

# MEHMET KÖK

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## Education

Present  
PhD Student in Computer Science  
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

September 2008  
Master of Science in Electrical and Electronics Engineering  
Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey  
CGPA:3.54/4.00

June 2006  
Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Electronics Engineering  
Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey  
CGPA:3.49/4.00

## Research Experience

Jun. 2007 - Sep. 2008  
Master's Thesis: "Simultaneous Localization and Mapping for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles".  
Supervised by: Prof. Billur Barshan

Jan. 2007 - Jun. 2007  
Pattern Recognition and Robot Motion Planning courses joint project: "Vision based 2D Simultaneous Localization and Mapping (SLAM) for Unmanned Air Vehicles (UAV)".  
Supervised by: Asst. Prof. Uluc Saranlı and Asst. Prof. Selim Aksoy

Sep. 2007 - Dec. 2007  
Computer Vision course project: "Vision Based Behavioral Analysis of Laboratory Animals for Drug Testing".  
Supervised by: Asst. Prof. Pinar Duygulu

## Work Experience

Feb. 2005 - Jun. 2008  
Prospective Student Advisor, Office of Information Services for Prospective Students, Bilkent University.  
– Influenced many qualified prospective university students to choose Bilkent University.

Jun. 2005 - Jul. 2005  
Summer Intern at Information Services, IBM Turkey - Istanbul.  
– Gained experience with different network protocols.  
– Designed and implemented a network monitoring software for IBM-Istanbul network.

Aug. 2004 - Sep. 2004  
Summer Intern at Airborne System Design Group, ASELSAN Electronic Industries Inc.  
– Gained experience with airborne systems software and standards.  
– Worked on a programming project (in Visual C++ MFC) for displaying flight path data.

## Teaching Experience

Vanderbilt University

Aug. 2008 - Present  
Teaching Assistant in CS101 - Programming & Problem Solving.  
– Conducting office hours in order to assist students in course material and grading.

## Bilkent University

- Sep. 2006 - Jun. 2008 Teaching Assistant in GE401-GE402 Innovative Product Design and Development.  
– Conducted weekly meetings with the project teams to follow their progress and help as an advisor.  
<http://ge402.bilkent.edu.tr/>
- Jan. 2007 - May. 2007 Teaching Assistant in EE342 - Feedback Control Systems.  
– Conducted lab sessions carrying out modeling and simulation experiments in different control systems. <http://www.ee.bilkent.edu.tr/ee342/>
- Jan. 2005 - May. 2005 Teaching Assistant in CS102 - Introduction to Object-Oriented Programming course.  
– Conducted weekly lab sessions helping students programming in Java.
- Sep. 2003 - May. 2004 Tutor, in a suburban Primary School: Member of a group of volunteers who give courses to primary school students in the suburbs of the city.

## Awards and Honors

- Aug. 2008 - Present Tuition Waiver and Teaching Assistantship, Vanderbilt University PhD. program in Computer Science  
Jun. 2006 - Sep.2008 Graduate Study Scholarship granted by TÜBİTAK (The Scientific & Technological Research Council of Turkey)
- Jun. 2006 - Sep.2008 Tuition Waiver, Bilkent University M.S. program in Electrical and Electronics Engineering  
Jun. 2006 Graduation Honor List, Bilkent University, Electrical and Electronics Engineering  
Sep. 2001 - Jun.2006 Scholarship, Bilkent University B.S. program in Electrical and Electronics Engineering

## Skills

### Computer Skills

OS: MS-DOS, Windows NT/2000/XP, Linux, MacOS X

Software Packages: MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, FrontPage, DreamWeaver, MatLab/SimuLink

Programming Languages: Java, C/C++, php/mysql, HTML, CSS, VisualBasic, LISP

### Languages

Turkish (Native Language)

English (Advanced)

German (Intermediate)

## Extracurricular Activities

Vice President of Turkish Student Association - Vanderbilt University

Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department Representative, Graduate Student Council - Vanderbilt University.

## Interests

Artificial Intelligence and Robotics, psychology, literature and philosophy

Computer games

Juggling

Cycling, squash, volleyball and martial arts