Yonah Taurog Software Developer

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Technical Skills

✓ Python/Flask/Django ✓ Machine Learning ✓ Web Scraping ✓ Git/Bash ✓ ReactJS ✓ AWS ✓ Docker
 ✓ Regression Testing ✓ OCR (Tesseract) ✓ Data Analysis ✓ HTML/CSS ✓ REST API ✓ NLP ✓ SQL

Professional Experience

Software Developer

2020 - Present

Dicta - The Israel Center for Text Analysis ● Jerusalem

- Designed and maintain OCR pipeline using Python, Tesseract and NLP models, transforming scans of Rashi-script books into a robust digital library. With ~97% word accuracy, these OCR models outperform commercial alternatives, providing substantial benefits for academic, religious, and research users.
- Research and create new expansions of Dicta's search features by utilizing LLMs and prompt engineering ensuring more sophisticated and catered results.
- Develop and implement new product extensions, such as enhanced search results and background task
 processing, utilizing Flask, Docker, and AWS, to enrich the user experience with greater reliability and
 functionality.
- Craft and uphold backend regression tests in Python to ensure robust and error-free functionality on many of Dicta's NLP products, resulting in accelerated time-to-launch cycles.

Lead Python/Machine Learning Instructor and TA

2020 - 2021

Developer's Institute ● Tel Aviv

- Wrote compelling content and exercises covering Data Science subjects, encompassing Data Visualization, Data Engineering, and Machine Learning.
- Instructed and mentored students to ensure a comprehensive understanding and successful completion of lessons in the aforementioned topics, as well as proficiency in Flask and Diango.

Technical Lead 2020

Teepul ● Tel Aviv

- Built a health web app MVP from scratch using **ReactJS**, **Redux**, and **Flask**, and **PostgreSQL** database. Led a team of two interns, providing mentorship and overseeing development.
- Researched and implemented **NLP** Topic Modeling for personalization and recommendation system

Data Science Intern 2019

Autofleet • Tel Aviv

- Utilized **XGBoost** to optimize fleet redistribution for Zipcar, predicting daily user login session per location and enhancing conversion rates.
- Reduced the model's Mean Absolute Error by 12% using Google Cloud, by maneuvering time series
 data, hyperparameter tuning, and analysis of model's performance using Google Data Studio;
 additionally, implemented an automated outlier detector with Airflow to safeguard model stability.

Full Stack Intern 2018

Innovesta Technologies ● Tel Aviv

- Designed new features to the server and client-side code of the company platform mainly in **NodeJS/Express** and **ReactJS**. Migrated code from **Ruby** to **ReactJS**.
- Collected and analyzed data regarding different due diligence platforms and processes. Analyzed data in **Python**, wrote statistical reports and created a chat bot dialogue for the Data Science team.

Education

Certification for Data Science Fellows Program, Israel Tech Challenge ● Tel Aviv

2019

BA in Mathematics and Computer Science, Yeshiva University ● New York

2018

Additional Information

Projects & additional experience:

- Bomb Shelter Finder (JS, Google Maps API) to find closest shelter in case of air raid siren,
- Chessboard Digitizer via VGG NN (Python, Keras, PyQT),
- CNN-based chess engine (Python, Keras, JS)
- Apple Store Scraper (Python, MySQL, SQLite)

Interests: Chess, Piano, Black belt in Tae Kwon Do, Rubik's Cube speedsolving, Synagogue Gabbai