

Saïd Ziani

Having a track record of continually improving the way software works, I'm trying always to apply my technical know-how to build and improve large-scale, distributed, modern (not only) and high-volume systems. I like to understand complex architectures, to be involved in solving challenging technical problems and become expert on the components that I build or enhance.



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Work experience

11/2021 - present

Software Engineer - Data Acquisition

data.ai, formerly AppAnnie

- Analyze the technical feasibility of data collection product features and help guide development.
- Design and implement performant, scalable, and distributed web services and scraping pipelines.
- Own parts of the systems that gets data from web/mobile applications stores.
- Continuously work to improve the platforms monitoring, logging and alerting systems.
- Work closely with Reverse Engineers to understand APIs behaviors.
- Part of the DoD rotation to ensure services reliability 24/7.
- Resolve escalated technical issues from production.
- Help overhaul our existing infrastructure as we move to a microservices architecture.

Achivements:

- Designed, implemented and deployed a scaling scraping pipeline for GooglePlay Ratings from one single page (global rating) to 64 localized country rating.
- Extended the apps coverage for GooglePlay App details from 1.2M to 6.6M apps without increasing the costs spent on computation/storage.
- Redesigned Google long term token generation and used it to get Ranks data from a reversed engineered API for 103 countries.

Technologies: Python2.7/3.x, Bash, Scarpy, Celery, S3, PostgreSQL, Docker, Jenkins, ECS.

Utrecht, NL

04/2019 - 10/2021

Software Engineer - Data Visualisation

Censo

- Work with an agile team to consistently deliver and maintain new features and functionalities
- Understand the Energy field business and the business impact of the code.
- Ensured high quality data collection and maintaining the integrity of the data.
- Communicate technical decisions through design docs, tech talks, and wikis.
- Helping to improve our build processes to make deployment and iteration easier and faster.
- Mentor junior engineers via pairing, design review, and code review.

Technologies: Python3, Django, GraphQL, Swagger, SonarCloud, PostgreSQL, JS, VueJS, Apollo.

Nijmegen, NL

06/2018 - 04/2019

Software Engineer - Natural Language Processing

Djezzy OTA

- Contribute in developing a platform for pre-processing and analyzing social media fans comments.
- Implement REST API which expose NLP model results.
- Participate in creating, testing and deploying Djezzy's mobile/web app.
- Documented all the workflow with design details and flowchart
- Provided extended support for Production releases and assisted in validating the releases.
- Responsible for code reviews, sprint planning and served as a scrum master.

Technologies: Python, Flask, Sentiment Analysis, NLP, Heroku, Data scraping.

Algiers, DZ

02/2018 - 06/2018

Graduated Data Scientist

Big-Mama

- Data Cleansing and preprocessing for different data science problems (Real Time Bidding).
- Implement Machine/Deep Learning Algorithms for Healthcare project.

Technologies: Python, TensorFlow, Pandas, Scala, Kafka, Akka Stream, MongoDB.

Algiers, DZ

11/2017 - 06/2018

Intern, Master's Graduation Project

TALAA, Computer Science Dprt./USTHB

- Trained NLP ML models for Text Classification and an Algorithm for Automatic Text Summarization.
- Created a recommendation system to suggest news articles to the users.
- Building Corpus for News Article classification (Ar/En).
- Developed a mobile app and REST api to expose and consume all previous modules.

Technologies: Python, ScikitLearn, Flask, AWS S3, React-Native, JavaScript, JSX, CSS3, MongoDB.

Algiers, DZ

06/2017 - 11/2017

Junior Web Developer

Hive-Digit

- Worked mainly on B2B e-Commerce platform and participate in the software architecture.
- Extensively write PHP backend code, unit testing and security audits.

Technologies: PHP, Yii2, JavaScript, JQuery, AJAX, HTML5, CSS3, REST API.

Algiers, DZ

09/2015 - 06/2016

Intern, Software Developer

COSIDER Canalisations

- Updated an existing supply process information system.
- Developed an ERP module, integrated with Data visualization Dashboard.

Technologies: PHP, JavaScript, JQuery, AJAX, HTML5, CSS3, MySQL.

Algiers, DZ

Skills & competences

Programming Language

Python 2.x/3.x, Bash Scripting, JavaScript

Frameworks, Libraries & Cloud

Django, Flask, Graphene, GraphQL, REST, AWS (API Gateway, ECS, EC2, Lambda)

Databases & Storage

RDBMS (PostgreSQL, MySQL), AWS (RDS, S3), Time Series DB: MongoDB, InfluxDB

Data Manipulation

Data Scraping, Data Cleansing, ETLs

Monitoring, Logging & Alerting

Grafana, AWS CloudWatch, Slack

Dev Tools

Git, Docker, AWS CLI, PagerDuty, Jenkins, SonarQube, Heroku, Linux

Education

09/2016 - 06/2018

Masters - Intelligent Computer Systems

University of Science and Technology, Algiers

Machine Learning | Natural Language Processing | Data Mining | Information Retrieval | Knowledge representation and reasoning | Constraint programming | e-Commerce & Web services | Advanced Databases.

09/2013 - 06/2016

Bachelor - Computer Science

University of Science and Technology, Algiers

Mathematics | Algorithmics | Operational research | Computer architecture | Databases | Programming and Web development | Physics | Analog electronic.

Extracurricular

02/2019

HackCU Episode V Hackathon

University of Colorado Boulder, USA

Colorado

10/2018

VEON Global Digithon'18 Hackathon

VEON Group

Amsterdam

09/2018

1st place winner Djezzy's Hackathon

OTA Djezzy

Algiers

05/2018

1st place winner NYUAD Hackathon

New York University

Abu Dhabi

05/2016 - 08/2017

CTF - Capture The Flag

SIT CTF, Hack'tillS7our, MCTF

Algiers, Telemcen

03/2017

3rd place Hack!t National Hackathon

Higher School of Computer Science

Algiers

12/2016

2nd place Algeria Web Awards

Algiers department - AWA

Algiers

05/2016 - 05/2018

Git Trainer and GNU/Linux Install Party Organizer

OpenMindsClub

Algiers

Languages

Arabic(native)

French(bilingue)

English(advanced)