n this activity, you’ll complete an entry in your data journal. If you’ve used the data journal template from an earlier course, you can open your draft now.

Or, if you’d like to start a new data journal document, you may click the link to create a copy of the template. If you don’t have a Google account, download the template directly from the attachment below.



Link to data journal template: [Data Journal Template](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ir6R0GVY6fTdqIN37w1mqyyj0OQYmiFcvNq04fxtRH0/template/preview)

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Once you have opened your new or existing data journal document, start a new journal entry and name it “Journal Entry: Prepare for your capstone project.”

**Activity overview**



In this journal entry, you will begin to think about and prepare for your upcoming capstone project. Throughout each course in the Google Data Analytics Certificate, you have developed the skills you’ll need to begin a career in data analytics. Now, you will apply these skills to your own in-depth capstone project. This project is designed to be similar to a data analytics case study, so completing it will provide you with valuable experience and a strong addition to your portfolio.

As you begin, evaluate your goals and expectations for the capstone. Ask yourself the following questions:

* What do you hope to take away from this capstone project? What is one important skill you think you’ll learn?
* Which skills do you most look forward to demonstrating?
* What are some issues you might encounter?

**Reflection**



Now, write 3-5 sentences (60-100 words) reflecting on the previous questions. At the end of this course, review your responses and observe how your understanding of data analytics projects has changed. What did you learn? How will you use the lessons you learned in future data analytics projects?

* What do you hope to take away from this capstone project? What is one important skill you think you’ll learn?
* Which skills do you most look forward to demonstrating?
* What are some issues you might encounter?

In this Capstone Project I hope I can demonstrate the new skills I learned while taking this course by utilizing multiple tools such as Excel, Kaggle, SQL, and R to help solve a real-world case study. I think overall I will learn how to use real life data to solve problems or predict trends into the future

The skill I’m looking to demonstrating the most is gathering data and creating visuals into R to make a seamless and organized presentation for viewers

Some issues I may encounter are finding the correct functions to use while using different applications to complete the data

I think this project will be a good learning experience and I want to use what I learned to solve more real-world case studies in the future

**Did you complete this activity?**

Yes