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DATA CLEANING



What is Data Cleaning?

Data Cleaning is the process of finding and removing errors, inconsistencies, duplications, and missing entries from data to increase data consistency and quality—also known as **data scrubbing** or **Cleansing**.



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Steps in the data cleaning process are:

1. Removing duplicates
2. Remove irrelevant data
3. Standardize capitalization
4. Convert data type
5. Handling outliers
6. Fix errors
7. Language Translation
8. Handle missing values



Why is Data Cleaning so Important

Real-world data is noisy and contains a lot of errors. They are not in their best format. So, it becomes important that these data points need to be fixed.

It is estimated that **data scientists** spend between **80 to 90 percent** of their time in data cleaning



Data Cleaning Tools:

- **Microsoft Excel** (Popular data cleaning tool)
- **Programming languages** (Python, Ruby, SQL)
- **Data Visualizations** (To spot errors in your dataset)
- **Proprietary software** (OpenRefine, Trifacta, etc)



Benefits of Data Cleaning:

- Avoiding mistakes
- Improving productivity
- Avoiding unnecessary costs and errors
- Staying organized
- Improved mapping



• Data Cleaning Process •





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