

# Blogging

## Why is blogging important?



Good practice for you to communicate your ideas

- Good opportunity to showcase your work to the world
  - Metis students regularly get their blogs picked up by Data Science Weekly
  - A 2017 student, Jeff Kao, wrote a blog post about his NLP analysis on net neutrality and it went viral featured in a Forbes article, quoted by NYTimes and interviewed by NPR!

## What will you need to do?



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#### Step 1: Choose your style

Technical write ups, sleek visuals, fun stories, web apps, etc.

Show your personality! Employers will look at this.

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Step 2: Choose your platform

If you already have a blog, feel free to continue using it

If not, here are some blogging basics and platform choices

### **Blogging Basics**



To start a blog, you need to select:

#### 1. A hosting service

This is where the code and files for your blog live

#### 2. A web address or URL

This is how people can find your blog

# **Blogging Platforms (Free)**



Platform	Details	Hosting	URL	Example
Github	Github workflow For the tech-savvy	Github (free)	name.github.io	Chad (Jekyll) Cliff (Pelican)
Medium	Easy to post Audience included	Medium (free)	medium.com/name	<u>Seth</u>
Wix (and others)	Drag and drop Beautiful design	Wix (free)	wix.com/name	Roberto

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WordPress.org	Customizable Analytics dashboard	Pay for own (Bluehost, AWS)	Pay for own (GoDaddy)	<u>Alice</u>
From scratch	Difficult to start Customizable	Pay for own (Bluehost, AWS)	Pay for own (GoDaddy)	<u>Zach</u>
Wix (and others)	Drag and drop Beautiful design	Pay for Wix services	Pay for Wix services	<u>Roberto</u>

# Getting Started with Github.io



The fundamentals repo (same folder as this) includes instructions on how to create a github.io blog.

You are welcome and may prefer to choose another platform like Medium, WordPress.org, etc.

# QUESTIONS?