Ahmet Burak Turan

**Technical Program Manager | Head of Development | R&D-Focused Tech Leader**

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# Professional Summary

Innovative and strategic Technical Program Manager with 15+ years of experience leading cross-functional software teams across AI, blockchain, and casino gaming sectors. Adept at driving full product lifecycles from concept to deployment using Agile/Scrum methodologies. Proven track record of aligning stakeholders, managing distributed teams across multiple countries, and delivering scalable back-office systems, AI agents, and blockchain integrations. Former Head of Development and de facto CTO in high-pressure environments with a strong R&D focus.

# Professional Experience

**Head of Development & Technical Program Manager**  
Monotech Gaming – Zagreb, Kyiv, İstanbul | 2021 – 2025

* Led cross-functional Agile teams (Backend, Frontend, DevOps, QA, Design) to deliver 15+ casino and sports betting modules.
* Managed full SDLC of AI-powered reporting tools, NFT integrations, and blockchain-backed platform components.
* Oversaw stakeholder communication across 7+ countries and aligned business goals with technical execution.
* Introduced Jira/Confluence-based Agile pipelines and improved team efficiency by 30%.

**Chief Technology Officer (CTO)**  
Patrol – Santa Monica, USA (Remote) | 2021

* Bridged mobile and backend teams, created full-stack architecture, and delivered MVPs under investor deadlines.
* Personally contributed to coding, DevOps setup, and product roadmap planning.

**Software Specialist / Team Lead**  
EUK – İstanbul | 2020 – 2021

* Designed and implemented technical solutions for 20+ international clients.
* Acted as Agile lead for frontend/backend teams.

**IT Manager**  
International Service Group – İstanbul / Egypt | 2019 – 2020

* Managed cross-border tech projects and led developer hiring for investment-backed initiatives.
* Hands-on contributor to backend infrastructure.

**Freelance Tech Consultant**  
Crypto Exchanges & Government/Private Sector – İstanbul | 2018 – 2019

* Provided blockchain and AI consulting to local crypto exchanges.
* Led MVP creation and team scaling initiatives.

# Education

B.Sc. in Management Information Systems  
Beykent University, İstanbul | 1999 – 2004

# Core Competencies

* **Program Management:** Roadmapping, Project Prioritization, Agile & Scrum, Jira/Confluence
* **Cross-Functional Leadership:** Remote Team Coordination, Stakeholder Management, DevOps Oversight
* **Technical Stack:** Python, JavaScript (Node, p5.js), Solidity, CI/CD, Web3
* **AI & Blockchain:** LLM Training, Agent Design, NFT Architecture, Data Pipelines
* **Domains:** Casino Gaming, Sports Betting, AI Tooling, Web3, Creative Tech

# Languages

Turkish: Native  
English: B1 (Professional Working Proficiency)