

IA2 – FANTASTIC FOUR

About the Fantasic Four:



Main Goals:

- Learn how to use GitHub effictively
- Learn enough R to be applicable outside of class
- Gain sufficient amount of statistical knowledge

Scott Baker



About Me:

Using data, I would like to know where a certain basketball player is the most productive on the court based on play-by-play data. Six months after graduation I would love to be relaxing after 5pm instead of doing homework late into the night. Five years after graduation I hope that I have a stable job and that I'm starting to figure out what I want from my career. I hope my greatest career accomplishment is to have a "C" in my title someday. In this course, I hope to refresh my statistics knowledge, sharpen my skills in R, and apply a little of what I learned in Markov Chains to data science. Finally, I love playing basketball—I am on staff with the Women's Basketball team as a practice player. From my enjoyment of being a pracice player, an alternate career path for me would be coaching college basketball.

Evaluations:

- Lexie: Great job formatting the file, it's clean and easy to read and the headings for each section stand out. I'm not sure what the "C" in the job title represents (sounds promising!), maybe add a little more detail about what that means?

- Lindsay: You may want to consider adding transitions, between your discussions of each prompt, for a better reading flow. Everything is good, you use great language which makes your writing relatable and easy to understand.
- Li: Most powerful guy in our team! I am impressed by your different programming skills and it seems you know a lot of things. I hope I can learn something from you. BTW, I love playing basketball, too. Maybe we can play it together someday.

Lindsay Gettel



About Me:

I would like to know how information is processed within the stock market as well as businesses to determine which companies and what innovations will expand and acquire the most gains. After this course and six months after graduation I would like to have a job, or paid internship, as a data analyst. I am currently unsure if this is a career path I would like to pursue, but I hope this class provides insight and gives me a better idea of what I would like to do in the future. Five years later I hope to be in a steady career which I enjoy and continuously learn from. I hope my greatest career accomplishment will be maintaining a passion and excitement about the work I will be doing. For now, from this course I would like to obtain a better understanding of analysis, modeling and programming. I hope to take my knowledge and interests from this course to be able to start better planning for my future and determine a more specific career path. Outside of school, I enjoy reading and horseback riding. For eight years I was apart of a horseback organization called Westernaires. We traveled and performed in many places, including the National Western Stock Show.

Evaluations:

- Li: As a data analyst, there are several possibilities and you don't have to be worried about which path you will pursue. You can try as much as you want until you find a job that you are willing to commit your passion and hardwork. Horseback riding looks pretty elegant and I hope I can ride a horse one day.
- Lexie: I definitely understand your uncertainty for future careers. I love the detail for this section, it helps people outside the group feel like they would know you too. Do you see yourself owning horses in the future?
- Scott: The details that you included in your description of career goals were fantastic. However, the statement about passion in your career was a bit vague—it would be nice if you elaborated on specific things you are passionate about. I'm impressed with your ability to help our group come to decisions.

Lexie Marinelli



About Me:

I would like to know the relationship between the length of cell phone use at night and how many hours of sleep a person gets. In six months after I graduate I would love to work for Lockheed Martin or Boeing (I recently switched my focus from quant finance to aerospace). Five years after that, I would love to live abroad in Europe. I hope my greatest career accomplishment would be getting the opportunity to work for NASA. I hope to gain experience using R and methods in analyzing data. Little fun fact, I started skiing in 2nd grade and have loved it ever since.

Evaluations:

- Lindsay: Your goals are specific and impressive! Maybe elaborate more about where you see yourself in five years. Is there any specific country in Europe you want to live? Do you have any specific sightseeing, jobs, or other traveling that you would like to do in Europe?
- Li: Interesting! It seems that you are going to be a real engineer. Which part of Europe would you like to live? I am also interested in quant but I really want to know what makes you change your mind.
- Scott: I'm glad you were specific in what your interests are. However, it might be nice to elaborate on what specifically you'd like to do career-wise. I'm impressed with your willingness to ask questions about Git—and applaud you for starting to pick it up quickly.

Zhenlong Li



About Me:

I would like to learn how to make decisions by analyzing data. After graduating this summer, I will travel to different places as two plans. One with my dad to Yellowstone and another with my girlfriend to Szechuan Province in China. Then, five years after that, I hope I can go back to my hometown with some experience as a financial/quantitative analyst. I hope my greatest career accomplishment will be finding a job that I enjoy, practically I'd like to learn how to communicate and collaborate with teammates and I think it will be helpful in my future work. What's more, I love singing and listening to music. My favorite soccer team is Tottenham Hotspur.

Evaluations:

- Lexie: Sounds like you have some exciting plans coming up! Great job with your about me section, lots of detailed information in there that helps us get to know you. What made you decide to go into finance?
- Lindsay: You mentioned that you would like to learn how data analysis affects decisions, is there a specific topic or area of study, such as finance, that you are curious about?
- Scott: Your prompt communication skills are necessary for our group to work. Also, I'm impressed with your learning of Git. You mentioned that you would like to learn decision-making skills associated with analyzing data. I found this to be broad—you might want to add to this.