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AI Strategist | ML/LLM Product Architect | NLP & Fraud Systems Expert

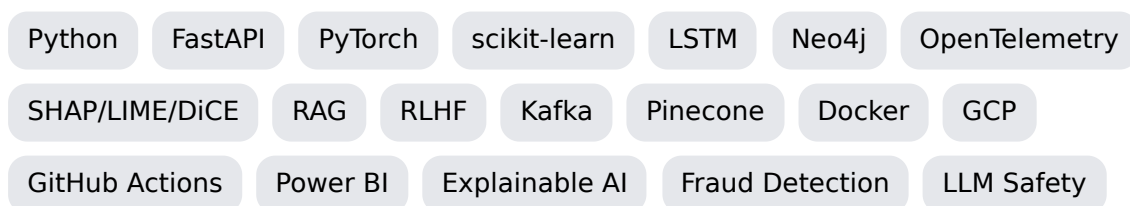
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- 6+ yrs shipping ML & LLM products across fintech, SaaS, utilities.
- Fraud & safety systems that cut loss **25 %+** and escalations **30 %**.
- Bridges strategy ↔ research ↔ engineering at C-suite and code levels.

Professional Summary

AI Strategist and Technical Product Specialist with 6+ years of experience delivering ML and LLM solutions across fintech, SaaS, and utility sectors. Proven track record in building and deploying fraud detection systems, explainable AI pipelines, and safety-hardened LLM applications. Adept at bridging product, engineering, and research with a focus on impact, clarity, and long-term scalability.

Key Skills & Tools



Experience

AI Strategist - *Bezaleel Solutions*

2023 - Present

- Driving AI system design, LLM safety, and observability across mission-critical products.
- **NL→SQL Analyst Agent:** Designed and deployed an autonomous natural-language-to-SQL pipeline with 95 % parsing accuracy and 100 % execution success. Integrated LLM-as-a-judge (92 % clarity rating) and instrumented OpenTelemetry tracing into Arize Phoenix.
- **SaaS Support Bot Hardening:** Defined multi-tier safety rails for a billing support bot. Blocked 85 %+ of 50+ red-team vectors, maintained 100 % citation compliance, and reduced human escalations by 30 %.

Technical Product Manager - ML - *Creditville MFBank*

2022 - 2023

- Led ML-driven product development for fraud, risk, and customer intelligence in a digital finance ecosystem.
- Delivered 3 ML services: fraud detection, sentiment analytics, and auto-loan decisioning — yielding double-digit efficiency gains.
- Built a modular explainability engine (LIME, DiCE) with visualizations and audit logs, integrated into a FastAPI fraud pipeline, cutting analyst triage time by 40 %.
- Deployed an NLP insights API using Word2Vec, LDA, and BERT summarization, reducing manual review by 50 %.
- Designed a risk-feature engine with real-time monitoring, reducing loan defaults by 20 %.

Lead, AI & Analytics - *PHED (Power Holding Company)*

2020 - 2022

- Pioneered PHED's first AI/ML programs to modernize grid integrity, forecasting, and operational automation.
- Built real-time energy-fraud model, reducing undetected loss by 25 %.
- Delivered cloud-based forecasting with 95 % confidence; accelerated budgeting cycle by 2 weeks.
- Automated workflows (Python, Power Automate), cutting manual work by 30 %.
- Built executive dashboards (Excel, Tableau, Power BI) processing 2 M+ records/month.

Senior Business Analyst & Product Owner - *PHED* 2016 - 2020

- Orchestrated process redesign and digital transformation pilots to prepare for enterprise AI adoption.
- Mapped 80+ processes via Lean redesign, cutting hand-offs and incidents by 30 %.
- Coordinated IoT pilots across 42 units; co-designed PoC dashboards with tech partners.
- Founded a Change Management Committee; trained 200+ staff on new tools.

Additional Roles (Part-Time)

Founding Technical Lead - AI/ML - *Tech Genius Solutions*

2024 - Present

- Driving prototype-stage AI infrastructure from fraud detection to SaaS-ready deployment across real-time systems.
- Architected real-time fraud system (Kafka → PyTorch → Neo4j), boosting ring recall by 28 %.
- Built explainability dashboards with audit-ready outputs.
- Automated retraining loops; reduced missed fraud by 17 % and enabled future SaaS scaling.
- Integrated adaptive biometric/MFA verifications, cutting false positives by 35 %.

LLM Training & Evaluation Specialist - *Outlier AI & Invisible Technologies*

Jan 2024 - Jan 2025 | Remote

- Executed high-throughput LLM evaluation and RLHF for two San Francisco, US AI firms.
- Evaluated LLM outputs for bias, factuality, and safety; flagged 150+ issues.
- Created 300+ prompt-completion pairs with RLHF feedback, improving win rate by 11 %.
- Audited model behavior and applied prompt tuning + data augmentation for safety.

Selected Projects - POC/Research

Fraud Detection via Logic Tensor Networks

Python • PyTorch • LTN • scikit-learn

Achieved 93.1 % MLP accuracy (5-fold CV); added fuzzy-logic constraints using LTN.

Final logic-consistency score: 0.94; optimized CPU performance for 500-epoch runs.

LexSynergy AI - Legal Decision System

Legal-BERT • LSTM • Neo4j • SHAP • RAG • FastAPI

90 % accuracy in case outcome prediction via hybrid neuro-symbolic model.

Embedded neural outputs into Neo4j graph with Cypher-based retrieval.

Applied SHAP/LIME for legal explainability on precedent- and statute-level insights.

Distilled & Quantised ML Service (MNIST Full Stack)

PyTorch • FastAPI • MLflow • W&B • PostgreSQL • Docker • GCP • GitHub Actions

Trained, distilled, and quantized a digit classifier achieving 98 % accuracy with sub-100 ms inference latency; tracked evaluation metrics using MLflow and W&B.

Integrated predictions with PostgreSQL for persistent storage and analytics.

Containerized with Docker, deployed on GCP, and automated CI/CD with GitHub Actions for zero-click updates.

Education & Certifications

- **M.Sc. Financial Engineering** – WorldQuant University, US
- **M.Sc. Applied AI & Data Science (Distinction)** – Southampton Solent University, UK
- Neo4j Certified Professional
- Applied Data Science – Scientific Computing & Python (Honors) – WorldQuant University

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