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- A ML Engineer
 - specialized in building production-grade NLP applications utilizing ML/DL and Generative AI
 - capable of co-developing ML applications by following robust coding practices
 - who has extensively used state-of-the-art Transfer learning models
- An aspiring software engineer who strives
 - to co-develop clean, modular, tested software applications
 - to apply software engineering principles in every datascience/ML effort
- Total Exp: 14 years; Data Science Exp: 10/14 years

WORK EXPERIENCE

Lead ML Engineer, Toyota Connected India Jul 2022 – Present

- Build data pipelines and NLP applications in AWS cloud to aid Connected Car customers by following Agile Scrum methodology
- Published 2 articles in TCIN medium and presented a seminar on Serverless Python App in PyCon2023

Lead Data Scientist, Ford, Analytics Team May 2018 – Jun 2022

- A hands-on **data science developer** who co-developed with NLP experts from the US team
- I contributed in the end-to-end ML application development
 - from data acquisition, cleaning, labeling and preprocessing,
 - to model development, deployment and maintenance

Assistant Manager, LatentView Analytics (LV) Apr 2014 – Apr 2018

- Roles I played: **NLP Data Scientist, Project Delivery Manager**
- Responsible for project scoping and accountable for the delivery of Social Media Analytics projects of 8+ members
- *"....Sincere, driven, articulate and utterly committed ... " - Skip-level Reporting Manager at LV*

Lead Analyst, Beroe Inc Jul 2010 – Dec 2013

- Produce Market Research reports on how to procure indirect spend categories
 - *" ... well organized, innovative ... and always ready to go the extra mile " - Client Engagement Manager*
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Career Progression & Performance Awards

- **Toyota:** Promoted from Senior ML Engineer to Lead ML Engineer in 1.5 years of joining Toyota
 - **Ford:** Senior Data Scientist to Lead Data Scientist Promotion
 - In Nov'2019, after 1.5 years of joining Ford
 - **LatentView:** Senior Analyst to Assistant Manager Promotion
 - In Oct'16, after 2.5 years of joining LatentView
 - **Beroe:** Promoted twice in my first company
 - During my 3.5 year stint in Beroe
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- **Toyota:**
 - 1/ Employee of the month. Won in Sep'23, 3 months after joining the company
 - 2/ Hackathon Team Winner. Part of team that won TCIN Hackcelerate in Mar'23
 - **Ford:** Asia-Pacific Recognition Award
 - Won in May '19 for successful spearheading of a project
 - **LatentView:** Encore Award
 - Won for company-wide best performance for the Jul-Sep 2016 quarter
 - **Beroe:** Knowledge Contributor Awards (Won twice for company-wide best performance in 2013)
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EDUCATION

- Bachelors in Engg - Electronics - 8.6 CGPA
 - Madras Institute of Technology, 2006 - 2010
 - 12th Grade - 95% | 10th Grade - 92%
 - State Topper in Physical Science paper, 2006 TN Engineering Entrance Exam
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TECHNICAL UPSKILLING

Online Courses

- [Generative AI with LLMs](#), Coursera-Deeplearning.ai, Nov'23
 - [DeepLearning Specialization\(5 courses\)](#), Coursera-Deeplearning.ai, Dec'18 - May'19
 - [ML Fundamentals for Structured Data \(2 courses\)](#), Kaggle Learn, Jan-Feb'22
 - [Applied Text Mining \(2 courses\)](#), Coursera-MichiganUniv, Jan'18
 - [GCP Big Data & ML Fundamentals](#), Coursera-Google, Apr'21
 - [SQL \(GCP BigQuery\) Fundamentals](#), Kaggle Learn, Feb'22
 - [Probability and Statistics Fundamentals \(2 courses\)](#), LinkedIn Learning, Dec'21
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Skills

- **Languages**
 - Python, SQL(basics), Markdown, Linux Shell
 - **Python Libraries**
 - Pandas, SpaCy, Re (Regular Expressions), Transformers, Sklearn, PyTorch, OpenAI, LangChain
 - **Tools**
 - Git, WSL, Docker, Kubernetes, Conda/Poetry/Pipenv/Pyenv/Venv (Python env management tools), PyCharm/VS Code, AWS Serverless Cloud, AWS CLI, OpenAI, ChatGPT, Prompt Engineering
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KEY PROJECTS

Speech2Text Application in AWS Cloud Infrastructure | 2022-23

- Built a ML Pipeline comprising Open Source models converting Call Center audio transcripts to usable insights in dashboard.
 - Deployed deep learning models - PyAnnote (for Speaker Diarization) and OpenAI's Whisper (for Speech2Text) - via docker containers.
 - Partnered with DevOps Engineer to scale the dockerized ML portion using AWS EKS. Scaled the rest of the solution using AWS Serverless components
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Serverless LLM-powered Classification Application | 2023

- Leveraged OpenAI paid models (such as GPT 3.5Turbo and GPT-4) to perform hierarchical text classification
 - Utilised AWS Lambda functions to throttle the OpenAI API calls at scale
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BERT Fine-tuned Aspect-based Sentiment Analysis Pipeline | 2020-21

[More Details](#)

- Built a Sequence Classification ML Pipeline which converts customer comments into trackable Aspect and Sentiment pairs
 - The ML Pipeline used BERT-fine-tuning and it helped yeilding 85%+ F1 score with minimal annotated data for more than 25+ classes
 - Incorporated easy to use human-in-the-loop annotation and model monitoring scripts
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Personally Identifiable Information (PII) Detection using Named Entity Recognition (NER) | 2020-21

[More Details](#)

- Anonymized PII in text data by building a NER system using **RoBERTa Fine-tuned Transformer model**
 - Bootstrapped the training data using Spacy rules (thus easing the annotation process by not starting labeling from scratch)
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NLP Semantic Search Pipeline | 2021-22

[More Details](#)

- Purpose: Predict the prominent issues about to occur in a downstream data source by reviewing the issues much earlier in the automotive launch cycle
 - Created a "digital thread" - a NLP-based semantic similarity matching engine based on automotive part descriptions - between two automotive domain specific data sources
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Learn by Blogging, My Personal Technical Writing Space

- Have been passionately learning and writing about coding, data science and ML since 2020 [here](#). Many of them are detailed long form blog pieces.
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