

How to land data science  
jobs outside India

Scaler.com

International  
→ Palo Alto (AG)  
→ Seattle, Germany

Family & friends

Product-based

## Topics:

① Typical paths : DS globally  
↳ some, you may already know

② Compensations (US-CA)

③ Skills & Interviews : India vs Elsewhere

④ Smart strategies (often ignored)

Q&A



Most common DS-path

(→ Top product-based company) — MNC  
[Intra company Transfer]

Easiest

[Amazon; Microsoft; Google  
Nvidia]

Amzn - Blr ✓

↓  
Amzn - Palo Alto

LI / HI

(DS) @ Large Services Company → HI/LI  
 ↓  
clients

②

Masters  
in US

SDE (typically)

V-few → DS (v-few)  
→ top universities

↓  
OPT  
↓  
H1

Germany / UK → Amazon-Berlin  
↳ less popular



Masters  
(ISC/ITB/...)

→ jobs abroad  
(v.v. few)

→ Google, Amazon; Microsoft  
Facebook

→ Finance Companies → SDE

→ < 10 roles

Non-US

Germany/Europe



Amazon; FB;  
Google

Singapore



Zoom

S. Korea



Samsung

Japan



Rakuten

Australia



Google  
Amazon



Canada → startups in US  
(Vancouver)

UAE → Dubai → e-commerce  
→ logistics ✓  
→ banks

\*\*\* Overlooked paths



Angel.co (AngelList)

or LinkedIn



US/Sing.



hungry for great Talent



well-funded / stable...



early employee

→ wf anywhere option

Job-portals: Naukri; Monster; Tuzing; Hired

→ fewer in number

during pandemic



DS-roles

FAANG-like

Compensations  
(US)

< 2 exp Freshers → MLS-1 / AS-1 / MLE 1 → ~150k USD

2-5 yrs of exp → MLS-2 / MLE 2 ... → ~250k-300k USD

5-8 yrs of exp → MLS-3 / MLE ... → ~500-600k USD

10+ yrs exp → Principal S/E → ~900k-1.2M\$

Localim → Taxes ✓  
↳ COL ✓  
↳ famity kids

USD - INR  
X

✓ Typical paths

✓ Compensation

= Skills & Interviews →



Skills/Interviews

FAANG-like

'hiring'-bar → is same  
across the world

Obs: Interviews in US & Europe → more "practical"  
than India

DS/AS

Programming  $\rightarrow$  SQL  
 $\rightarrow$  Python; DS-libraries; ...  
 e.g: dataset; Task  $\rightarrow$

Math  $\rightarrow$  P&S; optimization; high dim geometry  
 Linear Algebra

ML-breadth  $\rightarrow$  KNN - LLM

ML-depth  $\rightarrow$  NLP/CV/RecSys...  $\rightarrow$  ...



→ Culture-fit / bar-zuiver

→ ML-applications



real-world problem



✓ { 80 + case studies



MLE (50%:50%)

→ DS & Algo ✓

→ LLD or HLD

# Smart strategies

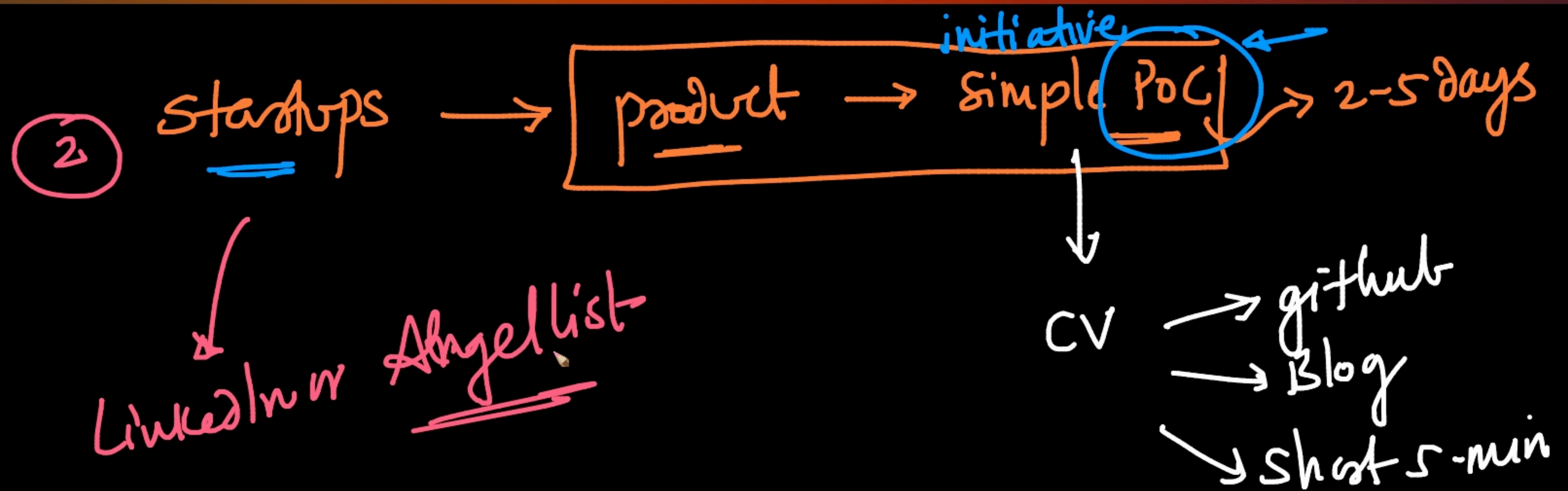
①

Intra-company

→ Prove yourselves / create value

→ Indispensable key resource

→ Networking





③ [McKinsey; Bain; BCG] → limited DS



