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DATA SCIENCE | DATA ANALYTICS | AGILE PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

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IDENTITY STATEMENT

George is a data scientist with more than nine years of product development experience in various industries (Financial Technology, Digital Media, Marketing Technology, Telecommunications). A Scrum practitioner, he advocates for an agile product development approach to data science and analytics.

KEY SKILLS

- Product Management
- Agile Methodologies (Scrum)
- Data Strategy
- Data Visualization and Storytelling
- Data Mining
- Natural Language Processing
- Machine Learning
- Deep Learning
- Cloud Computing
- Network Science

TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGIES

- Python
- SQL
- Tableau
- Orange
- Amazon Web Services
- Apache Spark
- Microsoft Office
- Google Suite

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

AWARDS/HONORS

- High Distinction, Asian Institute of Management (2020)
- Most Outstanding M.S. Graduate of the U.P. College of Science (2009)
- Most Outstanding B.S. Applied Physics Graduate, U.P. Diliman (2007)
- Magna Cum Laude, U.P. Diliman (GWA 1.262/1.000)
- U.P. Oblation Scholarship (2002)
- DOST-SEI Merit Scholarship (2002)

PUBLICATIONS

- Esleta, G. A., & Monterola, C. (2009). Effect of memory and reinforcement on the propagation and morphology of fracture in a two-dimensional mass-spring system. *International Journal of Modern Physics C*, *20*(07).
- Esleta, G. A., & Monterola, C. (2008). Structural reinforcement in a spring-block model of stress-induced fracture propagation. *Computer Physics Communications 178*(9).

EDUCATION

2019-2020 — **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DATA SCIENCE, WITH HIGH DISTINCTION**
Asian Institute of Management
July 2020
Capstone Project: PROPeLR: A Proprietary Lead Scoring and Recommender System

2007-2009 — **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICS**
University of the Philippines Diliman
April 2009

2002-2007 — **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED PHYSICS**
University of the Philippines Diliman
April 2007

WORK EXPERIENCE

VOYAGER INNOVATIONS, INC. (digital innovations arm of the PLDT Group) 2017-2019
Senior Product Development Specialist

Responsibilities: Product Development, Data Privacy Compliance
- Led the ideation and product development of the enhanced know-your-customer (KYC) process of PayMaya. The user experience was streamlined by replacing the in-app video call with a video recording, resulting in reduced approval time and improved operational efficiency.
- Centralized monitoring of customer consent and opt-ins for the Voyager Group by leading the product development and deployment of a consent platform and integrating it will all consumer touchpoints.

VOYAGER INNOVATIONS, INC. (digital innovations arm of the PLDT Group) 2016-2017
Senior Analytics Lead

Responsibilities: Data Analytics, Data Strategy, Data Privacy Compliance
- Managed Voyager's data privacy compliance program and acted as the group's point of contact with the PLDT Group Data Privacy Council, helping Voyager achieve one of the highest compliance rates among PLDT and its subsidiaries.
- Consolidated the data sources of the various business units and created a single source of truth by formulating the data warehousing strategy and coordinating with IT and Engineering teams for its implementation.
- Automated the reporting requirements of the Finance department and the Management Committee by spearheading the development of management dashboards using Tableau.

SMART COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 2014-2016
Product Development Lead

Responsibilities: Product Development
- Increased the digital presence of the noontime television show *Eat Bulaga!* by leading the product development and successful launch of *Eat Bulaga! Mobile*, rated as the Top Free Entertainment application in Google Play Store for eight consecutive weeks with more than 500,000 downloads and 10,000 monthly active users.
- Provided support to TV5's coverage of the 2016 Philippine elections by leading the product development of the survey platform that powered the Bilang Pilipino-SWS mobile survey. This pioneering project tracks the opinions of a statistically representative panel of voters via mobile phones and provides results in 24 hours.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

SMART COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
Senior Business Analyst
2010-2013

Responsibilities: Business Analysis, Project Management (via Scrum), Quality Assurance
- Coordinated with original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) for the handset and firmware requirements of the Smart Netphone, the world's first smartphone backed by a telecom operator-managed platform.
- Facilitated backlog grooming and sprint planning sessions for SmartNet, an over-the-top (OTT) mobile application based on the Smart Netphone.
- As interim Quality Assurance Lead, supervised a team of four quality assurance analysts to ensure that all app releases have no critical issues before publishing to the app store.

AZEUS SYSTEMS PHILIPPINES LIMITED
Software Developer
2009-2010

UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES DILIMAN
Instructor
2007-2009

DATA SCIENCE PROJECTS

PROPeLR: A Proprietary Lead Scoring and Recommender System
- Developed an AI-enabled lead scoring model and a service recommender for a Philippine-based website design and development company to assist its sales team in sales lead prioritization and cross-selling of new services to its existing clients.

Capturing Collaboration in the Philippine House of Representatives under the Duterte Administration
- Uncovered underlying communities in the 17th and 18th Session of the Philippine House of Representatives by analyzing the bill co-authorship network using network science techniques.

SADDR: System for Automated Detection of Diabetic Retinopathy
- Developed a system that uses a deep learning model to predict the severity of diabetic retinopathy from retinal images with 90% accuracy.

Airbnbnb: Where is your next destination?
- Developed a destination recommender system that suggests a user's next destination based on previous Airbnb bookings using a combination of association rule mining and collaborative filtering.

UnwRappler: Predicting Mood and Polarity of Rappler Articles
- Used natural language processing and supervised machine learning algorithms to develop a classification model that predicts the dominant mood and polarity of Rappler news articles with 72% accuracy.

UnwRappler: Identifying Themes in Rappler News Articles
- Uncovered the underlying themes of Rappler news articles published from January 2018 to May 2019 using natural language processing and unsupervised clustering.