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## Areas of Interests

- *XR*: Virtual, augment and mixed reality experiences, apps, installations, games, prototypes.
- *Interactive experiences*: Using technology such as game engines, software instruments, VR, AR, sensors and web in novel ways to create unique interactive experiences.
- *Video game design and development*: Game based art installations, sound/music games, interaction, art games and virtual spaces.
- *Sound art and music*: Game sound, sound and music based installations, interactive sound objects and mobile sound/music applications.
- *Technology and arts*: Interactive art and media, physical computing and creative coding.

## Education

Fall 2010 – Summer 2013

**Purdue University, West Lafayette, USA**  
MFA in Electronic and Time-Based Art

Fall 2008 – Spring 2010

**Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, SWEDEN**  
Integrated Electronic System Design Master Programme  
MSc in Computer Engineering

Fall 2004 – Spring 2008

**Sabanci University, Istanbul, TURKEY**  
Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences,  
BSc in Electronics Engineering  
with Minor Degree in Physics

## Research and Work Experience

February 2016 – Present

**AKQA, San Francisco:** Senior Creative Developer

October 2013 – February 2016

**Float Hybrid Entertainment:** Front-End UX Developer

Summer 2012 – Spring 2013

**Purdue Libraries Digital Initiatives:** Graduate assistant responsible for metadata entry and quality control.

Fall 2011 – Spring 2013

**Purdue Life Sciences Library:** Graduate assistant responsible web design and development.

Fall 2010 – Fall 2011

**Purdue Serious Games Center:** Research Assistant responsible for developing a multiplayer Flash-based educational simulation.

Summer 2007

**German Aerospace Center (DLR) – Cologne:** Summer intern responsible for measuring lab automation via LabView.

Summer 2006

**Sabanci University Optoelectronics Lab:** Undergraduate research assistant during the Summer Semester.

## Exhibitions and Performances

- November 2016      Illy: A Primitive Intelligence (The Entity) was exhibited at CODAME ARTEX.
- September 2016    Illy: A Primitive Intelligence (The Eye) was exhibited at CuriOdyssey Museum within Index of Possibilities.
- August 2016        Urban Intermezzo was exhibited at California Academy of Sciences and Gray Area Incubator within Soundwave.
- June 2016          Illy, A Primitive Intelligence was shown at 3D Web Fest 2016.
- June 2015          Tone Pong, an experimental music making Pong game was performed in 3D Web Fest 2015.
- Summer 2014        Soundtrack for *MineOpticon II* a virtual performance in Minecraft, performed in DogPatch Gallery, SF, Canada and AvaCon Metaverse Culture Series 2014, June 21, 2014.
- Fall 2013          Soundtrack for *MineOpticon* a virtual performance in Minecraft, performed in AvaCon Metaverse Culture Series 2013, October 19, 2013.
- Summer 2013        Soundtrack for *MineOpticon* a virtual performance in Minecraft, YouIn3D, Berlin, Germany on July 3.
- Residency in *Ars Virtua Artist-in-Residency's* Minecraft server, Orwell.
- Spring 2013         *Causality*, a solo exhibition of a game-based installation, Patti and Rusty Rueff Galleries, Purdue University, March 4 – 8.
- Gnossienne a la Quiaca: E3 Mix* at E3 Series of Improvisation Performance, Foam City, Lafayette, IN, March 2.
- Fall 2012          Music for dance piece *Coronal Ring* at Purdue Contemporary Dance Company Winter Works 2012, December 7 – 8.
- I Remember Coconut Skins: AUDO 2013 Mix* performed at AUDO 2012, Purdue University, August 24.
- Spring 2012         *In Ink*, radio drama aired on WBAA, May 3.
- Sound design for *The Thought* in Nexus Dance Concert 2012, University of Colorado at Boulder, February 15 – 17.
- Fall 2011          *Buried Beneath* in soundtrack of Purdue 2011 Cancer Culture Community Colloquium, Purdue University, October 24 – November 3.
- Summer 2011        *Ad Infinitum*<sup>3</sup> in Disk Stories at Prague Quadrennial of Performance Design and Space 2011, Prague, Czech Republic, June 16.
- Ad Infinitum*<sup>3</sup> *Redux* at Sound Kitchen in Prague Quadrennial of Performance Design and Space, Prague, Czech Republic, June 21.

