

Informational Interviews

Name: Steven

Job Title: Data Engineer and Consultant

Company: Build Big Data, LLC

I met Steven through a mutual friend. He is working as a data engineer consultant and really seems to love data in one form or another. He's been working with data since 2006. His areas of focus are traditional business intelligence, distributed computing and big data, enabling analytics, diving down rabbit holes, and teaching others. He is always trying to stay relevant, knowledgeable and professionally certified in modern technology areas: Hadoop based frameworks, the Apache Spark ecosystem, and AWS cloud services. This is a little different from what I am looking to do long term but some commonalities I see is the incredible attention to detail and passion for data. After speaking with Steven, this is not something I would enjoy doing professionally.

Name: Ryan

Job Title: Data Integration Analyst

Company: WebPT

Ryan is a friend of mine and he has focused his career around medical data migration. This is not a data science role rather more of the backend that data scientists don't necessarily see. He spends most of his time writing SQL queries and manipulating databases from one format to another. He is currently working for WebPT based out of Phoenix but mostly works from home. HIPPA compliance is a big part of what he does so making sure that he is following regulations is always an ongoing concern. After speaking with Ryan, this is not something I would enjoy doing professionally.

Name: Alex

Job Title: Senior Integration Engineer

Company: Innovista Health Solutions

Alex is an experienced Senior Integration Engineer who also works in the hospital & health care industry. The majority of his time is spent ensuring that the multiple subsystems that make up the company infrastructure can communicate with each other effectively and efficiently. This includes the flow of data into and out of the system. This involves lots of unit test writing and alarms so that in the case of a system outage the culprit can be identified quickly. After speaking with Alex, this is not something I would enjoy doing professionally.