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SHORT BIO

- Currently: Data Scientist at e-food.gr Delivery Hero.
- Ph.D. in graph mining, natural language processing. BSc. in Computer Science.
- Experience both in **academia** and **industry**.
- Experience in research, end-to-end machine learning projects, full-stack software development and deployment.
- Fit in positions: Data & Research Scientist or Software & Machine Learning Engineer.
- 17 full-paper scientific publications (4 journals, 3 book chapters, 10 conferences).

EXPERIENCE

Data Scientist, efood - Delivery Hero

January 2023 - present

- Cross-sell product recommendations with a two-tower neural network model.
- ML models for price range prediction for restaurants.
- Product taxonomy and tagging using BERT for multi-label classification and multi-task learning.
- Developed an in-house product annotation tool.

Research Scientist, University of Patras

December 2017 - June 2023

- Graph convolutional networks for detecting fake news campaigns.
- Node classification and representation learning models for a collaborative environment.
- Machine learning for discourse analysis environments.
- Developed a personalization and user profiling algorithm.
- Senior AI engineer for the AI back-end system of Mission-X.
- Algorithms for prediction and automation for project management.
- Co-author of the deliverables for 5 EU and Greek-funded research projects.

Software Engineer, Programize LLC

February 2016 - August 2017

Developed and deployed back-end systems using various programming languages.

Software and Research Engineer, SoftCom International

July 2015 - May 2016

- Worked for a German Automotive Industry under an NDA, area: Navigation.
- Worked for a Space Industry under an NDA, area: preventive performance monitoring.
- Research on an alternative parallel algorithm for hierarchical clustering.

Software and Machine Learning Engineer (PART-TIME), Caper Co. August 2017 - present

- Developed the platform for placing and tracking B2B and B2C orders.
- Performed statistical analyses to identify and engage candidate customers.
- ML models for demand forecasting.

EDUCATION

University of Patras

February 2018 - July 2023

Ph.D. in Graph Mining and NLP

Thesis: 'Graph-based knowledge representation and extraction from unstructured textual data using machine learning algorithms' [Thesis] [Presentation]

Supervisor: Nikos Karacapilidis

Harokopio University of Athens

September 2011 - June 2016

BSc. in Informatics and Telematics, GPA: 8.5/10 (valedictorian)

Thesis: 'Parallelization of "burn scar mapping" algorithms' [Thesis] [Presentation]

Supervisor: Dimitrios Michail

- Technical Skills Programming languages: Python, C/C++, JavaScript/Node.js, Julia, Java, SQL, IATEX
 - Databases: PostgreSQL, MySQL, SQLite, Neo4j, MongoDB, BigQuery
 - Computer Science: ML, NLP, Graph Mining, Graph Neural Networks, Transformers, LLMs, Recommender Systems, Parallel Programming, Embedded Systems, Full-stack development
 - Technologies/Tools: PyTorch, PyTorch Geometric, TensorFlow, Keras, scikit-learn, Hugging Face, BERT, LightGBM, Pandas, Docker, Git, NGINX, MLFlow, Optuna, NetworkX, Streamlit, Django, Flask, FastAPI, Express, Angular
 - Other: Autodesk Fusion 360, 3D printing, Electronics