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Summary

Founder and CEO of Gurubase, an enterprise AI agent platform whose answers cite their sources, carry a trust score and are declined when the evidence is thin. It runs in a managed cloud (EU or Türkiye), in the customer's cloud, or fully air-gapped. In 2026 launched Siper, a Turkish PII-masking AI gateway built around KVKK. Previously co-founder and CTO of Ddosify (Anteon), whose open-source Kubernetes tools reached 9.2K GitHub stars and 1.19M Docker pulls. Ten years of ML and computer-vision R&D; MSc in Computer Engineering, METU.

Experience

Founder & CEO, Gurubase Oct 2024 – Present
Ddosify Inc. (dba Gurubase) and Ddosify Yazılım Teknolojileri A.Ş., Ankara and San Francisco

- Lead product, engineering and sales for Gurubase and Siper.
- Gurubase: agents answer from Confluence, Jira, Zendesk, Google Drive and other sources, show the passages used, score their confidence, and call APIs or MCP tools for actions. GDPR compliant; SOC 2 audit in progress.
- Siper (early access, 2026): masks 26 categories of personal data in Turkish text, including KVKK special categories, before it reaches an LLM; runs on servers in Istanbul as an API, OpenAI-compatible gateway or MCP server. On 403 human-verified documents it found 88.1% of personal data vs. 72.2% for the best of 15 alternatives.
- Investor and programs: e2vc (formerly 500 Emerging Europe) lists Gurubase in Fund II; NVIDIA Inception; Microsoft for Startups.

Co-founder & CTO, Ddosify (product renamed Anteon in 2024) Aug 2021 – Dec 2024
Ddosify Yazılım Teknolojileri A.Ş., Ankara, and Ddosify Inc.

- Co-founded Ddosify in Ankara; led the engineering team and the move from a Go load-testing engine to eBPF-based Kubernetes monitoring.
- Open source (AGPL-3.0): Anteon 8,520 GitHub stars and Alaz 712; 1.19M Docker Hub pulls of the Ddosify image; top contributor to Anteon by commits (579).
- Adoption: Insider's engineering team chose it over JMeter, Locust, k6 and Gatling; Red Hat published an orchestration architecture built on its latency API; Docker Desktop extension.
- Raised investment from 500 Emerging Europe (Oct 2022); TÜBİTAK BiGG 1512 grant (2021–2022).

AI Team Lead (Computer Vision) Feb 2020 – Aug 2021
DataBoss Security & Analytics, Ankara

- Led a four-person team building real-time object detection, classification and segmentation models, from data to deployment.
- Built training and inference infrastructure on Kubernetes, Kafka, Redis and gRPC in an air-gapped, multi-cluster Linux environment.

Data Scientist Jan 2019 – Feb 2020
DataBoss Security & Analytics, Ankara

- Trained object detection and face detection/recognition models on an NVIDIA DGX-1 (V100); deployed real-time inference with Kafka and TensorRT.

Software Specialist, DevOps Mar 2017 – Jan 2019
Innova Bilişim, Ankara

- Workforce Management (WFM) system for Türk Telekom; Jenkins CI/CD pipelines and automated tests (Spring, Oracle 11g, WebLogic).

Earlier (2014–2016): Machine Learning Intern, HAVELSAN (licence-plate recognition and car-model prediction, 2016); Software Engineer (part-time), Places of Interest (beacon navigation for the Zeugma Mosaic Museum, 2015–2016); Software Engineer Intern, Zorlu Holding.

Recognition

- 2026: Seal of Excellence, European Commission (EIC Pre-Accelerator), awarded to the Gurubase proposal.
- 2025: Finalist, BAŞLAT LLM Impact Programme (Meta, Türkiye AI Initiative, Hello Tomorrow); Gurubase one of 9 finalists of 19.
- 2024: O-1A visa, United States; approved by USCIS on 15 Nov 2024.

- 2023: StackShare ranked Ddosify 20th among the new developer tools of 2022. Anteon is in the CNCF Landscape; Alaz is on ebpf.io.
- 2021: METU Yeni Fikirler Yeni İşler: KoçSistem Special Award and shared Elginkan Foundation Grand Prize (Ddosify).
- 2016: 1st place, OBSS ITalent Roadshow programming competition, Hacettepe University.

Talks and Media

- Interviews: Euronews Türkçe (quoted, Sep 2026); TRT Radyo 1, Kolektif Zeka (Aug 2026); kode24, Norway (quoted as Ddosify CTO, Jan 2024).
- Talks: Daha İyi Yargı Derneği, Türk Hukuk Yapay Zekası Sohbetleri #32 (Sep 2026); TRAI AI in Law webinar (Sep 2026); KVKK Personal Data Protection Summit, closing panel on 5G and AI, Ankara (Sep 2026); BAŞLAT LLM Demo Day, Türkiye AI Summit (Oct 2025); KCD Istanbul (2024); DevOps Paradox podcast, ep. 222 (2023); Ankara Tech Talks, MLOps (2020).

Education

Middle East Technical University (METU / ODTÜ), Ankara — Feb 2018 – Feb 2022
MSc in Computer Engineering, CGPA 3.71/4.00. Thesis: Prior Knowledge Guided Weakly Supervised Object Detection and Semantic Segmentation; advisor Assoc. Prof. R. Gökberk Cinbiş.

Hacettepe University, Ankara — Sep 2013 – Jan 2017
BSc in Computer Engineering, CGPA 3.34/4.00; Honour Student.

Publications

1. C. Güngör, F. Baltacı, A. Erdem, E. Erdem. Turkish cuisine: A benchmark dataset with Turkish meals for food recognition. 25th Signal Processing and Communications Applications Conference (SIU), IEEE, 2017. doi:10.1109/SIU.2017.7960494. 35 citations.
2. S. Bilgin, S. B. Balcı, T. T. Duman, B. M. A. Tel, F. Baltacı, G. Aktaş. Artificial intelligence in internal medicine: A comprehensive review. Journal of Bionic Memory 5(3), 44–62, 2025.
3. Co-authored industry articles: Docker Blog (2023), no-code performance testing with the Ddosify Docker Extension; Red Hat Blog (2022), measuring 5G network latency.

Skills

AI / LLM	RAG, agents and tool use (MCP), evaluation, fine-tuning, embeddings, vector databases, PII masking
ML / CV	PyTorch, TensorFlow, scikit-learn, OpenCV, object detection, semantic segmentation
Engineering	Python, Go, Java; Kubernetes, eBPF, Docker; AWS, Azure, GCP; PostgreSQL, MongoDB, Milvus
Languages	Turkish (native), English (fluent)