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Data Scientist with 4+ years of experience delivering data-driven solutions that drive measurable business impact at scale. Specialized in applied machine learning, time series forecasting, anomaly detection, and NLP using LLMs and RAG pipelines. Proven ability to lead end-to-end model development—from experimentation to deployment—using Python, PySpark, SQL, and AWS.

Professional Experience

Bluecat Networks, Toronto, Canada

Data Science Developer 2

July 2024 – Present

- Developed and deployed a Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)-based LLM chatbot that accelerated network diagnostics, reducing incident response times by 40%.
- Designed and operationalized time series forecasting models (Exponential Smoothing, ARIMA) to improve infrastructure capacity planning by **30**%, boosting network uptime and reliability.

Software Developer

January 2024 – July 2024

- Built a real-time anomaly detection system for network metrics (e.g., packet drops, TCP anomalies) with 92% precision, cutting false positives by 40%.
- Partnered with infrastructure teams to productionize ML pipelines and scale monitoring across 500+ enterprise client devices.

Machine Learning Researcher Intern

May 2023 – December 2023

• Prototyped a weakly-supervised learning model using pairwise relation prediction to detect DNS tunnels, **achieving 67% detection accuracy** on unseen threats—**23% above baseline**.

JP Morgan Chase & Co, Bengaluru, India

Software Engineer 2, Wealth Management

January 2022 - August 2022

- Accolades: Recognised under 'Execution Excellence' category for Q1 2022 for outstanding delivery in cross-functional initiatives.
- Led the design of a centralized HDFS-based data lake, enabling 10+ teams to access 15+ TB of analytical data for decision-making.
- Re-engineered SQL workloads into Hive/Impala, reducing query latency by 60% and streamlining reporting pipelines.
- Spearheaded the cloud migration of custom ETL frameworks to AWS EKS and Snowflake, improving throughput and reducing infra
 costs by 20%.

Software Engineer, Wealth Management

August 2020 - January 2022

- Accolades: Recognised under 'Execution Excellence' category for Q4 2020 for outstanding delivery in cross-functional initiatives.
- Built a modular PySpark ETL framework that automated ingestion of **10M+ records daily** and handled **5+ TB** of structured/unstructured data. Introduced schema validation and alerting, reducing pipeline failure rates by **80%**.
- Migrated legacy ETL pipelines (Informatica/Pentaho) to the new PySpark framework, achieving 11x speedup (from 45 to 4 minutes).

Software Engineer Intern, Asset Management

January 2020 - July 2020

- Accolades: Recognised as one of the 'Top 6 performers' among ~300 Asia-Pacific interns.
- Automated Excel-based reporting by building a React.js dashboard, saving analysts **~2 hours/day** and improving real-time business insights; adopted as the team's primary analytics interface.

Heptagon Technologies Pvt Ltd, Bengaluru, India

Data Science Summer Intern

April 2019 – May 2019

Built a sentiment classifier for political tweets using an SVM + TF-IDF pipeline; achieved 85% classification accuracy. Applied NLP techniques (lemmatization, co-occurrence embedding) to improve model generalization across varying tweet structures.

Education

MSc in Applied Computing (MScAC)

September 2022 – December 2023

University of Toronto, Canada

CGPA: 3.9/4.0

Coursework: Introduction to Machine Learning, Cloud based Data Analytics, Neural Networks and Deep Learning, Advanced Data Systems

B.Tech in Computer Science and Engineering

August 2016 – May 2020

Vellore Institute of Technology, India

CGPA: 9.27/10.0

Coursework: Statistics, Calculus, Linear Algebra, Discrete Mathematics & Graph theory, Data Mining, Natural Language Processing Accolades: Merit Scholarship for Academic Excellence

Projects

Investigating Uncertainty in Ensemble Methods

October 2022 – December 2022

• Quantified uncertainty in ensemble models (Bagging vs Boosting) using entropy and variance metrics; analyzed performance on UCI datasets using XGBoost, Random Forest, and AdaBoost.

Investigating Query Strategies in Active Learning for NLP Tasks

October 2022 – December 2022

 Benchmarked active learning strategies (e.g., Least Confidence, Entropy Sampling) for text classification on 20 Newsgroups dataset using transformer-based embeddings; achieved 20–25% label efficiency gains vs random sampling.

Publications

Selvakumar K, Rajesh M, Eshwar S, Shraveen B.S, 'YouTube Video Ranking: An NLP based system', IJRTE, Vol-8 Issue-4. (SCOPUS)



Technical Skills

Programming Languages: Python, SQL, PySpark, Shell, JavaScript

Machine Learning & NLP: Scikit-learn, TensorFlow, Keras, NLTK, XGBoost, Random Forest, CNNs, RNNs, LSTMs

Data Visualization: Matplotlib, Seaborn, Plotly

Data Engineering & Big Data Tools: Airflow, Apache NiFi, Apache Spark, Hadoop, Hive, Impala, Kafka, Sqoop

Databases: Snowflake, Trino, Redshift, MySQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle, SQL Server

Cloud Platforms: AWS (EKS, S3, Lambda, EC2), Docker, Git

Certifications

AWS Certified Developer Associate [view credential], Tensorflow Developer [view credential], Deep Learning Specialization [view credential]