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# Data Scientist, Machine Learning

Seattle, WA

I'm a reliable manager turned Machine Learning Engineer, enthusiastic about the innovative ways technology can impact people. I developed excellent communication, leadership and problem solving skills on my previous path, but yearned for a fulfilling challenge better aligned with my technical/engineering background. Now I've seized the moment and transitioned into an exciting career in Big Data/Artificial Intelligence/Data Science, building expertise in Math, Analysis & ML!

### **Skills**

# Python | Data Analytics

Machine Learning | TensorFlow | Keras Research | Scikit-learn | Statistics | SQL | SciPy Google Cloud Platform (GCP) | Report Writing Data Visualization | Collaboration | Neural Networks

### **Projects**

#### **NYC Taxi Fare Prediction Capstone**

Udacity & Kaggle Competition

09/2018

- Successfully deployed a state-of-the-art Wide and Deep TensorFlow regressor framework
- Production-ready and scalable in Cloud ML Engine
- EDA and trained with 55 million row dataset
- Placed within top third on the leaderboard with 3.26 RMSE (within 2 points of the top score)

#### Weird Ai

Hackathon 11/2018

- Implemented a POC Gated Recurrent Unit model framework (like a LSTM) for NLP text generation
- Tied into a front-end for users to create song lyrics in the style of Weird Al in real time & won 3<sup>rd</sup> place

#### **Recycle Bits**

Hackathon 02/2018

- Earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place using Computer Vision and Microsoft Azure APIs to classify trash into distinct categories of Recyclable, Compostable or Refuse
- First implemented as a responsive web app for consumers, with a leaderboard system
- Also envisioned a business plan to create smart trash cans and automated industrial trash sorting

#### **Education**

#### **Machine Learning Engineer Nanodegree**

Udacity 01/2018 — 09/2018

Mastered Model Training/Testing/Evaluation,
Supervised Learning, Classification, Prediction,
Deep Learning, Unsupervised Learning, Clustering
& Reinforcement Learning via exceptional projects

#### **Machine Learning with TensorFlow on GCP**

Coursera 07/2018 — 08/2018

 5-course specialization on how Google creates deployable ML models for large-scale needs

### **Introduction to Programming Nanodegree**

Udacity 09/2016 — 01/2017

 Learned HTML, CSS, Software Design, Debugging, Python, Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib & Data Analysis

## **Experience**

### Student Mentor, Programming Remote/Gig

Udacity 11/2017 — Present

- Perform code reviews with constructive feedback
- Advise & teach students
- Receive consistent 5-Star ratings
- Troubleshoot & motivate through challenges

# **Software Development Student** Seattle

Self 07/2016 — Present

 Computer Science | Statistics | Linear Algebra Calculus | Algorithms | Machine Learning

# Property Management Seattle & CA

Essex & W.N.G. 05/2009 — 07/2016

 Managed 7 people | Grew business 7% | Awarded for customer service | Reduced turnover 42%