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Summary

- Looking for a role in a Data Analytics or Data Science Department
- Considers himself a strategic and analytical person
- Prefers to make decisions that are informed by data

If data-related roles are not available, he is also interested in any software engineering roles.

Technical Skills

Programming and Markup Languages: Python | SQL | Markdown | HTML/CSS

Python Libraries: Pandas | Matplotlib | Seaborn | Plotly | scikit-learn | Natural Language Toolkit | SciPy | NumPy | Beautiful Soup | Requests | Flask

Data-related Skills: Importing Data from Various Sources | Interacting with REST and GraphQL APIs | Data Cleaning and Wrangling | Exploratory

Data Analysis | Interactive and Static Data Visualization | Machine Learning | Dashboard Apps with Plotly Dash

Software Tools and Platforms: Git and GitHub | Tableau Public | Visual Studio Code | Jupyter | Kaggle | Sphinx | diagrams.net Google Cloud Products: App Engine | Google Workspace Admin SDK | Secret Manager | Identity-Aware Proxy

Work Experience

April 2022 - July 2022 | Includovate | System Engineer

- Established connections between low-level and high-level boards on Monday.com
- Created a Workload dashboard that provides visual information allowing you to determine which team members are under or overloaded.
 - o Gets its data from Google Workspace, Google Calendar, and Monday.com and updates every time the page is refreshed.
 - · Built using Plotly Dash,
 - o Deployed on Google App Engine
 - Has access control using Google Identity-Aware Proxy
 - · Documentation was created using Sphinx.

January 2019 - November 2020 | **Chrysos Aquaculture** | Manager

- Presented financial reports to upper management such as showing the current sources of expenditure, forecasting future expenses, and
 price comparison from different suppliers
- Procured hardware, equipment, and material from local and online suppliers
- Reviewed and approved weekly budget requests before they were sent to upper management
- Involved in laying off an entire team of people while ensuring transparency with employees about the reasons and that advance notice and severance pay was given
- Introduced the Trello app as a management tool to the staff under him so that he could manage assigned tasks through the app and give everyone a sense of how each other was doing in terms of work and backlog
- Taught bookkeeping staff how to use GitHub Desktop so that they could collaborate, backup, and apply version control on their files and documents
- Held Town Hall Meetings to communicate company news to employees and hear out employee concerns

June 2017 - December 2018 | Maxim Integrated | Test Product Engineer

- Debugged and maintained semiconductor product test programs/code, which were written in Visual Basic and C++, that were already
 deployed in production
- Analyzed and presented data for an A/B test comparing two different materials of a Test Platform component to see whether it reduced damage to products induced during testing
- Identified a product that had a consistent history of passing certain tests
 - Used data of present and past performance to show that removing those particular tests from the test process would not result in a negative impact on quality
 - ${\bf \circ}$ $\;$ Implemented and committed the reduction of the tests from the test program
- Underwent in-house training on the basic concepts of Six Sigma DMAIC, and other problem-solving methodologies such as 8D and 3x5
 Why

Open-Source Contributions (GitHub Handle: max-torch)

 $\textbf{Time Tracker} \mid \textbf{Pazitos10/time-tracker} \mid \textbf{Time-tracking application written in Python}$

• Authored code that allows the app to generate data visualizations from the user's data (View pull request on GitHub)

Battle For Wesnoth | wesnoth/wesnoth | Cross-platform, turn-based fantasy strategy game

- Proofreading, improvements, and additions to in-game dialog and text
- Suggested and implemented some feature enhancements to campaign scenarios
- Closed some issues with the in-house developer tools
 - Had to install an Ubuntu OS in a Hyper-V Virtual Machine in order to verify that fixes and features were functional in Linux as well as Windows
- Learned how to work with the in-house programming language known as WML by reading the project documentation, looking at examples in the existing codebase, and communicating with the current Project Development Team on Discord
- Learned how to work with in-house developer tools written in Python

Selected Project Highlights

- Created a Shopify Private App that fetches data from a Shopify Store using Shopify's Rest Admin API and presents a dashboard containing aggregated data to the user (View repository on GitHub)(View Sample App)
- Authored a Medium Article called "Make Others Want to Work with Your Code" that was selected for further distribution by Medium's curators
- Explored, and analyzed with machine learning, data from the online dating platform OKCupid as a portfolio project while going through courses on Codecademy (View blog article)
 - Machine learning algorithms showed that describing one's body as "curvy" was a strong predictor that a user was female

Informal Education

- Codecademy Computer Science Career Path | August 2020 November 2020
- Codecademy Data Scientist Career Path | November 2020 June 2021
- Kaggle 30 days of Machine Learning | August 2021 September 2021
- Self-learning from online articles, videos, and projects | September 2021 April 2022

Formal Education

- University of St. La Salle | Bachelor's Degree in Electronics Engineering | 2013 2016
- Technological University of the Philippines | Electronics Engineering Technology | 2009 2012

Additional Accomplishments

- Topped the Philippines Electronics Technician (ECT) Licensure Exam April 2017
- Finished the ten speeches Competent Communicator Path of Toastmasters International

Fun Fact: This resume is itself a coding project. Initially, it was written in Markdown. Next, it was converted to HTML using a VSCode extension. Next, it was stylized and converted into a PDF using a Python script and a CSS stylesheet. Finally, Git version control is used to manage the different versions of my resume I send to different employers. (View repository on GitHub)