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#### **EXPERIENCE**

### MLOps Architect

Aug 2021 - Jan 2023

WhyLabs, a SaaS Data & ML Monitoring Tool

Remote

- Advised customers and implemented data and MLOps solutions to make them successful in their ML initiatives
- Owned partnerships and implemented integrations with major data and ML tools (more details under Projects)
- Scoped, managed, and marketed the v1 release of our open-source library, leading to 3x daily downloads, 2x GitHub stars, and opportunities with Affirm, OneMedical, and more

### Sr. Field Engineer, Data Science SME

Jul 2020 - Jul 2021

Imply, a Managed Real-time OLAP Database

Remote

- Worked with customers to replace PostgreSQL, Redshift, Snowflake, and other databases with Apache Druid
- Independently implemented Apache Druid as a database for ML monitoring, which led to my next role

## Solutions Architect, Data Science and ML Specialist

May 2018 - Nov 2019

Qubole, a PaaS Cloud-Native Data Platform

Denver, CO

- Helped customers scale and accelerate data engineering and science by moving workloads to Spark and Presto
- Evangelized Qubole by developing technical demos and presentations, notably on ML deployment architectures

# Product, Machine Learning and Internal Analytics

Jun 2016 - Jul 2017

Qubole, a PaaS Cloud-Native Data Platform

Mtn. View, CA

- Managed the development of a cutting-edge distributed Deep Learning Cluster, used by Adobe and ESPN
- Built sales and customer success dashboards with SQL which achieved full usage across the GTM team
- Architected and implemented an Apache Spark pipeline to handle 5x as much data at 1/8th the cost and time

#### **EDUCATION**

Msc. in Intelligent, Interacitve Systems (AI), UPF Barcelona BS/BA in Statistics & Political Science, UCLA

2024

2017

# **FOCUS**

Technical Concentrations Languages — Tools

Machine Learning, Data Engineering, MLOps & DataOps, Cloud Python, SQL — Spark, SageMaker, Ray, various data & ML tools

#### **PROJECTS**

Learning, Forgetting, Remembering, 2024: First author of paper to be published at EMNLP 2024. Researched memorization dynamics of LLMs and showed that models memorize more of their data early and at the very end of training, overturning previous research. Self-directed this research as part of my studies at UPF Barcelona.

Marti: AI For Language Instruction, 2023: Project to use LLMs for personalized language tutoring. By combining speech recognition, LLMs, and speech synthesis, created a prototype that users can speak to in Spanish or other languages. Updates in my Substack publication with how I refined the different modules of the application.

WhyLabs Integrations, 2022: Scoped and executed on integrations and blog posts with major players in the data, ML, and MLOps spaces, such as AWS SageMaker and Ray/Anyscale. In addition to these major players, I also worked with small companies and open-source projects like SuperbAI, Valohai, UbiOps, TeachableHub, AIShield, and ZenML to create and publicize integrations. These integrations were pivotal for our customers to be able to implement WhyLabs and these partnerships became a major channel of new commercial opportunities for WhyLabs.