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Malek Sahlia

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EDUCATION

National Engineering Degree in Computer Science, National School of Computer Science (ENSI) SEP 2020 — SEP 2023 Master's in Research in Intelligent Systems, National School of Computer Science (ENSI) SEP 2022 — SEP 2023

Data and Machine Learning Engineer | Predictive Models for Neurological Diseases Knowlepsy

DEC 2023 — Present

Tunisia, Remote

- Developed and deployed models for various health metrics, correlating with the main model to improve performance by 23%.
- · Built an automated interactive dashboard using Dash and PostgreSQL, reducing manual reporting tasks by 30%.
- Documented models and implemented unit tests to ensure robustness and reliability.
- Created scalable ETL pipelines using Azure, achieving a throughput of 10,000 records/sec while maintaining 96% availability.
- Performed extensive research on state-of-the-art AI techniques to align with industry standards.
- Contributed to AI projects in time series (wearables), LLMs (chat interactions and form responses), and computer vision (meal detection and activity tracking).

Data Science Research Assistant | Optimizing Pulmonary Care Pathways Institute of Intelligence and Data (IID)

MAR 2023 — AUG 2023

Canada, Hybrid

- Conducted a systematic review, screening 1,200 articles on AI biases in healthcare.
- Optimized patient admission management by 12%, based on predictions of diagnosis, severity, and length of hospitalization.
- Presented findings to the team and authored a report to continue solution implementation in production.

Data Science Intern | Extraction and Conversion of Financial Statements to CSV **AxeFinance**

JUL 2022 — AUG 2022

Tunisia, On-Site

- Automated data extraction from financial statements using Docker and OCR, reducing manual effort by 66%.
- Implemented a scalable pipeline for table detection, text parsing, and CSV conversion, improving processing speed by 28%.
- Orchestrated services with Docker Compose, enabling scalable processing of financial data.

PROJECTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Olive Tree Crop Mapping at the Parcel Level in Central Tunisia

Rank 1 | 76

AGEOS | African Association for Geospatial Development

Tunisia, On-Site

- Used Sentinel-2 TIF data and spatio-temporal models to map olive tree crops at the parcel level.
- Achieved an accuracy of 85.29% in the competition.

Biomass Prediction in Cocoa Plantations in Côte d'Ivoire

Rank 26 | 1202

GIZ | German Society for International Cooperation

Tunisia, Remote

- Fine-tuned a LightGBM model for biomass prediction using Sentinel-2 imagery.
- Performed outlier treatment, feature engineering with 187 vegetation indices, and cloud masking to improve model accuracy.
- Achieved an RMSE of 78, using 25-fold cross-validation and top-performing vegetation indices.

SKILLS

Programming Languages Python, C++ **Cloud Computing and Containerization** Azure Containerization Docker

Database Management SQL (MySQL, PostgreSQL), NoSQL (MongoDB)

Version Control and Project Management Git, Azure DevOps

MLflow, Kubeflow, Model Deployment, CI/CD **MLOps Data Engineering** Data Pipelines, Apache Spark, ETL, Airflow **Soft Skills** Collaboration, Leadership, Communication English, French, German, Arabic

Languages

ACTIVITIES

Data Science Competitor on Kaggle and Zindi Member of the Red Crescent, Hammam Sousse Local Committee External Relations Coordinator at NATEG Tunisia

2022 — Present

2022 - Present

2021 - 2022