FARAH POPESCU

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Data engineer focused on reliable pipelines and numbers the business can trust.
- Experience across 4 employers, most recently as Senior Data Engineer at Granary Data.
- Enjoy turning messy source data into clean, documented models.
- Known for clear communication with colleagues and for following work through to the end.

EDUCATION

University of Amsterdam — **Amsterdam**
BSc Mathematics and Statistics — *2014*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Granary Data — **London**
Senior Data Engineer — *Jun 2024 – Present*

- Built a cost dashboard that showed each team what its queries cost.
- Ran fortnightly office hours for analysts with data questions.
- Built a self-serve dataset catalogue so analysts could find tables without asking.
- Introduced data quality checks that caught bad supplier feeds before they reached dashboards.

Bluefin Retail — **London**
Data Engineer — *Apr 2022 – Jun 2024*

- Moved legacy cron jobs onto a scheduled, monitored platform.
- Documented every production pipeline and set up alerts for late or failed loads.
- Set up access controls so sensitive tables were only visible to approved roles.
- Rewrote slow transformation jobs and cut nightly runtime from five hours to ninety minutes.

Meridian Insights — **London**
Data Analyst — *Jun 2019 – Mar 2022*

- Rebuilt the nightly sales models so finance had numbers by 7am instead of midday.
- Worked with analysts to define one set of customer metrics used across the business.
- Cut warehouse compute cost by 35% by partitioning large tables and removing unused models.

Sable Logistics Tech — **London**
Data Analyst — *Oct 2016 – May 2019*

- Created a backfill process that reloaded three years of history in a weekend.
- Built batch and streaming pipelines feeding the company's reporting layer for 13 business teams.

PROJECTS

Public transport delays dashboard (side project)

- Planned and delivered it alongside day-to-day work, with a written plan and agreed success measures.
- Shared the results with the wider team and kept the documentation up to date.

Kaggle: retail demand forecasting

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TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages & tools: Scalah, Apache Kafka 3
General: SQL, Git, Looker, Data modelling
Languages: English (Fluent)

Spark

CERTIFICATIONS

- Google Cloud Digital Leader
- Data Engineering Fundamentals (online)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Mentor for a school careers programme, helping students with CVs and mock interviews.

- Volunteer at a local food bank twice a month.

REFERENCE

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