Spring 2011 *Im-mir-sion* in Images of Nature, Frontier Building, Lafayette, IN, April 15 – 29.  
*Instrument* live performance at E3 Series of Improvisation Performance, Lala Galleries, Lafayette, IN, April 8.  
*Ad Infinitum*<sup>3</sup> *Test* in DancLab, Yue-Kung Pao Hall Dance Studio, Purdue University, February 25.  
*The Castle of Asterion* in 14°, Patti and Rusty Rueff Galleries, Purdue University, January 24 – February 4.

Fall 2010 *Algorithmic Composition in MATLAB* in AUDO: Alternative Practices in Sound 2010, Patti and Rusty Rueff Galleries, Purdue University, September 10 – 12.

Fall 2008 *VA329 Exhibition*, FASS Galleries, Sabanci University, October 6.

### **Selected Projects**<sup>1</sup>

***Causality*** Causality is a game-based installation that presents a unique world, where everything is based on sound. As the audience you must explore the virtual environment by making choices through listening to the sound.

***10 Seconds of Relativity*** A short FPS game about relativity of time created for the Ludum Dare 27 Jam session with Unity.

***TreeScape*** A short FPS game about acoustic ecology created for 7dFPS challenge with Unity.

***Particle Pad*** Particle emitter and MIDI-based audiovisual musical instrument application for BlackBerry 10 and BlackBerry PlayBook.

***Chaos Matrix*** Tone matrix and chaos-based algorithmic composition application for BlackBerry 10.

***12 Months*** Sonification and visualization of climate data. Hourly climate data of a month belonging to a city is used to compose music with a visual legend. The city's musical culture defines the algorithm and the instrumentation for the music. Accepted for an artist's residency at Jack Straw New Media Gallery in Seattle.

***Alternative Mixes*** Alternative Mixes is an ongoing set of mixing performances that uses music that is not created for DJing in order to experiment with the sonic aesthetics.

***Breezes Of...*** Breezes Of... is a prototype game-based mixed-reality installation that discusses escapism within the context of video games by presenting a unique interaction. The presented virtual environment is a tropical island in which the virtual breeze is transferred to the real world with a motor-controlled pinwheel.

***The Thought*** The Thought is an improvisational dance piece that also incorporates improvised sound which is created in conjunction with the dancer's breath as well as the live sound design concept.

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<sup>1</sup> More information available on my personal webpage

