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## PERSONAL DATA

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Computer Science Professor with 30-year experience in teaching and research. Taught various undergraduate and graduate computer science courses at universities in the United States and Turkey after receiving my PhD in Computer Science from Syracuse University, USA. Supervised 8 Ph.D. dissertations and 27 M.S. theses. Published more than 80 scientific articles including 30 journal articles. Mainly worked in the natural language processing research area and applied machine learning methods in different natural language processing research problems. Completed 7 research projects.

Performed departmental administrative duties such as leading the computer engineering department, maintaining the computer engineering curriculum and hiring new faculty while serving as the department chair of the computer engineering department of Hacettepe University, Turkey. Coordinated existing graduate programs, prepared new graduate programs, and served at the university senate while serving as the dean of the informatics institute of Hacettepe University. Helped to establish the online M.S. computer science program, participated in the interview process for hiring new faculty for this program, and taught various computer science courses while serving as a full teaching professor at Syracuse University, USA. Taught computer science courses, supervised graduate students, performed research, and organized conferences while working as a faculty member at Bilkent University and University of Central Florida. Developed commercial compilers for Prolog programming language while working as a research associate at an US company.

## EDUCATION

<b>Ph.D. in Computer and Information Science</b> Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, USA	January 1991
<b>M.S. in Computer Science</b> Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, USA	June 1985
<b>B.S in Computer Engineering</b> Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey	June 1982

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

### **Dept. of Computer Engineering, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey**

Feb. 2011 – present Full Professor of Computer Engineering  
Feb. 2021 – Apr. 2024 Department Chair of Computer Engineering  
Feb. 2011 – present Head of Computer Science Division

### **Dept. of Computer Science, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, USA**

Jan. 2017 – Dec. 2019 Visiting Teaching Professor

### **Informatics Institute, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey**

Mar. 2012 – Aug. 2016 Dean of Informatics Institute  
Mar. 2012 – Aug. 2016 Member of Hacettepe University Senate

### **Dept. of Computer Science, University of Central Florida, FL, USA**

Sep. 2001 – Aug. 2003 Visiting Associate Professor

### **Dept. of Computer Engineering, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey**

Sep. 1992 – Jan. 2011 Assistant Professor & Associate Professor

### **Applied Logic Systems Inc., Syracuse, NY, USA**

Sep. 1989 – Aug. 1992 Research Associate

### **Dept. of Computer Science, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, USA**

Sep. 1988 – Aug. 1989 Research Associate  
Jan. 1984 – Aug. 1988 Research Assistant

### **Dept. of Computer Engineering, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey**

Jan. 1982 – Jan. 1983 Computer Programmer  
Sep. 1980 – Dec. 1981 Homework Grader

## **EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY**

### **Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey**

**2011 - present**

I have been a full professor of computer engineering at Hacettepe University, Turkey since February 2011. I am also the head of the Computer Science Division in the Computer Engineering Department at Hacettepe University since February 2011. Additionally, I served as the chair of the Computer Engineering Department from 2021 to 2024. As a faculty member, I performed my teaching and research activities and served on department committees. As the department chair, I led the department, coordinated all departmental activities, and hired new faculty members for the department.

I also served as the Dean of the Informatics Institute at Hacettepe University from 2012 to 2016. In this role, I coordinated all graduate programs at the institute. During my tenure, I established two new graduate programs: “Data and Knowledge Engineering” and “Information Security”. In addition to coordinating all graduate programs, I hired new faculty members for the institute and represented the Informatics Institute in the university senate.

**Syracuse University, NY, USA****2017 - 2019**

I was a full teaching professor in the Computer Science Department at Syracuse University from 2017 to 2019. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, I helped to establish the online M.S. program in computer science at Syracuse University. I taught various graduate computer science courses in this online M.S. program, in addition to the face-to-face undergraduate and graduate courses that I taught in the department. Besides teaching, I also evaluated student applications and assisted in the hiring process for new faculty for this online program. Teaching in this online graduate program before the pandemic provided me with valuable experience in online education, which I utilized to design the forced online education at the Computer Engineering Department, Hacettepe University as the head of department during the COVID-19 pandemic. Although I was a teaching professor at Syracuse University, I continued my research activities there, including research with my graduate students at Hacettepe University.

**Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey****1992 - 2011**

After receiving my PhD in Computer Science from Syracuse University, I joined the Computer Engineering Department at Bilkent University as a faculty member in 1992. As an assistant and associate professor, I focused my research mainly on natural language processing and taught undergraduate and graduate computer science courses. I designed several new courses, supervised graduate students, and served on department committees. In addition to my research and teaching activities, I chaired an artificial intelligence conference during my tenure there.

