

General

- [What is data science?](#) (21 answers)
 - - Type A Data Scientist: This type is primarily concerned with making sense of data or working with it in a fairly static way. The Type A Data Scientist is very similar to a statistician (and may be one) but knows all the practical details of working with data that aren't taught in the statistics curriculum: data cleaning, methods for dealing with very large data sets, visualization, deep knowledge of a particular domain, writing well about data, and so on.
 - Type B Data Scientist: Type B Data Scientists share some statistical background with Type A, but they are also very strong coders and may be trained software engineers. The Type B Data Scientist is mainly interested in using data "in production." They build models which interact with users, often serving recommendations (products, people you may know, ads, movies, search results).
- [What is big data?](#) (30 answers)
- [How do I learn about big data?](#) (12 answers)
- [What is big data in layman's terms?](#) (8 answers)
- [What are some actual projects data scientists have worked on?](#)
- [What is the future of data science?](#) (20 answers)
- [Why the current obsession with big data?](#) (43 answers)
- [What is the difference between Data Analytics, Data Analysis, Data Mining and Data Science?](#)

Becoming a Data Scientist

- [How do I become a data scientist](#) (76 answers)
- [How do I become a data scientist without a PhD?](#) (11 answers)
- [How do I become a data scientist as a PhD student?](#) (8 answers)
- [Do I need a Masters/PhD. to become a data scientist?](#) (11 answers)
- [What is a data scientist's career path?](#)

Data Science Careers and Data Scientists

- [What does a data scientist do?](#) (16 answers)
- [What is a typical day like as a data scientist?](#)

- [What are the key skills of a data scientist? \(47 answers\)](#)
- [What skills are needed for machine learning jobs? \(17 answers\)](#)
- [What is the work flow or process of a data scientist/analyst, and what tools do you use for this? \(9 answers\)](#)
- [What are the most common mistakes made by aspirational data scientists? \(6 answers\)](#)
- [What are the downsides of being a data scientist? \(8 answers\)](#)
- [Who are the most notable and influential data scientists? \(10 answers\)](#)
- [What is it like to be a data scientist? \(7 answers\)](#)
- [Which career is more promising data scientist/software developer?](#)
- [What is the data scientist profession? How does it differ from related professions? \(12 answers\)](#)
- [What are the differences between machine learning and data science?](#)
- [What is the difference between a decision scientist and a data scientist?](#)
- [What is difference between a data analyst and a data scientist? \(11 answers\)](#)
- [Is data scientist shortage overhyped?](#)

Data Science Resources

- [Where can I find large datasets open to the public? \(155 answers\)](#)
- [What are the best blogs about data? \(75 answers\)](#)
- [What are the best blogs for data miners and data scientists to read? \(27 answers\)](#)

Learning Data Science

- [How do I learn R? \(30 answers\)](#)
- [How do I begin analyzing data using R?](#)
- [How do I learn Python? \(79 answers\)](#)
- [How do I learn data analysis for Python? \(12 answers\)](#)
- [How do I learn about big data?](#)
- [How do I learn big data technologies? \(17 answers\)](#)
- [What's the best way for someone with no background to learn D3.js?](#)
- [What are some good resources for learning about data visualization?](#)
- [What are some good books for learning probability and statistics? \(28 answers\)](#)
- [What are some good books on machine learning? \(15 answers\)](#)
- [How do I learn Machine Learning? \(51 answers\)](#)
- [How do I learn to tell stories as a data scientist? \(10 answers\)](#)
- [How do I learn data mining in one month?](#)

Data Science Training Programs

- [Reviews of: Data Science for Social Good](#)
- [Are there any good data science bootcamps? \(9 answers\)](#)
- [Is the Zipfian Academy / Galvanize data science bootcamp high quality? \(5 answers\)](#)
- [Reviews of: Zipfian Academy/Galvanize](#)
- [What is it like to take CS 109/Statistics 121 \(Data Science\) at Harvard?](#)
- [Reviews of: The Open Source Data Science Masters \(needs answers\)](#)

Data Science Certificates

- [What are some good data science certificate programs?](#)
- [Reviews of: UW Certificate In Data Science](#)
- [Reviews of: Harvard Data Science Certificate](#)
- [Reviews of: Data Analyst Nanodegree \(Udacity\)](#)
- [Reviews of: Coursera Data Science Specialization Track \(7 answers\)](#)

Note: it all costs money!

