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Education

BS(Hons), Physics

Michael Okpara University, Abia State, Nigeria.

2013 - 2017

CGPA: 4.06/5.00

Skills

Proficient: Python, NumPy, Pandas, Seaborn, Scikit-Learn, TensorFlow, PyTorch, HuggingFace, MLflow, Streamlit, Flask, Docker, Git, Linux, AWS (EC2, S3, RDS, SageMaker)

Moderate: SQL, Kafka, GitHub Actions

Work Experience

Insidatics AI Inc., Delaware – ML Software Engineer

Feb. 2022 – Present

Insidatics is a machine learning startup with a product that helps financial institutions predict the credit worthiness of customer(s).

- Developed training pipelines for the finance industry's credit scoring and fraud detection machine learning model.
- Partook in the DevOps processes for deploying the software solutions on the cloud.
- Contributed to developing python APIs that automatically evaluate the model explainability (reasons for a model's prediction) and plot explainability charts for clients after prediction.
- Tested the developed API endpoints using Postman and fixed detected bugs.
- Developed building materials price prediction model for a client.

RectLabs Inc., Lagos – AI Engineer

July 2022 – Sept. 2022

RectLabs was an AI startup that built products such as a no-code/low-code AI platform for computer vision tasks and a synthetic data generation system. Unfortunately, my stay was very short due to the financial state of the organisation at that time.

- Optical character recognition system for converting English and Yoruba written PDFs to TXT, leveraging pytesseract.
- Deployed sports analysis and object auto-annotation AI models.
- Researched and implemented image data generation, using Imagen.

Data Scientists Network (DSN), Lagos – Solution Analyst

Oct. 2020 – April 2022

- Developed a Pidgin Speech Recognition model that gave the organisation an international contract for local Nigeria speech recognition in social media.
- Experimented building a doctor's handwriting OCR model with KerasOCR and TrOCR for a research grant.
- Co-wrote a proposal for the 2021/2022 Lacuna Funding for community-curated local dataset.
- Developed an end-to-end audio analytics pipeline for an organisation to help them understand their call-center data. This entailed building a speaker diarizer (who spoke when) for a mono channel to separate the customer from the call agent. Then transcribe each speech chunk and analyse the output text. The success of this project, led to a bigger contract for the organisation.
- Carried out machine learning research experiments for publications.
- Co-wrote the AI Ethics document for the organisation.
- Managed the development process of an EdTech product.
- Led the product and solution briefings, ran live product demos, and prototypes.

Projects

Nigerian Google Playstore Apps Analytics

Aug. 2022 - Jan. 2022

- Collaborated with a team of four to scrape and analyse Google Playstore Nigerian apps using Python.
- The analysis involved EDA based on app genre and sentiment analysis of customer reviews on Playstore.
- Built product that gives real time sentiment analysis of any Nigerian Product, using their Playstore app ID.
- The product also provides a visual analytics of any selected app genre.
- Product [link](#)

Named Entity Recognition in PDFs

Feb. 2022

- Converted PDF pages to images and used an OCR system to convert the images to texts.
- Applied spaCy pretrained model to identify the named entities.
- Converted the output named entities to a DataFrame for display.
- Modularized and packaged the codes.

Speech Recognition System for Nigerian Church Sermons

Dec. 2021 - Sept. 2022

- Coordinated the data collection and transcription of the Church's sermons.
- Developed a speech recognition model with the sermon data, experimenting with QuartzNet and wav2vec2 XLS-R pretrained models.
- Packaged the model trained on XLS-R for raw audio transcription and deployed to DockerHub.

Research Publications

Oyewusi, W. F., Adekanmbi, O., **Ibejih, S.**, Osakuade, O., Okoh, I., & Salami, M. (2021). AFRIFASHION1600: A Contemporary African Fashion Dataset for Computer Vision. *In Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (pp. 3968-3972)*.

Oyewusi, W.F., Adekanmbi, O., Okoh, I., Onuigwe, V., Salami, M.I., Osakuade, O., **Ibejih, S.** & Musa, U.A. (2021). NaijaNER: Comprehensive Named Entity Recognition for 5 Nigerian Languages. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2105.00810*.

Ibejih, S., Oyewusi, W. F., Adekanmbi, O., & Osakuade, O. (2022, March). EDUSTT: In-Domain Speech Recognition for Nigerian Accented Educational Contents in English. In 3rd Workshop on African Natural Language Processing

Community Activities

She Code Africa

DS/ML/AI Technical Coordinator

Dec. 2020 - Jan. 2022

AI Saturdays Lagos

Cohort 7 Co-organiser and Mentor

Sept. 2021 - Jan. 2022

ICLR 2022

ICLR Conference Volunteer

April 2022

AI Saturdays Lagos Meetup

Speaker: Opportunities in Machine Learning

Sept. 2022

DataFest Africa 2022

Speaker: Who is a Researcher?

Oct. 2022