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Machine learning Engineer

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- 3+ years of MLE/DS experience
- 3+ years experience in top-tier Russian tech companies
- Background in Recommender Systems, Computer Vision, Al in Medicine and Natural Language Processing

Experience



🔾 VK Largest Russian social network, originally invented by Telegram CEO Pavel Durov

Machine learning Engineer

08.2023-now

- Tested and Integrated i2i and recurrent deep learning models for recommender, which added +50% relative in conversion rate
- Refactored the recommender engine, removed unused and legacy code, reducing the inference time by 20%
- Documented the recommender engine and machine learning pipeline, increasing documentation coverage from ~20% to ~90%
- Migrated the enitre machine learning pipeline consisted of 30+ Airflow jobs and 30+ Python libraries from Hadoop and Spark to YTsaurus with total training time reduced by 2x



Yandex Largest Russian tech giant, fifth most popular search engine - worldwide

Machine learning Engineer

02.2022-06.2023

- Transferred the Object Detection Python&C++ FasterRCNN-based pipeline from TensorFlow 1 Object Detection API to TensorFlow 2 native implementation, adding support for quality testing and hyperparameter-tuning and speeding up training time up to 2.5x
- Initiated research and implementation of YOLOv8 model that aimed 1.5x reduction in false detections and 2x inference speed up
- Collected and processed about 2500 images using an internal crowdsourcing platform to add 5 new classes to the existing object detection model

Kaspersky One of the world's leading cybersecurity companies

Software Engineering Intern

12.2020-02.2022

- Integrated an internal service into the team's product make pipeline using make, TFS, shell, and Python scripts
- Optimized make pipeline of the process of external product rebrandings, speeding up rebranding updates from 3 days to 1 day

Education

Honors & Awards

Moscow State University 09.2022-06.2024

Higher School of Economics 09.2018-06.2022

Master's degree in Computer Science, "Intellectual Technologies in Medicine"

Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, "Applied Mathematics and Informatics"

Shopee - Product Matching Kaggle, 03.2021

Bronze medal, top 8% leaderboard Competition for predicting similar products

Hard Skills

- Programming Languages: Python, C++, C, SQL, YQL
- Low-level: Make, CMake, CUDA
- Databases: PostgreSQL, ClickHouse, HBase
- Analytics: Redash, Grafana, TensorBoard, Weights & Biases, A/B Testing
- **DevOps:** Docker, Gitlab CI/CD, Git, SVN, Team Foundation Server
- ML Fields: Recommender Systems, Object Recognition/Detection/Segmentation, Computer Vision, Natural Language Processing, CatBoost
- ML R&D: Tensorflow, PyTorch, Pandas, Scikit-Learn, Numpy, SciPy, OpenCV, Huggingface Transformers, TRL
- MLOps: Hadoop, Spark, YTsaurus, Airflow, Anaconda, Toloka
- Management: Mentoring, Hiring, Jira