FEDERICO BECONA

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Passionate about collaborating to create impactful solutions and continuously learning new technologies.

Areas of Knowledge

- Generating impactful and scalable Machine Learning solutions in production at the largest tech company in Latin America for the last two years with models and APIs receiving 100k+ RPMs.
- Specialized in Natural Language Processing and Computer Vision problems by using techniques such as preprocessing, vectorization, embedding generation, and models like FNN, CNN, XGBoost, Random Forest, Bert, Open Clip, Open CV, FastText, ScaNN, FAISS.
- Experience with backend frameworks like Java Spring, Python Django, and Node JS.
- Skilled in handling extensive data from data warehouses (BigQuery), relational databases (MySQL, PostgreSQL), and NoSQL databases (MongoDB).
- Experience in **designing and implementing both synchronous and asynchronous services**, utilizing batch processing, jobs, and message queues.
- Strong git knowledge.
- Good technical background from my bachelor's degree in Computer Science.

Professional Experience

Mercado Libre - Machine Learning Developer (May 2022 - Present)

Designing and implementing end-to-end Machine Learning solutions regarding Natural Language Processing and Computer Vision with backend services for synchronous and asynchronous consumption of the models.

- Designed and implemented a bot to enhance data for product attributes asking sellers about their publications with templates depending on the kind of product, preprocessing their answers, using NLP models for extracting values from those texts, and then voting between similar publications to get the best value to be applied for all similar publications with the possibility of reasking the sellers and voting again if no satisfactory value was found. Metric: +12k new values were obtained.
- Implemented a solution for image preprocessing and embedding generation in a batch concurrent process, to later be used in a synchronous API with +200k RPMs to find duplicate and group similar publications by their images. Metric: +35k publications were found as duplicates.
- Designed and implemented an alternative solution to a legacy non-scalable NLP solution replacing an RNN with a transformer model.
- Participated in a solution to cluster similar text attributes to find keywords in descriptions of publications provided by users.

Education

Bachelor of Science - Computer Science (2018 - 2022)

Catholic University of Uruguay, Montevideo, Uruguay

Thesis: "Green Manager". An environmental indicator management web platform for <u>DERES</u>, a network of companies (including Coca-Cola, Nestlé, Unilever, and Roche) committed to sustainable development.

Projects

My machine learning portfolio shows a variety of projects including ones from the Artificial Intelligence course that I took in college, where I received the highest grade in class. The portfolio website was built using Angular and is available at https://federicobecona.github.io/machine-learning-portfolio/

In addition, I have developed many projects through the years covering a large range of fields such as Machine Learning, Algorithms and Data Structures, Web Programming, Databases, Security, and more. Those are available on my GitHub https://github.com/federicobecona

Languages

English (advanced), Spanish (native)