

ATLAS DENİZ AKBULUT

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PROFILE

Early-stage startup operator with experience across venture-backed product development, accelerator ecosystems, and strategic execution. Engineering background with hands-on exposure to startup screening, market research, fundraising processes, and emerging technologies across AI, semiconductors, gaming, and platform businesses.

EDUCATION

Istanbul Bilgi University — B.Sc. Electrical & Electronics Engineering 2020–2026
Üsküdar American Academy — High School Diploma 2015–2020
Ranked in the top 0.1% nationally in the high school entrance examination.

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Intelligent Virtual Reality Experience of Mamurt Kaleh IEEE ICIR 2026
Accepted for presentation at IEEE ICIR 2026, University of Pisa.

EXPERIENCE

Pistalogic — Founder 2026–Present
pistalogic.com

- Building structural verification for analog IC layout on the SKY130 open PDK: derives matched device groups from netlist topology and checks their arrangement in silicon — the class of error DRC and LVS both pass.
- Architected a verdict system that never claims a check it did not run: every result is PASS, FAIL, UNVERIFIED or NOT_CHECKED, issued only on positive evidence of a real tool run.
- Built a hierarchical GDS extraction pipeline validated on four taped-out third-party designs, six golden-netlist blocks, and a 2,000-block labelled fault corpus developed with Gebze Technical University; 879-test regression suite under adversarial CI gating.
- Ran a preregistered falsification experiment on the method's core assumption and published the inconclusive result with raw logs; a measured census across four taped-out designs put one shipped check's base rate near zero, and it was downgraded to advisory.
- Built a practitioner network spanning the author of Magic and Netgen, engineers at Nordic Semiconductor and Marvell, and academic collaborators; each exchange closed or redirected a product hypothesis.
- Accepted into the TÜBİTAK BiGG acceleration programme at Sabancı University.

Paff Studios — Operations Lead (Venture Studio) 2021–Present

- Led operations, strategy execution, and go-to-market planning across a multi-project venture studio.
- Managed a 6-person core team with ~20 contributors, coordinating product development and delivery.
- Worked on fundraising support, investor materials, and partnership development.
- Evaluated early-stage products and markets, contributing to internal decisions on product direction and commercial opportunities.

Selected venture highlights

- Portalize — joined the İş Bankası Workup Accelerator, secured angel investment, and operated for ~2 years.
- SporAnaliz — reached 25,000 users in one month, demonstrating rapid market validation.

PCIFIC Esports — Strategic Advisor 2025–Present

- Advised on investment positioning, sponsorship strategy, and fundraising readiness for external stakeholders.
- Supported investor-facing materials and strategic planning.

Özdisan Elektronik — Intern (R&D / FAE Exposure) 2023

- Gained exposure to technical sales cycles, customer requirements, and solution positioning.

LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

Bilgi Esports Club — President 2024–2025

- Led a 400-member organization with a 10-person board, organizing 25+ events.
- Built and operated a 200-player league, contributing to the formation of professional teams.

CERTIFICATIONS

Financial Analysis Fundamentals (Corporate Finance Institute®) • VC Fundamentals (Newton Venture Program) • Forward (McKinsey & Company) • Fund Management, VC / CVC (Bilgi University & Startup Wise Guys)

SKILLS & LANGUAGES

Investment & Strategy Startup screening; market research; market sizing & competitive analysis; strategic analysis; go-to-market strategy; fundraising support
Execution & Tools AI-native product prototyping; LLM workflow design & prompt engineering; AI-assisted research; Claude Code, ChatGPT; project & stakeholder management; Excel, PowerPoint, Notion, ClickUp
Languages Turkish (native); English (fluent — IELTS 7.5 overall, 2018)