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Education

Brown University
Providence, RI
Sep 2020 - May 2024
GPA N/A

B.S. in Computer Science-Economics
Relevant Courses: Object-Oriented Programming, Algorithms & Data Structures, Data Science, UI/UX, Foundation Media, Digital & Cross-Disciplinary Language Arts, Black & White Photography

Rhode Island School of Design
Providence, RI
Sep 2023 - Feb 2024
GPA 4.0/4.0

Cross-Registration
Courses: History of Graphic Design, Intro to Graphic Design

Experience

Dogus Teknoloji
UI/UX Designer Intern
Remote
Aug 2024 - Present

- Designed high-fidelity desktop and mobile prototypes in Figma for vdf Sigorta (insurance) and D-Mobility (e-bike e-commerce)
- Conducted design compatibility testing to ensure developed website matched original prototypes
- Participated in the Design Guild, developing a heuristic evaluation system to assess and improve application usability

Willkie Farr & Gallagher
Web Development UI/UX Intern
New York, NY
Jun 2023 - Dec 2023

- Designed and tested user-friendly prototypes for internal platforms used by 1,200+ lawyers across 13 offices
- Enhanced design consistency across platforms through collaboration in Agile sprints
- Applied HTML and CSS to update website content, ensuring responsive and accessible designs

Brown University
Teaching Assistant
Providence, RI
Sep 2022 - Dec 2022

- Assisted Andries van Dam in teaching Intro to Object-Oriented Programming for 440 students, leading weekly lab sections for 20 students and providing support on core programming concepts
- Held office hours, offering one-on-one assistance with debugging, understanding course concepts, and problem-solving

Ernst & Young
Business Consulting Intern
Istanbul, Turkey
Jun 2022 - Jul 2022

- Conducted market research and data analysis to support a major automotive corporation on a strategic business model change
- Delivered presentations and infographic reports to communicate findings and recommendations effectively

Projects

PrinterForm
Front-End Designer & Developer
Providence, RI
Sep 2023 - Dec 2023

- Designed the PrinterForm website, enabling users to convert 3D models into printable PDFs using a regular printer
- Developed a responsive front-end with HTML, CSS, and JavaScript to ensure accessibility across devices

Hello
UI/UX Designer
Providence, RI
Oct 2022 - Nov 2022

- Designed a split-screen interface for Hello, a developer-focused search engine for technical inquiries, AI-generated answers, and code snippets
- Created a high-fidelity prototype using Figma, focusing on intuitive navigation, clear text hierarchy, and minimal distractions

Involvement

Brown University Cultural Association of Turkey
Secretary
Providence, RI
Sep 2022 - May 2024

- Managed funds and reimbursements for events and led earthquake relief fundraising efforts, raising $14,000+ for AHBAP Foundation and Turkish Philanthropy Funds
- Coordinated a large-scale fundraising event for 300+ attendees featuring Turkish cultural activities and donations

Awards

Top 25 Most Successful Turkish Graduates in America
StudyinAmerica.com
June 2024

- Recognized by StudyinAmerica.com and Tamer Turkman for academic excellence, leadership, and social contributions among Turkish students graduating from U.S. universities

Skills

HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Python, SQL, Responsive Web Design, Wireframing, Prototyping, Creating Personas, User Interviews, User Testing, A/B Testing, 35mm Film Photography (including darkroom processes), Figma, Sketch, Adobe Creative Suite (Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Premier Pro, Lightroom, XD), Microsoft Office

Languages

Turkish (Native), English (Native), German (Advanced)