

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Student: Harish Viswanathan

Course: Big Data, Machine Learning, and Their Real World Applications

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This is an intensive online course which focuses on the strategic use of data, through innovative technologies and strategies, to derive actionable insights. Students gain a familiarity with fundamental data analytics concepts, evaluate statistical models, program the analytics in R, version control in Git, and convert knowledge into action by effectively presenting data analytics in compelling narratives.

Harish Viswanathan did extremely well in this course. Virtually all of the students in the class were smart and hardworking, had strong science backgrounds, and displayed a keen interest in data science. Even in this very talented group, Harish stood out. He did his work promptly, thoroughly, and intelligently.

Though this course was for high school students, it was a college-level course. There were no tests but there were regular homework assignments that were carefully evaluated. The homework assignments were just as difficult as the ones I give my college students. During the class, students are also required to lead a small discussion of an assigned conceptual question. Harish fully prepared for it each time and did a very good job in organizing his thoughts. Given his outstanding performance in this class and his passion for learning new knowledge, Harish deserves an unreserved recommendation to the college of his choice.

Sincerely,

Lydia Hsu

Instructor of Big Data, Machine Learning, and Their Real World Applications