DSC 207 - PYTHON FOR DATA SCIENCE

# WHAT IS A DATA SCIENTIST?

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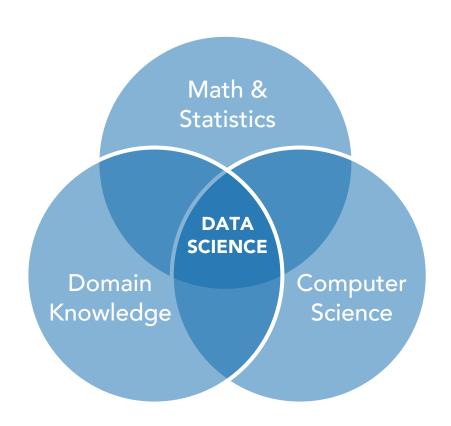
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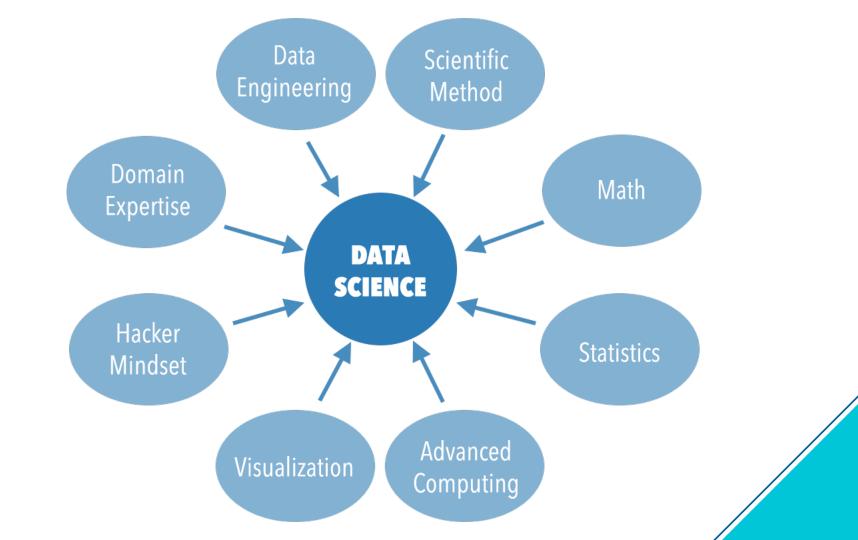
 Explain the foundational skills for a data scientist

 Describe why Python is a required skill for data science today

 Gain exposure Jupyter notebooks and JupyterLab

# Data science is multidisciplinary





# **MODERN DATA SCIENTIST**

Data Scientist, the sexiest job of 21th century requires a mixture of multidisciplinary skills ranging from an intersection of mathematics, statistics, computer science, communication and business. Finding a data scientist is hard. Finding people who understand who a data scientist is, is equally hard. So here is a little cheat sheet on who the modern data scientist really is.

### MATH & STATISTICS

- ☆ Machine learning
- ☆ Statistical modeling
- ☆ Experiment design
- ☆ Bayesian inference
- ☆ Supervised learning: decision trees, random forests, logistic regression
- ★ Unsupervised learning: clustering, dimensionality reduction
- Optimization: gradient descent and variants

### DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE & SOFT SKILLS

- ♠ Passionate about the business
- ☆ Curious about dat
- ☆ Influence without authorit
- ☆ Hacker mindset
- ☆ Problem solver
- ☆ Strategic, proactive, creative, innovative and collaborative



#### PROGRAMMING & DATABASE

- ☆ Computer science fundamentals
- ☆ Scripting language e.g. Python
- ☆ Statistical computing packages, e.g., R
- ☆ Databases: SOL and NoSOL
- ☆ Relational algebra
- ☆ Parallel databases and parallel query processing
- ☆ MapReduce concepts
- ☆ Hadoon and Hive/Pig
- ☆ Custom reducers
- ☆ Experience with xaaS like AWS

# COMMUNICATION & VISUALIZATION

- ☆ Able to engage with senior management
- ☆ Story telling skills
- ☆ Translate data-driven insights into decisions and actions
- ☆ Visual art design
- ☆ R packages like ggplot or lattice
- ★ Knowledge of any of visualization tools e.g. Flare, D3.js, Tableau

# Are data scientists unicorns?



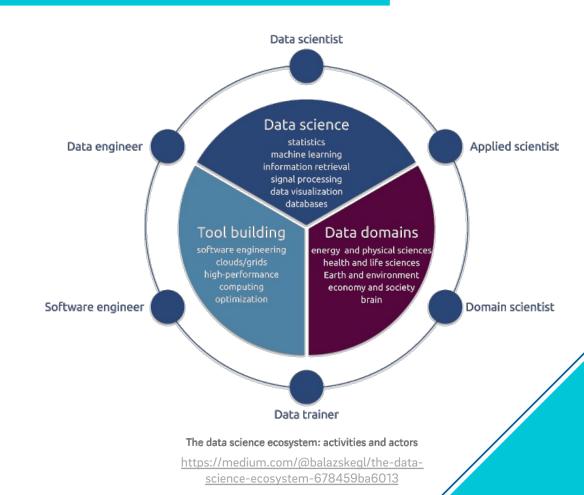
## Data science is "WE" science!

