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# Experience

Aug 2021 - Principal Engineer, Data Architect, HBK India

Ongoing • Architect of the Data Platform, bringing disparate data products in the enterprise under the same roof.

o Currently implementing the Batch Pipeline/Data Discovery modules

Apr 2020 - Principal Engineer, Data Architect and Team Lead, VIMANA

- Aug 2021 Led the largest and most senior team in the company, Data Engineering.
  - Scaled the data pipeline over a period of 6 weeks, enabling the product to handle 10x more data (20 billion records in a day) than previously.
  - Architected transitioning of pipeline originally hosted on AWS to a cloud agnostic model using Kubernetes eventually supporting enterprise customers in GCP and Azure.
  - Redesigned the Data Science Pipeline to use the Modern Data Stack rather than homegrown technologies, reducing the cost footprint by 90% and enabling the platform to scale automatically on demand.
  - Extended the Manufacturing Device Data model on MTConnect standard to support Connected Vehicles.
  - Functioned as the Scrum Master of the Data Engineering team and the Product Owner of the Systems team.

## Mar 2017 - Principal Engineer, Data Science Team Lead, VIMANA

- Apr 2020 Conceptualized and built the VIMANA Data Science Pipeline a framework to enable advanced reporting in VIMANA by leveraging batch processing using R.
  - o Created the proprietary configuration tool, Deviceomatic, in Python, which generates device configs in the MTConnect standard. This reduced the time to add a new machine tool into VIMANA from a few hours to less than a minute.
  - Designed the Data model for the real-time streaming analytics rules engine, Enrich which processes billions of data points per day from manufacturing devices.
  - Collaborated closely with an enterprise customer to build the Maintenance Manager product, doing E2E product development from conceptualization to validation in person on the shop floor in Japan.
  - Architected the Vimana Data Science Stack. In charge of exploring new technology to improve the product.
  - Mentored senior engineers and team leads to work them to lead their teams.
  - Headed the tech facet of the Recruitment and Training panel, interviewing 100+ engineers.
  - Lead and Scrum Master of the 5-member Data Science team.

#### Apr 2014 - Senior Engineer, Data Science Team Lead, VIMANA

- Mar 2017 Integrated Data Science into the VIMANA Product by working with the Application team by building production-quality pipelines to showcase reports directly in the product rather than via BI tools.
  - o Digital Thread Developed the first R MTConnect adapter on CRAN to parse machine tool data. This package also allows the user to create a simulation of machine data from G-Code and check for adherence between planned and actual operation. Worked in-person with the faculty at National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland.
  - TimelineR Developed a CRAN R package to visualize time series data allowing the user to see discrete and numeric data in the context of each other on a single timeline.
  - Mentored the Data Science team and led the team in various conferences.

#### Jun 2011 - R & D Engineer, Manufacturing System Insights India

- Apr 2014 Collaborated with a strategic enterprise partner in creating ProPEL, the flagship product of the company, from nascency. Worked with the sales team and showcased the product at the IMTS 2014, Chicago.
  - o Interfaced with the client services team to understand customer requirements allowing interpretation of domain specific data to create custom reports.

## Education

2019–2022 Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Online Master of Science, Analytics GPA - 4.0/4.0

2007–2011 Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, Bachelor of Technology, Mechanical Engineering GPA - 8.23/10

# Personal Projects

#### Jan 2022 Searching for a Riemann Hypothesis Counterexample, Golang

- Finding a Riemann Hypothesis counterexample(ironically), by iteratively searching across integers.
- This application follows the footsteps of a master programmer who did the same using Python.

### Sep 2021 Github Bulk Downloader, Golang

• Simple application to download repositories in bulk from Github using a configuration supplied as YAML.

#### Oct 2020 AWS Instance Recommender, Python

- Webapp hosted in heroku to identify the cheapest combination of AWS nodes required to support a use case for a specified amount of CPU/RAM.
- The problem is expressed as a linear optimization equation and solved using the PuLP package.

#### Jun 2020 Plagiarism Detection using Code Similarity Metrics, R

- Automatically identified candidates who plagiarized in a campus selection challenge using code similarity metrics
- $\circ$  Successfully managed to find  $\sim$ 600 malefactors who were automatically penalized from a pool of  $\sim$ 2000 candidates

## Jan 2019 BodyBuilder, Python

• Python port of the famous BodyBuilder package on NodeJS to create Elasticsearch queries using a DSL instead of manually creating the query JSON.

#### Jan 2018 Openscale Health Data Visualization, Python

o Simple application hosted in heroku to track personal health using exported weight data from a health app.

## Oct 2017 Duolingo Streak Save, Python

- Application to protect the Duolingo streak by automatically purchasing a streak saver item.
- This application uses Cloudwatch to run an AWS Lambda function periodically.

#### Jan 2017 Scrum Agent, Python

- Package to download user data from JIRA and identify user-defined patterns.
- Uses webhooks in slack to notify the user when patterns are identified.

#### Oct 2016 Personal Blog, Hugo

o Hosted in Github Pages using the Hugo Framework — containing the blog entries, portfolio and resume.

#### Jan 2016 CompareDF, R Package

- Package to compare two datasets, published on CRAN with two major releases and many minor/patch releases.
- Implemented state of the art paradigms in R packaging CI/CD, code coverage and Docker deploy.
- Has 70+ stars, with 80K downloads, currently averaging ~2000 downloads per month.
- Supporting the package for 6+ years, with zero pending issues and semantically versioned releases.

#### Skills

Programming R (Expert), Python (Advanced), SQL (Advanced), NodeJS (Intermediate),

Languages Golang (Intermediate), Javascript (Beginner), Java (Beginner), HTML/CSS (Beginner)

Frameworks Tidyverse, GGplot, FastAPI, ReactJS, Hugo, Streamlit, Springboot

Ops Docker, Kubernetes, Helm, Flux, ArgoCD, Ansible, Rundeck, Teamcity, TravisCI, ELK

Data Grafana, Kibana, Kafka, Tableau, Argo Workflows, Prefect, Spark, Livy, PrestoDB/Trino

Databases Elasticsearch, TimescaleDB, PostgresDB, MongoDB, AmazonRDS, Google CloudSQL

Cloud Tech AWS, GCP, Azure

Technologies Microservices, Cloud Native, SaaS, Data Platform, MicroFrontend, Distributed Systems, GitOps

Dev Processes Agile/Scrum, SAFe, ISMSD, ITSM

#### Interests

Languages English | Malayalam | Tamil | Hindi | German | Spanish

Fitness Running | Calisthenics | Swimming | Surfing | Scuba Diving

Travel South India | Himalayas | Central Europe | Dubai | Georgia | USA | SE Asia | Japan

Misc Duolingo | WayBetter | Five-Thirty-Eight | The Ken | Codewars | Audiobooks | Seinfeld Strategy