**University of Central Florida, FL, USA****2001 - 2003**

I worked as a visiting associate professor in the Computer Science Department at the University of Central Florida (UCF) from 2001 to 2003. During this time, I taught both graduate and undergraduate courses. I conducted research in collaboration with faculty members in the department and continued supervising my graduate students at Bilkent University. In addition to my research and teaching activities, I also chaired an international computer science conference held at UCF.

**Applied Logic Systems Inc., Syracuse, NY, USA****1989 - 1992**

I worked as a research associate at Applied Logic Systems Inc. in Syracuse during the final years of my PhD studies at Syracuse University and immediately after obtaining my PhD degree. We developed and sold commercial compilers for the Prolog programming language. I was responsible for the implementation of the Prolog compiler in the Windows environment.

**Syracuse University, NY, USA****1984 - 1989**

During my graduate studies (M.S. and PhD) in the Computer Science Department at Syracuse University, I also worked as a research assistant and research associate. During this time, I worked on my thesis, which involved designing and implementing a compiler for a new programming language known as MetaProlog, an extension of the Prolog programming language. My thesis work was a part of a research project supported by the US Air Force.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

I have more than 30 years teaching experience. I have taught computer science courses on undergraduate and graduate levels at the following US universities and Turkish universities.

- Department of Computer Engineering, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey
- Department of Computer Science, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, USA
- Department of Computer Science, University of Central Florida, FL, USA
- Department of Computer Engineering, Bilkent University, Ankara Turkey

The education language at Turkish universities where I taught courses is English and all the courses that I taught at Turkish universities are in English. Before COVID-19 pandemic, I helped to establish the online computer science M.S. program at Syracuse University while serving as a full teaching professor there and I taught different online graduate courses at that online computer science graduate program. The undergraduate and graduate courses that I taught at these universities are as follows.

### **Undergraduate Courses at Hacettepe Univ.**

- Automata and Formal Languages
- Algorithm Analysis
- Data Structures and Algorithms
- Senior Design Project

### **Graduate Courses at Hacettepe Univ.**

- Natural Language Processing
- Machine Learning
- Artificial Intelligence
- Data Mining
- Advanced Analysis of Algorithms
- Compiler Construction

### **Undergraduate Courses at Syracuse Univ.**

- Programming Languages
- Data Structures and Algorithms
- Object Oriented Programming

### **Graduate Courses at Syracuse Univ.**

- Data Mining
- Mathematical Basis for Computing
- Structured Programming and Formal Methods
- Advanced Data Structures and Algorithms
- Python Programming for Finance

### **Undergraduate Courses at Bilkent Univ.**

- Machine Learning
- Artificial Intelligence
- Compiler Design
- Data Structures
- Fundamental Structures of Computer Science
- Symbolic Programming
- Logic Programming and Expert Systems
- Algorithms and Programming I & II

### **Graduate Courses at Bilkent Univ.**

- Natural Language Processing
- Topics in Logic Programming

### **Undergraduate Courses at Univ. of Central Florida**

- Object Oriented Programming

### **Graduate Courses at Univ. of Central Florida**

- Natural Language Processing
- Program Analysis
- Compiler Design

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

My main current research interest is Natural Language Processing (NLP). I have actively worked on different research problems in NLP area. I applied machine learning approaches to NLP research problems and published more than 80 scientific articles. Some of my specific current and past research interest areas in NLP domain are as follows:

- *Social Media Text Analysis* – Worked on text classification problems such as protest event detection on Twitter data and offensive language deflection.
- *Example Based Machine Translation* – Worked on an example-based machine translation system between English and Turkish. Developed a system which learns translation templates from bilingual translation examples using machine learning techniques.
- *Text Summarization* – Worked on text summarization and key-phrase extraction problems. Pioneered the usage of lexical chain approach on text summarization and key-phrase extraction problems.
- *Information Extraction* – Worked on named-entity recognition and relation extraction problems in information extraction area.
- *Part of Speech Tagging* – Developed a morphological disambiguator tool for Turkish. Also developed morphological disambiguator tool for Kazakh language.
- *Dependency Parsing* – Developed parsers for Turkish using dependency parsing approach.
- *Other NLP Problems* – Worked on some other NLP problems such as plagiarism detection, generation of Turkish sentences from interlingua representations, recommendation systems and text-to-speech system for Turkish.

