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# What is Data Science?





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- In this course, you'll learn how to:
  - Define data science and its importance in today's data-driven world.
  - Describe the various paths that can lead to a career in data science.
  - Summarize advice given by seasoned data science professionals to data scientists who are just starting out.
  - Course Modules:
    - Define data science & What Data Scientists Do
    - Data science Topics
    - Applications and Careers in Data Science
    - Data Literacy for Data Science

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# Module I Define data science & What Data Scientists Do







# Define data science & What Data Scientists Do

What is Data Science?





Data Science is a continuous process of utilizing data to gain insights.

It involves validating hypotheses or models using available data.

The goal is to uncover trends and insights hidden within datasets.





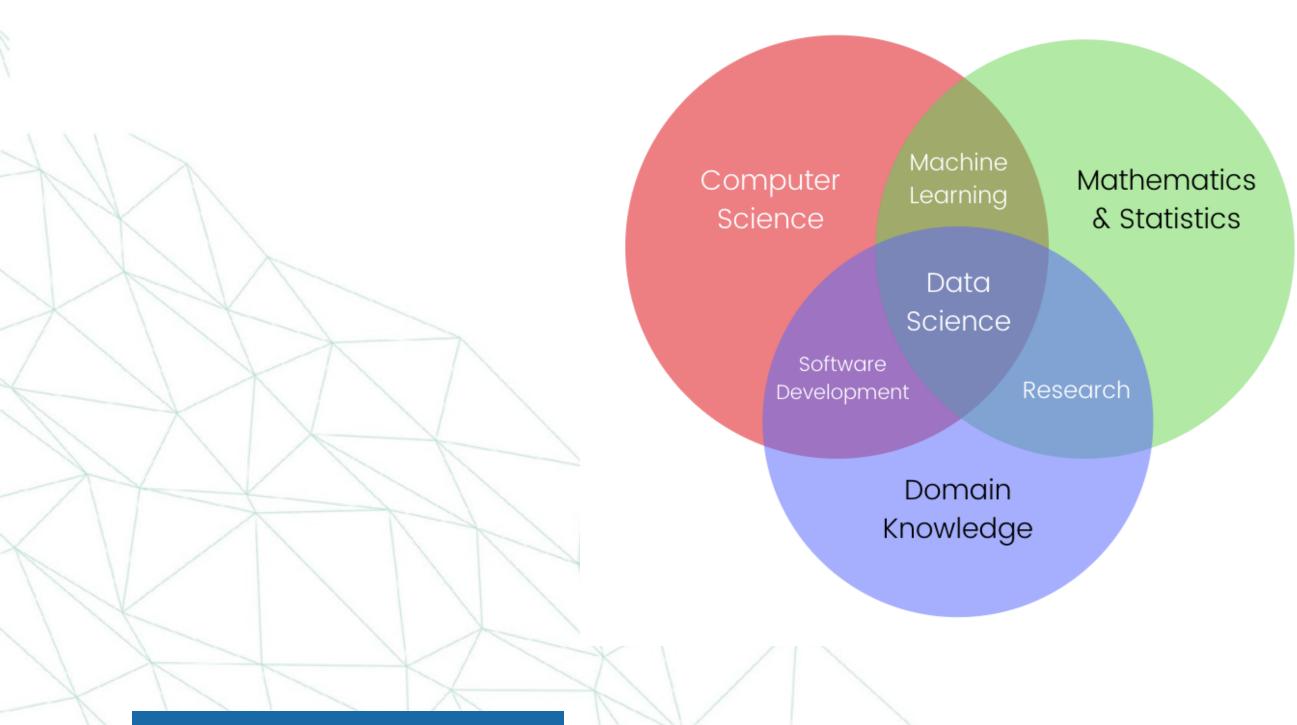


- Data is transformed into compelling narratives through storytelling.
- These insights drive strategic decision-making for organizations.
- It encompasses extracting and analyzing data in structured and unstructured forms.













#### The Essence of Data Science

- Data science explores, manipulates, and analyzes data to find answers.
- Just as other sciences study specific subjects, data science focuses on understanding data.
- Today's world offers an abundance of data, algorithms, and accessible tools.
- The affordability and accessibility of these resources make data science more relevant than ever.







#### The Essence of Data Science

- It's a time of unprecedented opportunity for those interested in data science.
- Data science thrives on curiosity, exploration, and leveraging available resources.







