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Optimizing Deep Learning Systems for Hardware  
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# Welcome to the Course

## Meet the Instructor:

- Education
  - B.Sc. EEE METU, Turkey (1997-2001)  
*B.Sc. Minor Program, Sociology METU (1998-2001)*
  - M.Sc. EEE, METU, Turkey  
*on "3D Modelling and Graphics" (2001-2004)*
  - Ph.D. EEE, METU, Turkey  
*on "3D Object/Surface Representation" (2004-2011)*
- Professional
  - Research and Teaching Assistant, EEE METU, (2001 - 2008)
  - Visiting Phd Student, the Univ. of York (2008 - 2009)
  - Applied Scientist, ASELSAN, Inc, (2009 - 2016)
  - Research Associate, the Univ. of York, (2016)
  - Assistant Professor, EEE Çankaya Uni. (2018 - 2021)
  - Visiting Professor, the Univ. of York, (2022-2023)
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about me



I am currently an associate professor with the [Graduate School of Informatics, METU](#). I am professionally interested in **computer vision, deep learning, pattern recognition, image processing, machine learning, object tracking, and 3D modelling**. I have several journals, conference papers, and international patents on these subjects. If you are interested, please find my [resume here](#) or check my [Google Scholar](#), [Google Patents](#), [ResearchGate](#), or [LinkedIn](#) pages for more information.

After finishing my Ph.D. at METU EEE and working as a visiting researcher at the University of York, I started working as a Computer Vision Scientist at ASELSAN. I was a part of the Image

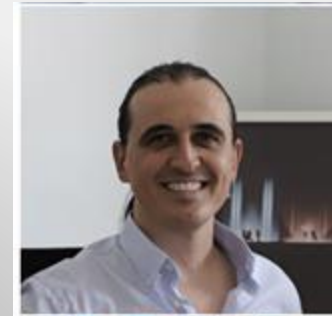
# Our Institute

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  - Research Project (TUBITAK) Administrations
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  - Teaching
    - DI504 Foundations of Deep Learning
    - MMI711 Sequence Models in Multimedia
    - MMI714 Generative Models in Multimedia
    - IS566 Image Processing Algorithms
    - MMI704 Human Motion Capture, Analysis and Synthesis



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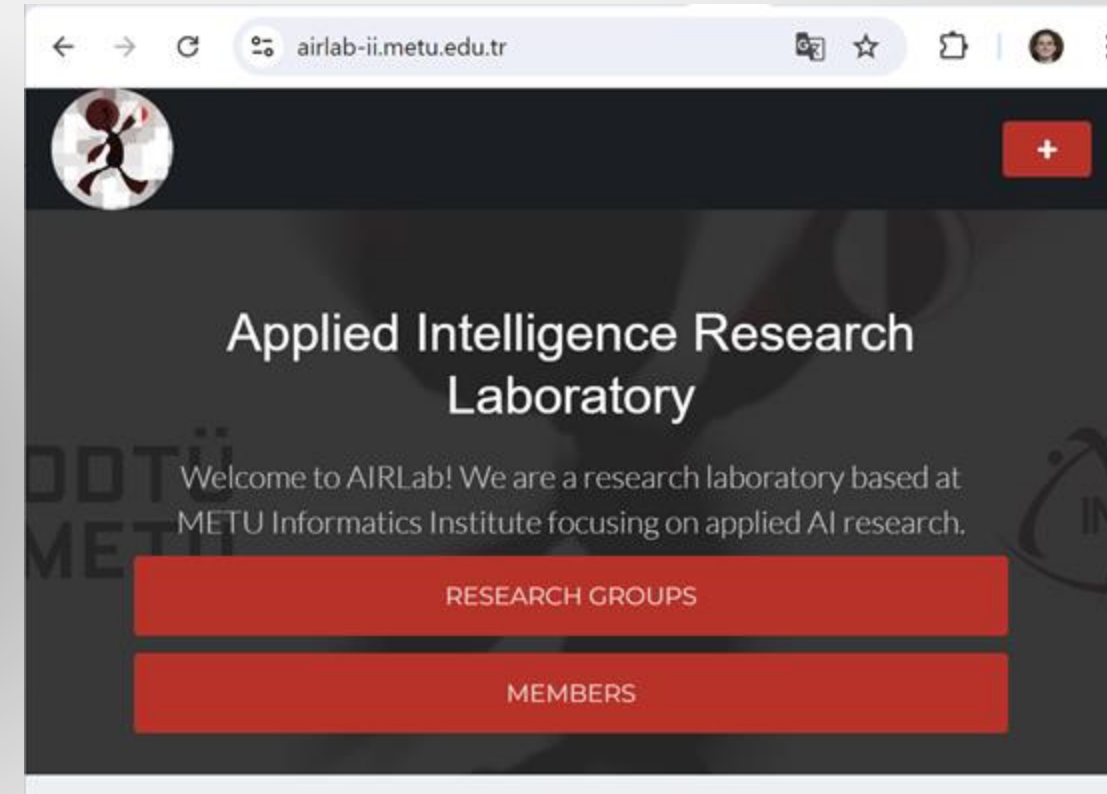
# Our Lab.

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# Pre-knowledge/P-rerequisite(s)

(Must)

- Experience with Training Deep Neural Networks
  - *i.e. taken at least an intro level DL course*
- Familiarity with “Computer Architecture” Concepts

(Optional/Recommended)

- Familiarity with Deep Learning Model Optimization



# Course Overview

- Understand how hardware and system design impact deep learning performance and efficiency.
- Learn strategies to optimize models and systems, from memory usage to computation and precision.
- Explore scaling concepts and frameworks for deploying deep learning across edge, cloud, and HPC environments.

# What this course is

- This course explores the relation between hardware and deep learning model
- It presents optimization strategies, separately
  - at the model
  - and system levels.
- It briefly introduces deployment through the example of scaling models in HPC using DeepSpeed.

# What this course isn't

- It isn't a hands-on course with setup, configuration, or installation steps.
- It isn't a complete guide to scaling deep models across diverse platforms.
  - *(Instead, it is an introduction aimed at learners who are willing to take the first steps toward scaling and deployment.)*



# Introduction and Set Up/Configure/Install .....



- No installation, setup, or configuration is required.
- The course is entirely theoretical, including the introduction to the HPC framework at the end.

# Outline



- **Part I : Fundamentals**
- Part II : Hardware Types & Memory Hierarchy
- Part III : Model-Level Optimizations
- Part IV : System-Level Optimizations
- Part V : Introduction to Scaling Deep Learning in HPC

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