Unit 9: Looking Ahead

Landing a Job

Lesson 61

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Overview of unit

Objectives:
- Understand where to take your data science adventures from here

1. How to think about yourself
2. Building skills
3. Networking
4. Landing a job in data science

Lesson overview

Objectives

- Tips for how to land a job in data science

Outline

- Don't be intimidated
- On "years of experience"
- The trick question
- Resume tips
- Just apply!

Don't be intimidated

Most people who write job descriptions don't know who they're looking for.

Job qualifications are (often) NOT requirements.

On "years of experience"

"Must have… +7 years of experience with python"

This is not 7 working years of experience.

This isn't even 7 years of experience.

This might be the equivalent of 7 years of someone else's experience?

"Has X years of experience in Y" == is pretty comfortable with Y

The trick question

"Have you worked with X?"

Unless you have never heard of X, the answer is ALWAYS "yes".

Resume tips

List projects you've worked on
- Include personal projects … but no need to call them out as "personal"

Don't binge-write tech terms – just mention the key ones.

Lesson wrap-up

Takeaways

- You can land a position in data science
- Prepare, polish your resume, and apply to any position that interests you.

Up next

- Conclusion