Best Data Science CV  
What to consider to make a Data Science resume?



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# Introduction

Punch! Duck! Upper Cut!

So, you’ve done the work now – a certification, Bootcamp or course in Data Science and you are ready to take the next step. This can seems like an uphill battle or a fight to the finish. **What do you include in the Data Science resume?** The most potent weapon in your portfolio is the Data Science resume. This article is not a quick stop on your way to resume building. It is a one-stop blog that will help you **answer all your questions end to end**, I promise you. However, you will have to do the work – read the entire article. Towards the end, if this article did make a difference, do let me know.

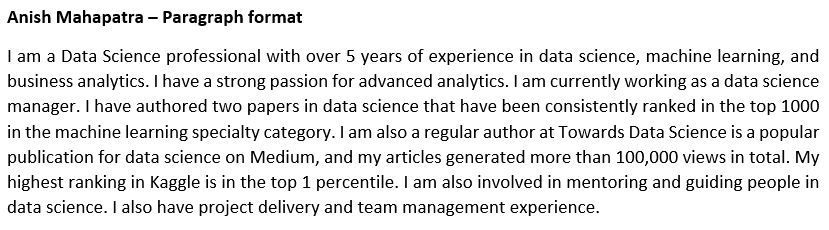
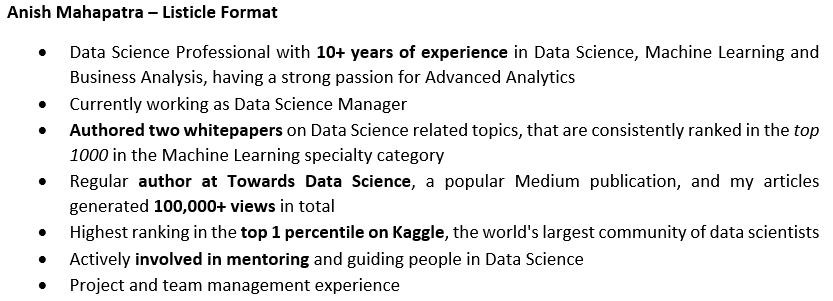
Now, how do we go about building a world-class data science resume that is going to help get you interviews? Everyone has a lot of different theories, but I come with the experience of having given over 50+ interviews. My recommendation is to **reverse-engineer** the entire process.

* How to be in the top 10% of all interviewees for a job?   
  Understand what the company/recruiter is looking for in the top 10%
* What skills or keywords you should include in the data science resume?   
  Understand the keywords that the recruiter is looking for via the job description
* Why is my Data Science resume not getting selected for interviews?   
  Understand how resumes get filtered on the recruiter’s or company’s end (we will be talking more about this in the corresponding sections, it’s called ATS!)
* How to make my resume stand out in the crowd?   
  Based on the company, role, recruiter and interviewer, you can figure out what design/keywords/approach makes sense to best

There are a bunch of questions to get to, and this will be fun and super helpful. Let’s start by understanding how you can format a resume to give yours an edge!

# How to format a Data Science Resume

The format of a Data Science resume is critical when it comes to making your CV stand out. So what does a Data Science resume format entail, and how does it make a difference? When a recruiter’s average time looking at a resume is [7.4 seconds](https://www.theladders.com/career-advice/you-only-get-6-seconds-of-fame-make-it-count), it is vital to get every detail right. Let’s go over how you can format your Data Science resume:

* **The actual format of the resume**It might seem obvious when reading it in a blog, but I have seen numerous CVs sent out to me in the form of a word document. A not-so-fun fact about Microsoft Word or similar software is that the format can vary depending on the screen resolution, version of the software and even just on different systems. The only way a resume should be sent out is in **pdf format** (unless specifically requested by the company/recruiter).
* **The “About” section of the resume**This is the **elevator pitch** section of the resume. Instead of charting out your goals and how you can be of service to the company, it is advisable to write why you are a strong candidate. The reasoning is that good hiring happens based on how good you are, not what you aspire to be. The about section/profile summary section is the most powerful in the resume and can make a difference.   
    
  It is the first impression the recruiter/hiring manager has about you – make sure it counts!
* **Leveraging listicle and bullet point formats**Paragraphs just do not make sense unless you are writing a book. Look at the style of this article, for instance – one of the many reasons you find it engaging is that you can skim through the blog and still understand the main pointers.For example, look at the paragraph below, which represents a Data Scientist’s experience in a paragraph.   
  It is word heavy and challenging to read. The format can inhibit us from realizing what a good data scientist this person might have been. Let’s analyze the image given below to compare how a listicle format and bold text can make a difference. A professional resume will be efficiently put across to have the desired impact. Bullet points should not have more than a couple of lines, and the relevant keywords and experience should be highlighted.
* **Text and design formatting consistency**Too many cooks can spoil the broth! Make sure that you are consistent with the following in your resume:
  + Design of the resume
  + Header and sub-header font size
  + Choice of font
  + Spacing between lines and paragraphs
  + Margins from the edge, Alignment and spacing

Remember, the recruiters that go through your resume sift through hundreds, if not thousands of resumes in a week, every detail counts.

