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EXPERIENCE

Freelance Animator at Deta Surf

July 2024 – Present

- Hand-drawn animation videos for product marketing
- Website illustrations

Freelance Illustrator at Gibbon Slacklines

November 2023 – February 2024

- Website illustrations
- Character design of brand mascot

Student Research Assistant at Raumlabor Project of Design and Computation, UdK Berlin

January 2023 – December 2023

- Development of an internal website for participants in Design and Computation

Student Research Assistant at the Institute of Textile Technology (ITA), RWTH Aachen

May 2022 – 2022

- Research and design of curved origami patterns for usage of 4D textiles in VR
- Website illustrations

Student Research Assistant at the Institute of Mechanism Theory, Machine Dynamics and Robotics (IGMR), RWTH Aachen

May 2022 – September 2022

- Research and design of rigid origami patterns in folding mechanisms
- Design and editing of content for the website

Intern at SK Industriemodell

November 2021 – February 2022

- Design of injection molding prototypes for 3D printing

EDUCATION

UdK Berlin & TU Berlin - Design and Computation (M. A.)

October 2022 – November 2024

RWTH Aachen - Mechanical Engineering (B. Sc.)

October 2017 – April 2022

Deutsche Schule Istanbul - Abitur (1.7 GPA)

September 2012 - June 2017

PROJECTS & EXHIBITIONS

Participant - Ars Electronica Festival, Linz (Austria)

September 2024

- Presentation of collaborative project AI Fortune Teller exploring algorithmic mysticism, digital spirituality, and human-machine interaction

Participant - Rundgang UdK Berlin

August 2023

- Presentation of narrative game and animation Moonlit on endangered loggerhead sea turtles in south coast of Turkey

Product Design Course - TU Delft

August 2021 - November 2021

- Training on the design and prototyping of customer-oriented products

Engineers without Borders - Project Uganda

January 2021 - April 2021

- Management of social media and webpage design for a sanitation project in Uganda

SKILLS

Design and Animation:

- Adobe: Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop, After Effects, Premiere Pro
- UI/UX: Figma
- CAD Software: Fusion 360, Siemens NX

Technical:

- Coding: CSS, HTML, JavaScript, Python, MATLAB
- 3D Prototyping

Soft Skills:

- Conceptual and visual storytelling
- Collaboration with interdisciplinary teams

LANGUAGES

- Turkish: native
- English: C1 (TOEFL iBT: 99)
- German: C1 (Sprachdiplom)

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graphic Design Training Program - Brainnest

- Branding, logo design, and label design training

Mentoring Programs for International Students

- MyMate (UdK Berlin)
- BeBuddy (RWTH Aachen)

Experience Abroad

- German language course at Humboldt Institute (Augsburg)
- Austrian Scouts (Pfadfinder und Pfadfinderinnen Österreichs)