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EDUCATION

Northeastern University Seattle, Washington

M.S. in Computer Science – (DSA, Distributed Systems, Statistics, OOP, ML, Operating Systems) Expo

Expected Graduation, June 2026

University of California San Diego

San Diego, California

B.S. in Biochemistry and Cell Biology **Minor**: Business (Rady School of Management)

Graduated, March 2020

SKILLS

Programming Languages / Web Tech: Python (proficient), Java (proficient), C++ (familiar), SQL, HTML, JavaScript, R, React, RESTful APIs Tools: Pandas, NumPy, Scikit-learn, TensorFlow, PyTorch, XGBoost, Power BI, Splunk, Wireshark, Routing Protocols, MySQL, VMs, TDD DevOps / Databases: Git, Docker, Kubernetes, Jenkins, CI/CD, Bash, Apache Spark/Kafka, MongoDB, AWS DynamoDB, AWS Lambda WORK EXPERIENCES

Vigitron Inc. Innovative Networking Solutions

San Diego, California

Network Engineer

June 2021 – June 2024

- Reduced manual testing by 20% by automating security testing frameworks, integrating Splunk and Wireshark for log analysis.
- Achieved a 15% improvement in pre-emptive issue detection by implementing machine learning models using Scikit-learn on Virtual Machines to predict potential network vulnerabilities.
- Enhanced QA testing and network maintenance effectiveness by applying knowledge of computer systems hardware, PoE, switches, midspan/coax/UTP devices, TCP/IP protocols, and routing protocols (BGP, OSPF).

Dr. Alex Yao, San Diego State University

San Diego, California

Data Intern

Dec 2023 – June 2024

- Improved model accuracy by 12% by focusing on feature selection and hyperparameter tuning in a product recommendation system using PyTorch and e-commerce data.
- Enhanced system scalability by contributing to **cloud deployment** of machine learning models using **AWS Lambda** and **Kubernetes**.
- Ensured releases with minimal errors by setting up CI/CD pipelines with Jenkins and Docker for scalable deployment of models.

Gleeson Lab, University of California San Diego

San Diego, California

Machine Learning Researcher

Jan 2019 – Jan 2021

- Streamlined bioinformatics data processing by 50% by developing scripts in Bash, C++ and SQL on the UCSD Computing Cluster.
- Supported data analysis and decision-making by creating interactive dashboards using React, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and Power BI.
- Maintained code quality and reduced bugs by 15% through version control with Git and active participation in code reviews using
 Test-Driven Development methodologies.

SELECTED PROJECTS

<u>Semantic Sounds – A Personalized Recommender</u> (Python)

Seattle, Washington

Team Lead

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Dec 2024

- Designed a semantic meaning music recommender system with improved relevancy and HDBSCAN clustering effectiveness (Silhouette score: 0.7464) from base recommender using SHAP-selected features and sBERT embeddings.
- Enhanced users' satisfaction by 50% integrating audio and lyrics to recommend songs based on "mood" and "semantic meaning".
- Preprocessed 10000 Spotify entries achieving regression models' accuracies of >.5 to identify features influencing song popularity.

Gesture-Based Music Notation System (Java)

Seattle, Washington

Nov 2024

- Improved system scalability and efficiency by optimizing a music system using OOP principles and advanced GUI development.
- Achieved 90% gesture recognition accuracy by leveraging bounding boxes, subsampling, and coordinate transforms.
- Enhanced modularity by 40% through refactoring, serialization, and creating reusable components.

Structural Variation (SV) Detection Model (Python/Bash)

San Diego, California

Team Member

May 2020 – Sept 2020

- Reduced false positive rates by 10% when detecting somatic structural variants by developing a machine learning data pipeline.
- Deployed an Apache Spark-based pipeline to analyze large GIAB consortium datasets, improving preprocessing speed by 33%.
- Generated high-coverage BAM files (up to 300x) by utilizing BWA for sequence alignment and SAMtools and BEDTools for coverage and variant analysis.

CERTIFICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Certifications Online

Google Cyber Security Certificate (Linux, MySQL, and Python hands-on labs)

Completed Nov 2024

AWS certified Cloud Practitioner

In progress - Expected Feb 2025

WeSafe: Community-Driven Emergency App | Hackathon | Oct 2024

Seattle, Washington

- Ensured a responsive, user-friendly design by developing the front-end interface using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.
- Integrated real-time analytics by utilizing AWS Lambda for backend development with cloud-based geolocation services.