<b><i>Ear Trainer</i></b>	Pitch, interval and chord recognition application for BlackBerry PlayBook and BlackBerry 10.
<b><i>Additive Synthesizer</i></b>	Additive synthesizer application for BlackBerry PlayBook and BlackBerry 10.
<b><i>StarCraft II: Form, Space and Order</i></b>	The project is a set of maps created in StarCraft II Map Editor according to Francis D.K. Chings' categorization of 'spatial organizations'. The project takes the architectural concepts and superposes them onto the dynamics of real-time strategy game. Individual project.
<b><i>Ad Infinitum<sup>3</sup></i></b>	Interactive theatre piece created via online videogaming through smart phones. The collaborative piece was performed in Prague Quadrennial of Performance and Space 2011. Main responsibilities: Game design, scene/level design, avatars, visuals and parts of game engine.
<b><i>Experience Accelerator</i></b>	Flash-based, multiplayer educational game aimed for training professional systems engineers. Main responsibilities: Development.
<b><i>The Castle of Asterion</i></b>	Videogame-based sound installation. Virtual sonic-maze created in Unity. Individual project.
<b><i>VEAE</i></b>	Virtual Experimental Audio Environment: Virtual environment that investigates between buildings and their sounds. Created in Unity. Individual project.
<b><i>Instrument</i></b>	Audio-visual musical instrument for enhanced expression and performance. Created in Unity and Max/MSP/Jitter. Individual project.
<b><i>Videogame as Medium and Art</i></b>	Videogame that discusses the relation between videogame and art in a videogame medium. Created in Unity. Individual project.
<b><i>Im-mir-sion</i></b>	Mixed-reality installation about nature. Created in Unity, Max/MSP/Jitter, mirrors and camera. Responsibilities: Concept and development.
<b><i>Algorithmic Composition</i></b>	A musical-composition algorithm based on genetic programming is developed and implemented in Matlab (using VHDL) and on FPGA with virtual instruments. Master's thesis project. Individual project.
<b><i>Hearing Aid Design</i></b>	Analog front-end circuitry for hearing aid application. Done in STM 90nm technology using Cadence via EKV model for sub-threshold operation. Individual project.
<b><i>Third Triad</i></b>	Music project, where the aim is experimenting with the vast variety of sounds of virtual instruments and composing music for them. Individual project.
<b><i>Image Analysis</i></b>	Classification of Western Paintings via Haralick Features in Matlab. Individual project.
<b><i>Real-Time Decoder</i></b>	Implementation of a BPSK and QPSK real-time decoder in Matlab. Team leader of four, chosen to be presented in Ericsson.

<b><i>ADC for Laser Distance Measurement</i></b>	Analog-to-digital converter designed in AMS 0.35 $\mu$ technology using Cadence. Team leader of five for half of the duration.
<b><i>Second Order Sigma/Delta ADC</i></b>	System design of 2 <sup>nd</sup> order sigma/delta analog-to-digital converter with interleaving scheme in Matlab and Simulink.
<b><i>Multirate Down-Sampler</i></b>	Implementation of multirate down-sampler (from 40 KHz to 30 KHz) for audio in FPGA using VHDL. Individual project.
<b><i>Multiband Power Amplifier</i></b>	Design of multiband operating - WLAN (2.4GHz – 5.4GHz) and WiMAX (3.6GHz) RFIC power amplifier in AMS 0.35 $\mu$ technology using Cadence. Undergraduate graduation project. Individual project.
<b><i>Neuron Cell Simulation</i></b>	Simulation of Hodgkin-Huxley Equations for cell action potentials and propagation in Matlab.
<b><i>ECG Design</i></b>	Design and implementation of electrocardiogram using discrete components. Individual project.
<b><i>Microwave Receiver</i></b>	Design and implementation of 1-3 GHz front-end receiver using ADS and discrete components.
<b><i>Automation of Measuring Lab</i></b>	Automation of Sensor and Catalyst Measuring Station and sensor signal improvement in German Aerospace Center via LabView. Undergraduate internship.
<b><i>Chat Program</i></b>	Chat program between two computers over RS-232 in assembly language.
<b><i>Edge Detection</i></b>	Implementation of Sobel edge detection algorithm on FPGA using Verilog HDL.

## **Achievements and Awards**

- Ars Virtua Artist-in-Residence (Summer 2013)
- Various BlackBerry developer awards in the form of money, tablets and a prototype phone.
- Recipient of Adlerbertska Hospitiefonden Scholarship (Spring 2009)
- Recipient of Erasmus Internship Grant (Summer 2007)
- Recipient of the Certificates of Honour for 4 terms and Certificate of High Honour for 3 term
- Recipient of Sabanci University Merit Scholarship (Fall 2004 – Spring 2008)

## **Teaching Experience**

June 2015	This is a workshop about learning Minecraft and using it to design games. The workshop was co-presented with James Morgan from SJSU and presented at FDG 2015.
Fall 2013	<i>Merging Physical and Virtual: A Workshop on Connecting Arduino and Unity:</i> This will be a workshop given to an interdisciplinary group of students about connecting Unity with physical computing as a part of a 400-level game design/development class at Purdue University.