## **RESEARCH GRANTS**

### **1. Automated Recording of Milking System Information Using Internet of Things Systems** **Researcher**

2023 to present

- Funded by TUBITAK (The Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey)
- Project Number: EEEAG-123E255
- Objective: To design an internet-of-things-based hardware and software system that automatically identifies animals entering the milking area

### **2. Automatic Summarization and Keyphrase Extraction** **Principal Investigator**

2007 to 2010

- Funded by TUBITAK (The Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey)
- Project Number: EEEAG-107E151
- Objective: To develop summarization keyphrase extraction systems for Turkish and English

**3. A Framework for Personal Video Information Management Systems** **Researcher**  
2007 to 2010

- Funded by TUBITAK (The Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey)
- Project Number: EEEAG-107234
- Objective: To develop a framework for video information systems

**4. New Information Society Technologies for Turkey** **Researcher**  
2006 to 2009

- Funded by TUBITAK (The Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey)
- Project Number: IST-TURKEY
- Objective: To enhance the research capability of Computer Engineering and Electrical Engineering Departments of Bilkent University, and of Turkey at large, by reinforcing and proliferating the ongoing innovative IST-Research activities at these two departments so as to attain the active participation in European FP7 projects.

**5. Turkish Text-to-Speech System** **Principal Investigator**  
2000 to 2002

- Funded by TUBITAK (The Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey)
- Project Number: EEEAG-100E008
- Objective: To develop a Text-to-Speech system for Turkish using concatenation method.

**6. Learning Translation Templates from Bilingual Translation Examples Using Machine Learning Techniques** **Principal Investigator**  
1997 to 1999

- Funded by TUBITAK (The Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey)
- Project Number: EEEAG-244
- Objective: To develop a bi-directional translation system which can work between any two language pairs. In the method used in this project, translation templates for a pair of language are learned from a set of translation examples by using machine learning techniques.

**7. Turkish Natural Language Processing Initiative: Developing Computational Foundations and Applications for Natural Language Processing in Turkish** **Researcher**  
1993 to 1998

- Funded by NATO
- Project Number: 7.TU-LANGUAGE
- Objective: To develop methods, computer software and other computational resources to perform natural language processing in Turkish.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Articles in Refereed Journals:**

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6. Samira Karimi Mansoub, Gönenç Ercan, and Ilyas Cicekli, **Selective personalization and group profiles for improved web search personalization**, Turkish Journal of Electrical Engineering & Computer Sciences, Vol. 28 (3), (2020), pp:1631–1643.
7. Merve Selcuk-Simsek, and Ilyas Cicekli, **Bidirectional Machine Translation between Turkish and Turkish Sign Language: A Data-Driven Approach**, International Journal on Natural Language Computing (IJNLC), Vol. 6, No.3, (2017), pp:33-46.
8. Gonenc Ercan and Ilyas Cicekli, **Topic segmentation using word-level semantic relatedness functions**, Journal of Information Science, Vol. 42, No. 5, (2016), pp:597-608.
9. Gulshat Kessikbayeva and Ilyas Cicekli, **A Rule Based Morphological Analyzer and A Morphological Disambiguator for Kazakh Language**, Linguistics and Literature Studies, Vol. 4(1), (2016), pp:96-104.
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12. Makbule Gulcin Ozsoy, Ilyas Cicekli, and Ferda Nur Alpaslan, **Text Summarization using Latent Semantic Analysis**, Journal of Information Science, Vol. 37, No. 4, (2011) pp:405-417.
13. Turhan Daybelge, and Ilyas Cicekli, **A Ranking Method for Example Based Machine Translation Results by Learning from User Feedback**, Applied Intelligence, Vol. 35, no. 2, (2011), pp:296-321.
14. Serhan Tatar, and Ilyas Cicekli, **Automatic Rule Learning Exploiting Morphological Features for Named Entity Recognition in Turkish**, Journal of Information Science. Vol 37, No. 2, (2011), pp: 137-151.
15. Ergin Soysal , Ilyas Cicekli, and Nazife Baykal, **Design and Evaluation of an Ontology Based Information Extraction System for Radiological Reports**, Computers in Biology and Medicine, Vol. 40, (2010) pp: 900-911.
16. Kezban Demirtas, Nihan Kesim Cicekli, and Ilyas Cicekli, **Automatic Categorization and Summarization of Documentaries**, Journal of Information Science, Vol 36, No. 6, (2010), pp: 671-689.

