

Boris Dev's application for Staff Data Scientist at Fastly

Below I address each point in the section of your job posting, “*We’ll be super impressed if you have experience in one or more of these*”.

Domain expertise in our industry or related fields

- Related to Fastly tools to block scraping, I was in charge of getting around LinkedIn’s bot detection system. I built a distributed scraper that downloaded million’s of LinkedIn profiles for ingestion into a ML training pipeline.

Experience deploying and maintaining production machine learning systems

- At a legal tech company, I deployed their first AI classifier model to flag problem invoice line items on AWS SageMaker. I also built a human annotation pipeline to label, wrote the annotation guidelines, and trained the annotators, coordinated the subject matter experts, and changed the direction of the project.
- I migrated a team from a monolith to a microservice ML pipeline. I also added the company’s observability system to monitor the ML pipeline.

Track record of leading technical teams or mentoring junior data scientists

- I trained data scientists in PySpark and DataBricks..
- I trained data scientists to convert their monolith code into deployable microservices.

Building AI-powered products and “Building AI-powered products or features that have been successfully deployed to end users”

“Implementing and fine-tuning large language models or other generative AI systems for specific business applications”

- I deployed an AI feature to users that had previously been stuck for a year before my arrival.
- My side-project, Nobsmed.com, is a generative AI product that extracts semantic meaning of health interventions from clinical studies and Reddit posts for users to search and explore other people’s health hacking experiences.
- For my PhD dissertation, I formulated metrics that leverage the special nature of geospatial data.
- My side-project, Nobsmed.com, is a generative AI product that extracts semantic meaning of health interventions from clinical studies and Reddit posts for users to search and explore other people’s health hacking experiences.

“Experience with prompt engineering and RAG systems”

- For a Wolf Games, a murder mystery gaming company, I built their first story generation service using a automated DAG prompting with generative AI.
- For my business side-project, Nobsmed.com, I use generative AI to extract semantic meaning of health interventions from clinical studies and Reddit posts that are indexed into a RAG system.

“Contributions to open-source AI projects or research publications in machine learning or generative AI”

- For the Langchain open-source library, I contributed an experimental way to create dynamic causal knowledge graphs (Tweet by LangChain and the PR
- My opensource library bertopic-easy is quick way to cluster documents into topics that leverages OpenAI’s cutting edge o3-mini LLM model to polish embedding based cluster results.

“Proficiency with AI services on cloud platforms (AWS Bedrock, GCP Vertex AI, Azure OpenAI)”

- I work with Azure’s OpenAI services.