Defining Data Science

What Data Science is

Data scientists' role in an organization

What makes a skilled data scientist

Advice on acquiring these skills



What is Data Science?



Data Science: The study of data to understand the world

An art of uncovering insights and trends

Data access drives new insights

And the needed computing power to analyze it

Data Scientist's role in an organization

Data → Stories → Insights

Clarify the problem

Data collection

Analysis

Recognition

Storytelling

Visualization

Experts Opinion: Qualities of a data scientist



Curiosity



Sound argumentation



Good judgment

Makings of a skilled data scientist

- Versatility
- Subject area knowledge
- Experience programming and analyzing data
- Comfortable with math
- Curious
- Storyteller

- Diverse background
- Adept at selecting suitable tools
- Apply expertise to problemsolving

An ever-evolving field

The role will continue to evolve

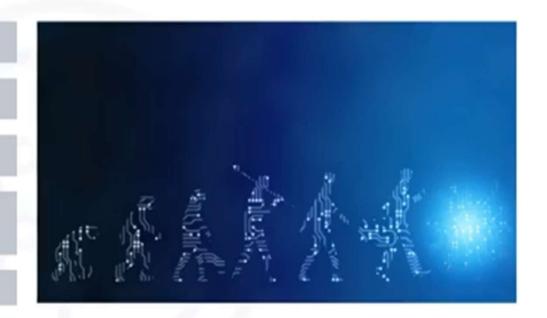
May require certifications

Always will need to:

Think logically, algorithmically, and methodically

Gather data

Carefully analyze



Understanding different types of file formats

You will be working with a variety of data file types and formats. It is important to understand the underlying structure of file formats along with their benefits and limitations. This understanding will support you to make the right decisions on the formats best suited for your data and performance needs.

Standard file formats:

- Delimited text file formats, or .CSV
- 2. Microsoft Excel Open .XML Spreadsheet, or .XLSX
- 3. Extensible Markup Language, or .XML
- 4. Portable Document Format, or .PDF
- JavaScript Object Notation, or .JSON

Delimited text files



Files used to store data as text Each value is separated by a delimiter

Delimiter - A sequence of one or more characters for specifying the boundary between independent entities or values.

Comma, Tab, Colon, Vertical Bar, Space





Comma-separated values

Tab-separated values

Delimited text files

Manufacturer, Model, Sales_in_thousands, __year_resale_value, Vehicle_type, Price_in_thousands

Acura, Integra, 16.919, 16.36, Passenger, 21.5

Acura, TL, 39.384, 19.875, Passenger, 28.4

Acura, CL, 14.114, 18.225, Passenger, 14

Acura, RL, 8.588, 29.725, Passenger, 42

Audi, A4, 20.397, 22.255, Passenger, 23.99

Audi, A6, 18.78, 23.555, Passenger, 33.95

Audi, A8, 1.38, 39, Passenger, 62

BMW, 323i, 19.747, Passenger, 26.99

BMW, 328i, 9.231, 28.675, Passenger, 33.4

BMW, 528i, 17.527, 36.125, Passenger, 38.9

Buick, Century, 91.561, 12.475, Passenger, 21.975

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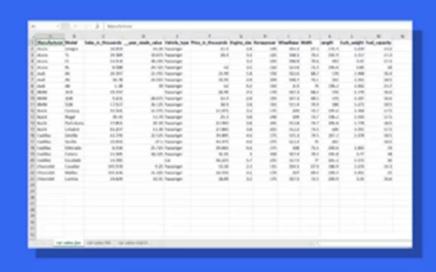
.CSV

.TSV

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Delimiters also represent one of various means to specify boundaries in a data stream

Microsoft Excel Open XML Spreadsheet, or .XLSX



- Open file format, accessible to most other applications
- Can use and save all functions available in excel
- Is a secure file format as it cannot save malicious code

