

Data Science Roadmap for Beginners

Following is the roadmap to learn **Data Science** skills for a total beginner (**no coding or computer science background** needed). It includes FREE learning resources for technical skills (or tool skills) and soft (or core) skills 🧠

Total Duration: **6 Months**

3 hours in Tool Skills + **1 hour** in Core Skills = **4 hours** study Every Day



Week 1 and 2: Python 🐍

- Topics
 - Variables, Numbers, Strings
 - Lists, Dictionaries, Tuples
 - If condition, for loop
 - Functions, modules

- Read, write files
 - Exception handling
 - Classes, Objects
- Learning Resources
 - Track A (Free)
 - Codebasics python tutorials (first 16) - <https://bit.ly/3X6CCC7>
 - Codebasics python HINDI tutorials - <https://bit.ly/3vmXrgw>
 - Track B (Paid with minor fees)
 - Python course: <https://codebasics.io/courses/python-for-beginner-and-intermediate-learners>

- **Assignment**

- Track A: Finish all these exercises: <https://bit.ly/3k1mof5>
- Track B: Finish exercises and quizzes for relevant topics
- Create a professional looking LinkedIn profile
 - Have a clear profile picture, banner image (data scientist loading...)
 - Add tags such as: Open to work etc.

Week 3, 4: Pandas, Data Visualization (matplotlib or seaborn)

- **Tech Skills**

- **numpy**
 - numpy YouTube playlist: <https://bit.ly/3GTppa8>
- **pandas**
 - **pandas** YouTube playlist (**first 10 videos only**): <https://bit.ly/3vPJWpX>
- **matplotlib or seaborn**
 - Do not learn both
 - matplotlib and seaborn are libraries for data visualization and exploration
 - matplotlib YouTube playlist: <https://bit.ly/3k55egu>

- **Core/Soft Skills**

- **Linkedin**

- Start following prominent data science, analytics influencers
 - Daliana Liu: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/dalianaliu/>
 - Hemanand Vadivel: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/hemvad/>
- Increase engagement
 - Start commenting meaningfully on data science and career related posts
 - Helps network with others working in the industry build connections
 - Learning and brainstorming opportunity
- Remember ***online presence is a new form of resume***
- **Business Fundamentals - Soft Skill**
 - Learn business concepts from ThinkSchool and other YT Case Studies
 - Example: How Amul beat competition: <https://youtu.be/nnwqtZiYMxQ>
- **Discord**
 - Start asking questions and get help from the community. This post shows how to ask questions the right way: <https://bit.ly/3I70Ebl>
 - Join codebasics discord server: <https://discord.gg/r42Kbuk>
- **Assignment**
 - Write meaningful comments on at least **10 data science related LinkedIn posts**
 - Note down your key learnings from **3 case studies** on ThinkSchool and share with your friend

Week 5, 6, 7, 8: Statistics and Math for Data Science

- Finish this excellent Khan academy course on statistics and probability
 - Course link: <https://www.khanacademy.org/math/statistics-probability>
- When you are doing khan academy course, you can use stat quest YouTube channel to clear your doubts
- Complete math and statistics for data science YouTube playlist with Python code (Khan academy course doesn't have Python code)
 - Playlist link: <https://bit.ly/3QrSXis>
- **Assignment**
 - Finish all exercises in that playlist: <https://bit.ly/3QrSXis>

- Perform EDA** (Exploratory data analysis on **at least 3 datasets** on <https://www.kaggle.com/>)

Week 9, 10, 11, 12: Machine Learning

- **Machine Learning**
 - Topics
 - Feature engineering
 - Regression
 - Classification
 - Clustering
 - Learning Resources
 - YouTube playlist (more than 2 million views): <https://bit.ly/3io5qqX>
 - First 21 videos
 - Feature engineering playlist: <https://bit.ly/3IFa3Yf>
- **Core/Soft Skills**
 - **Project Management**
 - Scrum: <https://scrumtrainingseries.com/>
 - Kanban: <https://youtu.be/jf0tlbt9lx0>
 - Tools: **JIRA**, Notion
- **Assignment**
 - Complete all exercises in ML playlist: <https://bit.ly/3io5qqX>
 - Work on **2 Kaggle ML notebooks**
 - Write **2 LinkedIn posts** on whatever you have learnt in ML
 - Discord: Help people with **at least 10 answers**

Week 13, 14, 15: Machine Learning Projects with Deployment

- You need to finish **two** end to end ML projects. One on **Regression**, the other on **Classification**
- Regression Project: Bangalore property price prediction
 - YouTube playlist link: <https://bit.ly/3ivycWr>

- Project covers following
 - Data cleaning
 - Feature engineering
 - Model building and hyper parameter tuning
 - Write flask server as a web backend
 - Building website for price prediction
 - Deployment to AWS
- Classification Project: Sports celebrity image classification
 - YouTube playlist link: <https://bit.ly/3ioaMSU>
 - Project covers following
 - Data collection and data cleaning
 - Feature engineering and model training
 - Flask server as a web backend
 - Building website and deployment

