

MUSTAFA DOGAN

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EDUCATION

Hacettepe University

2021-2024

Master's in Science in Computer Engineering | GPA: 3.64/4.0

Ankara, Turkey

Graduate Thesis: *Evaluating Zero-Shot Learning Capabilities of Video-Language Pretraining Models*

Contributed ViLMA benchmark to evaluate VidLMs' capabilities in processing moving images.

Adapted and tested multiple VidLMs, revealing performance similarities to static image-based models.

Konya Food&Agriculture University

2016-2021

Bachelor's in Science in Computer Engineering | GPA: 3.72/4.0

Konya, Turkey

2nd highest rank in the faculty, High Honor

Recipient of merit-based full scholarship by Dean's Office

Graduation Project: *Autonomously Navigated Agent Using Reinforcement Learning*

Developed Deep Q-Learning ML model in CARLA simulator for autonomous point-to-point navigation.

EXPERIENCE

Aselsan

November 2021 - Present

Software Engineer

Ankara, Turkey

- Spearheaded the development and maintenance of event-driven firing control systems deployed on VxWorks and CentOS operating systems for critical national defense systems.
- Orchestrated communication between units using TCP/IP, RS422, Can Bus, and DDS protocols.
- Applied C++, Java, Visual Studio, and Eclipse for development and testing.

TUBITAK SAGE

February - July 2021

Researcher

Ankara, Turkey

- Engineered a C# multi-threading form application leveraging N-tier Architecture, Reflection, and PlotLab libraries, enabling intuitive visualization of missile data.
- Developed an indexer project in C# to categorize and present specific file types from designated root paths in HTML format using a tree view.

Morten Inc.

June - September 2020

Machine Learning Engineer Intern

Istanbul, Turkey

- Pioneered the creation of a Knowledge Graph cataloging authors and their citations from academic papers stored in a MongoDB database, devising a GPT-2-powered Python scripting.
- Engineered a sophisticated machine learning model utilizing natural language processing to identify tasks within academic papers, facilitating comprehensive paper clustering.

Air Electronic Warfare Systems Engineering Trading Inc.

June - September 2019

Embedded Software Eng. Intern

Ankara, Turkey

- Crafted a Memory Map conforming to MIL-STD-1553 protocol using C and VHDL for the Electronic Warfare Suite Controller integrated into F-16 aircraft.
- Implemented a finite state machine employing MYD-C7Z015 Development Board and LTC-2601 standards for digital-to-analog signal conversion.

Michigan State University

August-September 2018

Laboratory Assistant Intern

MI, USA

- Conducted analysis, utilizing Python libraries (matplotlib, Seaborn), to explore the relationship between sleeping patterns and eating habits.
- Applied Bayes Theorem and MS Office to evaluate test results, offering insights to collaborating companies.

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] **Doğan M**, Öztoprak K, and Tolun MR. Teaching computer architecture by designing and simulating processors from their bits and bytes. *PeerJ Computer Science*, 2024.
- [2] Ilker Kesen, Andrea Pedrotti, **Mustafa Dogan**, Michele Cafagna, Emre Can Acikgoz, Letitia Parcalabescu, Iacer Calixto, Anette Frank, Albert Gatt, Aykut Erdem, and Erkut Erdem. Vilma: A zero-shot benchmark for linguistic and temporal grounding in video-language models, 2023.
- [3] **Mustafa Doğan**, Ömer Metin, Elif Tek, Semih Yumuşak, and Kasım Öztoprak. Speculator and influencer evaluation in stock market by using social media. In *2020 IEEE International Conference on Big Data (Big Data)*, pages 4559–4566, 2020.

PROJECTS

Speculator Finder

- **Identified** NASDAQ market speculators and influencers by analyzing nearly *3.4 million* distinct user tweets on company-related topics.
- **Utilized** *Selenium* library to gather tweet data, user details, and engagement metrics, storing them in an *SQLite Database*.
- **Employed** *tfidf* vectorizer and machine learning algorithms, predominantly *SVM*, for tweet vectorization and clustering.

Morse Decoder

- **Conceptualized** a *VHDL* project within the *ISE* Development environment to convert user-input signals into Morse code.
- **Implemented** functionality to decode signals and display the resulting characters on the LCD Screen of the *FPGA* board while **enhancing** capabilities include deleting the last decoded character and transitioning to the next line on the screen.

16-bit RISC based Processor

- **Engineered** a custom instruction format and data-path based on the *Harvard architecture*, encompassing 18 essential instructions for memory and register operations.
- **Constructed** a *user-friendly desktop simulator* using *Python* and *PyQt*, enabling users to execute programs utilizing assembly instructions while visualizing real-time memory and register values.
- **Established** a *Verilog* project within the *ISE* development environment to **verify** the design and functionality.

VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES

Erasmus Youth Exchange

Participant

October 2019

Perugia, Italy

- **Engaged** actively in the "Interstellar Inclusion" Youth Exchange project, fostering understanding and **combating** *racism* and *xenophobia* through peer-to-peer experiences.
- **Collaborated** in a theater performance involving a diverse group from various countries, addressing challenges related to accessing education in different societal contexts.
- **Created** and **edited** an *award-winning* short film on the theme of Freedom, receiving the 'Best Movie' accolade among five nominated films.
- **Delivered** a presentation on migration in Turkey to 30+ youngsters from diverse backgrounds.

Erasmus Youth Exchange

Participant

May 2018

Tallinn, Estonia

- **Participated** in the "Sail Entrepreneurship" Youth Exchange project, collaborating with participants from various countries.

- **Contributed** to ideation and development of business concepts focusing on social entrepreneurship using the *Business Canvas Model*.
- **Overcame** cultural and language barriers by fostering open communication and encouragement among a group of 35+ participants.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

KFAU Robotics Club, Member of Board
IEEE KFAU Student Branch, Founding President
International Youth Camp, Participant

January 2019 - September 2021
January 2018 - October 2019
August 2017