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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Data professional with expertise in GIS spatial analysis, ETL pipelines, and cloud-based data solutions. Proven success in optimizing data workflows and delivering insights through tools like ArcGIS, Spark, and AWS. Adept at collaborating with cross-functional teams to solve complex data challenges.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming: Python, SQL, R, Shell Script

Data Engineering: Apache Spark, AWS (Athena, S3),

Azure, Databricks, Kafka, Hadoop

GIS Tools: ESRI ArcGIS. GeoPandas

Visualization: Power BI, Tableau, Matplotlib

Cloud Platforms: AWS, Azure

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Center for Analytics, University of New Haven

Research Assistant Oct 2024 - Present

- Conducted crime analysis for NHPD using ArcGIS, Python, and SQL, leveraging clustering models like DBSCAN and Hot Spot Analysis (Getis-Ord Gi*). Identified high-crime areas and improved resource allocation by 20%.
- Built automated ETL pipelines with Python, AWS Lambda, and PostgreSQL, streamlined NHPD crime data ingestion, integrated predictive models to forecast trends, and reduced manual processing by 15 hours/month.
- Developed 10+ interactive dashboards using ArcGIS Online, Power BI, and JavaScript (ArcGIS API), visualizing NHPD crime hotspots and time series forecasts with ARIMA and Random Forest models for proactive policing.

Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen Inc.

Data Analyst Intern June 2024 - Dec 2024

- Designed ETL workflows to consolidate donor data, improving accuracy by 30% and operational efficiency.
- Built a predictive analytics pipeline using Python (Pandas, Scikit-learn), SQL, and Power BI to forecast donation trends, which helped manage inventory better and reduced food waste by 25%
- Optimized 5+ Power BI dashboards to track KPIs like meal distribution efficiency and volunteer retention, integrating PantrySoft, SQL, and Python for real-time insights, improving decision-making by 30%.

Cognizant Technology Solutions

Software Associate Sept 2021 - July 2023

- Addressed 200+ service requests for GCS Cardshop from users across 15+ nations, managing data-driven UI
 updates for AMEX webpages across APAC, EMEA, LACC, and US, increasing card visibility by 110%.
- Managed an Online Enrollment Tool, creating 125+ campaigns and reducing offline promotions by 56%.
- Automated data validation and UI content deployment using Python, Shell Scripting, React.js, HTML, Putty, Git, and CRM tools, reducing manual effort by 40% and ensuring seamless updates across global AMEX platforms.

TECHNICAL PROJECTS

Real-Time Smart City Monitoring (AWS, Spark, Kafka)

Built a streaming pipeline using AWS, Spark, and Kafka to process 10k+ IoT data points/day, reducing latency by 40%. Visualized traffic patterns in Power BI, enabling urban planners to optimize congestion management.

GIS Crime Hotspot Analysis (ArcGIS, Python)

Developed a live crime dashboard for NHPD using ArcGIS, Python, Power BI, and JavaScript, integrating raster and vector analysis to visualize crime hotspots, aiding law enforcement in tracking incidents and allocating resources.

InceptFace (Facenet-pytorch, Gradio)

Developed a facial recognition system using InceptionResNetV1 and MTCNN for detection, with a custom dataset and robust preprocessing, trained using Adam optimizer and Cross Entropy Loss, deployed via Gradio.

EDUCATION

M.S. in Data Science

University of New Haven | GPA: 3.8/4.0 | May 2025

Bachelor's in Electronics and Communication Engineering

Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Hyd | Sept 2021

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Treasurer, Indian Student Council @UNewHaven
Go-Getter Award, UNewHaven

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Campus Connector, UNewHaven