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# AMEYA KARNAD

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#### **EDUCATION**

Columbia University

New York, NY

Master of Science, Data Science, GPA: 3.71/4

Aug 2018 - Dec 2019 (Expected)

Courses: Algorithms, Exploratory Data Analysis & Visualization, Personalization, Probability and Statistics, Machine Learning,

Statistical Inference & Modeling, Applied ML, Data Science & Public Policy

This Fall: Analysis of Social Networks and Crowds, Applied Deep learning (Audit), Capstone Project (Bloomberg)

#### Visvesvaraya Technological University

Hubli, IN

B. V. Bhoomaraddi College of Engineering and Technology

Jul 2012 - Jun 2016

Bachelor of Engineering, Information Science, GPA: 9.42/10 (Silver Medalist)

#### **SKILLS**

Languages and technologies: Python (pandas, numpy, scikit-learn, nltk, tensorflow, networkx, surprise), R (ggplot2, dplyr, data.table, Shiny), JavaScript (SVG, D3), SQL, MongoDB, Docker, Kubernetes

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

# Data Science Researcher – EdLab, Columbia University (Columbia Data Science Scholar's Program)

Jun 2019 - Present

Technologies: Apache PredictionIO, MongoDB, EZProxy, docker

- Development and research on Search and recommendation Systems, Social network analysis and Topic modelling
- · Currently working on Auto-tagging of documents and designing a package for research metadata retrieval

#### Teaching Assistant – Applied Data Science, Columbia University

New York, US

Awards: "Excellence in Course Assistantship" for the course. Link

Jan 2019 - May 2019

• Guided students in the use of Data preprocessing, Feature engineering, machine learning, and Communicating results in various fields like Education, Health Care, Marketing, Advertising and Social Media using R

# **Software Engineer - Micro Focus (spun-off from Hewlett Packard Enterprise)**

Bangalore, IN

Awards: 2<sup>nd</sup> place in a site-wide Hackathon

Technologies: Kubernetes, Docker, python

Sept 2016 - Jun 2018

• Worked with Agile teams to design, test and automate REST APIs for providing analytics insights into software security compliance and risk data for a datacenter automation Software.

## **SELECT DATA SCIENCE PROJECTS**

#### Editorial Classifier, Bloomberg - Columbia University

Ongoing

Languages: Python

Applications: NLP, Classification

- Building classifiers to identify Editorial content in news and uncovering trends over time across news sources for Bloomberg.
- Anticipated developments include working with Bert Algorithm, Pytorch, Deep learning and Topics over time

#### **Educational Recommendation System, Edlab**

Languages: Python (nltk, predictionIO), SQL, MongoDB

Applications: Recommendation systems, Topic modelling

- Developed a multi-platform database pipeline for physical and digital user behavior, and research content using AWS.
- Built and evaluated a hybrid recommendation system on multiple digital learning platforms

#### Analysis of debates in Ugandan parliament, UPeßßßßßnn

Languages: Python (nltk), R (ggplot2)

Applications: Data Preprocessing, NLP

- Analyzed debates in the Ugandan parliament to identify speeches made by MPs on the discovery of oil in Uganda in 2007
- Project part of a paper on the effects of Uganda's Oil Discovery in 2007 on voting behavior in 2011 by Prof. Guy Grossman

#### Does Climate Change and Natural Resource Storage Cause Conflict? Columbia University

Languages: Python (Scikit-learn), R (Shiny, data.table)

Applications: Regression, SVM, Decision Trees, Dashboard

- · Found correlations between factors such as Rainfall, Temperature, food prices and Bio-mass and Conflicts in Senegal. Link
- Built a Dashboard to be used by policymakers to take effective decisions to avoid natural resources shortages and conflicts.

## Mini Projects in Data Science and Public Policy, Columbia University

Languages: Python (Scikit-learn, nltk), R (ggplot2, dplyr)

Applications: NLP, Visualizations, SVM, Decision Trees

- "Russian Twitter trolls and 2016 U. S. Election" analyzing FiveThirtyEight's 3 million tweets dataset <u>Link</u>
- "Evaluating Northpointe Inc's Compass system recidivism predictor" <u>Link</u>
- "Predicting Economic factors related to Poverty using Night Lights dataset" Link

How America Flies? - Creating Insightful Visualizations on Airline Performance Data, Columbia University

Languages: R (ggplot2, dplyr), JavaScript (D3, SVG)

Applications: Data visualizations, Exploratory data analysis

- Conducted Exploratory data analysis and found insights on Airline On-time performance data Project Link
- Designed a Visualization tool in JavaScript and D3 to find flight delays between top airports Tool Link

## Beer Personalization and Recommendation System, Columbia University

Languages: Python (surprise, nltk, scikit-learn)

Models: Matrix factorization(SVD, NMF), Content based, KNN

- Developed a comparative analysis of the models mentioned above with regards to accuracy and time.
- Tackled recommendation concerns such as cold-start, variety and serendipity <u>Link</u>

#### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- **Karnad, A.**; Yadappanavar, S.; Hiremath P. G. S., Evaluation and validation of problem solving and thinking skills based on student academic performance. *IEEE International Conference on Recent Trends in Electronics, Information & Communication Technology 2017*, Bangalore, IN, Link
- **Karnad, A.**; Chen, Y.; Chae, H.; Natriello, G., The Application of Social Network Analysis to support collaborative e-learning, *American Educational Research Association 2020, San Francisco, CA*. Under Review

#### **HOBBIES**

Debating, reading about history and current affairs, creating educational YouTube Videos