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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Data and Machine Learning practitioner with 2+ years of delivering analytics and ML solutions in operations, finance, and customer domains. Possesses a solid foundation in Python, SQL, Power BI, and cloud platforms, with practical experience automating ETL pipelines, developing predictive models, and designing decision-support systems. Demonstrated results include a 10% cost reduction, an 8% increase in throughput, an R38M reduction in loss, and 40–50% improvements in reporting efficiency. Currently developing cloud-native Data & ML systems on AWS, aiming for roles such as Data Scientist, ML Engineer, and AI/ML Architect.

SKILLS SUMMARY

Programming & Querying: Python, SQL, R, SAS

Machine Learning: Classification Models, Feature Engineering, Model Evaluation, XGBoost, scikit-learn

Data Engineering: ETL Automation, Power Query, Data Pipelines, API Integration

BI & Visualization: Power BI, DAX, Tableau, Excel Modelling, Data Modelling

Cloud & Databases: SQL Server, SAP, Azure, AWS, Databricks

Soft Skills: Problem Solving, Analytical Thinking, Collaboration, Stakeholder Engagement

WORK EXPERIENCE

Financial Data Analyst | Ruach Consulting Solutions | Pretoria, Gauteng

Dec 2024-Present

- Designed and implemented analytics solutions that consolidate financial and operational data into decision-ready reporting models.
- Built automated SQL and Power Query ETL pipelines, reducing manual reporting effort by 50% while enhancing data accuracy and consistency.
- Developed Power BI dashboards for an NGO managing R3M+ annual budgets, improving visibility into cash flow, expenditure, and funding performance.

Process Data Analyst | Arcelor Mittal South Africa | Gauteng

Mar 2022-Nov 2024

- Designed performance analytics solutions on high-volume production and downtime datasets using SQL Server and Power BI, contributing to a 10% reduction in operating costs.
- Applied statistical modelling and data analysis to identify failure patterns and implement solutions that reduced downtime by 8% using Python and Microsoft SQL.
- Developed a real-time production reporting system integrating SQL databases with web dashboards.
- Built optimization models analyzing energy usage, product mix, and furnace configuration to identify cost-saving opportunities, leading to R15M savings in energy costs.
- Collaborated with operations, maintenance, automation, and IT teams to define KPIs, validate data quality, and align analytics with business objectives.

Engineer in Training | Arcelor Mittal South Africa | Gauteng

Mar 2022-Nov 2024

- Analysed production datasets using SQL, Python, and Excel, supporting throughput improvements of 8 percent.
- Performed product defect and process-variation analysis using statistical methods and Power BI, contributing to a 10% reduction in customer complaints.
- Conducted process analysis through Excel and SQL Server, using process control analytics and scenario modelling, leading to R38 million in mechanical-loss savings.

PROJECTS

1. Credit Default Risk Management System| [LINK](#) 2025
Python, SQL, SAS, XGBoost, Power BI, FastAPI, Streamlit, AWS, Banking
- Modelled 1M+ loan applications to predict probability of default.
 - Benchmarked multiple models and selected tuned XGBoost with strong precision to reduce false approvals.
 - Built a full scoring pipeline with FastAPI and Streamlit for real-time lending decisions.
 - Designed Power BI dashboards highlighting risk segments and approval-quality trends.
 - Impact: Supports safer credit decisions, reduces lending risk, and speeds up assessment workflows.
2. NGO Financial Transparency & Reporting Automation| [LINK](#) 2024
Excel, Power Query, SQL, Power BI, Azure Data Factory, Databricks, Financial Accounting
- Built an automated ETL system integrating SQL sources for financial reporting.
 - Developed dashboards for cash flow, donor funding, and expenditure analysis.
 - Impact: Improved reporting accuracy and reduced manual preparation time by 50%.
3. Customer Segmentation & Marketing Personalization Engine| [LINK](#) 2025
Python, SQL, PCA, K-means, Decision Tree, Streamlit, Customer Analytics
- Analyzed customer behaviour, income bands, and spending patterns to create financial behaviour clusters.
 - Built PCA + K-Means pipeline to segment customers for tailored product offerings.
 - Developed a Streamlit app for scoring new customers.
 - Impact: Enables targeted marketing and improves cross-sell accuracy.
4. AI-Driven Customer Churn Prediction & Retention Engine| [LINK](#) 2025
Python, SQL, Tableau, SageMaker, Redshift, Glue, QuickSight
- Built an end-to-end churn prediction pipeline covering data ingestion, feature engineering, model training, inference, and reporting.
 - Integrated churn-risk outputs into automated retention workflows using event-driven cloud services.
 - Developed dashboards visualising churn drivers, risk segments, and revenue exposure.
 - Impact: Customer retention analytics, CLV optimization, targeted intervention strategies
5. ArcelorMittal Production Data Engineering Pipeline | [LINK](#) 2024
Python, Microsoft SQL, Power BI, Time-series Analysis, Process Engineering
- Analyzed production and downtime datasets to isolate operational bottlenecks.
 - Built Power BI dashboards and ran statistical root-cause analysis of mechanical losses.
 - Impact: Achieved 8% throughput increase and 5% reduction in unplanned downtime.

EDUCATION

- University of Witwatersrand | Gauteng 2025
Post Graduate Diploma: Data Science (Cum Laude)
- Major: Machine Learning, Programming, Mathematical & Statistics for Data Science
- University of Pretoria | Gauteng 2023
BENG (Hons): Industrial and Systems Engineering
- Major: Enterprise Engineering, Manufacturing Planning and Control, Optimization, Supply Chain Processes and Design
- University of Pretoria | Gauteng 2016-2019
BENG: Metallurgical Engineering and Materials Science
- Major: Process Control, Python Programming, Extractive Metallurgy, Material Science
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References upon request