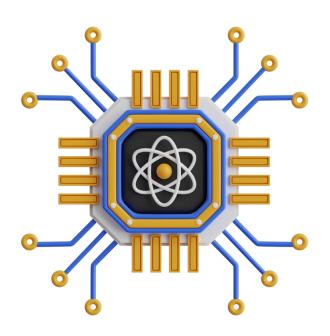
# Define data science & What Data Scientists Do

Fundamentals of Data Science





- Data Science encompasses significant data analysis across various sources.
- It leverages vast quantities of data from diverse sources like social media and sales.
- Advancements in computing power enable meaningful analysis and new discoveries.







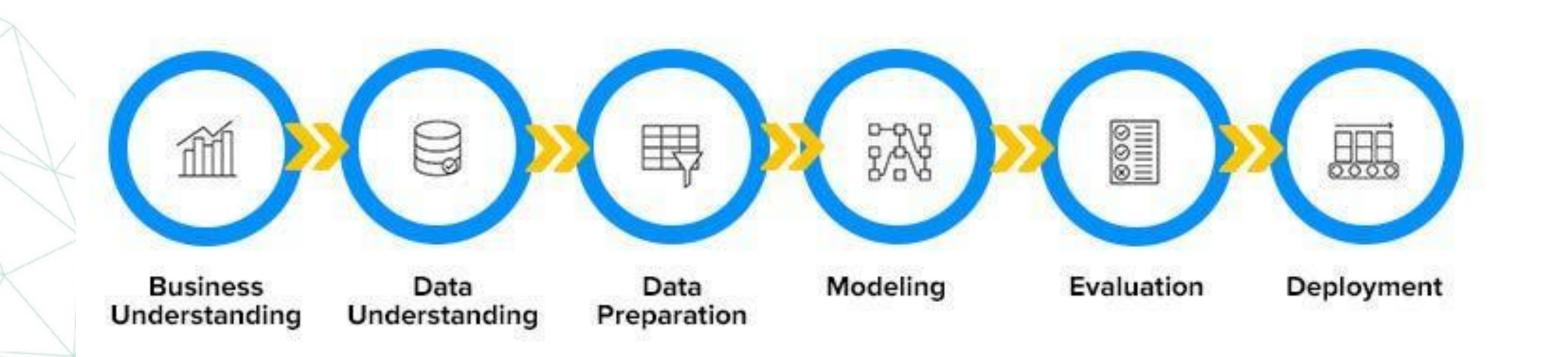
- Data science aids organizations in understanding their environments and uncovering opportunities.
- Data scientists investigate data to add value and insight to the organization's knowledge.
- The process starts with clarifying the organization's question or problem.







#### **The Data Science Process**



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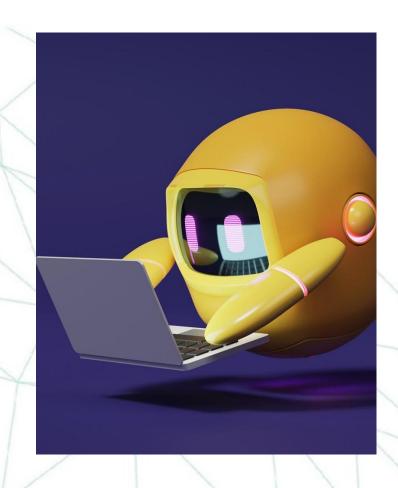
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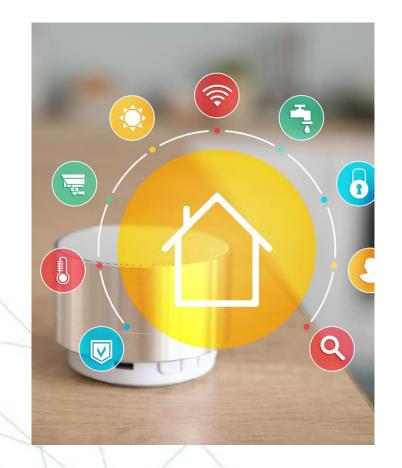
Real-Life Applications of Data Science

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# REAL-LIFE APPLICATIONS OF DATA SCIENCE

Let's see some use cases









CHATBOT

**VOICE ASSISTANTS** 

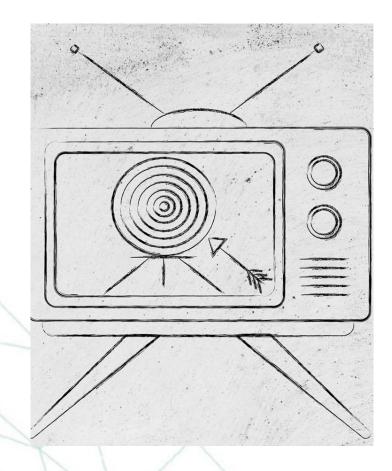
**RECOMMENDATION SYSTEM** 

**SELF-DRIVING CARS** 

# REAL-LIFE APPLICATIONS OF DATA SCIENCE

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CHESS

**ADS TARGETING** 

**HEALTH CARE** 

FRAUD DETECTION





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The Many Paths to Data Science





#### **Evolution of Data Science Careers**

- Data science was not a recognized field until around 2009-2011.
- DJ Patil and Andrew Gelman are credited with coining the term.
- Before data science, statistics was a prevalent field.
- Individuals often pursued business or other quantitative analysis disciplines.
- Exposure to data science often occurred during academic or professional endeavors.
- The term "data science" gained prominence in various industries over time.





