



## Data Science Career Track

### Storytelling and Effective Communication Exercise

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This exercise requires your reaching out to a buddy via the data science community slack channel. The exercise is designed to augment your storytelling skills by mimicking just the kinds of questions that very commonly occur during interviews for data science roles.

#### Project Steps

1. Pick an interview question out of the following.
  - "Describe a time in which you had to deal with a particularly difficult colleague."
  - "Talk about a project that you are proud of and why."
  - "What are your three biggest strengths and weaknesses?"
2. Arrange a call with your buddy. At the call, ask each other the question you chose, and take turns so you both get a shot at playing the interviewer and interviewee. Don't worry if you both chose the same question — it's interesting to see how different the responses can be to exactly the same stimulus! When playing the interviewer, we encourage you to ask follow up questions.

3. Take 5 minutes to organize your thoughts about your buddy's response. Write down some formal feedback that addresses the following three criteria:
  - Clarity: how clearly did your buddy express themselves?
  - Relevance: how relevant was your buddy's response? Did everything they say tie into the question at hand?
  - Humor/wit: did the person demonstrate a good sense of humor? Did they make you smile or chuckle?

In your feedback, be firm, but fair (it'll help your buddy improve in the long-run)! If you want to practice more, feel free to tackle another one of the interview questions above.