17. MÜcahid Kutlu, Celal Cıđır, and Ilyas Cicekli, **Generic Text Summarization for Turkish**, The Computer Journal, Vol. 53, No. 8, (2010), pp. 1315-1323.
18. Serhan Tatar, and Ilyas Cicekli, **Two Learning Approaches for Protein Name Extraction**, Journal of Biomedical Informatics, Vol 42, No. 6, (2009) pp:1046-1055.
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22. Gonenc Ercan, and Ilyas Cicekli, **Using Lexical Chains for Keyword Extraction**, Information Processing & Management, Vol 43, No. 6, (2007), pp: 1705-1714.
23. Ilyas Cicekli, and Nihan Kesim Cicekli, **Generalizing Predicates with String Arguments**, Applied Intelligence, Vol. 25, No. 1, (2006), pp: 23-36.
24. Nihan Kesim Cicekli, and Ilyas Cicekli, **Formalizing the Specification and Execution of Workflows using the Event Calculus**, Information Sciences, Vol. 176, No. 15, (2006), pp: 2227-2267.
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26. Ayse Pinar Saygin, and Ilyas Cicekli, **Pragmatics in Human-Computer Conversations**, Journal of Pragmatics, Vol. 34, No. 3, (2002), pp: 227-258.
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28. Ayse Pinar Saygin, Ilyas Cicekli, and Varol Akman, **Turing Test: 50 Years Later**, Minds and Machines, Vol. 10, No. 4., (2000), pp: 463-518 .
29. H. Altay Güvenir, and Ilyas Cicekli, **Learning Translation Templates from Examples**, Information Systems, Vol. 23, No. 6, (1998), pp: 353-363.
30. Ilyas Cicekli, **Abstract MetaProlog Engine**, Journal of Logic Programming , Vol 34(3), March 1998, pp:169-200.
31. Zeynep Oz, and Ilyas Cicekli, **Ordering Translation Templates by Assigning Confidence Factors**, Lecture Notes in Computer Science 1529, Springer Verlag, (1998), pp:51-61.
32. Murat Temizsoy, and Ilyas Cicekli, **An Ontology-Based Approach to Parsing Turkish Sentences**, Lecture Notes in Computer Science 1529, Springer Verlag, (1998), pp:124-135.
33. Ilyas Cicekli, **Theories and Proofs in Fault Diagnosis**, Lecture Notes in Computer Science 1480, Springer Verlag, (1998), pp:181-194.
34. Ilyas Cicekli, **An Intelligent Backtracking Schema in A Logic Programming Environment**, ACM SIGPLAN, Vol 32(3), March 1997, pp:42-50.
35. Turgay Korkmaz, and Ilyas Cicekli, **Generation of Turkish Verbal Groups with Systemic-Functional Grammar**, ELEKTRİK, Turkish Journal of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences, Vol 4, 1996, pp:78-88.



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### **Chapters in Books:**

1. Servet Tasci and Ilyas Cicekli, **Content-Based News Recommendation: Comparison of Time-Based System and Keyphrase-Based System**, in: Knowledge Discovery, Knowledge Engineering and Knowledge Management, eds. Fred, A., Dietz, J. L. G., Aveiro, D., Liu, K., Filipe, J., Communications in Computer and Information Science, Vol. 553, Springer, pp: 84-98.
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4. Ilyas Cicekli, **Design and Implementation of An Abstract MetaProlog Engine for MetaProlog**, in: Meta-Programming in Logic Programming, eds. Abramson, H., and Rogers, M.H., The MIT Press, Cambridge, 1989, Chapter 22, pp:417-434.

### **Book Reviews in Refereed Journals:**

1. Ilyas Cicekli, “Pierre M. Nugees. **An Introduction to Language Processing with Perl and Prolog**. Springer-Verlag. 2006”, Natural Language Engineering, Vol. 16, No. 2, (2010), pp:193-195.

### **Edited Books:**

1. Ilyas Cicekli, Nihan Cicekli, and Erol Gelenbe (editors), **Proceedings of the 17th International Symposium on Computer and Information Sciences (ISCIS 2002)**, Orlando, Florida, 2002, CRC Press.
2. Ilyas Cicekli, and H. Altay Güvenir (editors), **Proceedings of the 7th Turkish Symposium on Artificial Intelligence and Neural Networks (TAINN98)**, Ankara, Turkey, June 1998.

### **Refereed Proceedings:**

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2. Seckin Sen and Ilyas Cicekli, **Weakly Supervised Relation Extraction**, in: Proceedings of Innovative Methods in Computer Science and Computational Applications in the Era of Industry 5.0 (ICAIAME 2023), Springer, 2024, pp. 100-112.
3. Ipek Nur Karaman, Ilyas Cicekli and Gonenc Ercan, **Automatic Term Extraction with Joint Multilingual Learning**, in: Proceedings of the 7th International Conference on Computer Science and Engineering (UBMK), 2022.
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11. Nagehan Pala Er and Ilyas Cicekli, **A Factoid Question Answering System Using Answer Pattern Matching**, in: Proceedings of the 6th International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing (IJCNLP 2013), October 2013, Nagoya, Japan.
12. Gülşen Eryiğit, Fatih Samet Çetin, Meltem Yanık, Tanel Temel and Ilyas Cicekli, **TURKSENT: A Sentiment Annotation Tool for Social Media**, in: Proceedings of the 7th Linguistic Annotation Workshop and Interoperability with Discourse, ACL 2013, Sofia, Bulgaria, August 2013, pp: 131-134.
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