12-Week Data Analyst Roadmap

Goal: Go from Beginner to Job-Ready Data Analyst in 3 Months

☑ Week 1: Introduction to Data Analytics

- What is Data Analytics?
- Types: Descriptive, Diagnostic, Predictive, Prescriptive
- Roles: Analyst vs Scientist vs Engineer
- Workflow Overview (Ask \rightarrow Prepare \rightarrow Analyze \rightarrow Share \rightarrow Act)
- Structured vs. Unstructured Data

Resources:

Data Analytics and Its types
Linkedin - intro to Workflow

Week 2: Excel for Analysis ✓

- Core Functions: VLOOKUP, INDEX, MATCH, IF, etc.
- Sorting, Filtering, Conditional Formatting
- Pivot Tables & Charts
- Excel Dashboards Basics

Resources:

Excel Playlist 1
Excel Playlist 2
Microsoft Excel for Data Analytics - FreeCodeCamp

Week 3: SQL Essentials

Basics: SELECT, WHERE, GROUP BY, ORDER BY

Joins: INNER, LEFT, RIGHT, FULL

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Subqueries & CTEs
Window Functions (RANK(), ROW_NUMBER(), etc.)
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Resources:

SQLBolt Mode SQL Tutorial SQL from Scratch 10Hr SQL Course

Week 4: Python for Data Analysis

- Python Basics: Lists, Loops, Functions
- Pandas: read_csv, groupby, filtering, merging
- Matplotlib & Seaborn for Visualization
- Mini EDA Projects

Resources:

Python for Data Analytics - Geeksforgeeks Python for DA - YouTube Links - Numpy, Pandas

☑ Week 5: Statistics & Probability

- Central Tendency & Spread: Mean, Median, Std. Dev
- Normal & Binomial Distributions
- Probability Rules & Bayes Theorem
- Hypothesis Testing: p-value, z/t-tests

Resources:

Khan Academy – Statistics StatQuest with Josh Starmer (YouTube) Stats & Probability

☑ Week 6: Data Cleaning

- Handling Missing Data: fillna(), dropna()
- Outlier Detection (IQR, Z-score)
- Data Types & Transformations
- Regex for Cleaning

Resources:

Data Cleaning - Kaggle Python Regex Guide - RealPython

Week 7: Power BI Basics

- Creating Dashboards
- Using Slicers, Filters
- DAX Introduction
- Publishing to Power BI Service

Resources:

Microsoft Power BI Learning
Power BI for Beginners - YouTube (Simplilearn)

☑ Week 8: Advanced Excel & BI

- Time Intelligence Functions (YTD, MTD, PARALLELPERIOD)
- Performance Optimization Tips

• Drillthrough & Bookmarks in Power BI

Resources:

MyExcelOnline Advanced Excel Power BI Advanced Playlist (Guy in a Cube)

Week 9: Business Acumen ✓

- Key Business Metrics (KPIs, ROI, CLTV)
- Domain Knowledge: Sales, Marketing, Finance
- Storytelling with Data

Resources:

Storytelling with Data Book (Cole Nussbaumer) Harvard Business Review Analytics Articles

Week 10: Real Projects & GitHub

- End-to-End Analysis Projects
- Examples: Sales Dashboard, Customer Churn, E-Commerce Sales
- Push to GitHub + README Writing

Resources:

GitHub Docs Kaggle Datasets for Practice

Week 11: Bonus Tools

- Jupyter Notebooks
- Google Sheets (QUERY, IMPORTRANGE)
- Tableau Basics
- Intro to APIs & Web Scraping (requests, BeautifulSoup)

Resources:

Jupyter Lab Tableau Public Web Scraping - RealPython

Week 12: Job Prep

- Resume Optimization for Data Roles
- Mock Interviews & STAR Method
- Most Asked Interview Questions

Resources:

Interview Query StrataScratch – Interview SQL Practice Glassdoor & LinkedIn Jobs