

Distinguishing Data Science from...

- Business Intelligence
- Statistics
- Data(base) Management
- Visualization
- Machine Learning

Huge number of
relevant courses,
new and existing.

- [Concepts in Computing with Data, Berkeley](#)
- [Practical Machine Learning, Berkeley](#)
- [Artificial Intelligence, Berkeley](#)
- [Visualization, Berkeley](#)
- [Data Mining and Analytics in Intelligent Business Services, Berkeley](#)
- [Data Science and Analytics: Thought Leaders, Berkeley](#)
- [Scalable Machine Learning, Berkeley](#)
- [Analyzing Big Data with Twitter, Berkeley](#)
- [Machine Learning, Stanford](#)
- [Paradigms for Computing with Data, Stanford](#)
- [Mining Massive Data Sets, Stanford](#)
- [Data Visualization, Stanford](#)
- [Algorithms for Massive Data Set Analysis, Stanford](#)
- [Research Topics in Interactive Data Analysis, Stanford](#)
- [Data Mining, Stanford](#)
- [Machine Learning, CMU](#)
- [Statistical Computing, CMU](#)
- [Machine Learning with Large Datasets, CMU](#)
- [Machine Learning, MIT](#)
- [Data Mining, MIT](#)
- [Statistical Learning Theory and Applications, MIT](#)
- [Data Literacy, MIT](#)
- [Introduction to Data Mining, UIUC](#)
- [Learning from Data, Caltech](#)
- [Introduction to Statistics, Harvard](#)
- [Data-Intensive Information Processing Applications, University of Maryland](#)
- [Statistical Inference, UPenn](#)
- [Introduction to Data Science, Columbia](#)
- [Dealing with Massive Data, Columbia](#)
- [Data-Driven Modeling, Columbia](#)
- [Introduction to Data Mining and Analysis, Georgia Tech](#)
- [Computational Data Analysis: Foundations of Machine Learning and Data Mining, Georgia Tech](#)
- [Applied Statistical Computing, Iowa State](#)
- [Data Visualization, Rice](#)
- [Data Warehousing and Data Mining, NYU](#)
- [Data Mining in Engineering, Toronto](#)
- [Machine Learning and Data Mining, UC Irvine](#)
- [Knowledge Discovery from Data, Cal Poly](#)
- [Large Scale Learning, University of Chicago](#)
- [Data Science: Large-scale Advanced Data Analysis, University of Florida](#)
- [Strategies for Statistical Data Analysis, Universität Leipzig](#)
- [Data Analysis, Johns Hopkins \(via Coursera\)](#)
- [Computing for Data Analysis, Johns Hopkins \(via Coursera\)](#)

“I worry that the Data Scientist role is like the mythical “webmaster” of the 90s: master of all trades.”

-- Aaron Kimball, CTO Wibidata

What “data science” tells me:

- If you’re a DBA, you need to learn to deal with unstructured data
- If you’re a statistician, you need to learn to deal with data that does not fit in memory
- If you’re a software engineer, you need to learn statistical modeling and how to communicate results.
- If you’re a business analyst, you need to learn about algorithms and tradeoffs at scale

Breadth

tools

abstractions



Hadoop

PostgreSQL

glm(...) in R

Tableau

MapReduce

Relational Algebra

Logistic Regression

InfoVis

Depth

structures

statistics



Management

Analysis

Relational Algebra

Linear Algebra

Standards

ad hoc files

Scale

desktop

cloud



main memory

distributed

R

Hadoop

local files

S3, Azure Storage

Target

hackers

analysts



Assume
proficiency in
Python, Java, R

Assume little or no
programming

