Cankat Polat

Design Engineer

Design engineer for fintech, AI and onchain teams. I take products from a blank page to production: the identity, the interaction model and the front-end are designed and engineered together, so what ships is exactly what was designed. Architecture graduate from METU.

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EXPERIENCE

Nux Labs · Founding Designer · Freelance — 2026 – Now
Brand, brand kit, website and social media for digital asset infrastructure built for financial institutions.

Mimir Markets · Founder — 2026 – Now
AI-settled claim markets on Arc and Base. Product, brand, contracts and launch.

Monetari · Product Designer · Freelance — 2025 – 2026
Brand, website and the issuance and custody apps for a B2B tokenization platform.

Avalanche · Team1 Member — 2025 – 2026
Prototyping and UX flows for applications across the Avalanche network.

Noether · Product Designer, then CMO — 2024 – 2026
Product design and brand for a perpetual DEX on Stellar; grant proposal that secured an $86,200 SCF grant.

Meta Earth · Brand & Social Media Ambassador — 2025
Social channels and community communications, speaking at blockchain events.

Floyka Design Studio · 3D Generalist · Freelance — 2024 – 2025
Visual identities on a monthly subscription, with 3D models, CGI rendering and brand systems.

Dream Games · 3D Artist Intern — 2024

Archaic Game Studio · 2D Game Artist — 2024

The Arbitrum Foundation · UI/UX Designer — 2023 – 2026

BasemoLabs · Junior UI/UX Designer — 2023 – 2024

Presidential Digital Transformation Office · Gaming Intern — 2023 – 2024

METU Blockchain · Founding Member · Design Coordinator — 2022 – Now

Heroes of NFT · 3D Generalist — 2022 – 2023

Mojang / Microsoft · Game Design Intern — 2017 – 2018

Hypixel Studios · Level Designer · SkyWars — 2015 – 2016

AWARDS

Arc Mainnet Bounty · Winner — Mimir
Mindblocks Hackathon · 1st Place — Talos
Game Jam Türkiye '22 · 1st Place — HexaJuice
Zetachain Vibeathon · Winner — Zeta Name Service
Community Prize · Four.meme Hackathon 2026 — Talos
Runner-Up · Open Wallet Standard — Gnothi
Honorable Mention · Cursor Ankara Hackathon — SolChef
Finalist · Project GUD — Push Name Service
Grant Prize · Arc Agora Hackathon — Mimir
ETHPrivacy '23 · 1st Place — Zerology
Somnia '25 · 1st Place — mineSomnia
Grantee · Drips Network Waves 5–8 — Talos
Pool Prize · ETHGlobal Istanbul — VerifyWorld
Honorable Mention · Sonic Hackathon — SonicPredict
SGT 2025 · 3rd Place — YeşilPort
Funding Round · GrantDAO — FlowSwap

SKILLS

Design
Product & UI/UX design, brand identity, design systems, Figma prototyping, motion design

Engineering
React, Next.js, TypeScript, Tailwind CSS, Framer Motion, Solidity, creative coding

3D & games
Blender, CGI rendering, game & level design, texture painting, Steam key art

EDUCATION & LANGUAGES

Middle East Technical University · Bachelor of Architecture — 2020 – 2026

Doğa College · High School Diploma — 2016 – 2020

Turkish native · **English** fluent · **Japanese** basics