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SUMMARY

Data Scientist with **2+ years of experience** in developing analytical systems that transform complex data into strategic insights and measurable outcomes. Skilled in Python, SQL, and cloud-based data platforms, with strong foundations in data engineering, statistical modeling, and machine learning. Experienced in building scalable pipelines, designing interpretable models, and delivering actionable insights that influence business strategy. Known for combining technical rigor with clear communication and a focus on real-world impact, driving solutions that are both data-driven and human-centered.

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Colorado Boulder | CO | Data Engineer

January 2025 - Present

- Automated **end-to-end ETL pipelines** for **3,500+ NOAA tsunami microfilm records**, improving metadata accuracy and researcher accessibility; designed a deduplication workflow that reduced redundant archival data by **30%**
- Built and deployed **Tableau and Power BI dashboards** to visualize archival and metadata trends, enabling leadership to monitor data quality metrics, track ingestion rates, and make informed decisions about research priorities
- Applied **statistical hypothesis testing (Chi-square, t-tests)** to validate metadata consistency across datasets, improving the integrity of research outputs and providing confidence in archival data reliability
- Delivered **SQL-based reporting solutions and reusable technical documentation**, creating standardized data validation processes that supported collaboration between research, analytics, and IT teams

Studio Zenoya | India | Database Intern

May 2024 - July 2024

- Designed and implemented **scalable ETL workflows to integrate 100K+ API records into analytics** pipelines, ensuring data quality, consistency, and availability for downstream BI dashboards and reporting systems
- Developed **Python automation scripts** to streamline recurring transformations and integrity checks, reducing manual workload for the BI team by **40%** and accelerating project delivery timelines
- Optimized **MongoDB queries and indexing strategies**, which improved dashboard response times and reporting retrieval speed by **25%**, enhancing the user experience for business stakeholders
- Partnered with the BI engineering team to design **star-schema data models** that improved query performance, simplified reporting logic, and ensured scalability of the analytics infrastructure
- Produced **Excel and Power BI dashboards highlighting API data trends, anomalies, and performance metrics**, giving business stakeholders actionable insights to guide product and customer engagement strategies

Solar Secure Solutions | India | Data Scientist

September 2023 - December 2023

- Designed and deployed **machine learning pipelines** using **Scikit-learn and XGBoost** that reduced fraud false positives by **20%**, while improving overall detection accuracy and enabling more efficient fraud investigation processes
- Built and maintained **ETL workflows to process large volumes of structured and unstructured financial transaction data**, increasing BI readiness by **35%** and ensuring consistent availability of clean datasets for modeling and analysis
- Created **interactive Tableau dashboards** that visualized fraud risks, flagged suspicious anomalies, and communicated fraud detection outcomes in a clear, business-friendly format for non-technical stakeholders
- Conducted **A/B testing and regression analysis** to evaluate the effectiveness of fraud detection strategies, delivering actionable recommendations that enhanced model performance and informed product security measures
- Collaborated with **cross-functional teams, including operations and compliance**, to translate ML-driven insights into fraud prevention rules, operational alerts, and real-time monitoring systems, strengthening overall security posture

SKILLS

Programming & Systems: Python (Pandas, NumPy, Scikit-learn, TensorFlow, PyTorch), Java, C++, SQL (MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQL Server), Linux, Bash; Data Structures & Algorithms; Parallel & Distributed Systems

Machine Learning & AI: Supervised & Unsupervised Learning, Regression & Classification, Clustering, Deep Learning (CNNs, RNNs, Transformers), Generative AI (LLMs, Diffusion Models), Reinforcement Learning (RLHF), Recommendation Systems, NLP

Data Engineering & Big Data: ETL/ELT Pipelines, Apache Spark, Hadoop, Kafka, Data Lakes, Feature Stores, Data Warehousing (Snowflake, Redshift, BigQuery), Workflow Orchestration (Airflow, Prefect)

MLOps & Deployment: Docker, Kubernetes, AWS (S3, SageMaker, Lambda), GCP, CI/CD Pipelines, Monitoring & Logging (MLflow, Datadog, CloudWatch), Experiment Tracking & Version Control (Git/GitHub)

Mathematics & Statistics: Probability & Statistics, Linear Algebra, Optimization, Causal Inference, Hypothesis Testing, A/B Testing

Visualization & Business Intelligence: Tableau, Power BI, Matplotlib, Seaborn, Plotly; Communication with Stakeholders

Tools & Workflow Management: Jupyter, VS Code, GitHub Actions, DVC, Weights & Biases, Streamlit, Flask, FastAPI, Notion, Jira, Confluence

EDUCATION

University of Colorado Boulder

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MS in Data Science (GPA: 3.9)