

Thanks for your interest in the course Managing Data Analysis. As you well know, data science is a rapidly changing field, with strategies and best practices for managing and doing data analysis constantly being updated.

Dr. Hilary Parker (Data Scientist at Stitch Fix) and I have published the book *Conversations on Data Science*, which compiles many of our discussions on the management and practice of data analysis in industry and academic settings. These discussions are based on our podcast, Not So Standard Deviations, where we discuss the data science industry. The book contains discussions of team communication, automation in data science, and others. The book is published through Leanpub, and a key feature of it is that we will **continuously update** the book as we record more episodes of our podcast. Readers of the book will receive the updated chapters as they are published.

I think this volume will make a good companion to the material offered in this course and I hope you enjoy it.

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