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Data Scientist

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Data Scientist with 6+ years of experience both in Information Technology and Culinary disciplines. I have experience with and a thorough understanding of Python as well as use of Python Data Analytics Libraries with a proficiency in Exploratory Data Analysis and Cleaning Data. I am fascinated by a good challenge, and I am always willing to dive into a problem to look for a great solution. My love for music and food is only to be outdone by my passion for problem solving and coding.

SKILLS

Python | SQL | HTML | CSS | JavaScript | C# | Ruby | Scikit-Learn | TensorFlow | Keras | GPU-enabled ML Pandas | NumPy | SciPy | StatsModels | Matplotlib | Plotly | Seaborn | Inferential Statistics | Sampling | Hypothesis Testing | Confidence Intervals | Probability | Bayesian Statistics | Regression | Classification | Feature Engineering | Predictive Modeling | Forecasting | Clustering | Neural Networks | NLP | Data Visualization | Data Aggregation | EDA | Data Cleaning | Data Analysis | Feature Engineering | SQL | JSON | XML | Relational Databases | Web Scraping | Selenium | Beautiful Soup | Git | Flask | Scala | Spark | SpaCy | AWS | OOP | Microsoft Excel | Microsoft Office | Docker | Jquery | Bootstrap | Bash | Win32 | scripting | PowerShell | SharePoint | PowerApps

EXPERIENCE

Data Science Fellow | General Assembly | Remote | Mar-Jun 2021

Successfully completed 480+ hours of expert led instruction in Data Aggregation, Cleaning, Analysis, and Data Engineering and hands-on learning of Python and the fundamentals of many data-analysis libraries, including some of the industry's most in demand technologies, like TensorFlow, Keras and ScikitLearn. Performed Exploratory Data Analysis and rigorous Cleaning to develop projects, including:

- **ToddlerTracker:** Using a Raspberry Pi computer and camera attachment, create a device that recognizes and tracks my son using Convolution Neural Networks and Transfer Learning (possibly implement Video Calling via Google Duo).
- Air quality analysis in Cleveland, Ohio: Group project where we analyzed the air quality index in Cleveland, Ohio.
- **Predicting electricity usage in North Carolina:** In a one-day project, I used Time-Series analysis to predict electricity usage in North Carolina.
- Classification and Bayesian Analysis of Similar Reddit Posts: Compared over 20K comments from two
 subreddits (AMA and AskReddit, with obvious words removed) using multiple methods to determine best
 predictive quality, including: Logistic Regression, K-Nearest Neighbors Classifier, Gradient Boosting, Ada
 Boosting, Decision Tree, Bagging Classifier, Random Forest Classifier, Ensemble Voting, and Multinomial
 Naive Bayes Models (with and without lemmatization) with an accuracy of 71.08% with entirely new data.
- **Predicting Housing Prices in Ames, IA:** Examined over 2000 observations from the Ames,IA housing market between 2006 and 2010. Created a predictive model with an R² Score of 0.9636.

Staging Specialist | *NCR - Northeast Depot* | Concord, NH | Dec 2020–Mar 2021 NCR Northeast Depot is one of five locations in North America where equipment is stored, staged, and shipped to customer locations for installation

- Led hardware and software upgrades for Northeast Depot, a storage, staging, and shipping site for Restaurants and bars in the Northeast region
- Created tools in Python to assist with migration to new software for On-Time delivery
- On-Time delivery of equipment to all Restaurants in Northeastern Region of the country with staff of 3
- Implemented process of using Kanban and a system of creating customer "packets" to anticipate sudden schedule-changes, allowing quick setup and shipment
- Built and maintained corporate Images by building off the hardened baseline-image and tailoring to large clients to ensure quality and consistency as well as increasing efficiency
- Managed project delivery details, including Shipping, Delivery, and Installation Dates as well as Staging
 with five Project Leads to ensure 100+ clients received high quality product on time
- Built team camaraderie by supporting the staging team and the shipping/receiving departments and creating clear channels of communication between the two
- Organized department and processes to streamline system setup and delivery.
- Implemented Software and Hardware configurations for 3rd Party Applications, including Paytronix, and GiveX
- Implemented Software configurations for NCR Products using my installation experience at NCR Rocky
 Mtn, including but not limited to: Aloha POS, EDC, Aloha Manager (AM), Configuration Center (CFC),
 Command Center (CMC), Connected Payments, Aloha TakeOut (ATO), Aloha Transaction Gateway (ATG),
 Aloha Mobile, MobilePay, Aloha Guest Manager (AGM), Radiant Auto-Loader (RAL) Softwares
- Implemented Hardware configurations for NCR Products using my experience at NCR Rocky Mtn, including but not limited to: File-Servers, POS Terminals, Orderman, iPad, and Ingenico M70 Mobile Devices, Barcode Scanners, USB, IP, and Serial receipt printers and kitchen printer, MSR Devices, Cash Drawers, and other Hardware

