

## Townsend Saunders III

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University of California, Berkeley

College of Engineering

Aug 2015 – Aug 2019

### *Bachelor of Science, Engineering Mathematics and Statistics, Computer Science Focus*

- 1 of 4 graduates.
- Berkeley Undergraduate Scholarship Recipient
- Tim Vorenkamp Award Recipient

Data Scientist II

Reliance Inc.

Feb 2019 – Sep 2023

### *Inventory Mastering Lead Engineer*

- Built a unified Item Master solution, streamlining inventory management across 50+ subsidiaries and 6 million products, allowing for inventory sharing, improved efficiency, and reduced customer churn.
- Collaborated with stakeholders to deliver a standard inventory labeling system using Agile workflows, Python, Spark (PySpark), AWS tools, and various statistical modeling and Machine Learning techniques.
- Applied NLP techniques such as tokenization, stop word removal, and term frequency-inverse document frequency (tf-idf) to convert industry/company-specific language into concise product descriptions. Employed tools such as NLTK, spaCy, Gensim, Hugging Face Transformers libraries (BERT), and Scikit-learn for stemming, lemmatization, text preprocessing and feature generation.
- Automated real-time model optimization, deployment, and algorithm evaluation via AWS Sagemaker and held the leadership role on a team consisting of internal Data Scientists, Data Engineers, and external Deloitte analysts.
- Wrote rigorous documentation and testing via Python scripts, Jupyter Notebooks, and GitHub for long term code maintenance, explainability, and debugging.

### *Anomaly Detection and Predictive Maintenance*

- Spearheaded an anomaly detection system for warehouse machinery, preventing costly breakdowns and hazards.
- Interfaced with supervisors, creating real-time alert systems based on critical telemetry data from 30+ Bosch XDK devices.
- Mentored our Junior Data Scientist on the ins and outs of Machine Learning projects and provided guidance on how to effectively communicate timelines and deliver results.
- Utilized AWS for data streaming, analysis, and TensorFlow for Deep Learning (Long-Short-Term-Memory Networks) as well as Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and Latent Factor Analysis for preprocessing enabling diagnostic, predictive, and prescriptive insights, including machine shutoffs and preventative maintenance.
- The initiative preempted multiple breakdowns, expanding its application across various warehouses.

### *Serverless Forecasting Web Application*

- Enabled large-scale forecasting for 50 companies' entire product lines.
- Designed a serverless Data Lab web app using AWS tools, Docker, GitHub, Sagemaker, and Python allowing for an interactive forecasting experience for non-technical stakeholders.
- Developed a UI for non-tech users to query our Data Warehouse via Snowflake's Snowpark and try a multitude of statistical forecasting methods (Decision Trees, Neural Networks, Random Forests, Linear and Logistic Regression, ARIMA, etc.) without the end user having to write a single line of code.
- Established an ML pipeline for time-series data, with visualizations using Streamlit, Plotly, Lambda, matplotlib, seaborn, Altair, and Pandas.
- Created a Data Lake in Amazon S3 featuring millions of data points scraped from sources across the internet.

### *Automating Customer Support*

- Automated manual dashboard reloads that were performed hourly from 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM 365 days a year by a team of 8 BI developers: monitoring loads of 60+ dashboards with end users in China, India, Europe and the US.
- Saved hundreds of thousands of dollars in wasted man-hours.

### ***Cleaning Supplier Data***

- Implemented a probabilistic matching process that matched unknown Reliance Suppliers to their corresponding DUNS numbers.
- Accounted for millions of dollars of previously unknown purchasing figures.

### **Project Manager**

**Adomly**

**Sep 2023 - Present**

### ***Olympic Gymnastics Rings***

- Built Adomly's online retail web app for 2024 Olympic team member, Dominique Parrish, and led the product design of her signature product: Adomly Gymnastics Rings.
- Made use of Dall-E 3 for product images and assets, allowing for agile smoke tests and market research without the need for a physical product.
- Designed a set of "Blue Ocean" product features aimed at minimizing competition and maximizing untapped market space.
- Negotiated a 30% contract discount with a 3rd party Engineering and Product Design firm saving precious capital while ensuring the development of a safe and manufacturable design.

