Fahad Shaikh

Education

Pace University — MS in Data Science — GPA 4.0

NYC, Sept 2024 - Jan 2026

Relevant Coursework: Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Algorithms for Data Science, Reinforcement Learning, Natural Language Processing (NLP), Data Mining, Business Data Science, Probability Statistics, Big Data Analytics, Data Visualization.

Experience

Data Scientist Endeavor Group (IMG Media)

NYC, Nov 2023 - Aug 2024

- Led the end-to-end transformation of People Analytics for a 500-member HR team across Endeavor Group subsidiaries including UFC, WWE, IMG, and WME, by migrating legacy reporting into Visier and centralizing key workforce metrics for strategic alignment.
- Engineered end-to-end NLP pipelines using Transformer-based models for semantic analysis of resumes and exit surveys, extracting actionable insights to inform HR strategy.
- Automated the machine learning lifecycle from data ingestion to model deployment and monitoring using Azure Data Factory and Azure ML.

Sr Data Consultant Mu Sigma

Bengaluru, Apr 2019 - Jun 2022

- Partnered with accounting and sales teams at a prominent financial services firm to develop and deploy advanced Power BI dashboards, enabling effective management of 1 billion dollars in business operationsd.
- Orchestrated LSTM-based NLP pipelines and BERT embeddings to extract insights from millions of Microsoft Viva support interactions, enabling precise customer segmentation and AI-driven feature development.
- Designed and implemented advanced anomaly detection systems for Citigroup using machine learning algorithms (Isolation Forest, One-Class SVM), enhancing fraud detection accuracy.
- Constructed and operationalized time-series forecasting models (ARIMA, Prophet) to predict key business metrics, improving strategic planning and resource allocation.
- Architected scalable cloud infrastructure on AWS (EMR, S3, Redshift) to support distributed training of machine learning models on terabyte-scale datasets.

Trainee KPIT

Pune, Aug 2018 – Mar 2019

- Contributed to the development of an intelligent adaptive cruise control system, implementing core control logic in Embedded C
 for automotive AI applications.
- Managed technical requirements for automotive ECUs, focusing on functional safety standards for embedded AI systems.

Projects

GPT Shakespeare (Karpathy-inspired)

GitHub Link 🗹

- Implemented a character-level GPT model from scratch in PyTorch, inspired by Andrej Karpathy, to generate Shakespearean text and demonstrate core transformer mechanics.
- Visualized token-level attention and trained the model end-to-end, highlighting interpretability and creative text synthesis.

Earnings Call Summarizer

GitHub Link 🗹

- Developed an AI pipeline using the **all-MiniLM-L6-v2** sentence-transformer and FAISS to generate concise, citation-aware summaries of earnings call transcripts.
- Enabled real-time, context-aware financial insights by integrating semantic search and retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) for large-scale document processing.

YouTube Video Summarizer

GitHub Link 🗹

- Built an AI pipeline that generates concise, context-aware summaries of YouTube videos using transcript analysis, visual cues, and multimodal language models (TinyLlama, sentence-transformers).
- Integrated RAG techniques for real-time, citation-aware summarization and semantic retrieval at scale.

Skills

Programming, ML & AI: Python, C++, SQL, Scikit-learn, TensorFlow, Keras, PyTorch, Pandas, NumPy, OpenCV, LangChain, ANN, CNN, RNN, Transformers, Autoencoders

Cloud, Databases & DevOps: Azure, AWS (S3, Redshift, EMR), Oracle, Snowflake, Databricks, Docker, Kubernetes, Git, CI/CD, JIRA

Visualization: Power BI, Tableau, Matplotlib, Plotly, ChromaDB

Achievements and Certifications

- Impact Award, LSEG: Redesigned revenue-risk model, resulting in \$400K annual savings.
- o Spot Awards, Mu Sigma: Delivered critical solutions for Microsoft and Citigroup, recognized for exceptional contributions.
- o Participation: Smart India Hackathon, 2017.
- o DeepLearning.AI TensorFlow Developer
- $\circ\,$ Hugging Face NLP Specialization
- $\circ\,$ Google Advanced Data Analytics
- $\circ\,$ AWS Certified Machine Learning Foundational