Khushbu Kakdiya

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Skills

Languages: C/C++, Python, R, SQL, HTML, CSS **Cloud Platforms & Services:** AWS (EC2, S3, Lambda)

Tools & Frameworks: Flask, TensorFlow-Keras, PyTorch, Seaborn, Matplotlib, SciPy, Tableau, PowerBI

Education

Master's of Computer Science

Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio

Aug 2022 - May 2024

GPA: 3.3/4.0

Bachelor's of Engineering in Computer Engineering

Gujarat Technological University (GTU)

Aug 2019 - May 2020

GPA: 3.6/4.0

Relevant Coursework: Python, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning

Experience

Data Scientist Oct 2024 - Present

Fanalyze, CA, USA

- Built scalable ETL pipelines to ingest NBA data from web, GitHub & Kaggle; automated ingestion & model workflows using Python.
- Trained ML models (Logistic Regression, Random Forest, SVM) achieving 65.3% accuracy; integrated BERT for NLP on unstructured data.
- Used AWS/GCP for scalable storage and training; improved model reliability via backtesting (XGBoost, CatBoost, Ridge).

Data Engineer-AI Solution

Aug 2020 – July 2022

Softvan, GJ, INDIA

- Built AI-powered UPSC/GPSC interview assistant using AWS and Alexa for real-time voice-based interviews.
- Processed audio, video & text inputs with TensorFlow, OpenCV & NLP for response analysis, scoring, and non-verbal cue evaluation.
- Ensured scalability via modular pipelines and robust data validation.

Projects

Weather Streaming Pipeline

GitHub

- Developed a real-time weather data pipeline using Apache Kafka, Spark Structured Streaming, and PostgreSQL.
- Containerized the solution with Docker and orchestrated components via docker-compose for seamless deployment.
- Streamed and processed live weather data from APIs, enabling continuous ingestion, transformation, and storage.

Predicting NBA Games

GitHub

- Built predictive models for NBA game outcomes using 10 seasons of team-level stats and key metrics (eFG%, TOV%, ORB%, FTr).
- Engineered aggregated features over rolling windows (10–30 games) and applied PCA to reduce dimensionality.
- Developed data pipelines with custom web scrapers and delivered insights to support fantasy sports and betting analysis.

Insurance Regression

<u>GitHub</u>

- Predicted individual insurance costs using regression models on demographic and health-related features from a Kaggle dataset.
- Conducted EDA, feature engineering, and categorical encoding; identified key drivers like smoking status and BMI.
- Built and fine-tuned models (Linear, Ridge, Lasso, Random Forest), achieving best performance with Random Forest via GridSearchCV.

Certifications

- Earned the <u>Data Analysis with Python Developer Certification</u> by freeCodeCamp after completing 300 hours of hands-on projects involving data wrangling, statistical analysis, and visualization using Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, and Seaborn.
- Participated in a <u>3-day National Workshop on AWS Cloud</u>, gaining practical exposure to AWS services, cloud architecture, and deployment strategies.
- Completed a <u>Power BI & Excel Dashboard Course</u> with 10 hours of guided training focused on building interactive dashboards and mastering data visualization techniques.
- Received an <u>International Experience Program Participation Certificate</u> for completing a global academic and cultural exchange initiative, enhancing cross-cultural communication and global collaboration skills.

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