### **Personal Projects**

### ***GPT-4o Gender Bias Research***

- GPT-4o has significant gender bias when giving responses. Designed a framework for testing product recommendations depending on gender, race, and product category. Started with book recommendations.
- Discovered significant differences in product recommendations depending on the user profile given. Default GPT-4o assumes the user is a white male.
- Research is ongoing. Currently co-authoring a study with two international master's students at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver.

### ***Resume ChatBot***

- Developed a web application leveraging OpenAI's GPT-4 model to interact with recruiters on my behalf.
- Fine-tuned on my past projects, education, and personal history
- Can fill out entire applications without any input from my end
- Know my schedule and can help organize meetings.

### ***AI-powered Resume Optimizer Web App***

- Developed a web application leveraging OpenAI's GPT-4 model to optimize resumes based on specific job postings.
- The application is designed to analyze job descriptions and modify resumes to highlight relevant skills and experiences, thereby increasing the chances of candidate shortlisting.
- Hosted the application using Streamlit, providing an intuitive user interface for users to input their resumes and desired job postings.
- All project code is publicly available on GitHub for transparency, future collaboration, and improvement.

### ***USA Women's Wrestling Stats***

- Created a web app for USA women's wrestlers to upload, view, and analyze their match statistics.
- Users can link video of tournaments, view match performance, and uncover what helps them win matches.
- Most Women's Wrestlers have no sports analytics offered to them by their organization. This app serves to help a historically underserved market and democratize sports analytics.

### ***AI-driven Personalized Nutrition Tracker Web Application***

- Developed a nutrition tracking web application using OpenAI's GPT-4 model, focusing on promoting healthier eating habits.
- The app is designed to accept natural language inputs from users regarding their daily food and drink intake along with basic demographic data (like weight, age, sex, etc.).

- Leveraging AI, the app parses these inputs to identify specific foods, types, and quantities consumed.
- It subsequently generates comprehensive nutrient data for each item, including amino acids, macronutrients, micronutrients, minerals, and vitamins.
- Through an analytical dashboard, users receive a visual summary of their daily nutritional intake, highlighting areas where their diet is deficient or excessive.
- The app is hosted using Streamlit and the code is available on GitHub for public access and contribution.

**Smart Agriculture: Automated Irrigation System**

- Engineered a Raspberry Pi-based automated irrigation system with the objective of optimizing water usage in agriculture.
- Incorporated a soil moisture sensor to continuously monitor soil conditions and send data to AWS for real-time analysis.
- Set up an alert mechanism that triggers notifications when soil dryness reaches a specified threshold, enabling timely irrigation.
- Future enhancements for the project include the integration of multiple sensors for a comprehensive environmental analysis (including nitrogen, oxygen, temperature, wind, and sunlight intensity).
- Plans also include implementing a smart drip irrigation system that uses valves controlled by real-time moisture readings, further automating, and optimizing the irrigation process.

Skills		
Programming Languages	Tech Stack	Machine Learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Python</li> <li>• Java</li> <li>• SQL</li> <li>• C</li> <li>• Ruby</li> <li>• Julia</li> <li>• MATLAB</li> <li>• R</li> <li>• JavaScript</li> <li>• React</li> <li>• Django</li> <li>• Flask</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AWS</li> <li>• Azure</li> <li>• Databricks</li> <li>• Jupyter</li> <li>• Streamlit</li> <li>• JavaScript</li> <li>• GitHub</li> <li>• Docker</li> <li>• Snowflake</li> <li>• Tableau</li> <li>• Power BI</li> <li>• Linux, Windows, MacOS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PyTorch</li> <li>• TensorFlow</li> <li>• Scikit-Learn</li> <li>• NumPy</li> <li>• Pandas</li> <li>• PySpark</li> <li>• Spark</li> <li>• SageMaker</li> <li>• Hugging Face</li> <li>• OpenCV</li> <li>• Open AI</li> <li>• ChatGPT, GPT-4, GPT-4o</li> </ul>

Volunteer Work & Personal	2012 - Present
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*Live For Others Foundation*

- Volunteer at the annual volleyball tournament in which all proceeds went to fund research to find a cure for synovial sarcoma and other rare pediatric diseases.

**Volunteer Youth Coach/Mentor**

- Ran practices and activities for the 02' -05' youth soccer teams.

**Math Tutor**

- Varsity Tutors math Tutor for High School and College Students

**Co-Ed Recreational Soccer Manager & Player**

- Organized and played on several soccer teams in Berkeley, California, Phoenix, Arizona and Corvallis, Oregon