Extensible Markup Language or .XML

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<car-specs>

cmanufacturer>Acura<manufacturer>

cmodel>Integra<model>
<sales_in-thousands>16.919</sales_in-thousands>
<year_resale_value>16.36</year_resale_value>
<vehicle_type>Passenger
<car-specs>
```

Extensible Markup Language, or XML, is a markup language with set rules for encoding data.

- Readable by both humans and machines
- Self-descriptive language
- Similar to .HTML in some respects
- Does not use predefined tags like .HTML does
- Platform independent
- Programming language independent
- Makes it simpler to share data between systems

Portable Document Format or PDF



Portable Document Format, or PDF,Is a file format developed by Adobe to present documents independent of application software, hardware, and operating systems.

- Can be viewed the same way on any device
- Is frequently used in legal and financial documents
- Can also be used to fill in data for forms

JavaScript Object Notation or JSON

```
"Employee": {

    "id":"%",
    "Manufacturer": "Audi",
    "Model": "Entegra",
    },
    {
        "Id":"%",
        "Model": "Establee",
        "Model": "Letablee",
        },
        {
        "Sd":"%",
        "Model": "Letablee",
        },
        {
        "model": "Cadillac",
        "Model": "Escalade",
        }
}
```

JavaScript Object Notation, or JSON, is a text-based open standard designed for transmitting structured data over the web.

- Language-independent data format
- Can be read in any programming language
- Easy to use
- Compatible with a wide range of browsers
- Considered as one of the best tools for sharing data

What Do Data Scientists Do?

Lesson Review

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Problem investigation

Toronto public transit customer complaints



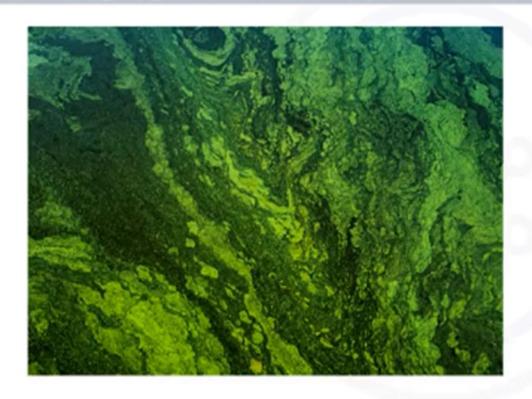
Unexpected bad weather days



More customer complaints

Environmental problem investigation

Predicting algae blooms to prevent water toxicity



Helping water treatment companies safeguard the water

Simplify problems

Dr. Norman White's recommendation engine

Solving real-world issues with innovative solutions



Education



Python notebooks

Linux

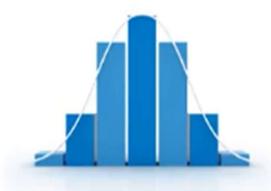
Databases

Pandas

Mathematical sciences

Algebra

Probability



Not only a statistician

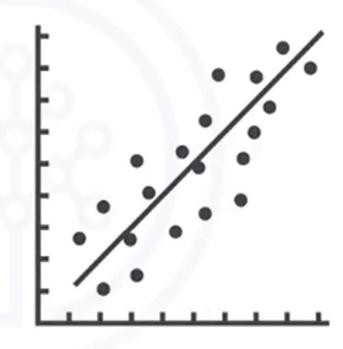
Calculus

Statistics

Models and algorithms

Regression

Relationship between two variables



Models and algorithms

Regression

Relationship between two variables

Nearest neighbor

Machine learning algorithm



Ability to analyze data

What is "Big Data?"



Storytelling with data



Not the tools or the size of the data set

Tell a compelling story with data

About the data

Data sources

- Video
- Audio
- Text

Data structure

- Structured
- Unstructured

Data formats

- Text files
- Spreadsheets
- XML
- PDFs
- JSON

An exceptional data scientist

Curiosity

Computer scientist

Software engineer

Statistician

It's a journey



Exploration

Innovation

Storytelling