- **Assignment**

- In above two projects make following changes
 - Use **FastAPI** instead of **flask**. FastAPI tutorial: <https://youtu.be/Wr1JjhTt1Xg>
 - Regression project:** Instead of property prediction, take any other project of your interest from Kaggle for regression
 - Classification project:** Instead of sports celebrity classification, take any other project of your interest from Kaggle for classification and build end to end solution along with **deployment to AWS or Azure**

Week 16, 17: SQL 💰

- Topics
 - Basics of relational databases
 - Basic Queries: SELECT, WHERE LIKE, DISTINCT, BETWEEN, GROUP BY, ORDER BY
 - Advanced Queries: CTE, Subqueries, Window Functions
 - Joins: Left, Right, Inner, Full
 - Stored procedures and functions
 - No need to learn database creation, indexes, triggers etc. as those things are rarely used by data scientists

- Learning Resources
 - Track A
 - Khan academy: <https://bit.ly/3WFku20>
 - <https://www.w3schools.com/sql/>
 - <https://sqlbolt.com/>
 - Track B
 - SQL course for data professionals: <https://codebasics.io/courses/sql-beginner-to-advanced-for-data-professionals>
- **Core/Soft Skills**
 - Presentation skills
 - Death by PowerPoint: <https://youtu.be/lwpi1Lm6dFo>
- **Assignment**
 - Participate in resume project challenge on <https://codebasics.io/>
 - These challenges help you improve technical skills, soft skills and business understanding
 - Link: <https://codebasics.io/event/codebasics-resume-project-challenge>
 - Make a LinkedIn post with a submission of your resume project challenge
 - Sample post: <https://bit.ly/3GxGaq1>
 - Codebasics is promoting winning entries to employers. This way you can get interview calls. We do this in two ways
 - We have a database of employers hiring for data analyst positions. We send first 10 or 20 profiles based on their performance
 - LinkedIn post by Dhaval (who has more than 100k followers and some of them are HR managers, data analytics senior managers): <https://bit.ly/3jnni5c>

Week 18, 19, 20: BI Tool (Power BI or Tableau)

- **Power BI**
 - Track A (Free)
 - Sales insights Power BI project: <https://bit.ly/3C1WKgA>
 - Personal finance project:
project: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqSoCa2NGj4>
 - HR data analytics project: <https://bit.ly/3C7cw9P>

- Track B (Paid for affordable fees)
 - Sales insights project tutorial playlist: <https://bit.ly/3C1WKgA>
 - My Power BI course that can make you job ready: <https://codebasics.io/courses/power-bi-data-analysis-with-end-to-end-project>
- **Tableau**
 - Codebasics sales insights project: <http://bit.ly/3YQSBFV>
 - HINDI codebasics sales insights project: <https://bit.ly/3hZXUCb>
- Should I learn Power BI or Tableau?
 - If someone asks me to pick between Power BI and Tableau, I always suggest **Power BI** as it is growing in popularity as compared to Tableau.
 - This Gartner research shows Power BI is leading a BI game:
<https://info.microsoft.com/ww-landing-2022-gartner-mq-report-on-bi-and-analytics-platforms.html?LCID=EN-US>
- **Assignment**
 - Participate in one resume project challenge
 - These challenges help you improve technical skills, soft skills and business understanding
 - Make a LinkedIn post with video presentation
 - Example post: <https://bit.ly/3WMTgGK> (Naveen S)
 - Discord server participation

Week 21, 22, 23, 24: Deep Learning

- Deep Learning YouTube playlist: <https://bit.ly/3vOZ3zV>
- End to end potato disease classification project: <https://bit.ly/3QzkVJi>
- **Assignment**
 - Instead of potato plant images use tomato plant images or some other image classification dataset
 - Deploy to Azure instead of GCP

- Create a presentation as if you are presenting to stakeholders and upload video presentation on LinkedIn

Week 25 onwards.... 😊😊😊

- More projects 🎬
- Online brand building through LinkedIn, Kaggle, Discord, Opensource contribution 🧑‍🤝‍🧑
- Resume and interview preparation 📄
 - Resume prep video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=buQSI8NLOMw>
- Job application and Success 🚀

Tips of effective learning 💧

- **Spend less time in consuming information, more time in**
 - Digesting
 - Implementing
 - Sharing
- **Group learning**
 - Use **partner-and-group-finder** channel on codebasics discord server for group study and hold each other accountable for the progress of your study plan. Here is the discord server link: <https://discord.gg/r42Kbuk>

Inspirational Stories 😊

- Career transition stories: <https://bit.ly/3PUZ4f3>

Advanced Topics 🔎

- **ML Ops. What is it and how can I learn it?**

- This post has necessary information: <https://bit.ly/3X220Jk>
- **Cloud ML Platforms**
 - Big cloud service providers such as AWS, Azure, Google Cloud have their own ML offering such as Amazon Sagemaker in case of AWS. As a fresher it is ok if you are not familiar with these cloud platforms but once you have some experience it is good to have experience and know-how of at least one cloud ML platform.
- **Natural Language Processing (NLP)**
 - NLP YouTube playlist: <https://bit.ly/3XnjfEZ>
- **Computer Vision**
 - Computer vision is a vast field where one can use OpenCV, PyTorch, Tensorflow etc for deep learning approaches for computer vision as well. You can find many resources online on this. I do not have a specific recommendation for this