Maria SALOP

PROFILE

Third-year Applied Data Science & AI student with expertise in transforming complex data into actionable insights using Python, SQL, and Power BI. Proficient in developing natural language processing solutions, including Transformers and speech-to-text technologies. Demonstrated ability to leverage data analytics for informed decision-making and enhance operational efficiency.

SKILLS

- Python and SQL (pandas, NumPy, scikit-learn)
- Data visualization (Power BI, matplotlib, plotly)
- Statistical analysis (descriptive stats, correlations)
- Data workflows (cleaning, feature engineering, ETL)
- Machine learning (classification, model evaluation)
- Natural language processing (Transformers, text preprocessing)
- MLOps and demos (FastAPI, Docker, Streamlit)
- Collaboration tools (Git/GitHub, Jupyter)
- Web technologies (HTML)

CONTACT DETAILS

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Citizenship: **Romania** Languages: **English** (C1), **Romanian** (native)

EDUCATION

APPLIED DATA SCIENCE & ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: Academy of AGM. Breda University of Applied Sciences. 2023-present

Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Data Science, AI development

PROJECTS

AI & DATA SCIENCE PROJECT PORTFOLIO (*Academic*) **09.2023 – 06.2025**

A curated portfolio of academic and applied projects completed as part of my university education in Data Science and AI.

Link to the portfolio

AIR POLLUTION MORTALITY Dashboard

Designed an interactive Power BI dashboard on global deaths from air pollution; performed data cleaning, correlation analysis, and data storytelling to surface key insights.

Link to the project

PLAYER VALUATION MODEL NAC Breda

 Built a regression model to estimate football player's market value from performance features; delivered an APA-style ethics report and model evaluation.

Link to the project

WASTE CLASSIFICATION CNN Project

 \diamond Trained a CNN to classify recyclable waste; shipped a small demo app and ran user testing to validate usability and error cases.

Link to the project

TRANSPORT INCIDENT PREDICTION ANWB

Predicted traffic incidents using weather-linked features; accessed/joined datasets with SQL, engineered features, and compared baseline models.
Deliverables not publicly available (NDA)

ROOT LENGTH PREDICTION NPEC

 \diamond Developed an image processing pipeline using OpenCV to measure root length from plant images. Included pre-processing, segmentation, and analysis.

Link to the project

EMOTION CLASSIFICATION NLP Research Project

Ocliaborated on an NLP research project to classify emotions in YouTube dialogue. Focused on improving accuracy and F1-score through class balancing, custom annotation, and error analysis. Deployed and evaluated the final model on real-world test data.

Link to the project

CHATBOT EMPATHY STUDY Digiwerkplaats

 Co-authored a policy paper on chatbot empathy; wrote an individual research paper measuring effects on trust/comfort from a Qualtrics survey.

Link to the project

EMOTION CLASSIFICATION Deployment Project

⋄ Built a production-ready NLP pipeline (STT → preprocessing → optional translation → RoBERTa classifier). Exposed via FastAPI, packaged with Docker, deployed on Azure ML, and demoed in Streamlit.

Link to the project