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Certifications: Certified Scrum Master

Data Handling: MySql, Rapid Miner, MS Excel (Pivot Tables, VLookup, Advanced Excel), MS Access, Hadoop, Hive, Pig

Data Visualization: Tableau, Intellicus, JasperSoft, Power BI

Software Skills: Python, R, SQL, JSON, Git, Agile Product Dev Tools: JIRA, Balsamiq, MS Visio, MS Project

WORK EXPERIENCE

Data Science Manager | Biz2Credit Inc. | New York, NY

07/18 – Present

- Supervised the analysis and implementation for white labelling Biz2Credit's working capital loan product for new investors.
- Direct report for the CRO. Interact regularly with the C-suite to conceptualize, develop analytical products for stakeholders.
- Supervised automation of ~100 monthly performance reports via Intellicus (BI tool) that reduced turnaround time by ~95%.
- Used python to automate, extract multiple pre & post classification variables that improved the extraction pipeline.
- Designed transaction classification & loan prequalification model for bank statements from various countries.
- Utilized agile approach to handle changing, competing requirements. Focused on viable & continuous product delivery.
- Created weekly, ad-hoc reports, custom dashboards & conducted analyses for stakeholders using Intellicus, Python & Excel.
- Worked to retrieve, synthesize & present critical data in an intuitive and discernable visual format.
- Managed a team of 4 data scientists & pseudo managing a remote team of 5 resources to deliver through the firm's vision.

MIS Intern (Technical Business Analyst equivalent) | Retensa, LLC | New York, NY

01/18 - 05/18

- Designed 40+ wireframes and documented business requirements that laid the groundwork for Retensa's SaaS Product.
- Developed, implemented KPI and business metrics to improve/monitor customer service and improve user engagement.

Business Strategy Analyst Intern (Business Data Analyst equivalent) | Pulse Commerce | Bridgeport, CT

6/17 – 12/1

- Identified E-commerce industry insights using real time data driven research using analytics tools (python, tableau) that laid the cornerstone for company's creative quarter million-dollar algorithm to revolutionize Amazon's distribution paradigm.
- Devised algorithm to get Amazon's top category sellers by using product marketing probe tool like Jungle-Scout, AMZShark.

Product Manager (Technical Product Analyst equivalent) | ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Ltd. | India 03/14 – 10/1

- Industry experience with all the phases of Waterfall SDLC while managing 14 software products and a 4-engineer's team.
- Performed effective product management functions to clear delivery backlogs of the products, a month before deadline.
- Automated insurance policy renewal processes, improving the performance impact by ~95%.
- Collaborated with multiple internal stakeholders for gathering requirements, creating workflows, documenting the business requirement specifications (BRS) & conducted user acceptance testing for the finished product.

Systems Engineer (Software Engineering equivalent) | Infosys Limited | India

02/11 - 05/12

- Worked with cross-functional teams to investigate & solve end user issues for health-based SAP ABAP IT business solutions.
- Responsible for periodic system analysis, troubleshooting of bugs in the lifecycle of the solution. Training new hires.

EDUCATION

Baruch College, Zicklin School of Business | NYC, NY | MS in Information Systems (Major: Data Analytics), GPA: 3.87

05/18

- Coursework: Systems Analysis & Design, Data Mining in Business Analytics, Programming for Analytics in Python, DBMS

 ICFAI Business School | Hyderabad, India | MBA in Finance, GPA: 8.2 (out of 10)

 03/14
 - Coursework: Quantitative methods, Linear Programming, Decision Analysis, Statistics, Project Management

GRADUATE PROJECTS

Data Visualization & Analysis using Tableau: Performed data gathering, cleaning, exploratory analysis & provided meaningful visualizations using Tableau, Python & bokeh on "311 open data from NYC's OpenData initiative" & "Lending club's open data".

Regression Analysis using Python: Conducted regression analysis on 5 distinct classes of assets using Jupyter Notebook, python's scikit-learn & matplotlib library, NumPy, Pandas to analyze data from multiple data sources & identify the highly correlated asset.

Self-Motivated project to analyze Game of Thrones dataset: Conducted Sentiment Analysis on subtitle dataset of G.O.T from Kaggle using R to identify variation in positive and negative words per season. Analyzed its correlation with show's TV ratings per season.

Predictive Analytics using classification: Used R, Rapid Miner, Rule-based & Bayesian classifications to apply predictive modelling on loan datasets from Lending Club to classify. Designed an internal scoring system to find most credible 5000 people.

IBM Watson AI Tool – "Lobito": Collaborated with a team of 5 to design a prototype powered by IBM Watson Visual Recognition & cloud service to help strengthen animal protection efforts by minimizing the administration work of shelter & private rescue groups.

Automation using Relational Database: Automated school's laptop lending system by performing ETL in SQL using python.