# Personal Journeys into Data Science

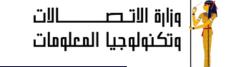
- Many individuals stumbled into data science through academic or professional paths.
- Backgrounds varied from engineering to business, economics, and analytics.
- Exposure to data science often occurred during higher education or internships.
- Practical applications in fields like transportation engineering introduced individuals to data science.
- Gradual immersion in data analysis and modeling paved the way for careers in data science.
- The journey into data science showcases diverse paths and backgrounds converging into the field.





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Advice for New Data Scientists





# Advice FOR NEW DATA SCIENTISTS

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#### **Curiosity**

Curiosity is fundamental for exploring and understanding complex data.



#### **Being judgmental**

Being judgmental helps in forming hypotheses and initial assumptions.

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#### **Argumentativeness**

Argumentativeness aids in advocating for a specific direction and learning from data.



#### **Flexibility**

Comfort and flexibility with analytics platforms are valuable secondary skills.





# Career Development Strategies for Data Scientists

- Identify your competitive advantage and preferred industry focus.
- Tailor your analytical skills to match the needs of your chosen field.
- Acquire proficiency in industry-specific analytics platforms and tools.
- Apply your skills to real-world problems to demonstrate your capabilities.
- Develop storytelling abilities to effectively communicate insights and findings.
- Continuously refine and adapt your skills to stay relevant and competitive in the field.





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Lesson Summary: Defining Data Science

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- Data science studies data to understand the world around us.
- It uncovers insights and trends hidden within vast amounts of data.
- Recent advancements in computing power enable deeper analysis and new knowledge.
- Data scientists play a crucial role in translating data into actionable insights.
- The process involves problem clarification, data collection, analysis, and visualization.
- Curiosity, argumentation, and judgment are key traits for successful data scientists.





# **Developing Skills and Career Paths**

- Skilled data scientists possess versatile knowledge beyond statistics and programming.
- They come from diverse backgrounds such as economics, engineering, or medicine.
- Mastery of data analysis tools and techniques is essential for success.
- Specialization in a particular field enhances expertise and industry relevance.
- Certification may become necessary as companies prioritize qualified candidates.
- Future data scientists will adapt to evolving technology and changing job roles for successful business outcomes.





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Data Science & Big Data Skills