- Summer 2013 *Physical Computing*: This is a series of nine workshops in physical computing using Processing and Arduino. The workshops begin from the fundamentals of programming and electronics and include sensors, LEGO machines, email control and seven-segment displays among others.
- Spring 2013 *Vision to Sound using Max/MSP/Jitter*: This is a Max/MSP/Jitter workshop primarily aimed for first-time users (a mixture of undergraduates and graduates from ETB and Engineering) within the context of the ETB graduate seminar that focuses on creating sonic artifacts that are triggered through camera.
- Summer 2012 *Introduction to Algorithmic Composition and Pure Data* workshop in SPIRIT 2012: A workshop with four sessions given within the context of the outreach event SPIRIT to high school students. The workshop investigated basics of music theory, generative art, algorithmic composition and Pure Data.
- Fall 2011 *Unity3D – Max/MSP/Jitter Workshop* in AD 417 Computer Games, Purdue University, October 26: Guest lecture within the context of AD 417 Computer Games. The workshop investigated using Max to expand Unity. The examples were using sound as an input to Unity, using video and motion as an input to Unity and using websites as an output from Unity.
- Serious Games*: Short seminar given within the context of ENG 620 Classroom Communication for International Graduate Students to undergraduate students. This was an introductory class about serious games with the aim of showing the different types of educational games as well as encouraging the students to find educational sides from the games that they already know and play.
- Finite State Machine*: Short seminar given within the context of ENG 620 Classroom Communication for International Graduate Students to undergraduate students. The concept of finite state machine was introduced and simple finite state machines were designed.
- Fall 2004 – Spring 2005 *Civic Involvement Project*: Teaching various topics including mathematics and English to elementary school students with insufficient funds.

## **Publications and Theses**

- Dec 2015 A book chapter about Minecraft is going through editorial process.
- Fall 2014 *Fine Arts, Culture and Creativity in Minecraft*: A co-authored essay in *Understanding Minecraft* an essay collection, published by McFarland & Company Press.
- Summer 2013 *Performing Video Games: Approaching Games as Musical Instruments*: MFA thesis investigates usage of game ideas and technologies for musical expression.
- Spring 2010 *Algorithmic Composition with Virtual Instrument in MATLAB and on FPGA*: MSc thesis that investigates algorithmic musical composition as hardware and software implementations.

## **Skills**

**Languages:** Turkish (native), English (fluent)

<b>Coding Skills:</b>	ActionScript 3, Android SDK, Arduino, C++, C#, CSS3, HTML, HTML5, Java, JavaScript (D3.js, jQuery, mustache, Node.js, three.js, WebVR, Web Audio API), MATLAB, Max/MSP/Jitter, Processing, Pure Data.
<b>Video Game:</b>	Unity, Adobe Flash/AIR, UDK, Construct 2, StarCraft II Map Editor, 3ds Max, Google SketchUp, Bethesda G.E.C.K., Blender
<b>Sound Design and Composition:</b>	Adobe Audition, AudioMulch, Cubase, Digital Performer, East-West products, Finale, FMOD, Guitar Pro, Pro Tools, Native Instrument products
<b>Musical Instruments:</b>	Guitar (primary instrument), hand drums, flute, keyboard, synthesizers
<b>Visual Design:</b>	Adobe Creative Suite, 3ds Max, SketchUp
<b>Circuit Design Environments:</b>	Cadence, Verilog HDL, VHDL, Xilinx/Modelsim, ADS, Momentum, OrCad Pspice
<b>Other Software Experience:</b>	Windows, MS Office, MS-DOS, Unix, Mac OS X, Subversion, Git, Tortoise, Trac