Full Stack Web Development program, a comprehensive online curriculum that focuses on building practical skills in web development.
· Developed proficiency in front-end and back-end technologies, including HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React.js, and more.
· Completed various hands-on projects, including building responsive web applications, implementing database functionality, and integrating APIs.
· Acquired strong problem-solving abilities and demonstrated the ability to work independently and collaboratively in a team-based environmen

Videographer
White in Red   **September 2021 - January 2023, New York City**

· Proficient videographer experienced in collaborating with diverse clients to produce engaging video content for various platforms such as websites, TikTok, YouTube, and Instagram.
· Manage the entire video production process from client consultations to final delivery, including identifying client needs, coordinating shoots, filming, and post-production editing.
· Consistently create visually appealing videos that exceed expectations and leave a lasting impression.
· Proven track record of delivering high-quality videos with impactful storytelling for businesses and personal projects.

Youtuber
Youtube   **June 2021 - September 2022, New York City**

· Successfully manage two YouTube channels: one documenting daily life (1K subscribers) and the other focused on gameplay (2K average views).
· Utilize effective social media strategies for 10% subscriber growth and 20% increase in video views.
· Implement YouTube's recommendation system for improved discoverability and click-through rates.
· Consistently upload 2 videos per week, maintaining viewer retention rate.
· Develop valuable content creation and audience engagement skills, collaborating with notable influencers for increased channel engagement.

TikTok Street Interviewer
TikTok   **January 2022 - August 2022, New York City**

· Conducted engaging street interviews with individuals from diverse backgrounds, resulting in a library of 50+ high-quality video content pieces.
· Demonstrated exceptional communication skills by consistently finding captivating topics and initiating discussions that garnered an average of 40.000 views per video.
· Produced highly engaging videos that achieved an average engagement rate of 22%, surpassing industry benchmarks.
· Maintained up-to-date knowledge of the latest social media trends and changes, resulting in 200% increase in audience engagement and 100% growth in follower count.

Video Streamer
Twitch   **March 2021 - September 2021, New York City**

· Developed strong communication skills on Twitch, engaging viewers based on their interests.
· Adapted content to meet viewer needs, resulting in increased engagement and loyalty.
· Transferred skills from Twitch to professional life, effectively engaging clients and customers.
· Utilized personalization techniques to exceed client expectations and foster long-term relationships.

Organization Manager
Dante's Corporate Catering   **September 2018 - February 2019, New York City**

· Used strong communication skills to liaise with clients, ensuring their needs and preferences were understood and met, by facilitating correspondence between clients and the company.
· Orchestrated schedules and coordinated with suppliers, ensuring timely delivery and seamless operations in the Catering industry.
· Cultivated keen attention to detail, ensuring high-quality service and customer satisfaction in all aspects of catering operations.

EDUCATION

English as a Second Language
Minor in English · Campus Education · New York City · 2023 · C1

Bachelor of Science - International Relations
Akdeniz University · Antalya, Turkey · 2018

CERTIFICATIONS

JavaScript Algorithms and Data Structures
freeCodeCamp · 2023
Developer Certification, representing approximately 300 hours of coursework.

Advanced English - Academic Preparation
Campus Education, New York City · 2020
English as a second language

COURSEWORK

freeCodeCamp
Online · 2023 · React, Javascript, HTML , CSS

The Odin Project
Online · 2022 · React, Javascript, HTML , CSS

SKILLS

Skills & Experience:
· React JS
· JavaScript
· HTML5, CSS3,
· Prettier, Eslint, Esbuild, Vite,
· Responsive Design.
· Conversational proficiency in spoken and written English.
· Experience working in terminal.
· Ability to quickly learn new technologies and tools.
· Analytical and problem-solving.

Familiarity with:
· RESTful APIs and Services.
· Webpack, Chrome Dev Tools.
· Jquery, ES6+, SASS
· Regex , JSON
· Version control tools (git).
· Development tools (npm).
· UX/UI
· Debugging
· Material ui

Other Skills:
· Adobe Premiere Pro
· Adobe Photoshop
· Youtube - TikTok Content Creating

REFERENCES

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