* **Grammar and typographical error check!**Nothing screams carelessness more than a typographical error. Use a tool like Grammarly or some online grammar checker to ensure you do not have grammatical mistakes. Catching an error like this can create a subconscious negative impression, and we would definitely like to avoid this.
* **Links to your work**This might take some time to incorporate, but do not fear. It is critical to include links to your work. Following are the platforms I would recommend:
  + LinkedIn – To showcase your professional social network and work
  + GitHub – To showcase your code and portfolio
  + Medium- To showcase your blogs and Data Science articles

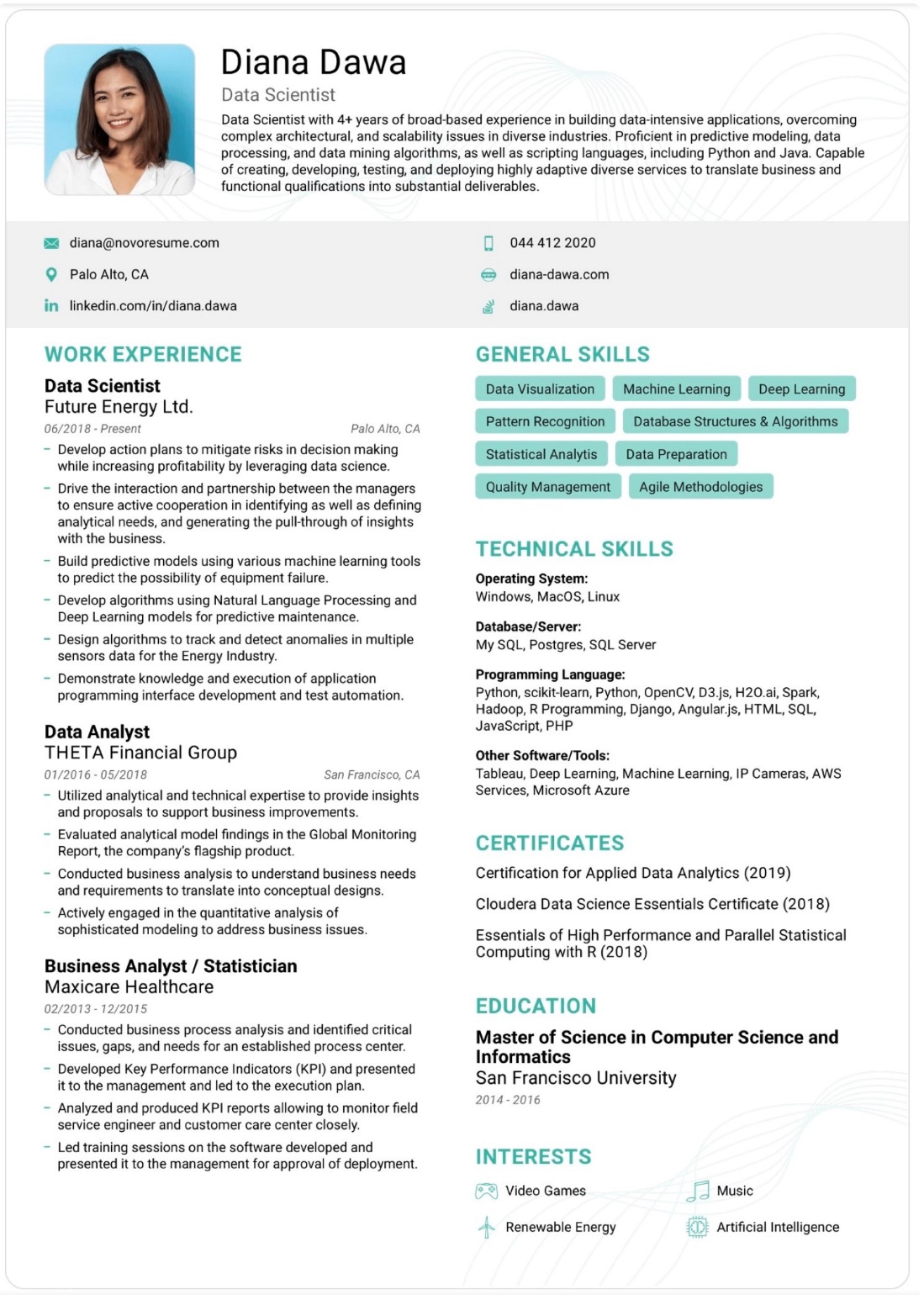
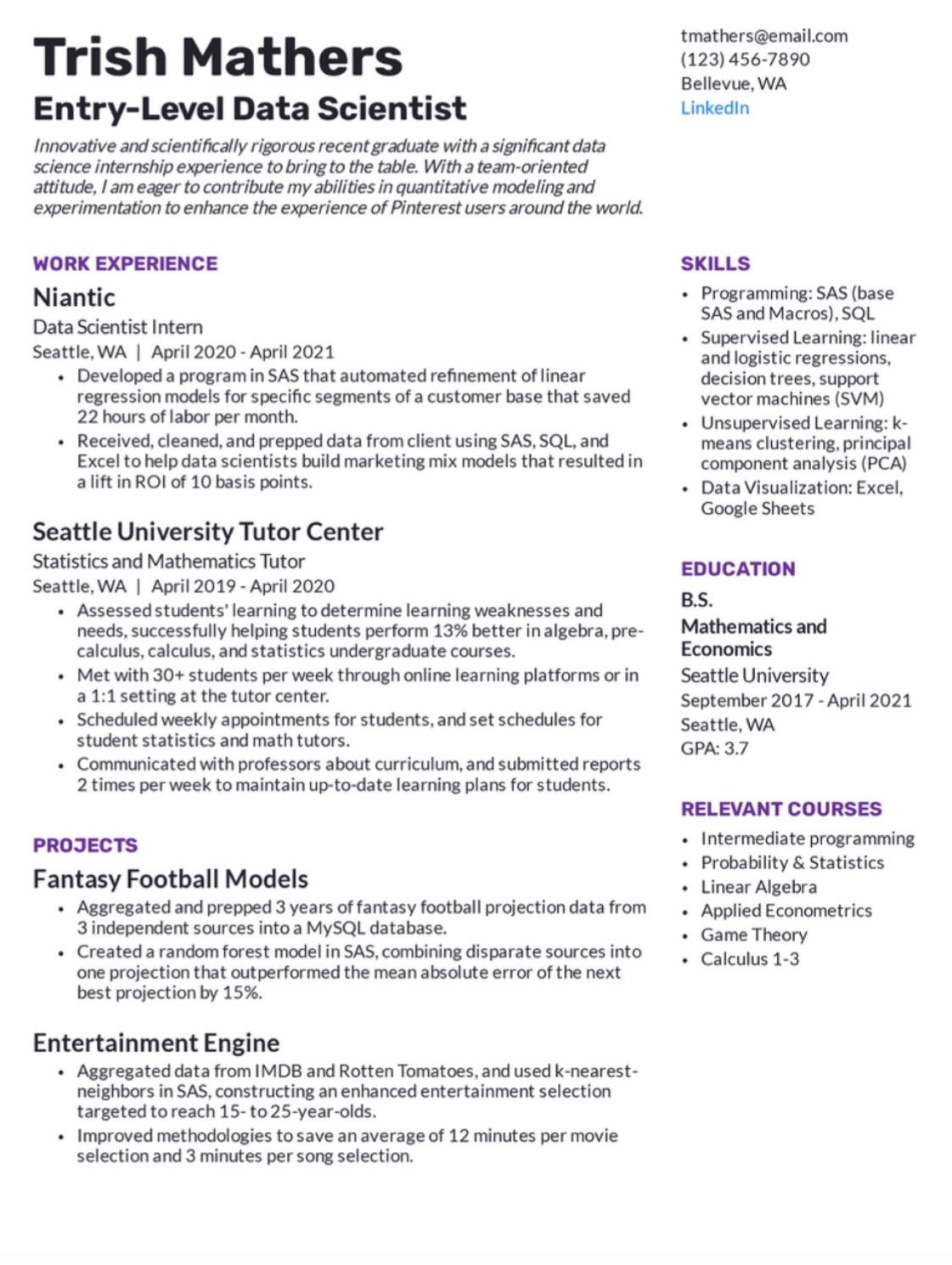
A resume is no longer a static document. It is a living representation of how good your profile is. Rather than just including the links, make sure that you hyperlink it!

* **Phone number and email id!**If someone makes an effort to review your resume and wants to get in touch with you for an opportunity, make sure you let them!
  + **Email:** Make sure you have a professional email id and not something that you made in Grade 5 so that there is a positive impression
  + **Phone number:** If you are comfortable, I would definitely recommend sharing your phone number / WhatsApp number as it is the easiest way to reach out

Fantastic! That was quite a detailed section. Good job on getting through it. I hope that was helpful. Let’s now proceed to look at a sample Data Scientist’s resume.

# Sample Data Scientist Resume Template

An excellent way to understand what you can do with your resume is to see other people’s resumes. There is no one size fits all; it would depend on the skills in your resume. However, you are reading this blog to understand industry best practices. Let’s go over some of the sections I would recommend you should include in your resume.

* **Experienced Data Science Resume**  
  ([Source](https://novoresume.com/career-blog/data-scientist-resume))
* **Fresher Data Science Resume**  
  ([Source](https://www.beamjobs.com/resumes/data-science-resume-example-guide))

# What to include in a Data Scientist Resume

So, based on what we have

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