- Team collaboration
- Curiosity
- Respect

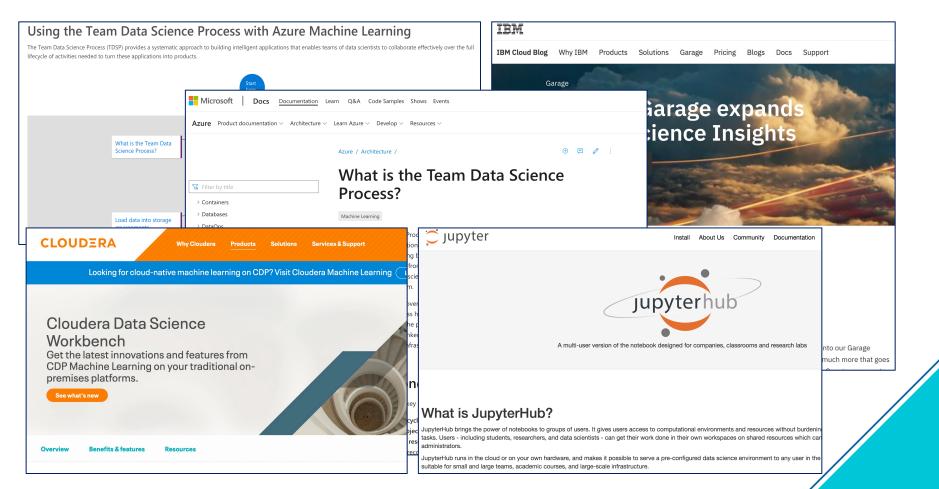


## Expertise and skills often overlap between different data science roles

- Data engineer
- Data analyst
- Methods expert
- Scalability and operations expert
- Business manager
- Business analyst
- Scientist
- Visualization and dashboard developer
- Solution architect
- Storyteller/coordinator
- Project manager



#### **Team Data Science Environments**



# **Top Data Science Programming Languages**

Platform	2019 % share	2018 % share	% change
Python	65.8%	65.6%	0.2%
R Language	46.6%	48.5%	-4.0%
SQL Language	32.8%	39.6%	-17.2%
Java	12.4%	15,1%	-17.7%
Unix shell/awk	7.9%	9.2%	-13.4%
C/C++	7.1%	6.8%	3.7%
Other programming and data languages	6.8%	6.9%	-17.1%
Scala	3.5%	5.9%	-41.0%
Julia	1.7%	0.7%	150.4%
Perl	1.3%	1.0%	25.2%
Lisp	0.4%	0.3%	46.1%
Javascript	6.8%	na	na

https://jelvix.com/blog/top-data-science-programming-languages

## Why Python?



## **(**U) Getting Started

Python can be easy to pick up whether you're a first time programmer or you're experienced with other languages. The following pages are a useful first step to get on your way writing programs with Python!

### Reference of the Friendly & Easy to Learn

The community hosts conferences and meetups, collaborates on code, and much more. Python's documentation will help you along the way, and the mailing lists will keep you in touch.

https://www.python.org/about/

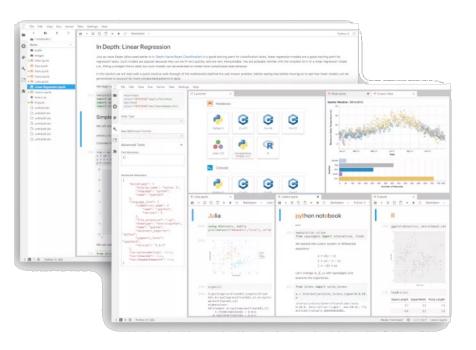
# Why Python for Data Science?

- Easy-to-read and learn
- Vibrant community
- Growing and evolving set of libraries
  - > Data management
  - > Analytical processing
  - > Visualization
- Applicable to each step in the data science process
- Jupyter Notebooks





## **Jupyter Notebooks and JupyterLab**



### JupyterLab: A Next-Generation Notebook Interface

JupyterLab is the latest web-based interactive development environment for notebooks, code, and data. Its flexible interface allows users to configure and arrange workflows in data science, scientific computing, computational journalism, and machine learning. A modular design invites extensions to expand and enrich functionality.

Try it in your browser

Install JupyterLab



https://jupyter.org/