

# Welcome to Sapienza Data Science

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# Who am I?

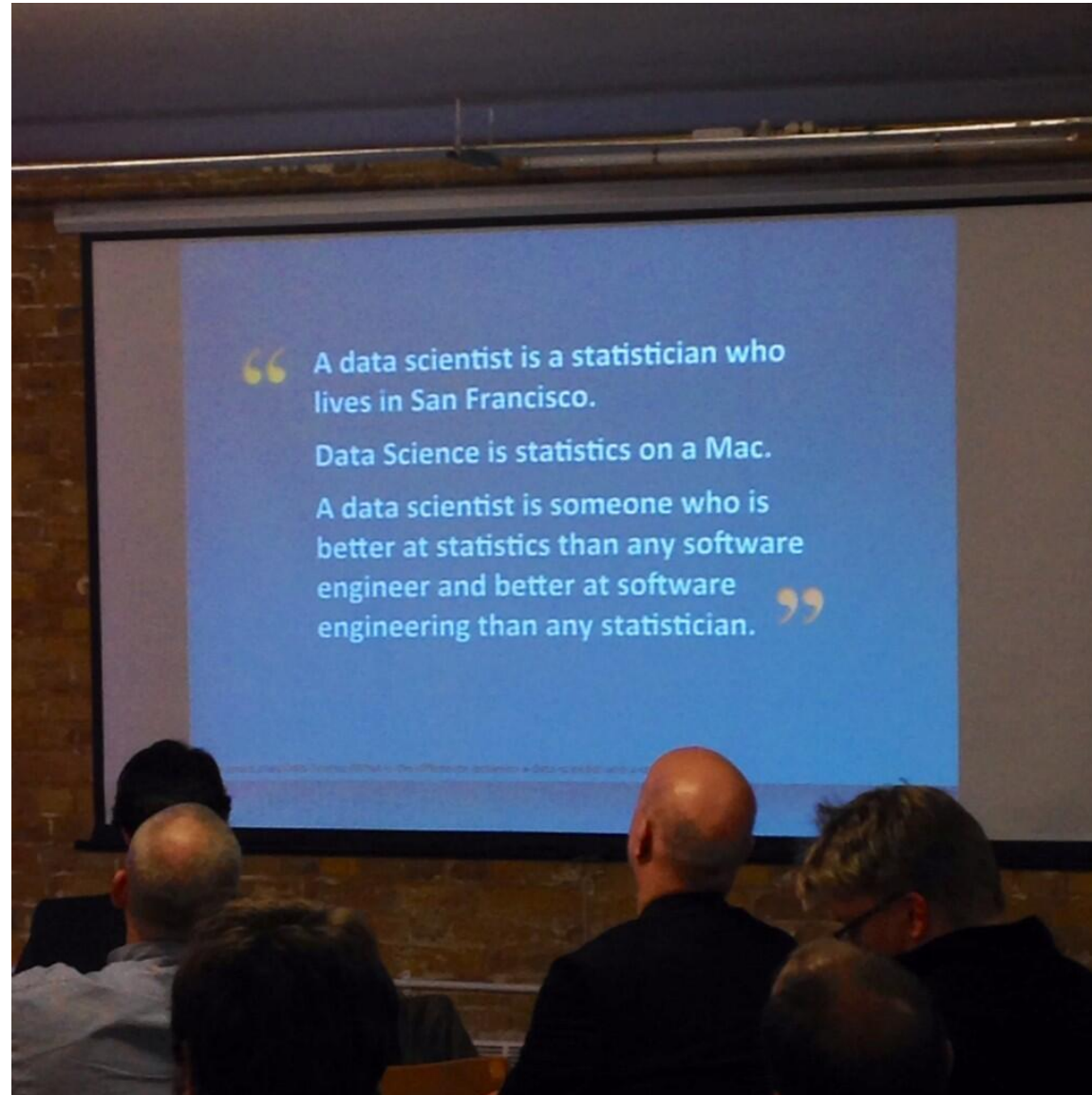
- Professor in computer engineering at Sapienza
- Studied in Greece, USA
- Worked in the US for a bit, then came to Sapienza
- Works on algorithms, data analysis, data science
  - Search engines, social networks, recommender systems, misinformation, biology, finance, medicine, ...
- Helped create the Data Science master in Sapienza

Who are you?

