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# Amber Walker

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#### TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, R, SQL

Data Science & ML: Scikit-Learn, TensorFlow, Keras, Py-

Torch, NLP (NLTK, Transformers)

 ${\bf Data\ Management:\ MySQL,\ PostgreSQL,\ ETL\ Processes}$ 

Visualization: Power BI, Plotly, Matplotlib, Seaborn

Tools & Software: Git, Jupyter Notebook, Docker, LaTeX

Cloud Environments: AWS, Azure, GCP, Heroku Web Scraping: BeautifulSoup, Selenium, Requests

Certifications: Supervised Machine Learning (Stanford),

Python for Everybody (University of Michigan)

#### **EXPERIENCE**

Data Scientist

Remote, Latvia September 2024 - Now

Sandcat IT, LLC (Freelance Project)

- Designed and deployed a predictive model pipeline using Python (Pandas, NumPy) and XGBoost to estimate used car market prices, achieving an MAE of 720 and R<sup>2</sup> of 0.96.
- Automated data preprocessing and feature engineering, incorporating advanced techniques like target encoding, mileageage interaction features, and missing data imputation.
- Developing a production-ready deployment pipeline to enable real-time pricing predictions and assist buyers in finding the best deals.
- Conducted model validation and hyperparameter tuning to optimize performance and generalizability across diverse datasets.

## IT Project Coordinator

Remote, U.S.

Advanced Voice Research Labs, Inc.

August 2021 - September 2023

- Led deployments of automation software and custom-built databases on AWS, Azure, and Google Cloud, streamlining client operations.
- Diagnosed software issues and provided data management strategies, enhancing system efficiency by 15%.
- Directed a team of five, increasing project completion rate by 20% and reducing turnaround time by 30% through process improvements.
- Collaborated cross-functionally with engineers to develop scalable solutions for client-facing systems.

#### **Digital Intern**

Remote, U.S.

You Squared Media, Inc.

May 2021 - August 2021

- Executed SEO strategies and optimized HTML code in WordPress, propelling client websites from the 10th to the 1st page on Google search results.
- Analyzed website traffic with Google Analytics and generated actionable insights, driving decision-making for marketing campaigns.

#### **EDUCATION**

# Master of Science in Data Science

Barcelona School of Economics — July 2024

- Attended a Top 3 Economics research department in Europe.
- Relevant coursework: Machine Learning, Advanced NLP, Deep Learning.
- Degree awarded by Universitat Pompeu Fabra and Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

## Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing

University of Texas at San Antonio — May 2021

- Graduated with Honors (GPA: 3.76/4.0).
- Relevant coursework: Consumer Behavior, Market Research, Digital Marketing Analytics.

#### ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

- Thesis: Causal Effect of Peace Agreements on Violence Adapted Double Machine Learning (DML) for panel data to estimate causal effects. Results validated through placebo tests and time-lagged effects. Published findings in a Medium article.
- Freelance Contributor & Blogger: Published articles with AI Advances and authored research-backed content on Medium, simplifying complex data science topics and showcasing practical machine learning insights to a growing readership.
- Portfolio Projects: Explore additional data science projects, including Computer Vision, NLP & Finance solutions, at datawithamber.com.