Ahmet Serdar Karakurt

Interaction Designer, Researcher · Izmir, Türkiye · Turkish / English

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Education

September 2025 - Present
Master of Design
Izmir University of Economics
Design Studies

February 2024 - July 2024
Bachelor of Arts
Instituto Politécnico do Porto
ESMAD - School of Media Arts and Design
Exchange Student

September 2020 - July 2025
Bachelor of Arts
Izmir Yaşar University
Faculty of Communication
Visual Communication Design
Graduated 3rd in the Department
Full Scholarship

Skills

- Vibe coding: AI-assisted prototyping, extracting, cleaning, structuring, and summarising text and data
- Interaction design, interface and user research
- HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Next.js, React, TypeScript, Processing
- TouchDesigner
- Adobe Creative Cloud, Figma
- Typography, graphic design
- Photography, digital and archival images

Talks

November 2025
Panelist
Dirlik ve Kolektif Bellek: Fotoğraf, Oyun ve Kentle İyileşme
İyi Tasarım / Good Design Izmir_10
Izmir Mediterranean Academy
Tarihi Bıçakçı Han

Awards

- 2022, Izmir Airshow / 9 September Demo Flights Photography Contest, first place
- 2019, TALPA World Pilots Day Photography Contest, first place
- 2019, photographs used on the Turkish Stars official website and printed materials

Experience

September 2025 - Present
Izmir Local Leader, Interaction Design Foundation

2026 - Ongoing
The Flight Cases
theflightcases.com
- Interactive aviation accident case library

March 2025 - May 2025
Intern, UX Designer
Izmir Technology Inc.
Development of İzmirim Kart, the main transportation application of Izmir Metropolitan Municipality
Interview findings into interface decisions and screen flows

August 2024 - October 2024
Interaction Designer
Studio Polat Foundation, Amsterdam
WWII photographic archive with the University of Amsterdam

September 2020 - July 2025
Voluntary teaching support
Izmir Yaşar University
Visual Communication Design
Attended studio courses across year groups and assisted first-year students with coursework, providing ongoing academic support across cohorts.

May 2021 - June 2025
Photographer, Researcher, Designer
Point Unstill
pointunstill.com
Gertrude Bell Archive rephotography project. Newcastle University Special Collections and TÜBİTAK
- Interactive research interface comparing archive frames with field images, routes, and quotations
- Archive access, use conditions, and citation with Newcastle University Special Collections

2026
Designer, Developer
Living Heritage Archive: Social Memory Platform
aserdark.com/altincekic-chronicles
- Navigable archive prototype from verified voice, text, and photographs. Vibe-coded, with AI used only as grounded synthesis

2024 - Present
Turkish Aviation History Matrix
tr-avihist.com
- Interactive matrix of people, institutions, and projects, structured with vibe coding from historical sources