



Course 3 overview: Set your expectations

Welcome to the third course in the Google Data Analytics Certificate program! So far, you've been introduced to the field of data analytics and discovered how data analysts use their skills to answer business questions.

As you work through this course, you'll identify and explore different types of data and data structures that can be used to understand and respond to a business problem. Then, you'll learn to identify any bias in data and to verify its credibility. You'll keep adding to your data analyst tool box by further exploring data within spreadsheets and databases. Finally, you'll learn more about engaging with the data community and manage your online presence. All of these skills will come in handy, no matter where your career as a data analyst takes you.



1. [Foundations: Data, Data, Everywhere](#)
2. [Ask Questions to Make Data-Driven Decisions](#)
3. **Prepare Data for Exploration** (this course)
4. [Process Data from Dirty to Clean](#)
5. [Analyze Data to Answer Questions](#)
6. [Share Data Through the Art of Visualization](#)
7. [Data Analysis with R Programming](#)
8. [Google Data Analytics Capstone: Complete a Case Study](#)
9. [Accelerate Your Job Search with AI](#)