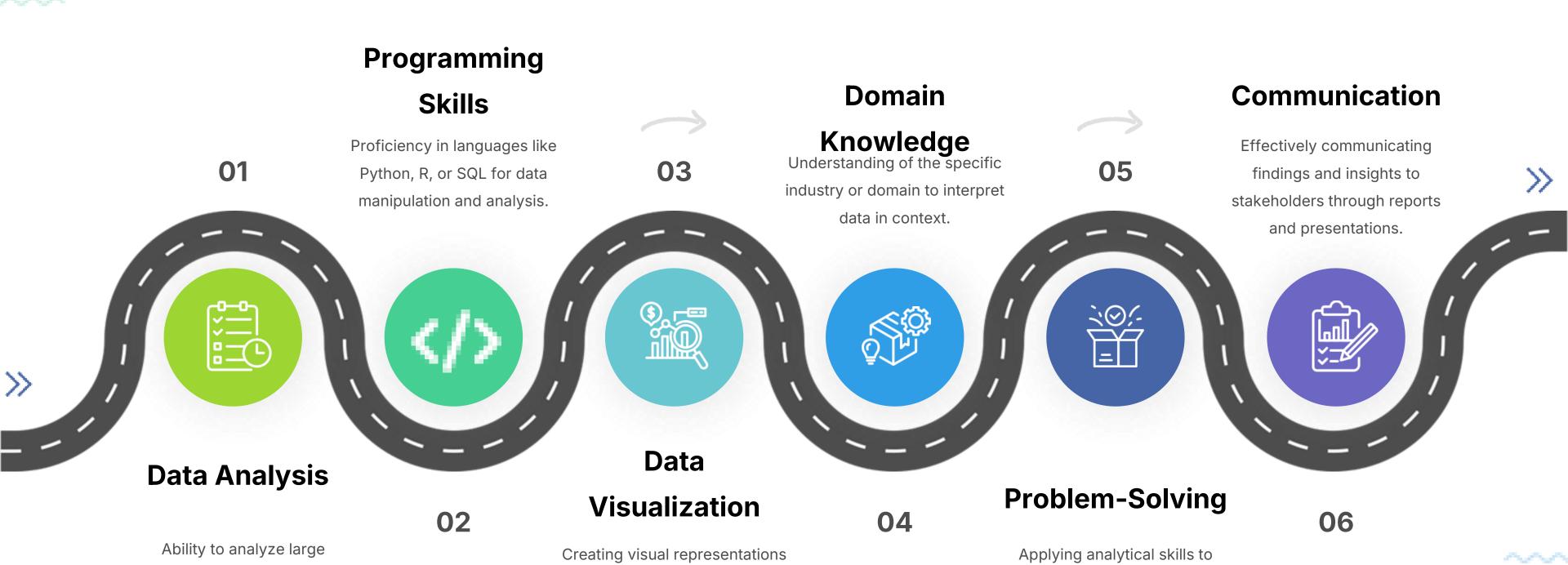
datasets using statistical

methods and machine learning

algorithms.

# **Data Scientist Skills**





solve complex business

problems using data-driven

approaches.

of data to communicate

insights effectively.





# **Big Data**



Dealing with large volumes of data that traditional systems cannot handle efficiently.



Handling diverse data types such as structured, semi-structured, and unstructured data.



Processing data streams in real-time or near real-time to derive timely insights.





# **Big Data**



Ensuring data quality and reliability in a big data environment.



Extracting actionable insights and value from big data for business decisions.



#### **Tools & Technologies**

Using platforms like Hadoop, Spark, and cloud services for big data processing and analytics.





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Understanding Different Types of File Formats

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# **Understanding File Formats**

- Data professionals work with various file types and formats.
- Importance of understanding file structure, benefits, and limitations.
- Choosing suitable formats for data and performance requirements.
- > Covered file formats: Delimited text, XLSX, XML, PDF, JSON.
- Delimited text files: Rows with values separated by delimiters like commas or tabs.
- CSVs and TSVs are common in this category and suited for straightforward information.





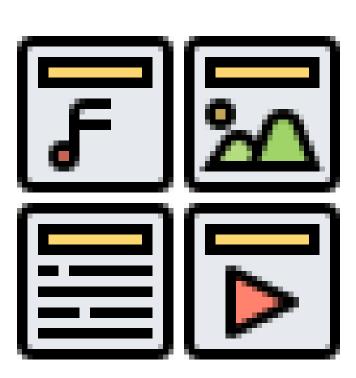
#### **Overview of File Formats**

#### XLSX:

- Microsoft Excel's Open XML format.
- Data is organized into worksheets (rows and columns).
- Supports formulas, charts, and data manipulation.
- Widely used for data analysis and reporting.

#### XML:

- A markup language designed to encode data.
- Both human- and machine-readable.
- Often used for data exchange between systems and applications.
- Flexible and customizable structure for storing and transmitting data.

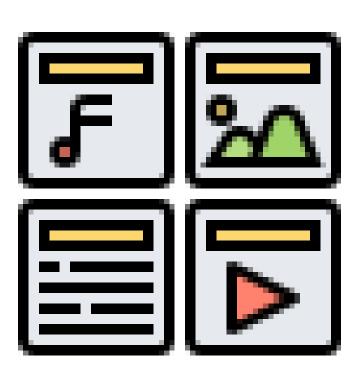






#### **Overview of File Formats**

- PDF:
- Developed by Adobe for consistent document presentation.
- Maintains formatting across different devices and platforms.
- Ideal for sharing documents where layout, fonts, and images must remain intact.
- Commonly used for reports, contracts, and presentations.







#### **Overview of File Formats**

- JSON: Text-based standard for transmitting structured data over the web.
- JSON is language-independent, easy to use, and widely compatible.

Understanding popular file formats is crucial for effective data handling and analysis.



# **Example of File Formats**

# **JSON** "siblings": [ {"firstName": "Anna", "lastName": "Clayton"}, {"firstName": "Alex", "lastName": "Clayton"} XML <siblings> <sibling> <firstName>Anna</firstName> <lastName>Clayton</lastName> </sibling> <sibling> <firstName>Alex</firstName> <lastName>Clayton</lastName> </sibling> </siblings>











# Thank you!

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