ODSC overview

Summary

- ODSC is awesome! More of us should go each year.

- Project-based talk, tutorials, advances/challenges in ML

- Most speakers were great.

- Attended 13 talks/tutorials

Talks with immediate impact on my work

- Catboost tutorial (early stopping and SHAP values)

  - Anna Veronika Dorogush (Yandex)

- Sentiment analysis based on tweets (Louis's project)

  - Max Margenot (Quantopian)

- From numbers to narrative (best practices in visualization)

  - Isaac Reyes (DataSeer)

Talks with great advice

- Building a data science team (hiring)

    - Drew Conway (Alluvium)

- Ethics of ML (Widespread, Mysterious, Destructive ML)

    - Catherine O'Neil

Other fun/interesting talks

- Project Feels

  - Alex Spangher (NYT)

- Learning to learn

  - Jennifer Prendki (Atlassian)

- Monitoring deployed ML products with ML

  - Stephan Pushkarev (hydrosphere.io)