# What is Data Science?

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From Wikipedia:

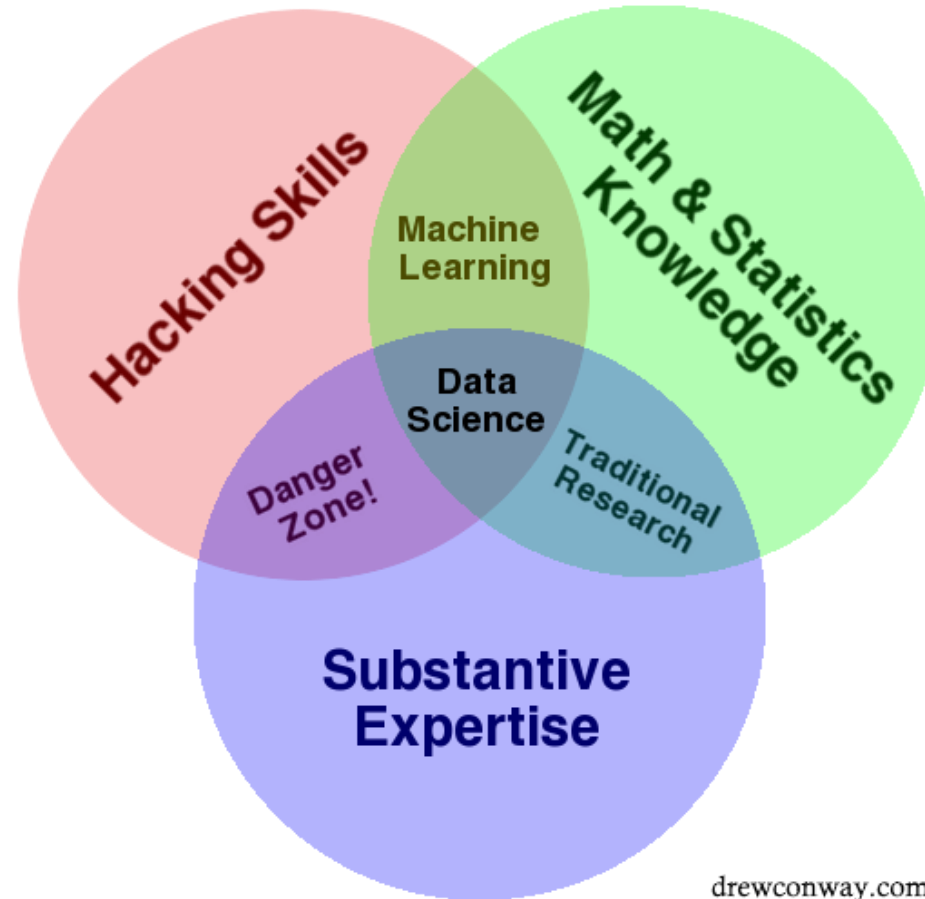
**Data science** is an [interdisciplinary](#) academic that uses [statistics](#), [scientific computing](#), [scientific methods](#), processes, [algorithms](#) and systems to extract or extrapolate [knowledge](#) and insights from noisy, structured, and [unstructured data](#).

Data science also integrates domain knowledge from the underlying application domain (e.g., natural sciences, information technology, and medicine). Data science is multifaceted and can be described as a science, a research paradigm, a research method, a discipline, a workflow, and a profession.

Data science is a "concept to unify [statistics](#), [data analysis](#), [informatics](#), and their related [methods](#)" to "understand and analyze actual [phenomena](#)" with [data](#). It uses techniques and theories drawn from many fields within the context of [mathematics](#), statistics, [computer science](#), [information science](#), and [domain knowledge](#). However, data science is different from [computer science](#) and information science. [Turing Award](#) winner [Jim Gray](#) imagined data science as a "fourth paradigm" of science ([empirical](#), [theoretical](#), [computational](#), and now data-driven) and asserted that "everything about science is changing because of the impact of [information technology](#)" and the [data deluge](#).

