ESU 2019 Data Visualization Summer Institute Introduction

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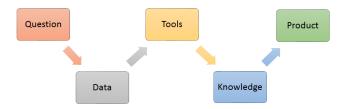
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- Why R?
- Why this data camp?

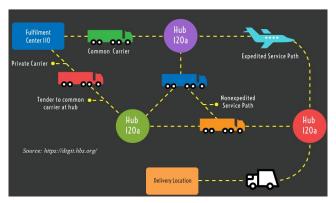
Why data science?

 Data science is the study of large sets of data, using computers to look for patterns and trends.

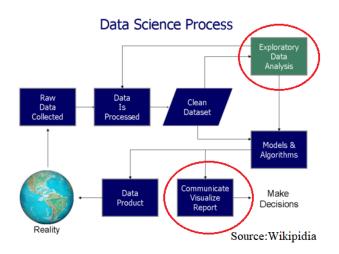


Why data science?

 For example, Amazon uses Big Data gathered from customers to predict consumer shopping behavior: when customers will buy items, which items they will buy, when and where the items will ship?
 Amazon ships your items before you order it using an "anticipatory shipping" system!



Data Science Workflow



Data Scientist The Sexy Job



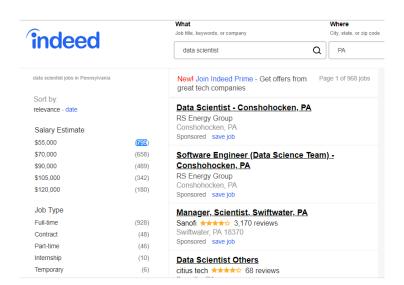
Data Scientist: The Sexiest Job of the 21st Century

by Thomas H. Davenport and D.J. Patil

hen Ionathan Goldman arrived for work in June 2006 at Linkedin, the business networking site, the place still felt like a start-up. The company had just under 8 million accounts, and the number was growing quickly as existing members invited their friends and colleagues to join. But users weren't seeking out connections with the people who were already on the site at the rate executives had expected. Something was apparently missing in the social experience. As one LinkedIn manager put It, "It was like arriving at a conference reception and realizing you don't know anyone. So you just stand in the corner sipping your drink—and you probably leave early."

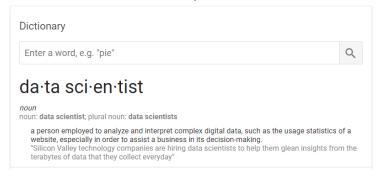
- See also an old article by NYT (2009): For Today's Graduate, Just One Word: Statistics
- And another famous McKinseay 2011 Report: Big data: The next frontier for innovation, competition, and productivity

Job Market of Data Scientist



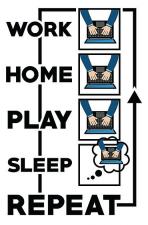
What is a data scientist?

 "A data scientist is someone who knows more statistics than a computer scientist and more computer science than a statistician." (from Joshua Blumenstock, 2013).



Why programming?

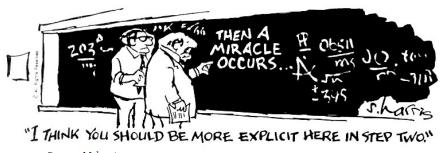
• To be able to easily repeat your own work.



Source: https://www.redbubble.com

Why programming?

• The workflow of using a script makes your research reproducible.



Source: Malanris.ru

Why programming?

- Python, R and SAS are the main data analytics tools which require programming.
- Programming isn't scary. If you've written formulas in Excel, you've already done "programming".



- It's a software environment for statistical computing and graphics, free and open source.
- It is available for three plat forms: Linux, (Mac) OS X, and Windows.

R: https://www.r-project.org/

RStudio(an IDE, integrated development environment, for R): https://www.rstudio.com/





 It's designed to analyze data. The spreadsheet-like data structure "data frame" makes it easy to apply calculations.

```
## emp_id emp_name salary start_date
## 1     1     Rick 623.30 2012-01-01
## 2     2     Dan 515.20 2013-09-23
## 3     3 Michelle 611.00 2014-11-15
## 4     4     Ryan 729.00 2014-05-11
## 5     5     Gary 843.25 2015-03-27
```

- There is a large and growing community of R users. For example, DataCarpentry(https://www.datacarpentry.org/), Software Carpentry (https://software-carpentry.org/), R-bloggers (https://www.r-bloggers.com/) and ROpenSci(https://ropensci.org/community/).
- The functionality of R is extended by about 15,000 user-contributed packages.



 R offers various advanced visulization tools. For example, maps and animation.

Why this data camp?

You will learn:

- Choose the best chart that fits the data
- Communicate effectively using graphics
- Create compelling visualization via R programming tools

We decided to build our dashboard in Excel.



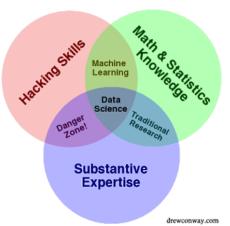
You don't know the new tools, so you decided to spend lots of time developing an inferior product?



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Why this data camp?

 Data science is the application of analytical skills, scientific method, and computational skill to solve problems across professions:
 e.g. Biology, business, chemistry, physics, economics, mathematics, and computer science.



Why this data camp?

- It motivates you to choose a STEM(Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) major if you want to conduct data analysis even if you do not pursue data science as a career.
- You may find yourself a good fit to be a data scientist.



Contentes of the Data Camp

- Introduction
- R and RStudio
- Data manipulation
- Data visualization
- R-Markdown

Data Visualization

- R: base plot
- R: advanced visulization using ggplot2
- R: animation
- R: Map visualization

Questions?



- Ask us if you need help with R and RStudio installations.
- Ask us if you need help with R package installations.