Mehmet Alperen Derin

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Summary

Full-stack Software Engineer with a strong product mindset and excellent communication skills. Known for quickly ramping up in complex domains and unfamiliar tech stacks, leading by example, and mentoring others. Passionate about developer experience, tooling, and delivering high-impact, long-lasting software.

Skills

Technologies: Java/Kotlin (Spring), Python, PostgreSQL, Kafka, React, Svelte, Docker, Kubernetes, Git

Soft Skills: Cross-team communication, fast self-onboarding to new tech stacks and domains, product-oriented thinking, mentoring

Languages: Turkish (Native), English (Professional), German (Intermediate)

Professional Experience

Software Engineer, Zalando SE, Berlin   **Oct 2021 – Present**
  Key Work Areas:

- Led a major data migration initiative and adapted multiple services to new data structures.
- Created and maintained microservices and numerous frontends from scratch.
- Identified inefficiencies in frontend development and built internal tooling to drastically reduce setup time for new applications.
- Maintained legacy monoliths alongside modern microservices.
- Participated in on-call rotation; resolved incidents and ensured uptime.
- Developed internal CLI tools integrating LLMs to improve team workflows, as a side activity.

Team & Leadership:

- Primary contact for frontend tech decisions.
- Mentored junior developers; regularly approached for guidance by less experienced engineers.
- Interviewed candidates and contributed to hiring decisions.
- Advocated for best practices across teams; influenced stack choices.

Software Engineer, Metronom — Metro Digital, Düsseldorf   **May 2019 – Sep 2021**

- Designed, implemented, and maintained microservices.
- Developed RESTful APIs and internal/customer-facing frontends.
- Planned and executed a smooth data migration process.
- Participated in SCRUM and code reviews.
- Engaged with product teams to align tech development with business goals.

Other Experience

Software Engineering Intern, SPP42, Ankara   **Jan 2019 – Feb 2019**

Software Engineering Intern, Argedor, Ankara   **Jul 2015 – Aug 2015**

Side Projects

Language Learning App: Building an app that helps learners transition from Duolingo-style basics to real-world reading, with personalized content and smart flashcards.

Education

Bachelor of Science: Computer Engineering
Hacettepe University, Ankara   Sep 2013 – Mar 2019
Graduated with 3.00 GPA as an honour student

- Notable coursework: Machine Learning, AI, Computer Vision, NLP, Data-Intensive Applications