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Naveen Kannan

Data Engineer

Portfolio: Data Science Blog
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Three (3) years expert skills in database development (PostgreSQL, MySQL, Hadoop) using ETL/ELT tools (SQLAlchemy, Alembic, Spark), developing production level REST APIs (FastAPI, Flask) and deploying scalable, containerized (Docker) workflows in HPC (High Performance Computing), AWS (EC2, RDS) and Azure (VM) cloud platforms.

SKILLS

Tools and Languages	Python, R, LaTeX, Markdown, Bash, SQL
Database Software	PostgreSQL, MySQL, Hive, Hadoop
Web Frameworks	Flask, Django, FastAPI
Cloud Computing	AWS (EC2,RDS), Azure
Bioinformatics Libraries	Samtools, BCFtools, HTSlib, Tabix, Plink, Hail, Glow
Containerization	Docker
Visualization	ggplot2/tidyverse, matplotlib, Plotly
Data ETL/ELT	SQLAlchemy, Alembic, Pydantic
Source Control	git, GitHub, GitLab
Dashboard Software	Django, Shiny, Streamlit, PowerApps

TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

Data Engineer

July 2024 — Present

Trailhead Biosystems

Cleveland, Ohio

- Deployed a PostgreSQL 17 database on an Azure VM, and configured pgBackRest for automated daily backups.
- Designed and implemented a normalized data model using SQLAlchemy and Alembic and collaborated with cross-functional teams to integrate previously siloed data sources.
- Implemented secure Azure VM access by coordinating site-to-site VPN setup for on-premises connectivity and deploying Sophos endpoint VPN for remote access, replacing insecure public internet exposure.
- Deployed a FastAPI-based REST service using Gunicorn behind Nginx, with secure authentication via Microsoft Entra ID (Azure AD), supporting scalable and secure data access.
- Built and deployed a Django-based frontend with Gunicorn and Nginx, integrated with Entra ID for authentication, enabling secure intranet access to data entry and visualization tools.
- Migrated legacy Excel-based tracking workflows to a centralized relational database, enabling data traceability, and cross-team accessibility.
- Built interactive Streamlit dashboards to visualize key metrics and trends, enabling stakeholders to self-serve data insights.

Research Associate

May 2023 — July 2024

Department of Population and Quantitative Health Sciences, Case Western Reserve University

Cleveland, Ohio

- Deployed Docker containers in a HPC environment to annotate and score 362 million structural genetic variants associated with Alzheimer's disease for downstream analysis by ADSP (Alzheimer's Disease Sequencing Project) collaborators.
- Wrote custom Ansible roles and scripts to remotely automate PXE (Pre-Execution Environment) based installation of Linux OS Images (Ubuntu and RHEL) on an 18-node bare-metal server.
- Utilized PostgreSQL JDBC (Java Database Connectivity) integration with Hadoop/Spark to automate schema definition and ETL/ELT of 4 terabytes of large genomic flatfiles (VCF, BAM, CRAM) into the PostgreSQL server.
- Wrote custom Ansible roles and scripts to automated the installation of Apache Hadoop HDFS, YARN, MapReduce, and Spark across an 18-node cluster.
- Deployed bioinformatics pipelines via Docker containers within an AWS EC2 instance, connecting to an S3 bucket containing several hundred gigabytes of genomic data for data annotation.

Graduate Research Assistant

January 2023 — May 2023

Department of Population and Quantitative Health Sciences, Case Western Reserve University

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- Engineered Docker containers for streamlined deployment of specialized R packages and Python modules, optimizing analyses for single-cell RNA datasets.

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Graduate Research Assistant

May 2022 — December 2022

GIS Health and Hazards Lab, School of Medicine, Case Western Reserve University

Cleveland, Ohio

- Developed Python scripts and YOLOv4 ML algorithms to automate the extraction of GPS coordinates from geospatial video feeds of refugee camps in the DRC after Mt. Nyiragongo eruption to generate heat maps of tent distribution in refugee camps.

Junior Resident Doctor

July 2020 — September 2020

Department of Psychiatry, Saveetha Medical College

Chennai, India

- Evaluated patients and diagnosed psychiatric illnesses in an outpatient setting.

Junior Resident Doctor

March 2019 — March 2020

Madras Medical College

Chennai, India

- Rotated through the following departments: Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, General Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Community Medicine, Psychiatry, Emergency Trauma Ward, Labor Ward.

EDUCATION

MSc in Biomedical and Health Informatics, Case Western Reserve University

January 2022 — August 2023

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Madras Medical College

September 2016 — March 2020

PUBLICATIONS

- Ajayakumar, J., Curtis, A. J., Maisha, F. M., Bempah, S., Ali, A., **Kannan, N.**, Armstrong, G. & Morris Jr, J. G. (2024). Using spatial video and deep learning for automated mapping of ground-level context in relief camps. *International Journal of Health Geographics*, 23(1), 23.
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- Vellaisamy, R., **Kannan, N.**, Anbalagan, A., Raju, P., Duraisamy, B., Murugesan, C. S., & Gounder, K. D. (2016). Endoscopic access to hepatic duct through duodenum during follow up—after primary surgery for hepatolithiasis. *HPB*, 18, e530.
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- Kannan, N.**, Vellaisamy, R., Govindarajan, M., & Gounder, K. D. (2016). Pellagra following pancreaticoduodenectomy for malignant pancreatic carcinoid with pluripotent hormonal potential. *HPB*, 18, e381-e382
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