Data Science Degrees

- [What are the best masters programs in Data Science/Analytics in the US? \(10 answers\)](#)
- [What are the best graduate schools/programs for those who are interested in data mining/data science?](#)

Data Science Masters Programs

- [Reviews of: datascience@berkeley](#)
- [Reviews of: Stanford Master of Science in Statistics: Data Science](#)
- [What is it like to go through UC Berkeley's new Data Science MS program?](#)
- [What do data scientists think of the new Berkeley master's of information and data science online program?](#)

Data Science MOOCs

- [Reviews of: Data Analyst Nanodegree \(Udacity\)](#)
- [What are the best data science courses on Udacity?](#)
- [What are the best data science courses on edX?](#)

Data Science on Coursera

- [What classes should I take on Coursera if I want to become a data scientist?](#)
- [Reviews of: Coursera Data Science Specialization Track \(7 answers\)](#)
- [What are the best data science courses on Coursera?](#)
- [What is the difference between Coursera's data science track \(via Johns Hopkins\) and Udacity's data analyst nano degree?](#)
- [Is it worth it to pay 9 * \\$49 for a data science specialization on Coursera? \(19 answers\)](#)
- [As a practicing Data Scientist, would you consider hiring someone who has completed the "Data Science" specialization on Coursera in an entry level Data Scientist position?](#)

Applications of Data Science

- [How do I apply data science to social good?](#)
- [How do I apply data science to healthcare?](#)

Data Science Teams

- [What's the best way to start building a data science team? \(6 answers\)](#)
- [Why is it so hard to recruit top data scientists?](#)
- [How do you recruit data scientists?](#)
- [Which companies have the best data science teams? \(18 answers\)](#)
- [How does a company grow from a single data analyst to an entire data team?](#)

Data Science Tools

- [Why is Python a language of choice for data scientists? \(8 answers\)](#)
- [Is Python the most important programming language to learn for aspiring data scientists & data miners? \(12 answers\)](#)
- [What tools do data scientists use? \(15 answers\)](#)
- [Which is better for data analysis: R or Python? \(26 answers\)](#)
- [What tools do data scientists use for professional presentations? \(7 answers\)](#)

Data Science Projects

- [What are some good toy problems in data science? \(24 answers\)](#)
- [What are some of the most interesting data analyses ever done?](#)
- [What are some good thesis topics in data science?](#)

Data Science at Universities

- [What classes should I take if I want to become a data scientist?](#)
- [What major should I choose if I want to be a data scientist?](#)

Data Science Interviews

- [How do I prepare for a data scientist interview?](#)
- [What is a typical data scientist interview like?](#)
- [How do I prepare for a Data Engineer interview?](#)
- [How do I know whether I am ready for a data science interview?](#)

Data Science Interview Questions

- [What are common CS questions asked during data scientist interviews?](#)
- [What are some brain storming/puzzle questions asked in a data scientist/analyst interview?](#)
- [What kind of A/B testing questions should I expect in a data scientist interview and how should I prepare for such questions?](#)
- [What are the best interview questions to evaluate a machine learning researcher?](#)
- [How should I prepare for statistics questions for a data science interview?](#)
- [What are some important questions to ask a recruiter when interviewing for a data science job?](#)

Data Science Internships

- [What companies have data science internships?](#)
- [What internships will help be become a data scientist?](#)
- [What are some tips to choose whether I want to apply for a Data Science or Software Engineering internship?](#)
- [When is the best time to apply for data science summer internships?](#)

Data Science Jobs

- [What companies are hiring data scientists?](#)

- What companies are hiring new grad data scientists?
- Where are data scientist jobs located?
- How do I learn about data science job openings?