**5 Popular Posts on Making Your Life as a Data Scientist Easier**

**From speeding up your loading time to streamlining your learning process**



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It gives us equal joy to discover the posts that our audience finds most useful, and after looking back at last month’s crop, we wanted to share five of our most popular posts published in July.

The authors of these posts might come from diverse professional backgrounds and approach data science from different angles, but they all have one thing in common: their goal is to help data scientists in their work, whether it’s through speeding up workflows, giving crucial skills a boost, or helping their peers learn more effectively.

Let’s dive in.

[**“I Tripled My Income with Data Science. Here’s How.**](https://towardsdatascience.com/i-tripled-my-income-with-data-science-heres-how-2c32ceb782cf)**”**

The most-read article we published in July,

[Natassha Selvaraj](https://medium.com/u/6a2ef1b1f09d?source=post_page-----f77c7ff0303e--------------------------------)

’s account of her own career transformation clearly resonated with TDS readers: based on personal experience but full of actionable insight, many of you found her story inspiring.

**[I tripled my income with data science. Here’s how.](https://towardsdatascience.com/i-tripled-my-income-with-data-science-heres-how-2c32ceb782cf" \t "_blank)**

**[Over a year ago, I lost my job to the Covid-19 pandemic. It turned out to be a blessing in disguise.](https://towardsdatascience.com/i-tripled-my-income-with-data-science-heres-how-2c32ceb782cf" \t "_blank)**

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[**“Do You Read Excel Files with Python? There is a 1000x Faster Way.”**](https://towardsdatascience.com/read-excel-files-with-python-1000x-faster-407d07ad0ed8)

If speeding up data-loading by three orders of magnitude sounds like an enticing premise, you’ll find great value in

[Nicolas Vandeput](https://medium.com/u/3f853e2def3c?source=post_page-----f77c7ff0303e--------------------------------)

’s experiment-meets-tutorial on processing Excel files in Python.

**[Do You Read Excel Files with Python? There is a 1000x Faster Way.](https://towardsdatascience.com/read-excel-files-with-python-1000x-faster-407d07ad0ed8" \t "_blank)**

**[In this article, I’ll show you five ways to load data in Python. Achieving a speedup of 3 orders of magnitude.](https://towardsdatascience.com/read-excel-files-with-python-1000x-faster-407d07ad0ed8" \t "_blank)**

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[**“Data Scientist’s Guide to Efficient Coding in Python”**](https://towardsdatascience.com/data-scientists-guide-to-efficient-coding-in-python-670c78a7bf79)

Learning core technical skills and best practices is crucial for aspiring data scientists, but can only get one so far.

[Dr. Varshita Sher](https://medium.com/u/f8ca36def59?source=post_page-----f77c7ff0303e--------------------------------)

fills in the gaps with a collection of useful tips and tricks that make day-to-day Python workflows smoother and more efficient.

**[Data scientist’s guide to efficient coding in Python](https://towardsdatascience.com/data-scientists-guide-to-efficient-coding-in-python-670c78a7bf79" \t "_blank)**

**[Tips and tricks I use for writing clean codes on a day-to-day basis](https://towardsdatascience.com/data-scientists-guide-to-efficient-coding-in-python-670c78a7bf79" \t "_blank)**

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[**“How to Quickly Become a Data Scientist”**](https://towardsdatascience.com/how-to-quickly-become-a-data-scientist-40ec00408eba)

Unlike your typical “Get X Faster” guide,

[Mohammed Ayar](https://medium.com/u/f2f097ed2ac0?source=post_page-----f77c7ff0303e--------------------------------)

’s post acknowledges that studying and training to become a data scientist takes a great deal of hard work and practice. But that doesn’t mean there aren’t ways to fast-track the process, which is what the framework he shares can help you with.

**[How to Quickly Become a Data Scientist](https://towardsdatascience.com/how-to-quickly-become-a-data-scientist-40ec00408eba" \t "_blank)**

**[Compress X years of work into X months](https://towardsdatascience.com/how-to-quickly-become-a-data-scientist-40ec00408eba" \t "_blank)**

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[**“5 Things that Make My Job as a Data Scientist Easier”**](https://towardsdatascience.com/5-things-that-make-my-job-as-a-data-scientist-easier-dc0820f0f136)

After a year on the job,

[Shree Vandana](https://medium.com/u/99ce88e1a88e?source=post_page-----f77c7ff0303e--------------------------------)

has learned some important lessons about the tools and processes that can turn a sluggish day into a productive and effective one. Whether or not you’re an early-career data scientist, you should check out her recommendations.

**[5 things that make my job as a Data Scientist easier](https://towardsdatascience.com/5-things-that-make-my-job-as-a-data-scientist-easier-dc0820f0f136" \t "_blank)**

**[After working as a Data Scientist for a year, I am here to share some things I learnt along the way that I feel are…](https://towardsdatascience.com/5-things-that-make-my-job-as-a-data-scientist-easier-dc0820f0f136" \t "_blank)**

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Did you read (or write) a recent post that might help other data scientists in their work? Share it in the comments!