For my interview, I interviewed Brayden Black, a Data Science intern at Studies Weekly.

1. What role does your job play in business decision making and management?
   1. Typically, I am given assignments from the executives at the company. They ask for various reports with different segmentations done to help them make an educated decision. I like to think of myself as kind of a data transcriber, I look at the data and present it in an easier way for executives to make their decision on something.
2. What are challenging aspects of your job?
   1. It takes a lot of learning to become a data scientist, I’m constantly learning new programming languages as well as new ways to segment data into easily viewable documents.
3. What are your favorite parts of your job?
   1. It’s great to be able to blend technology and business together, meaning that I’m not your typical IT guy, but at the same time, I have more technical knowledge than any other business professional that I have met.
4. What would you recommend to someone going into this field.
   1. I would definitely recommend studying new developments in data science, it’s always changing and whoever doesn’t adapt to the new tech, usually doesn’t last very long in a job.
5. What is your least favorite part of your job?
   1. It can definitely be taxing having to explain the data to other people, sometimes I forget that the data is almost like another language to some people.
6. What does an average work day look like for you?
   1. I usually will start with a meeting with the executives to give them the projects I’ve finished and get some new ones going as well. I then start working on the data and try and switch between 4-5 projects a day, that way I don’t feel bored by what I’m doing.
7. Are there any good books that you would recommend to someone that is going into this field?
   1. How Google Works is a great book for anyone going into business or technology fields. I recommend it strongly to everyone.
8. What motivates you most about your job?
   1. I would say that the most motivating factor is that I’m the one who is helping make the big decisions for the company. If the data shows me that it would be best to layoff an entire department, then usually I will present that and it happens very quickly.