Joel Beck

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EXPERIENCE

Data Scientist

HUK-Coburg

Dec. 2023 – Present

Coburg, Germany

Data Science Intern

Nov. 2022 – Jan. 2023

eoda~GmbH

Kassel, Germany

- Implemented a Gradient Boosting classifier, enhancing yield potential prediction accuracy by 30%.
- Developed an ML model forecasting electricity consumption of industrial machines.
- Boosted test coverage of two Python projects by up to 300%, updated Docker images and CI/CD pipelines.
- Published two blog posts on eoda's website.

Teaching Assistant

Oct. 2021 – Sep. 2022

University of Göttingen, Econometrics

Göttingen, Germany

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- Conducted weekly tutorials for the master's course *Econometrics I*.
- Responsible for student queries and exam grading; tripled tutorial attendance.

Research Assistant

April 2021 – April 2022

University of Göttingen, Chair of Statistics

- Contributed to the Liesel project, an R & Python Bayesian regression framework.
- Enhanced MCMC sampling with diagnostics plots and convergence checks.
- Authored two detailed tutorials for the Liesel documentation.

Content Creation Intern

March 2020 - June 2020

Studybees GmbH

Mannheim, Germany

- Crafted two video courses for Studybees, focusing on advanced statistics and econometrics.
- Produced 50+ instructional videos, totaling 10+ hours.

Teaching Assistant

Sep. 2018 – March 2020

University of Mannheim, Stochastics

Mannheim, Germany

- Conducted weekly tutorials for the bachelor's course *Stochastics I* at the Faculty of Mathematics.
- Assessed weekly assignments and exams, covering probability and measure theory.

Social Service Volunteer

Aug. 2015 – Aug. 2016

TBS Saarbrücken

Saarbrücken, Germany

- Coached children (1-16 years) in six sports; acquired track and field athletics license.
- Organized a summer festival for 200+ attendees.

EDUCATION

Georg-August-University of Göttingen

Göttingen, Germany

Master of Science: Applied Statistics

Sep. 2020 - Sep. 2023

- Overall Grade: 1.0 (Top of the Year)
- Focus: Machine Learning, Deep Learning (NLP)
- Thesis: Bridging Citation Analysis and Language Models: A Hybrid Recommender System for Computer Science Papers

University of Oslo

Oslo, Norway

 $ERASMUS\ Study\ Abroad$

Aug. 2018 - Dec. 2018

• Courses in Risk Analysis & Actuarial Science

University of Mannheim

Bachelor of Science: Mathematics in Business and Economics

Mannheim, Germany Sep. 2016 – March 2020

• Overall Grade: 1.2 (Top 5%)

• Focus: Statistics, Probability Theory, Econometrics

Ludwigsgymnasium Saarbrücken

Abitur

Saarbrücken, Germany Sep. 2007 – July 2015

• Overall Grade: 1.0 (Top of the Year)

SCHOLARSHIP

Stiftung der deutschen Wirtschaft

Oct. 2016 – Sep. 2023

• Awarded for academic excellence and social engagement

SKILLS

Data Science: Python (Pandas, Polars, Scikit-Learn, Pytorch), R (Tidyverse), SQL (SQLite, DB2), Bash

Backend: Python (FastAPI, Sqlalchemy), Go (Echo, Templ), Typescript (Express), HTMX

Frontend: HTML, Tailwind CSS, Alpine JS, Vanilla JS

Developer Tools: Git, GitHub Actions, Azure DevOps, Docker, Jira/Vera, Confluence, LaTeX, MkDocs

Projects

readnext | Python, transformers, sklearn, gensim, spacy, polars, requests, pydantic, pytest, MkDocs

2023

- Developed a hybrid recommender system for computer science papers, resulting in 67% higher Mean Average Precision (MAP) than the baseline.
- Constructed a dataset from Semantic Scholar API and preprocessed it using spaCy and polars.
- Applied multiple language models including SciBERT, FastText, and TF-IDF for recommendations.
- $\bullet~$ Ensured code stability with 88% test coverage, user input validation and continuous integration.
- Provided comprehensive documentation, deployed to GitHub Pages.

 ${\bf airbnb\text{-}oslo} \mid Python, \ pytorch, \ sklearn, \ pandas, \ seaborn, \ beautiful soup, \ LaTeX$

2022

- Predicted Airbnb prices in Oslo using an ensemble regression model, outperforming Ridge, Random Forest, XGBoost and Fully Connected Neural Networks.
- Enhanced data by scraping apartment images using BeautifulSoup.
- Developed a CNN with PyTorch for image-based price categorization.
- Analyzed latent space distribution from a Variational Autoencoder (VAE).

$postforecasts \mid R, tidyverse, testthat, RMarkdown$

2022

- Crafted an R package for post-processing of Covid-19 forecasts.
- Implemented customized post-processing methods (Conformalized Quantile Regression and Quantile Spread Averaging).
- Utilized tidyverse packages for data wrangling and visualization, and testthat for unit testing.

sparplanrechner | Go, Typescript, htmx, Alpine JS, Tailwind CSS, Docker, GitHub Actions

2024

- Created an investment calculator web app with an intuitive UI for personal financial planning.
- Designed and implemented a Go backend with a responsive frontend using Tailwind CSS, Alpine JS and htmx.
- Automated deployment pipeline to Fly.io using Docker and GitHub Actions.