

Effective Networking

I created an account on meetup.com and found the below meetup close to my place.

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Thu, May 30, 5:30 PM

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Machine Learning Lightning Talks

For full details, including the address, and to RSVP see: <https://www.meetup.com/Data-Science-Phoenix/events/261185373>

This **meetup** is hosted at **Carvana**. They are providing the space, food and drinks. Thanks to **Carvana** a...

When Thu May 30, 2019 6pm – 8:30pm Mountain Standard Time - **Phoenix**

Where **Carvana** - 1930 W Rio Salado Pkwy - Tempe, AZ, us ([map](#))

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Who • priyatm1619@gmail.com - organizer

Machine Learning Lightning Talks meetup was hosted by Carvana. The meeting took place for about 2.5 hours. There were two instructors and they presented two presentations each on different projects and one of them was based on Natural Language Processing using Hierarchical Attention Networks (HANS) and explained how they improved their accuracy using HANS and plotted the difference between the regular ML algorithms' and HANS.' model accuracies.

The project's problem statement is to detect fake news. They mentioned that their team tried to gather fake news on their own from various resources but didn't have enough data at the end of the day to perform Machine Learning. Then they decided to go with the dataset from kaggle.com. It was very informative and the team took us a quick tour around the company as well and showed around different department sections. I made up a couple of connections who came for the meetup. I found many people who were like me trying to transition to Data Science though they are from different backgrounds.

At the end of the meeting, a recruiter from Carvana informed that there are multiple openings in the company and if any of us were interested we can send them our resumes and we would be called if our profile is considered.

I went ahead and spoke to the recruiter that I have 2.5 years of BI developer experience and I'm looking for Junior level Data Scientist positions and I'm currently doing Data Science course from Springboard bootcamp. He mentioned that my profile is more suitable for an Analyst position rather than Data Scientist as I don't have much background on statistics and bootcamps usually don't teach much on statistics.

I informed this to my career coach and she said it is okay to be considered for Analyst positions as in some companies the titles may be different however the work will remain the same.