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#### **PROFILE**

- 3+ years of full-time work experience in the Banking industry (Westpac, ICICI Bank and J.P. Morgan)
- Master of Information Technology (majors: Data Science, AI) graduate at UNSW with Award of Excellence
- Strong background in operational and risk analytics across multiple banking teams
- Predictive modelling and machine learning exposure with credit risk division at ICICI Bank, India
- Programmed and developed new tradable assets for the Global Markets Group at J.P. Morgan

#### **EDUCATION**

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

Jul 2018 - Sep 2020

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

Sep 2020

Awarded Master of Information Technology with Excellence
 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**

# **Software Engineer**

Westpac, Sydney, Australia (via Infosys)

Nov 2020 – Present

- Integrated Adobe Analytics with the Customer Service Hub Home loan origination program as part of a "Digital Delivery" project focused on enabling pre-approval of loan applications through mobile and online channels, for Anonymous To Bank (ATB) customers
- Improved rendering time of different screens in the Home Loan Application by using React fragments and functional components, reducing the average load time by 16%

# **Data Scientist (Part time)**

KyperX, Sydney, Australia

May 2020 - Nov 2020

- Developed and implemented data harvesting pipeline for 3000+ courses from major Australian universities
- Implemented and monitored the operational strategy for *Platute* (on-demand education platform, a KyperX product) which resulted in an increase in customer base by 20%

#### **Analyst**

Jul 2016 - May 2018

#### ICICI, Business Intelligence Unit, Hyderabad, India

- Engaged with various stakeholders to provide analytical solutions and insights to complex problems; Delivered key projects in analytics, big data and machine learning using SQL, Python and Tableau:
  - Monitoring for Frauds: Identified accounts of family members of a certain set of customers on the basis
    of address match using Jaccard distance, which reduced the number of fraud cases by 15%
  - Automatic Text Classification: Classified employees into 4 categories to obtain behavioural characteristic trends and sentiments through sentiment analysis, increasing retention rate by 5%
  - Credit and Market Risk: Developed pooling logic for retail asset portfolios 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
- 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

Jan 2016 - Jun 2016

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

 Automated a performance tracker to analyse global markets for different trading instruments and their percentage share of profits, saving 16 man-hours per week

- Developed trading strategies for exotic options and derivatives on python-based platform "Athena"
- Created impactful visualizations of internal equities data based on price and volatility analysis

#### **ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Teaching Assistant (Part time)**

Feb 2019 - Nov 2020

University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia

Courses: Python, Data Structures, Database Systems, IT Project, Computer Networks

- Advanced Python instructor for four consecutive semesters for Masters' students
- 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

#### **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 nine other countries

#### **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**

# Tableau certification by LinkedIn Learning

Aug 2020

 A certification on best practices for using Tableau in industry using most modern features (like Viz Animations) conducted by Curt Frye

#### 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

# SKILLS

#### **Technical Skills**

- Data management & visualization: SQL, SAS, R, Tableau, Power BI
- Programming: Python, C, Scala, VBA, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Prolog
- Frameworks: Hadoop, Spark, React.js, Node.js, Git (Version Control System)
- Office tools: Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), MS Teams, Slack, Zoom, BB Collaborate

# Interpersonal Skills

Communication, Teamwork, Leadership, Stakeholder Management

#### **REFEREES**

Dr. Michael Thielscher Professor, UNSW Anirudh Vanimesetty Senior Consultant, ex-ICICI

Abhinav Krishna Associate, J.P. Morgan