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[My Portfolio](#)

Bilingual graduate trainee in software development with a Master's Degree in Philosophy and +15 years' experience as a teacher and trainer. My strengths are problem solving, analytical skills, adaptability, public speaking, excellent communication, motivating others and getting things done. Genuine passion for touching people's lives positively and collaborating with team members.

## CAREER HISTORY

### Software Developer, LangJo App (Team Project), UK , Mar 2023 - Present

Link: [LangJo Repo](#)

- Developed a MERN Stack project for English language learning in collaboration with a team of 3 more developers. Using an Agile workflow that created and closed 6 PRs and addressed 10 GitHub issues.
- For a user-friendly UI, designed and Produced 8 React components, integrated 6 videos into MongoDB Atlas, and conducted testing using Thunder Client Extension in VSCode.

### Full Stack Developer, Study Buddies App (Final project at CYF), UK , May 2022 - Mar 2023

Link: [Study-Buddies Repo](#)

- Gained expertise in back-end web development using Node.js, Express.js, and SQL.
- Developed dynamic web applications using React.js, HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.
- Acquired personal development skills including positive behaviour support and effective communication, complemented by Agile methodologies for efficient teamwork.

### GAP Period: Relocated & Adaptation period to the UK , Jan 2020 - May 2022

- Arrived in the UK with my family in 2020 and dedicated time to learning English at James Watt College. Obtained level, alongside being involved in volunteer work to enhance my communication skills.

### Ministry of Education, Philosophy Teacher, Turkey , Sep 2008 - Jan 2020

- Taught philosophy, psychology, sociology, logic, and democracy to high school students.
- Managed philosophy classes, guiding over 600 students to achieve their academic goal.
- Stayed updated with current developments in philosophy through professional development, attending over 20 seminars.

### Several Private Schools, Teaching Assistant, Turkey , Sep 2005 - Sep 2008

- Cultivated strong problem-solving skills through philosophical analysis and critical thinking exercises.
- Showcased a passionate approach to teaching, inspiring students to engage deeply with philosophical concepts.

- Exhibited adaptability by tailoring teaching methods to diverse student needs and varying philosophical topics.
- Honed public speaking abilities while delivering engaging and thought-provoking lectures on complex philosophical subjects, while maintaining confidentiality in discussions.

## EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

**CodeYourFuture, Full Stack Web Development-Program , May 2022 - Apr 2023**

**Gazi University, MA in Philosophy, Turkey (Grade: 3.79) , Sep 2013 – Jun 2016**

**Gazi University, BA Philosophy, Turkey ( GPA: 2.98) , Sep 2001 - Jun 2006**

**Training:**

- [Advanced Emotional Intelligence, Logic and Creativity](#)
- [Critical Thinking Strategies For Better Decisions \( NASBA\)](#)
- [Conflict with Emotional Intelligence](#)
- [Problem Solving](#)
- [Time and Task Management \(instructing.com\)](#)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Public Speaking Engagements

**Code Your Future 'Women In Tech' Panel, April 2023**

Participated as the 2nd panellist, sharing valuable insights into my coding journey, engaged in discussions about the challenges and opportunities for women in the tech industry.

**Tech Event for International Women's Month, March 2023**

Delivered a motivational speech titled "Empowering Women in Tech: My Journey", inspired 40 participants, encouraging them to pursue their passion for technology and overcome challenges.

## COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING

**Tower Hill Library, Digital Assistant , July 2023- Present**

- Helping local library members to use computers effectively 2 hours a week.

**CodeYourFuture, TeachingAssistant, Jan-2023 - June - 2023**

- Assist applicants in their initial coding phase, clarifying concepts and exercises.
- Monitor progress by reviewing assignments and projects, offering helpful feedback.
- Provide personalised one-on-one support, addressing challenges and boosting confidence.

**British Heart Foundation, Shop Assistant, UK, Apr - 2021 - Aug -2023**

- Customer services, setting up new prices and printing.
- Teaching new participants.
- Raising money for science.

**Personal Interests:** In my free time, I enjoy reading, knitting, and crochet for relaxation and creativity. I'm also an active volunteer, passionate about recycling, and committed to maintaining a healthy lifestyle through regular walking and fresh cooking.