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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of AI and Business Intelligence

June 2023 -Present

- Drove the agency's transition to AI and automation-first analytics, rolling out AI agents and automation
 workflows that turned manual, time-consuming analytics into scalable, on-demand solutions that
 clients actually use.
- Built and deployed Al agents for campaign analysis, benchmarking, and anomaly detection, making core analytics tasks self-serve and freeing up analysts for higher-value work.
- Turned in-house automation and benchmarking tools into a productized analytics offering, reducing recurring software spend by \$150K+ per year and opening up new revenue streams with clients.
- Led a team of 10 to operationalize these Al solutions, embedding them into daily workflows and supporting adoption across the agency—resulting in faster project delivery and higher client retention.
 - Focused on business outcomes, not just dashboards: Instead of just visualizing data, the Al systems flagged campaign risks in real time, surfaced actionable insights automatically, and reduced reporting turnaround from days to hours.
- Championed a practical, automation-first culture, enabling non-technical staff to automate routine reporting and analytics, making the entire org more efficient and responsive.

Associate Director Analytics, Mekanism, New York, NY

April 2021 –June 2023

- Led the development of client-specific measurement frameworks, aligning reporting to client goals and ensuring that analytics provided a competitive advantage.
- Automated reporting pipelines, reducing manual effort by 50% and saving 20+ hours weekly, enabling the team to focus on strategic analysis and client presentations.
- Drove customer acquisition cost reductions through advanced statistical models, optimizing campaign performance for better ROI.
- Designed a reach-frequency calculator, enabling media planners to optimize channel strategies and maximize audience reach.

Sr Analytics Manager, Mekanism, New York, NY

June 2019-April 2021

- Built custom dashboards for real-time media performance tracking, consolidating data from various platforms and simplifying the visualization of key metrics for internal teams.
- Led sales performance analysis through data modeling and historical forecasting, helping clients link campaign results to business outcomes.
- Implemented automated workflows for media reporting, reducing manual data extraction and processing time, leading to faster turnaround on key insights.
- Worked with media planners to refine campaign strategies based on data-driven insights, helping improve media flighting and budget allocation decisions.

Analytics Manager, In4mation Insights, New York, NY

Feb 2018 -May2019

- Developed and maintained R Shiny applications using Teradata and SQL Server for brand forecasting, evaluation of advertisement, optimization model outputs and pricing activities for CPG and media clients.
- Guided the client teams with User Acceptance Testing and best practices for using the analytics dashboards thereby onboarding 7 new clients to the new analytics dashboards.

Senior GIS Developer (Data Analytics), Tango Analytics – Irving, TX

Jul 2013 - Jan 2018

- Developed dashboards using D3js, Python and R for visualizing demographic variables within store trade areas assisting the clients in understanding the underlying important demographics and target marketing.
- Developed tools for web mapping application to perform spatial analysis allowing retailers to understand the spatial relationship between stores, their customers, competitors understand factors in deciding potential new sites.
- Implemented PL/SQL procedures for generating demographic reports, trade areas, sales forecast model.

SKILLS

Data Analytics R Shiny, Looker, Alteryx, Tableau, Origami Logic, AWS, MS Excel

Media Analytics. Google Analytics, GTM, AdWords, DCM, Brand lift studies,

Machine Learning. Linear & Logistic Regression, Linear and Logistic Regression, Decision Trees,

Random Forests, Gradient Boosting, Causal Analysis, Clustering, Isolation Forests

Languages R, Python, JavaScript, SQL, Google app scripts

Libraries R Shiny, d3js, dplyr, tidyR, ggplot2, leaflet, Plotly, Pandas, Numpy, Scikit-learn,

Web Design HTML, CSS, Bootstrap, Angular Material Design

GIS Tools ArcGIS Suite, QGIS, Map Server, ERDAS Imagine, Google Earth, MapInfo, Maptitude

EDUCATION

University of Texas, Dallas Science Symbiosis, India Anna University, India Engineering M.S – Geospatial Information M.S – Geoinformatics

B.S - Electronics and Instrumentation