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Education

- PhD** Middle East Technical University, Electrical&Electronics Engineering
- Supervisor: Prof.Dr. A. Aydın ALATAN
 - Thesis: Quantization based data hiding strategies with visual applications
 - GPA: 3.56/4
- MS** Bilkent University, Electrical&Electronics Engineering
- Supervisor: Prof.Dr. Levent ONURAL
 - Thesis: Semi-automatic video object segmentation
 - GPA: 3.34/4
- BS** Bilkent University, Electrical&Electronics Engineering
- GPA: 3.17/4
- High School** İstanbul Atatürk Science High School

Professional Experience

Esen Information Technologies

- Founder

TÜBİTAK UZAY

- Image Processing Group Leader
- Chief Senior Researcher

Military Service

- Tank Lieutenant Team Commander at Gelibolu, Çanakkale

TÜBİTAK UZAY (BİLTEN)

- Image Processing Group Leader
- Chief Senior Researcher

Microsoft Research

- Intern

TÜBİTAK BİLTEN

- Senior Researcher

Bilkent University, Electrical&Electronics Engineering

- Research Assistant

Projects

İMGEDOK (Image Authentication Verification and Positioning)

- Technical Leader
- Topics: Image authentication, camera fingerprinting, image geolocation, object distance measurement with uncalibrated images.
- Tools: C++, Python, Docker, Kubernetes, PostgreSQL

İGS (Internet Monitoring System)

- Project Manager
- Topics: Image/video/audio/text indexing and retrieval, image labelling, object detection, author recognition, face recognition, scenetext recognition, adult content detection, language recognition, translation, internet crawling, live stream capturing with browser automation.
- Tools: C++, Python, Javascript, PHP, PostgreSQL, Redis, HDFS, nginx, HAProxy, Docker, Kubernetes, Gitlab, Ansible, Elasticsearch, Logstash, Kibana, Beats, Prometheus, Grafana, OpenCV, Tensorflow, Caffe, gensim, Faiss, ffmpeg, Selenium.

GÖKGÖZ

- Work Package Leader
- Topic: Precise attitude estimation using star positions.
- Tools: C++.

STEP (Steganalysis Project)

- Technical Leader
- Topics: Steganalysis, duplicate image detection.
- Tools: C++, MATLAB.

DETAP (Earthquake Prediction Project)

- Researcher
- Topic: Earthquake prediction using Total Electron Content in ionosphere.
- Tool: MATLAB.

AGS (Smart Surveillance Systems)

- Project Manager
- Topics: Audiovisual surveillance event recognition, intrusion detection.
- Tools: C++, OpenCV, ffmpeg.

KAVTAN (Semantic Concept Recognition for SKAAS)

- Project Manager
- Topic: Audiovisual concept recognition.
- Tools: C++, OpenCV, ffmpeg.

Balistika 2010 (Ballistic Analysis System)

- Researcher
- Topic: Feature extraction and matching.
- Tool: MATLAB.

RTÜK SKAAS (Digital Archiving and Analysis System of RTÜK)

- Technical Leader
- Topics: Logo detection, video similarity, audio keyword detection, videotext recognition.
- Tools: C++, OpenCV, ffmpeg.

Bilvms (BİLTEN Video Management System)

- Researcher
- Topics: Multimedia archives, indexing and retrieval.
- Tools: VC++.

Data Hiding

- Researcher
- Topic: Spatial and compressed domain data hiding in image and video.
- Tools: C++, ffmpeg.

Skills and Abilities

Programming

- C/C++, Python, MATLAB, bash, SQL
- Basic level: Javascript, PHP, Elixir

Library

- Deep Learning: Tensorflow, caffe, pytorch, yolo
- Image Processing: OpenCV
- Codec: ffmpeg
- Language Processing: gensim, NLTK
- Indexing: Faiss
- Browser Automation: Selenium

Database

- PostgreSQL, Sqlite, Redis

Monitoring

- Prometheus, Grafana

Logging

- Elasticsearch, Logstash, Kibana, Beats

Container and Orchestration

- Docker, Kubernetes, Gitlab

Job Scheduler

- Gearman

Web Server and Reverse Proxy

- Node.js, Nginx, HAProxy

Distributed Storage

- HDFS, Ceph

System Installation and Management

- Ansible

Honours and Fellowships

- Ranked 73th in the University Entrance Exam (over 1 million participants) in Turkey, in 1994.
- Received Bilkent University Fellowship from 1994 to 1998.
- Ranked 23th in the Graduate Education Entrance Exam (LES, May 1998).

Publications

Journal

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Conference

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- [2] E. Esen ve A. Alatan, "Nicemleme Dizin Modulasyonu ile Bilgi Saklama", SIU 2002, Denizli Turkiye.
- [3] Ersin Esen, Ozgur Onur, Medeni Soysal, Yagiz Yasaroglu, Serhat Tekinalp, and A. Aydın Alatan, "A Mpeg-7 compliant Video Management System: BilVMS", WIAMIS 2003, London, UK.
- [4] A. Yilmaz, E. Esen and A. A. Alatan, "Combined Concealment, Synchronzation, and Error Detection Using Data Hiding," WIAMIS '2003, London, UK.
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- [9] E. Esen and A. A. Alatan, "A Practical Lattice QIM Method: TCQ-IS", EUSIPCO 2005, 4-8 September 2005, Antalya Turkey.
- [10] E. Esen ve A. A. Alatan, "Bilgi Saklamada Yeni Bir Kavram: Yasak Bölge", SIU 2006, Antalya Turkey.
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- [12] E. Esen ve Y. Kemal Alp, "Özyineli En Kısa Kapsayan Ağaç Algoritmasında Bölgesel ve Sınırsal Bilginin Birleştirmesi ile İmge Bölütleme", IEEE SIU 2007, Eskişehir, Türkiye.

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Semantic Indexing," 7th TRECVID Workshop, Gaithersburg, USA, November 2010.

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