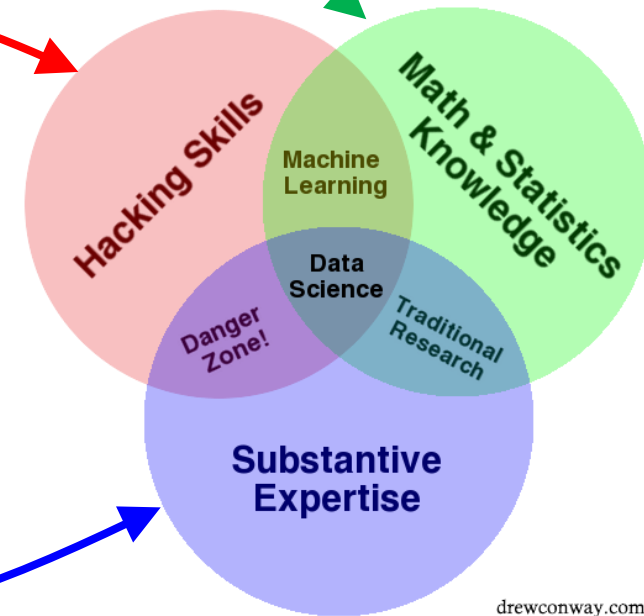
A **data scientist** is a professional who creates programming code and combines it with statistical knowledge to create insights from data.

# What is Data Science?



# Programs in Data Science

- In the last 10 years, almost all the large Universities in the world created programs in Data Science
- Provide education that combines
  - Computer science/engineering
  - Math & Statistics
  - Domain knowledge



# Applications

Applications in a lot of areas:

Computer science (All kinds of startups)

Biology

Epidemiology (Prediction)

Medicine

Social sciences (Online experiments)

Politics (Obama)

Sports

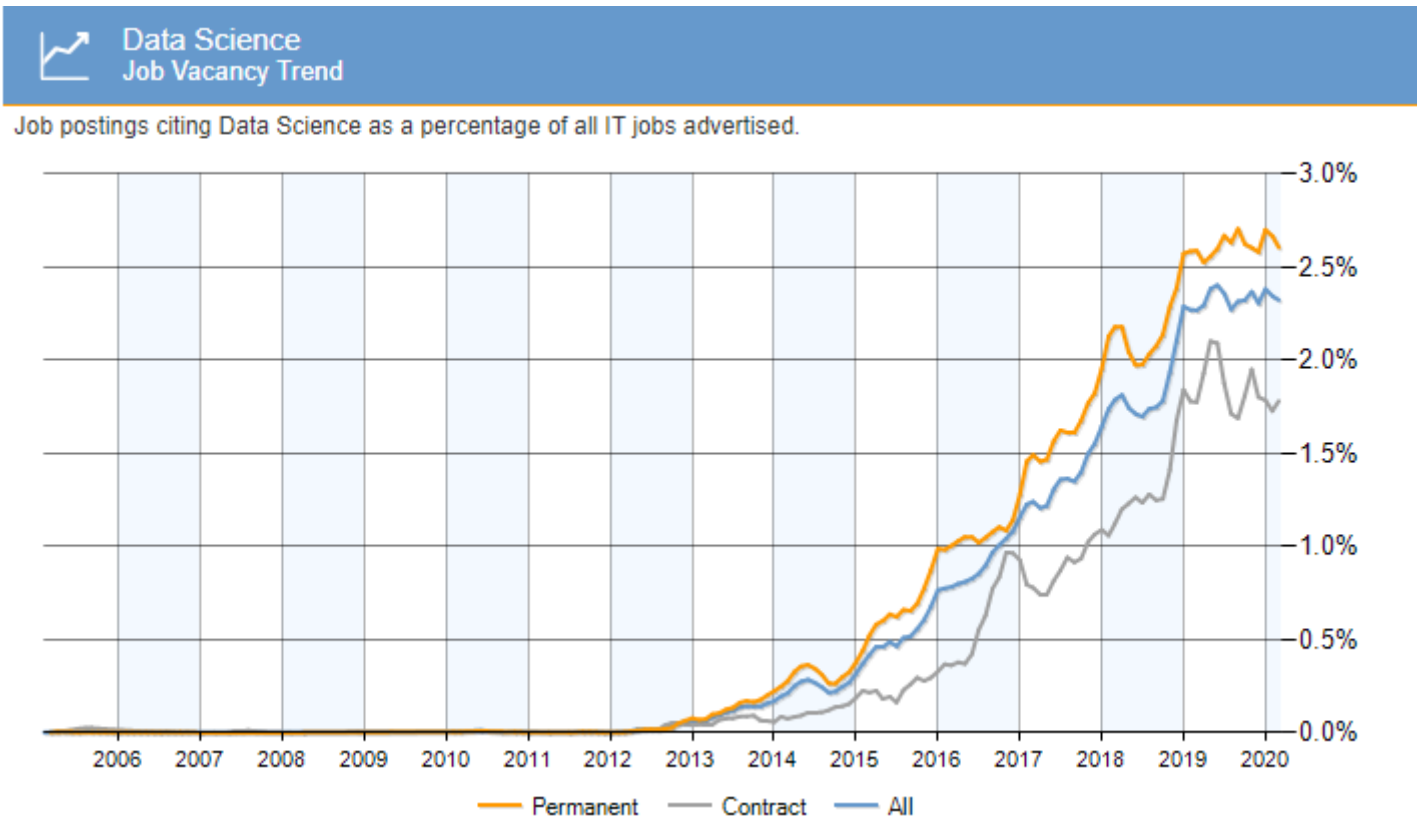
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# Master Degree in Data Science

