Elevator Pitch Template

**Fill this out prior to your career coaching call. To fill this out, make a copy and save to your drive (File > Make a Copy) or download as a Word document.**

The scenario

Imagine that you just bumped into a former colleague or an acquaintance. This person is curious about what you’ve been up to. What do you say? Use this worksheet as a framework to help develop your story. Remember to:

1. Explain what you do
2. Communicate Your Value
3. Promote an achievement
4. Show passion
5. Ask a Question

What to say

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| **Prompt** | **Example** | **Your turn** |
| Currently I am...and my dream/goal is to... | I recently enrolled in an intensive bootcamp with the goal of becoming a Data Scientist | Currently I am a Sr. Process Engineer and am enrolled in an intensive datacamp with the goal of becoming a Data Scientist. I have a PhD in electrical engineering from Arizona State. |
| I am passionate about this area/industry because... | I am passionate about using data to help make data driven decisions... | I am passionate about investigating different kinds of data and model the data to assist in data drive decisions. |
| I’m really excited to contribute... | I’m excited to combine my background in Finance and my Data Science skills and contribute to... | I have background in engineering and I am excited to integrate the analytical skills of an engineer into data science |
| Recently I had the opportunity to work on... | Recently I had the opportunity to collaborate with a small-sized startup where I helped to update their data sources to improve their collection processes. Which ultimately allowed them to have clearer data reporting | Recently, I have implemented various process driven improvements based on data collection and analysis in my current job. These improvements led to a better yield. |
| Ask a question | By chance do you know of anyone who works in this field who would be willing to chat with me? | I was wondering if you know anyone who works in this field. |

Bring it together (example):

I’m currently taking a Data Science intensive course. You may remember that I previously worked in engineering, so I’m excited about combining that with data science at a tech company. I love the idea of helping a company make data driven decisions. Recently I had the opportunity to collaborate with a small-sized startup where I helped to update their data sources to improve their collection processes. Which ultimately allowed them to have clearer data reporting. It was awesome to apply what I’m learning to a real company. By chance, do you know of anyone who does something similar?

Bring it together (your turn):

I’m currently taking a Data Science intensive course. You may remember that I am currently working as a process improvement engineer in the largest probe-card manufacturer and supplier, so I’m excited about combining that with data science at a tech company. I love the idea of helping a company make data driven decisions. Recently, I implemented process improvements based off DOE, data collection and analysis tat led to increased engineering yield It was awesome to apply what I’m learning to a real company. By chance, do you know of anyone who does something similar?

Keep in mind that:

* The above template is just a guide for your conversation and you likely won’t get through all of this in one breath. Be flexible with what info you give.
* Practice different variations of your pitch, so it doesn’t sound contrived - you will notice that in the example above, the full pitch differed slightly from what was written in the template
* Limit your pitch to no more than 30 seconds or you risk losing your listener
* Your pitch
* can be used both in-person and virtually
* Consider modifying this for the About section on your LinkedIn profile or in responding to “Tell me about yourself” during an interview
* Tailor this depending on the situation
* Remember that networking is a two-way street. You should also ask questions about the other person.