Escalation Technician / Customer Engineer II | NCR - Rocky Mtn | Arvada, CO| Feb 2019–Nov 2020 NCR Rocky Mountain is one of five locations in North America where equipment is stored, staged, and shipped to customer locations for installation. This location also employs a branch of the Help Desk.

- Led training and served as escalation point for technicians at all levels including new hires
- Completed the Qdoba Software Upgrade project by supporting the client through a company acquisition and delivering outstanding customer service.
- Created installation 'wrapper' in C# that resulted in smooth automated-deployments for Qdoba Software Upgrade project
- Created Historical Data-Transfer Tool in C# that decreased transfer task time in half (on average) by creating a Background task to pull Data all at once
- Created a new Hardware Setup Tool in C# to replace an old batch-file with a GUI which increased productivity by decreasing transfer time by integrating compatibility with my Historical Data-Transfer Tool
- On-Site Installation of hardware as previously mentioned (both *Individually* and as part of a *Team*)
- Troubleshoot Computer and Network issues while On-site including testing for wiring issues, resolving IP Address conflicts, identifying Transaction Log corruption for possible repair during non-business hours
- Utilized Python skills using Beautiful Soup to Web Scrape old Wiki for Migration to SharePoint, PowerApps

Reconciliation Specialist / Installation Specialist | BEC | Arvada, CO | Jul 2014–Feb 2019

One of the Largest Aloha POS Third-Party Resellers and location who provided Hardware, Installation, and Technical Support to over 1200 clients in the Denver Area, before being acquired by NCR Global.

- Organized, scheduled, and assisted with upgrades to ensure clients are PCI-Compliant
- Assisted with Soft-Deployments and QA process in Qdoba Software Upgrade project; used expertise for technical support when needed
- Acted as a bridge between NCR and Qdoba to ensure delivery beyond expectations
- Maintain credit-card processing environment to review and compile credit card data
- Fixing Errors in non-cash financial records, determine financial loss, and perform reconciliations
- Assist Major Account Clients with issues and delegating such projects as Major Accounts Technician
- Communicate progress of client-issues to Major Accounts groups
- Created Automated Report-Forwarding tool in C# which helped Product Managers and increased Help Desk productivity with its easy to use User Interface, and simple backend functionality
- Created Help Guide and Wiki Document for Automated Report-Forwarding tool to ensure peak productivity
- Maintained Help Desk Technician Duties while doing all of the above
- Increased efficiencies by maintaining Ruby and Batch-File tools for the Help Desk by identifying changes in Windows and Aloha software and updating these tools to continue working with these changes
- Increased efficiencies by creating new Ruby and Batch-File tools for the Help Desk by identifying what could be automated in day-to-day operations
- Trained and taught new hires troubleshooting methods for the Help Desk
- Earned at least 3 "Employee of the Month" Nominations in the 15 months it was implemented for my skills creating and modifying tools and being helpful to others.

Cook I, Learning Coach | Elway's at the Ritz Carlton | Denver, CO | 2008–2014

Elways is a Steakhouse located inside the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Denver, Colorado

- Created and presented Safety Documentation
- Trained new employees

IT & Web Development | Deerwoods Real Estate Management | Denver, CO | 2008

Deerwoods Real Estate Management provides Management services in Denver, Colorado for properties both commercial and private.

 Setup domain and website with an Internet Domain Registrar using HTML, CSS, Javascript, ASP, and MS-SQL

EDUCATION

Certificate, Data Science Immersive| General Assembly | Remote | 2021
Certificate, ScrumMaster | Scrum Alliance | Denver, CO | 2020
Certificate, Scrum Product Owner | Scrum Alliance | Denver, CO | 2020
Bachelor of Science, Electrical and Computer Engineering | Rutgers School of Engineering | New Brunswick, NJ | 2004