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## EDUCATION

**The University of Texas at Dallas**

*Master of Science, Data Science*

**May 2020**

GPA 4.0

**Jaypee University of Information Technology, India**

*Bachelor of Technology, Electronics and Communication Engineering*

**June 2014**

GPA 3.88

## SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

**Analytic Tools and Languages:** Python, PySpark, R, Advanced Microsoft Excel, GitHub, JIRA

**Database and Visualization:** SQL, Oracle DB, Power BI, Tableau, Matplotlib

**Data Science and Analytics:** A/B Testing, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Microsoft Azure, Spark, Hadoop, pandas, Scikit-learn, Regression, Random Forest, XG Boost, LGBM, Clustering, K-means, Deep Neural Networks, TensorFlow, Embedding, keras, Azure Databricks, Natural Language Processing (NLP), Statistical Modeling

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Data Scientist – Cotiviti, Dallas, TX**

**June 2020 – Present**

- **Predictive Modeling:** Improved the payment accuracy solution, expediting the claim review process by 25%, automating 150k claims per month that resulted in \$10.5 million annual savings
- **Machine Learning:** Implemented ML models using LGBM algorithm and a deep learning model utilizing the deep cross-network architecture on a cloud platform using 100 million claims with over 1300+ features
- **BI Dashboards:** Derived the optimal threshold for binary classification models by doing a cost-benefit analysis to achieve 95% accuracy and created a Tableau dashboard to track the key performance indicators
- **A/B Testing:** Led A/B testing to evaluate the model performance in production, comparing automation vs. manual results to maintain >95% precision for each model

**Data Scientist Co-op – Cotiviti, Atlanta, GA**

**August 2019 – April 2020**

- **Distributed Computing:** Created data pipelines in Azure Data Factory using PySpark, wrangling 12 million records in Spark to identify linkages between providers and payers
- **Business Intelligence:** Developed Power BI dashboards to track 14 key performance indicators helping the payers understand the overall health of their provider network

**Data Science Intern – Divergence.ai, Dallas, TX**

**June 2019 – August 2019**

- **NLP:** Designed a POC for a chatbot with language understanding capability using Microsoft bot framework for a food packaging client, and trained NLP models for topic modeling to identify the top 50 frequently asked questions

**Data Analyst - Cognizant Technology Solutions, India**

**January 2015 – February 2018**

- **Recommendations:** Increased customer conversion rate by 17% by providing insights to the marketing team
- **Data Wrangling:** Extracted historical auto insurance data of 3.8 million customers using SQL, transformed and analyzed it using Python
- **Customer Segmentation:** Developed a logistic regression model using 30 features to predict the purchase likelihood of a customer with 86% accuracy, defined meaningful customer segments to come up with a targeting strategy

## HACKATHONS AND ACADEMIC PROJECTS

**Sign Language Interpreter - UNT 2019 Hackathon – Winner** [[GitHub](#) | [YouTube](#)]

- Implemented a sign language interpreter using Deep Learning with 95% accuracy to help the people with hearing impairment with their daily communication needs
- Built a CNN model on 105k greyscale images of 44 gestures in American Sign Language in Python

**Los Angeles Restaurant Data Analysis - Informs Analytics Challenge – Winner** [[GitHub](#)]

- Built an XG Boost classifier using name, address, and zip code only with a precision of 73% to predict the health grade of the restaurant in the 88 cities of the Log Angeles County