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Professional Experience

Data Consultant, Systems Limited

Aug'23 - Present

- Developed a Flask-based data ingestion web application leveraging Snowpark for streamlined data integration
- Implemented robust data integrity checks in the Python backend, utilizing Pandera for schema validation against sample files stored in Azure Blob Storage
- Orchestrated access control via an admin interface, allowing precise management of user permissions and file upload privileges, ensuring data security and compliance
- Implemented CI/CD pipelines on Azure DevOps, automatically refreshing the web application on Azure App Service
 upon changes being pushed
- Analyzed various HR data tables hosted on Snowflake to extract features for multivariate forecasting models
- Employed AzureML datasets and Databricks managed MLflow to version datasets and models, ensuring reproducibility
 and traceability
- Utilized the Snowflake table within a Plotly Dash web application hosted on Azure App Service to present a dashboard, enabling HR business users to derive insights from the predictions
- Developed an end-to-end credit scoring pipeline utilizing PySpark and DataRobot, enabling predictive analysis of highrisk customers and empowering the client to make informed decisions regarding loan disbursements

Data Scientist, Afiniti

Jan'21 - Aug'23

- Developed CRM SCD and processed call outcomes data for a telecom client. Automated ETL jobs using Talend and PostgreSQL stored procedures on Greenplum, with triggers for immediate data processing upon receipt
- Engineered hierarchical join logic for multiple tables and created corresponding stored procedures. Developed
 materialized views to streamline data access from joined tables
- Implemented and configured data integrity alerts, identifying and resolving quality issues in billions of rows and terabytes
 of data
- Built feature engineering pipelines using SQL, Talend, and Python. Engineered advanced features in Python and CRM features in SQL. Consolidated features into a MySQL view for AI model consumption.
- Created Bayesian regression models using R and Stan. Utilized decision trees for customer segmentation and Item Response Theory (IRT) models to evaluate customer purchasing potential and agent selling capabilities.
- Developed a notification bot for Webex to provide real-time updates on KPIs and metrics for newly received data, facilitating immediate data validation
- Generated data integrity and **BI reports** using **RMarkdown**. Distributed reports incorporating predictive model outcomes to stakeholders for monitoring AI model progress.
- Led key accounts in Europe and North America, contributing to \$4.0 million in monthly revenue
- Designed and maintained CI/CD pipelines, ensuring runtime and historical data mismatches remained below 1% across billions of records
- Utilized **Apache Superset** and **SQL** to create dashboards and sensors, **visualizing data integrity**, **data drift**, **join rates**, **and mismatches**, ensuring a user-friendly experience for stakeholders

Education

B.S. Mechanical Engineering, Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute

Aug'16 – July'20

Relevant Courses: Engineering statistics, Operations Management, Numerical Analysis, Linear Algebra, Robotics, Control Systems, Microcontrollers, Digital Logic Design,

Skillset

Programming Languages: Python | R | SQL | PostgreSQL | noSQL | Stan | Bash

Data Science: Tabular ML | Deep learning | Large Language Models | RAG | Vector DB | Regression and Classification | Tree based algorithms | Bayesian Causal Modeling

Databases: MySQL | GreenPlum | SnowFlake | MongoDB

Cloud Technologies: Azure (App Service | Databricks | ML | Blob Storage | DevOps | Pipelines), AWS (Rekognition | Comprehend | Personalize | Lambda | S3 | EC2 | CloudWatch | Glue | Kinesis | Boto3)

Tools: RStudio | Anaconda | Jupyter | VSCode | Selenium | CI/CD | Airflow | MLOps | Git | Docker | AirFlow | Talend

Soft Skills: Agile | Scrum | Leadership | Communication | Problem Solving | Strategic Planning

Projects

Real-Time Data Pipeline on AWS

Developed a comprehensive real-time data pipeline to ingest, process, and visualize data using AWS services. Automated data ingestion from a local generator to Kinesis, transformed and stored data in S3 as Parquet files, cataloged data with Glue Crawler, enabled guerying via Athena, and created dashboards with QuickSight.

Technologies Used: AWS S3, Kinesis Data Streams, Glue ETL, Glue Crawler, Athena, QuickSight, Python, Boto3

Sales Maturity Forecasting

Pioneered a sales maturity forecasting system to predict customer holdings 30 days after a call, ensuring compliance with the client's requirement of a 30-day maturity period. Predictions were stored in a Greenplum (Postgres) database, and an interactive dashboard was created using RMarkdown, providing real-time insights on current gain numbers and 30-day predictions to stakeholders.

Technologies Used: Python, R (data.table, tidyverse, RMarkdown, knitr), Greenplum (PostgreSQL)