

Winter Institute in Data Science

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Goals

Skills

Examples

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Installations

Welcome!

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Particular intersection of

- ▶ Statistical practice
- ▶ Computational tools
- ▶ Substantive knowledge

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- ▶ Substance: social science

Data Scientist: The Sexiest Job of the 21st Century

by [Thomas H. Davenport](#) and [D.J. Patil](#)

From the October 2012 Issue

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Contribute methods, substance, both.

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```
##   sex      yearofbirth primary2004 messages      primary2006
```

```
##   <chr>          <dbl>          <dbl> <chr>          <dbl>
```

```
## 1 male          1941              0 Civic Duty      0
```

```
## 2 female        1947              0 Civic Duty      0
```

```
## 3 male          1951              0 Hawthorne      1
```

```
## 4 female        1950              0 Hawthorne      1
```

```
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## 6 male          1981              0 Control        0
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           locale = locale("es"),  
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```

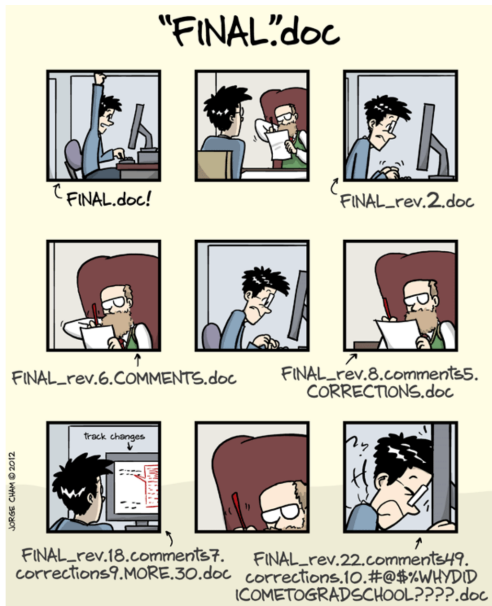
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## [1] "2000-01-15"
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- ▶ How do we compare models/prediction strategies?

Course GitHub page:

<https://github.com/ryantmoore/winter-inst-2025>

(syllabus tour)

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<https://cran.r-project.org>
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- ▶ Python (includes IDLE):
<https://www.python.org/downloads/>
- ▶ Anaconda: (can skip registration)
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