Nhat Pham

Education

University of Maryland, Computer Science: Data Science, Bachelor's, 2020-2022. *GPA*: 4.0 *Courses*: Introduction to Computer Systems, Algorithms, Organization of Programming Languages University of Washington, Data Science and Statistics, 2018 - 2019. *GPA*: 3.97

Courses: Web Programming, Introduction to Machine Learning, Introduction to Database Systems

Work Experience

Software Engineering Intern at Verta

Summer-Fall 2020

- 1. Dataset and Metadata Versioning Client Interface: Scala
 - Implemented a functional interface with git-inspired immutable data types (e.g. Repository, Commit) and operations.
 - Integrated with AWS S3 for artifacts storage.
- 2. Model Registry and Deployment: Python, Go, MySQL
 - Implemented Model Registry client interface for packaging machine learning models and deployment-specific requirements.
 - Implemented Endpoint client interface for specifying canary update, autoscaling resources, and making queries.
 - Built a command-line interface that allows users to automate their model registry and deployment workflow.
 - Maintained and improved the quality of the deployment backend, written in Go and MySQL.
- 3. Other Tasks: Jenkins, Docker, Kubernetes
 - Set up Jenkins test pipeline for Scala client, and configured Docker images and Kubernetes pod for it to run.
 - Wrote end-to-end deployment tests for Python client.

Awards and Competitions

Winner of AIVIVN Sentiment Analysis Competition

Spring 2019

- Built a system that predicted accurately the sentiment of over 90% of product reviews, with a test F1 metric of 0.90012.
- Model: word2vec embedding + ensemble of attentional recurrent neural network and residual convolutional neural network.
- GitHub Repository: https://github.com/petrpan26/Aivivn_1

Personal and Research Projects

Neural Network Toolbox (nn-toolbox)

Summer 2019

- Implemented deep learning procedures and models in PyTorch with a composable and modular design.
- Reduced the time to set up model development and prototyping for projects and competitions from weeks to 1-2 days.
- GitHub: https://github.com/nhatsmrt/nn-toolbox.

Data Collection for Food Desert Prediction Research Project at the University of Maryland

Spring 2020

- Scraped food data with selenium, beautifulsoup4.
- Built a pipeline to query and process geolocation data from Overpass and Nominatim APIs.
- Made API calls and geometric queries **3-6 times faster** with multiprocessing and spatial indexing (geopandas + rtree).

Coding Platform for Solving Algorithmic Questions

Winter 2020

- Designed the database and backend.
- Implemented the backend with Django REST framework.

Skills and Technologies

Proficient With:

- 1. Java: Object-oriented programming design patterns, JUnit unit testing, multithreading and concurrency.
- 2. Python:
 - Client and Backend Web Development (requests, django). Unit and property-based testing (pytest, hypothesis).
 - Command-Line Interface Development (argparse, click).
 - Data science and machine learning (numpy, pandas, sckit-learn, pytorch).
- 3. Scala: Functional programming principles and design patterns. Tools and technologies familiar:
 - sbt. ScalaTest (behavior-driven and property-based testing). Apache Spark and MLLib (Big Data).
- 4. Computer Science: Algorithms and data structures. Relational database and SQL.
- 5. Software Engineering Skills: Jira. Versioning control with Git and GitHub.

Familiar With:

- 1. Full Stack Web Development: Server-side with Go. Client-side with HTML, CSS, JavaScript, ReactJS.
- 2. Other Technologies: C and C++. Unix and terminal. AWS S3. OCaml. Haskell. Rust. Ruby. Jenkins. Docker. Kubernetes.