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VC & AI & CS & Psychology

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EDUCATION

- **University of Edinburgh** 2020-2021
Rigorous coursework with hands-on practice in psychodynamic and person-centered therapy MSc in Counselling Studies
- **Özyegin University** 2012-2017
Cumulative GPA: 3.01/4.00, 50% Scholarship Double Major: Bachelor of Business Administration & Bachelor of Psychology
- **Saint Michel French High School** 2008-2012
International Baccalaureate diploma

EXPERIENCE

- **VC Associate** Dec. 2025 - Present
Maxis Ventures
 - Scout startups and create a pipeline of potential candidates
 - Code internal on-prem CRM system for daily use by all team members
 - Oversee investment operations of 2 investment funds
 - Operate end to end operations of 3 investment funds (From scouting, valuation determination, legal rights requested from the startup, amount of investment, execution and closing of the deal along with presenting and writing necessary documents for the investment committee)
- **VC Associate** Oct. 2023 - Dec. 2025
AI Startup Factory @ İşbank Group
 - Scout potential AI startups worldwide and determine their AI technologies, capabilities and provide key decisions on investments
 - Conduct two meetings with startups to assess their business and technology aptitude
 - Be on the cutting-edge of AI news, software, and hardware whether this be trying, reading, coding or talking about it.
 - Maintain company Airtable database up-to-date with 19000+ startups
 - Create new software for internal use purposes
 - Automating company processes using simple scripts and scraping the web for startup data
 - Introduce startups to potential investors and create POC opportunities
- **Private Practice** 2021 - Present
Psychodynamic and person-centered approach therapy
- **Child Development Counsellor** 2021 - 2023
Mature Child Development Center
 - Conducted weekly/bi-weekly counselling sessions with children to determine their cognitive and physical development
 - Reported on children's current conditions to parents
- **Intern** 2019 - 2020
Cognitive Behavioral Therapist Dr. Ugurcan Ulutürk
 - Prepared CBT applications before sessions
 - Discussed application of CBT concepts with the supervising doctor
- **Intern** 2014
Moscow Credit Europe Bank Russia
 - Interned for 3 months in the treasury department

•Teaching Assistant Front Office Manager for BUS101

2013 - 2016

BUS101

Özyegin University

- Gave lab lectures to over 40 people each week where I introduce the basics of accounting, statistics, forecasting, and finance using PowerPoint slides and Excel skills
- Included in a team of 36 assistants, 24 front-end assistant were under my management during my term and new assistants were trained by me and my colleagues on how to give a lecture and conduct yourself in front of the students
- Prepared course material and exam questions for midterms and finals, which were held in Excel as well
- Coordinated and supervised 4 colleagues during lab sessions
- High use of Excel where we base all the lectures around Excel so students can both learn practical excel skills alongside useful information
- Usage of annual financial information and real-life examples to excite students which gives basic knowledge of certain industries

CERTIFICATIONS & CODING SKILLS

•Technical AI Safety(BlueDot Impact)	June 2026
•Learn CI/CD(Boot.dev)	April 2025
•Learn Docker(Boot.dev)	March 2025
•Learn File Servers and CDNs with S3 and Cloudfront(Boot.dev)	March 2025
•Learn HTTP Servers in Go(Boot.dev)	March 2025
•Learn SQL Course(Boot.dev)	February 2025
•Learn Go for Developers(Boot.dev)	January 2025
•Build a Web Crawler in JavaScript(Boot.dev)	December 2024
•First Personal Project: Obsidian AI Tagger(Boot.dev)	December 2024
•Learn HTTP Client in TypeScript(Boot.dev)	December 2024
•Learn JavaScript for Developers(Boot.dev)	December 2024
•Learn Memory Management in C(Boot.dev)	November 2024
•Build a Maze Solver(Boot.dev)	July 2024
•Learn Data Structures(Boot.dev)	October 2024
•Build a Static Site Generator(Boot.dev)	July 2024
•Learn Algoritihms(Boot.dev)	September 2024
•Build Asteroids(Boot.dev)	July 2024
•Learn Functional Programming(Boot.dev)	September 2024
•Learn Object Oriented Programming(Boot.dev)	August 2024
•Build a Bookbot(Boot.dev)	July 2024
•Learn Git(Boot.dev)	July 2024
•Learn Shells and Terminals(Boot.dev)	July 2024
•Learn Python(Boot.dev)	July 2024
•Multi AI Agent Systems with crewAI(DeepLearning.ai)	May 2024
•CS50: Artificial Intelligence with Python(Harvard University)	Apr. 2024
•Deep Learning(Kaggle)	Apr. 2024
•Data Visualization(Kaggle)	Apr. 2024
•Intermediate Machine Learning(Kaggle)	Mar. 2024
•Pandas(Kaggle)	Feb. 2024
•Intro to Machine Learning(Kaggle)	Jan. 2024
•Python(Kaggle)	Jan. 2024
•Artificial Intelligence Fundamentals(IBM)	Dec. 2023
•CS50: Introduction to Computer Science(Harvard University)	Sep. 2023

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming: Python, Go, C, JavaScript, TypeScript, HTML, CSS, Linux, SQL

Data Science: Pandas, Seaborn, PyTorch, Pipelines, XGBoost

Other: MS Office Suite, SPSS, Premiere Pro, After Effects, Photoshop

LANGUAGES

English: Bilingual (Native level)

Turkish: Native

French: Advanced (B2 level)

PROJECTS & PUBLICATIONS

- Natural language autoencoder inspired experiments on Gemma 4 2026
- Finetuned a small language model for OpenAI Golf Parameter Challenge 2026
- Wrote a small chrome extension for logging my media consumption 2026
- Internal CRM for Maxis Ventures 2025
- AI Startup Factory internal software 2024
- Study of Grief in Parasocial Relationships MSc Dissertation 2021
- Created and managed a forum which grew to 300 members organically without advertising High School
- Turkish translation manga website Created and managed the website High School
- LAF Magazine (Art & Politics) Designer and Writer, 5 hardcopy issues published 2010 - 2011