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Summary

- Problem-solving, inquisitive and forward-thinking data scientist with 3+ years of experience in machine learning, data analytics and statistics, solving real world business problems
- Expertise in designing and implementing end to end machine learning solutions
- Energetic team player with excellent project management, organisational and communication skills
- Valid Stamp 4 holder (full permission to work in Republic of Ireland)

Work Experience

Course Instructor (Part time, Contract, Remote)

May 2020 - Present

- Designed and created guided projects in the fields of data science, machine learning and computer science
- Delivered projects with code, explanation and quiz to thousands of students worldwide

Analytics Manager (Full time, Permanent)

Nov 2019 – May 2020

Group Internal Audit, Bank of Ireland, Dublin, Ireland

- Designed, planned and implemented analytical solutions to visualize operational and quality metrics and customer impact for several portfolios (Mortgages, Car Finance, and Corporate Banking)
- Undertook integrated and individual assignments for senior management pertaining to Credit, Capital, and Customer Conduct for Retail and non-Retail products and services
- Analysed large complex datasets from multiple sources through SQL and Tableau
- Converted business requirements into actionable insights and usable management information using CRISP-DM
- Assisted in the transition from Data Warehouse (Teradata) to Data Lake (Hadoop, Spark)

Software Developer (Full time, Contract)

Sep 2018 - Oct 2019

National Institute for Bioprocessing Research and Training (NIBRT), Dublin, Ireland

- Developed a monitoring and analytical platform for controlling and analysing biopharmaceutical processes, and forecasting and predicting risk – funded by IDA and Siemens Ireland
- Played key part in deploying Hadoop and Spark (backend) and RShiny and Plotly (frontend) application
- Researched and developed machine learning (supervised & unsupervised), time series (forecasting), and multivariate statistical models, using R and Spark (easily translatable to Python/Java)
- Deployed and maintained ML models, and improved quality through hyperparameter tuning
- Managed and maintained code and documentation to high detail and clarity
- Provided strategic recommendations to senior management for improving process quality and final product yield, while decreasing downtime and freeing up resources

Statistical Modeller (Full time, Contract)

Oct 2017 – Aug 2018

Centre for Food Safety, University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland & Creme Global, Dublin, Ireland

- Planned, designed, and executed data analytics solution (in R) for Ireland's 5 largest food manufacturing companies – within 8 months. Solution is under patent processing with NovaUCD and Crème Global
- Gathered and formatted complex large-scale microbiome data, and designed and implemented machine learning models to (i) identify factors increasing/decreasing risk, and (ii) predict overall risk
- Effective data communication of modelling outputs (using smart visualisations) with industry partners resulting in effective changes in their production lines to prevent growth of pathogenic bacteria
- Industry funded project (Enterprise Ireland, Crème Global and 5 food companies) bit.ly/300jX0p

PhD research graduate - Computational Infection Biology

Sep 2013 - Sep 2017

Conway Institute, University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland

- Designed and executed the analyses of 2785 bacterial genomes using custom-built automated pipeline in Perl
- Developed and utilised machine learning models (in R) to predict bioactivities of peptides
- Mentored and guided undergrad and graduate students for their projects in bioinformatics and machine learning

- Enhanced science communication by attending and organising conferences and symposiums, resulting in 9 presentations in oral and poster format (including best oral presentation award)
- Developed strong project management skills by collaborating with researchers in Ireland and abroad

Research intern - Molecular modelling

Jan 2013 - Jun 2013

CSIR - Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology, New Delhi, India

- Created structural models of small peptides based on replica exchange molecular dynamics (REMD)
- Gathered experience in uploading and downloading data, and running scripts on supercomputer

Research project - Structural bioinformatics

May 2012 - Sep 2012

King's College London, UK

- Analysed over 400 protein complexes for their backbone hydrogen bonds, which led to identification of vulnerable bonds at the interfaces which differentiates transient and obligate protein complexes
- Gained experience in performing text mining (Perl) and statistical analyses (R)

Research project - Bioinformatics

Jan 2011 - May 2011

SASTRA University, Thanjavur, India

- Analysed and visualised 850 protein sequences belonging to snake toxins and identified over 100 distinguishable sequence properties, each with different weights
- Developed and implemented a classifier to classify snake toxins proteins and subsequently converted it to a
 webserver which was later published as TFTX server (http://sblab.sastra.edu/submittf.html)
- Organised and attended national level conferences, leading to Best innovator category presentation award

Education

Computational Infection Biology, Ph.D
University College Dublin, Ireland

Bioinformatics, M.Sc
King's College London, UK

Bioinformatics, B.Tech
SASTRA University, Thanjavur, India

Skills

- Extensive experience in R (8+ yrs), Perl (6+ yrs), Python (3+ yrs) and databases (SQL and MongoDB)
- Visualisation tools/packages Tableau, Plotly, RShiny
- Big Data technologies Hadoop, Hive, Spark (Python/R)
- ML algorithms Supervised, Unsupervised, Semi-supervised, Reinforcement
- Familiar with other languages such as Scala, Java, C, C++, PHP, CSS and HTML
- Others RShiny, Numpy, Pandas, scikit-learn, Jupyter, Cloudera, Confluence, Jira, GitLab, Docker
- Development frameworks Agile, Git, CRISP-DM
- Expertise in several large-scale data analyses projects
- Strong skills in stakeholders interactions and managing expectations
- Tutored several professionals in R, Python and Spark through First Tutor website (bit.ly/2Mp4L4L)

Awards, honours and hobbies

Recipient of Wellcome Trust PhD scholarship amounting to €183,271

14 oral and poster presentations in conferences in India, Europe and USA

Organiser of 1 national and 1 international conference

2 travel grants for conferences in the UK and the USA

First introduced to programming at 15, never looked back

Mountain climber (Kilimanjaro and Toubkal), chef, footballer, cyclist, globetrotter