

SAMUEL PUCEK

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CARRIER OBJECTIVE

I'm friendly and open-minded person, with a passion for technology. I greatly welcome new challenges and opportunities to learn new things. In my tasks I am systematic and persistent.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Gen (formerly Avast and NortonLifeLock)
Principal Data Scientist

Prague, Czech Republic
Feb 2023 - Present

- Experimentation and A/B testing

I improve experimentation, specifically implement new metrics tailored to the business, model customer LTV and support business with various pre-experiment and post-experiment calculations (Jupyter Notebooks). I prototype variance reduction methods, i.e., stratification and CUPED.

Avast
Data Scientist

Prague, Czech Republic
Jan 2022 - Jan 2023

- Architecture and development of ML pipelines

I worked on architecture and development of Machine Learning pipelines which supported retention strategy and personalisation in Avast - Dynamic Discounting. I was responsible for end-to-end pipelines architecture and development, the quality of code delivered by third parties, communication with other internal and external teams, and support of other colleagues, including onboarding.

In the Dynamic Discounting project were used XGBoost models followed by Reinforcement Learning model. The pipeline was scheduled daily, predictions (individual discounts) were then passed to other internal systems.

Avast
Junior Data Scientist

Prague, Czech Republic
Sep 2019 - Dec 2021

- Avast's Experimentation Platform

In Avast, we developed internally the Experimentation Platform, self-service tool for A/B testing. My main contribution to Exp. Platform was to design a statistical engine for evaluating experiments, which consisted of sequential evaluation, multiple comparison correction, delta method etc. The solution was open-sourced in fall 2020, check GitHub repo **ep-stats**. The corresponding Python package can be found in PyPi.

In **ep-stats** we mainly focused on computational complexity. Using **numpy** we vectorized many math operations. We back-upped all features using unit testing, including statistical features stated above. Next, I provided various deep-dive analyses (Jupyter Notebooks) to answer business-related questions, maintained and updated a few legacy data pipelines.

After one year since the Experimentation Platform started we served more than 100 experiments per month. The experimentation mindset grew enormously - all ideas in the sales and marketing were A/B tested before being full scaled. EP provided evaluation of the experiments using a unified set of business metrics. The goal was to further evangelise experimentation mindset into engineering and product development.

O2 Czech Republic

Internship and QA Tester (part-time)

Prague, Czech Republic

Aug 2016 - Aug 2019

- IT reporting in SAP Solution Manager
- Integration and regression testing of the global CRM system (SQL, HP Quality Center, SAP)

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Programming	Python (Object-oriented programming, Pandas, NumPy, Plotly, scikit-learn)
Software & Tools	SQL, Git, \LaTeX

EDUCATION

Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Mathematics and Physics	<i>Sep 2014 - Sep 2019</i>
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Master's degree in Probability, Mathematical Statistics and Econometrics

Bachelor's degree in General Mathematics

LANGUAGES

English	Professional working proficiency
Slovak	Native

PROJECTS

Blackjack with RL agent

since Dec 2022

I coded Blackjack game in Python with standard actions, i.e. hit, stand, double down, split, surrender and insurance. The goal is to add Reinforcement Learning agent on top of the game. The agent should learn how to play Blackjack on its own, and wisely use strategy when the game is "hot".

See the `blackjack` repo in my personal GitHub.

INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS

Running (marathon 3:15:41, half-marathon 1:23:51), hiking, cycling.