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Professional View

Senior Software and Machine Learning Engineer with over eight years of experience in advanced technological environments, including startups and large corporations, specializing in Python, Java, and API development.

My current project is a universal document scraper using Langchain, RAG and large language models.

Expert in API Architecture: Proficient in designing and enhancing robust APIs, improving system interoperability and performance with Python's FastAPI and Java's Spring framework.

Leadership in Technology: Proven track record of leading technical teams and managing large-scale projects, with experience overseeing up to 50 full-time employees across multiple teams. Skilled in fostering a collaborative team environment, mentoring junior engineers, and leading by example to achieve high-performance goals.

Advanced Skills in Machine Learning and AI: Deep knowledge in artificial intelligence, with a specialized focus on data integration, natural language processing (NLP), and generative models. Well-versed in Large Language Models (LLMs), Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG).

Database and Integration Expertise: Demonstrates strong competencies in data analysis and database management, adept at using SQL Alchemy for data access and integrating diverse databases and data sources.

Proficiency in Development and Operations: Skilled in CI/CD practices, containerization with Docker, and orchestration using Kubernetes, enhancing development processes and system reliability.

Innovative Problem Solver and Lifelong Learner: Committed to continuous improvement and learning, with excellent communication skills that enhance team collaboration and project success.

Professional Experience

Remote Contractor/Senior ML/SW Engineer

04/2021 – 11/2023

Mostly AI – Vienna

Core Product Development

- Developed a robust core engine for structured synthetic data generation using ARGON2.
- Utilized Python, TensorFlow, PyTorch, NumPy, and Pandas for scalable solutions.

Interactive Reporting Tool

- Created an interactive reporting tool with Plotly, PySpark, Pandas, converting static PDF reports to dynamic HTML visualizations.

Data Integration and Analysis Tool

- Designed and engineered data integration tool across databases (PostgreSQL, Oracle, MySQL, MS-SQL, Snowflake, BigQuery) and cloud platforms (AWS S3, Azure Blob, GCS).
- Developed a FastAPI and SQL Alchemy-based API for abstraction of data tasks.

DevOps and CI/CD

- Mastered Docker, Kubernetes, Git, GitHub, and Travis for CI/CD, enhancing workflow efficiency and code quality.

Consultant/SW Solution Architect

06/2018 – 04/2021

Verifone Holdings, Inc. (Region EMEA)

General

- Designed PCI DSS compliant card payment solutions.
- Utilized OpenSSL for key management on payment terminal platforms.

Android Java Based Terminal Applications

- Architected and implemented a Java Android payment terminal application for Akbank.
- Created a Java manager application to oversee all payment applications and messaging.

C++ Based Terminal Applications

- Developed a core C++ framework for Verifone payment terminal applications, providing an abstraction layer between financial applications and hardware.

DevOps and CI/CD

- Implemented DevOps and CI/CD processes using Git, Bitbucket, Jenkins, and Artifactory.

Consultant/Artificial Intelligence, ML/DL

09/2016 – 04/2018

Munich AI Laboratories GmbH

Speech-to-Text Engine

- Developed a speech-to-text engine based on Baidu Deep Speech paper.

Data

- Prepared multilingual data for the speech recognition project.

VP of IT, Operations & Datacentre Services

09/2015 – 08/2016

BrainLoop AG, Munich, Germany

- Led IT and Operations teams managing multinational SaaS datacentre environments, including hosting and housing.
- Directed selection and management of service providers using ISO 27001 criteria.

VP of Data, Storage and Disaster Recovery (7 heads - 40 people in total)

04/2012 – 04/2015

Garanti Bank, Istanbul, Türkiye

- Led database, storage, DWH and disaster recovery teams managing banks all data and data related processes.

Group Manager of Infrastructure and Applications

08/2000 – 04/2012

Garanti Technology, Istanbul, Türkiye

Education

B.Sc. in Computer Engineering

1987 - 1992

Middle East Technical University (METU), Department of Computer Engineering, (Ankara), Turkey

Languages

Turkish	Native
English	Full Professional Proficiency
German	Limited Working Proficiency – <i>B1 level Goethe Institute Certificate</i>