The job of bid-data analyst is requested for more than 10 years in startups, public agencies and many copanies in Fortune 500.

Up to 800 K requests for job in Europe in the area of big data.



# Data Science programs in Italy

**In 2015, 3 Data Science master (laurea magistrale) programs started in Italy:**

- Ca'Foscari
- Sapienza
- U. Torino

**More opened since then:**

- U. Bologna
- U. Firenze
- U. Milano-Bicocca
- U. Padova
- U. Pisa
- U. Trieste + U. Udine (+ SISSA + ICTP)
- ...



# Data Science @Sapienza

## Highlights

- Laurea magistrale in Data Science
- 2 years
- After the triennale
- Founded in 2015
- First graduates in October 2017
- Taught in english



Alla Sapienza arrivano i primi laureati in Data Science d'Italia



# Data Science @Sapienza

## Features

- Multidisciplinary: 4 departments involved:
  - Informatica
  - Ingegneria informatica, automatica e gestionale
  - Ingegneria dell'Informazione, elettronica e telecomunicazioni
  - Scienze statistiche
- Collaboration with the Industry
  - Stages, internships, final project
- Applied from day 1
- Accepts students from various disciplines
- About 1/3 of the students are nonitalians



# Industrial liaison program

ISTAT

IBM

Immobiliare.it

NTT DATA

Telecom

ESA/Esrin

CINECA

LAIT Lazio

5M Informatica

Engineering

EY

Teradata

Oracle

Microsoft

Splunk

Sky

EMC2

Vitrociset

Accenture

Poste Italiane

SAS

Almawave

UNICREDIT

Vodafone

KPMG

Immobiliare



# Program structure

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4 compulsory courses

1<sup>st</sup> year

Give the basics of DS to everyone

Computer science

Algorithms

Programming

Network theory

Probability & Statistics

Hypothesis testing

Prediction



# Program structure

7 optional courses  
Some courses from each category  
Specialize in what interests you

Computer science  
Databases  
Data mining  
Data privacy & security  
Internet of things

Probability & Statistics  
Advanced statistics  
Machine learning  
Optimization methods

Specialized domains  
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Stages and internships (Italy, EU, USA)  
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# 2022 students

