CSE 355 DATA SCIENCE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

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Role: Data Scientist

A **Data Scientist** is a professional responsible for extracting actionable insights from raw data using statistical methods, machine learning, and programming. Their core responsibility is to transform data into knowledge that informs business decisions.

Responsibilities:

- Collect, clean, and preprocess structured and unstructured data.
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) and hypothesis testing.
- Build predictive models using ML and AI.
- Communicate results via data visualizations and reports.
- Work cross-functionally with business and engineering teams.

Skills Required:

- **Programming:** Proficiency in Python, R, and SQL.
- **Mathematics & Statistics:** Strong foundation in probability, linear algebra, and hypothesis testing.
- **Machine Learning:** Knowledge of supervised, unsupervised, and deep learning techniques.
- **Data Visualization:** Tools such as Tableau, PowerBI, or libraries like Matplotlib and ggplot2.
- Communication: Ability to translate technical insights into business recommendations.

Tools Commonly Used:

- Jupyter Notebooks, RStudio for analysis.
- TensorFlow, PyTorch, Scikit-learn for ML.
- Big Data platforms (Hadoop, Spark).
- Git/GitHub for version control.

Example LinkedIn Job Post (Highlights):

- Master's or Bachelor's in Computer Science/Statistics.
- 2–4 years of experience in ML model development.
- Strong Python/R and SQL knowledge.
- Experience with cloud platforms (AWS/Azure).
- Excellent problem-solving and communication skills.

A Data Scientist is a **blend of statistician**, **programmer**, **and business strategist**. Just as a scientist tests hypotheses in the lab, a data scientist tests data-driven hypotheses in real-world industries, shaping organizational strategy.

