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## ABOUT ME

MSc in Statistics and Bachelor's in Economics with 2+ years of experience in data science, machine learning, and AI. Skilled in Python programming and developing data-driven solutions to extract insights, optimize processes, and build AI-powered systems. Passionate about leveraging technology to drive impactful results.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**CURRENT** Barcelona, Spain

### Mid-level Scientist (Data) Ecovadis

**01/2024 – 02/2025** Barcelona, Spain

### Junior Scientist (Data) Ecovadis

- Developing and maintaining **AI-driven Information Retrieval (NLP) services** to assist 200+ sustainability analysts find relevant information in CSR documents.
- **Engaging horizontally with developer teams** to align on technically on implementation, while **collaborating vertically with stakeholders** to ensure objectives and requirements are met.
- **Optimizing document processing solutions** by integrating state-of-the-art closed & open-source LLMs (OpenAI, Meta), including deployment, prompt engineering, and fine-tuning (poster presented at CLIN 2024).
- **Enhancing search and retrieval systems** using ElasticSearch indexing and keyword-based retrieval techniques.
- **Building scalable applications** with Azure Functions, FastAPI, and Streamlit.

**07/2023 – 01/2024** Barcelona, Spain

### Trainee (Data) Ecovadis

- **Developing and maintaining Python scripts and data transformation pipelines** to supply the business with requested data loads for analytics, supporting department-wide data needs, **engaging with direct stakeholders to align on requirements and managing expectations**.
- Engaging daily with the company's data systems, ranging from **SQL Server** databases to **Databricks** environments and internal team storage accounts.
- Operating within the AI team, in the **Azure DevOps** environment, and adhering to **Agile Scrum** methodologies.
- Implementing **best practices** to ensure code modularity, maintainability, and reproducibility, including Git, Conda, Functional & OOP programming, PEP 8 adherence, static code analysis tools (PyLint, isort, black, Ruff), pre-commit hooks, MLflow for experiment tracking, and utilizing the WSL environment.
- **Applying machine learning techniques** to address business challenges.

## PROJECTS

### Portfolio

↓ Github pages hosted portfolio with some projects:

[Link bit.ly/43zi0FA](https://bit.ly/43zi0FA)

**2024**

### Case Study: Leveraging Large Language Models in a Hybrid Search System for Improved CSR Information Retrieval

Poster presentation (Industrial Track) at the **34th Meeting of Computational Linguistics in The Netherlands** (CLIN 2024) showcasing an IR solution designed to assist sustainability analysts in retrieving CSR-related information from multilingual company documents. The approach combines traditional search engines with LLM-based reranking, exploring **GPT-4o prompt engineering** and **fine-tuning LLaMA3-8B**, delivering performance on par with larger, resource-intensive models.

[Link https://bit.ly/3TCINj0](https://bit.ly/3TCINj0)

**2023**

### Master's Thesis

Graphical techniques aimed at better **understanding the performance of supervised learning algorithms**, with an example in gene-expression based cancer classifiers that use RNA-seq and microarray data. Explored R-package developing and released a complementary package in the repo at the link below.

[Link bit.ly/3MOQj4N](https://bit.ly/3MOQj4N)

# DIGITAL SKILLS

Python | SQL | Azure | DevOps | MLOps | LLMs | Cloud | APIs

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

**2018 – 2021** Bologna, Italy

**Bachelor Degree in Economics** University of Bologna

**Final grade** 110/110 and honours

**2021**

**IELTS Academic Certification** British Council

**Final grade** Overall Band Score: 7.5 CEFR level: C1 | **Valid until** 2023

**Link** [bit.ly/3lukoWw](https://bit.ly/3lukoWw)

**2021 – 2023** Bologna, Italy

**Master Degree in Statistical Sciences** University of Bologna

Curriculum with focus on Data Science.

All exams and grades available at the link below

**Final grade** 110/110 and honours

**Link** [bit.ly/3Un412j](https://bit.ly/3Un412j)

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

**MOTHER TONGUE(S):** Italian

**OTHER LANGUAGE(S):** English at level C1 | Spanish at level B2

## HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

### **extras**

- Reading
- Singing & Playing guitar
- Motor-boat sailing
- Wellbeing & Physical Performance