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#### **PROFILE**

- Master of Information Technology (majors: Data Science, AI) graduate at UNSW with Award of Excellence
- Strong predictive modelling and digital transformation experience with 2 years at ICICI Bank, India
- Programmed and developed new tradable assets for the Global Markets Group at J.P. Morgan
- MITACS Globalink Scholar (2015) at UNB, Canada for an academic exchange research project
- Australian professional experience with UNSW and Platute in IT and JB HiFi in commercial operations

# **EDUCATION**

Master of Information Technology (majors: Data Science, Artificial Intelligence)

Jul 2018 - Sep 2020

University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia; WAM 84/100

Sep 2020

Awarded Master of Information Technology with Excellence

Jul 2020

Awarded UNSW Future of Change Scholarship for the postgraduate program in IT

Jul 2018

Master of Science (Economics) and Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical)

Aug 2011 - May 2016

BITS Pilani, Pilani, India; WAM 8.97/10

Awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for the project 'Collaborative consumption' in the technical fest Apogee

Mar 2015

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

# **Teaching Assistant**

University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia

Feb 2019 - Present

Courses: Data Structures, Database Systems, Front-end Development, Python, IT Project, Computer Networks

- Tutored and administered multiple advanced programming subjects to 400+ students across 7 courses at UNSW; Tasks included holding classroom tutoring sessions, overseeing lab work, creating assignments, developing examination questions and handling student question forums
- Assisted senior faculty to evaluate and grade students through feedback on classroom performance, together with marking examination papers and assignment submissions

Developer (Part-time)

May 2020 - Present

Platute, Sydney, Australia

- Web scraped all the courses from major Australian universities using various libraries in python
- Designed promotional campaign to expand outreach of Platute to Computer Science students at UNSW

# Manager

Jul 2016 - May 2018

## ICICI, Business Intelligence Unit, Hyderabad, India

- Engaged with various business teams to provide analytical solutions and insights to complex problems; Delivered key projects in digital technology, predictive modelling, big data and machine learning:
  - Credit and Market Risk: Developed pooling logic for retail asset portfolios (Home Loans) with respect to
    two different dimensions of risk: Likelihood of default (Probability of Default i.e. PD) and Expected recovery
    (Loss Given Default i.e. LGD); Assessed factor sensitivity of portfolios using measures like modified duration
  - Automatic Text Classification: Classified employees into 4 categories to obtain behavioural characteristic trends and sentiments through document classification and sentiment analysis
  - Family Members Identification: Identified accounts of family members of certain set of customers on the basis of address match using Jaccard distance, which were added in monitoring for frauds
- Worked on a wide variety of implementation projects including the build/ test/ acceptance of new systems
- Promoted in 1 year from 'Management trainee' to 'Manager-I' for exemplary performance

Jul 2017

Awarded for the project 'IFRS9 Expected Credit Loss Estimation' in the category 'Intelligence'

Oct 2017

#### **Analyst**

Jan 2016 - Jun 2016

#### J.P. Morgan Services, Global Markets Group, Mumbai, India

- Developed trading strategies for exotic options and derivatives on python-based platform "Athena"
- Analysed global markets for different trading instruments and their percentage share of profits
- Automated various reports and created impactful visualizations of internal equities data based on price and volatility analysis

#### **ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **Sales Representative**

JB HiFi, Sydney, Australia

Nov 2018 - Jan 2019

- Set new records for sale and number of customers served; including value generated from upselling
- Provided after sales support, guided clients to improve user experience

#### **MITACS Globalink Intern**

May 2015 - Aug 2015

# University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, Canada

- Worked under Dr. Victoria Chester on 'Kinematic multi-segment foot models' for gait analysis
- Cultural exchange program to get international exposure and work with students from other countries

#### **RELEVANT ACADEMIC PROJECTS**

#### Student Peer, Mentor and Professional Network (Full-stack development project)

Feb 2020 - Apr 2020

Built an online web platform to support students and stakeholders, including peers, mentors, professors and
organizations in establishing learning and professional connections and opportunities, broadening networking
and information exchange between different communities.

#### Task Scheduler for an Embedded System

Jun 2019 - Sep 2019

 Designed a feasible schedule for the task set for an embedded system such that all the timing constraints are satisfied using binomial heap-based priority queue

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

# Arc Delegate, UNSW Data Science Society

Apr 2019 - Aug 2020

- Contributed to several programs and hackathons conducted for society members at the post graduate level
- Was responsible for the growth of the society and designed outreach programs to actively recruit new students

# **Team Leader, UNSW Hero Program**

Dec 2018 - Feb 2019

- Pitched an innovative development project as part of the Heroes program
- Ranked among top 5 selected to present in the UNSW Service Improvement Conference out of 36 teams

#### Schooling Operations Head, National Service Scheme

Aug 2014 - Mar 2018

Spear-headed operations at NSS Night School and inculcated community development approach

#### **CERTIFICATIONS AND CONFERENCES**

### Machine Learning training by Math Logic

Apr 2017

 Focused on machine learning and deep learning models that can lead to 10%-30% performance improvement over traditional modelling paradigms in a variety of use cases

#### **Harvard US-India Initiative Conference**

Jan 2017

 Addressed some of India's most pressing social, economic and environmental issues in a student run organization that aims to create a dialogue between Indian and American youth

## **Chartered Financial Analyst, Level-1**

Dec 2016

 Professional designation received from the CFA institute, formerly AIMR that measures the competence and integrity of financial analysts

#### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

- Programming: Python, C, Scala, VBA, HTML, CSS, JavaScript
- Data management & visualization: Tableau, Power BI, R, SQL, SAS, Cloud services (AWS)
- Frameworks: Big data frameworks (Hadoop, Spark), React JS (Front end development), Git
- Office tools: Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), MS Teams, Slack, Zoom, BB Collaborate

# **REFEREES**

Dr. Michael Thielscher Professor, UNSW Anirudh Vanimesetty Senior Consultant, KPMG Abhinav Krishna Associate, J.P. Morgan