

# Data Scientists



# A World of Data



# Connecting the dots...





# What is a Data Scientist?



## A Pioneer

Who works with business leaders to solve problems by understanding, preparing, and analyzing data to predict emerging trends; provides recommendations to optimize results; augments human intelligence



## Quantitative Training

Typically has training in quantitative discipline such as mathematics, statistics, operations research, machine learning, deep learning or econometrics; they use a variety of data and analytics tools and languages



## Business Acumen

Has business acumen to understand the business problem and to influence strategic choices through data in creating and deploying the solution



## Effective Communications

Effectively communicates findings and recommendations to business leaders using strong communication, visualization and storytelling skills



# Why is Data Science Important?

*“Hiding within those mounds of data is knowledge that could change the life of a patient or change the world.”*

*Atul Butte, Stanford University*

## Problem Solving



To reimagine and solve the most challenging problems with new data science capabilities

## Monetized Data



To leverage and monetize data for competitive advantage

## Improved Forecasting



To improve the accuracy and value of forecasts

## Unique Insights



To discover unique, actionable insights to help transform the future of work

## Optimized Results



To enable the enterprise to optimize results and drive value

## Risk Management



To predict, reduce and mitigate risk across operational processes

# Why is Certification for Data Scientists Needed?

*Data Scientists work on mission critical issues*

...

*...the wrong approach or flawed analysis from an inexperienced or inadequately trained data scientist can have catastrophic consequences*

Enterprises need to make sense of massive amounts of data



Data Scientists must use a disciplined method-based approach to solution development

Skilled data scientists significantly improve results



Data Scientists need to have a breadth and depth of skills and experiences

Shortage of data science talent and lack of standards increases risk



An independent review of qualifications and experiences by peer certified data scientists mitigates the risk

# Certification Drives Value

## IT Skills and Salary Report on the Value of Certification

### BENEFITS FROM CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Benefits	North America	Latin America	EMEA	Asia-Pacific	Worldwide
Meets client requirements	45%	62%	54%	53%	51%
Closes organizational skill gaps	46%	30%	36%	45%	42%
Troubleshooting issues takes less time	35%	53%	42%	42%	40%
Gives us an edge over competitors	35%	37%	42%	38%	38%
Projects are completed faster	31%	56%	37%	45%	38%
Boosts productivity	33%	30%	32%	39%	34%
Products and services are deployed quicker	22%	41%	26%	29%	26%
Reduces employee turnover	28%	15%	19%	15%	22%
Makes hiring easier	21%	15%	16%	13%	17%
Reduces direct or indirect expenses	11%	26%	20%	15%	16%

Source: 2018 IT SKILLS AND SALARY REPORT

## Certified Team Members

**Faster** to

✓ Troubleshoot Issues

✓ Complete Projects

Have

✓ **fewer skills gaps**

Drive

✓ **Drive Economic Benefit**





# Professional Certification from The Open Group



# The Open Group is ...

**A global consortium** that enables the achievement of business objectives through technology standards.

**With more than 600 member organizations.** We have a diverse membership that includes customers, systems and solutions suppliers, tool vendors, integrators and consultants, as well as academics and researchers across multiple industries.



# The Open Group is ...

*600+ Memberships signed in 46 Countries*  
*Staff and local partners in 12 Countries*

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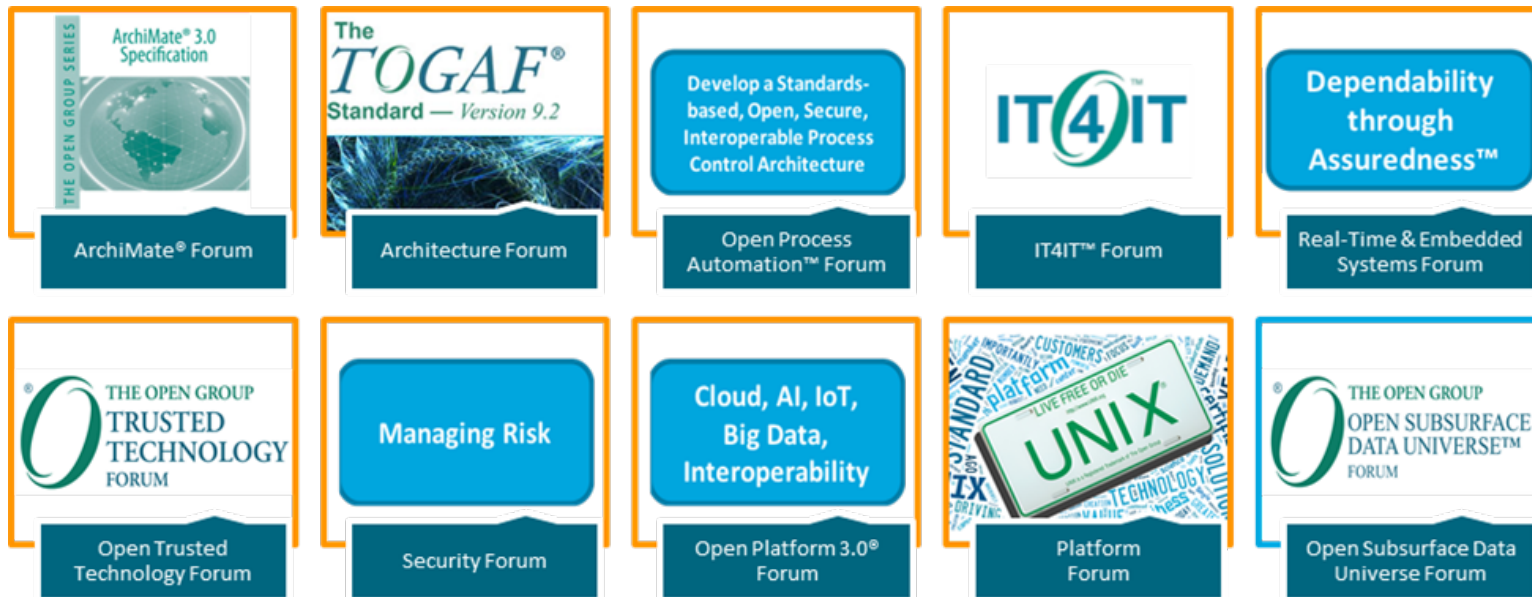


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# Forums of The Open Group



## The Open Group Industry Verticals & Consortia



Healthcare Forum



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Metals and Minerals  
Forum



FACE Consortium



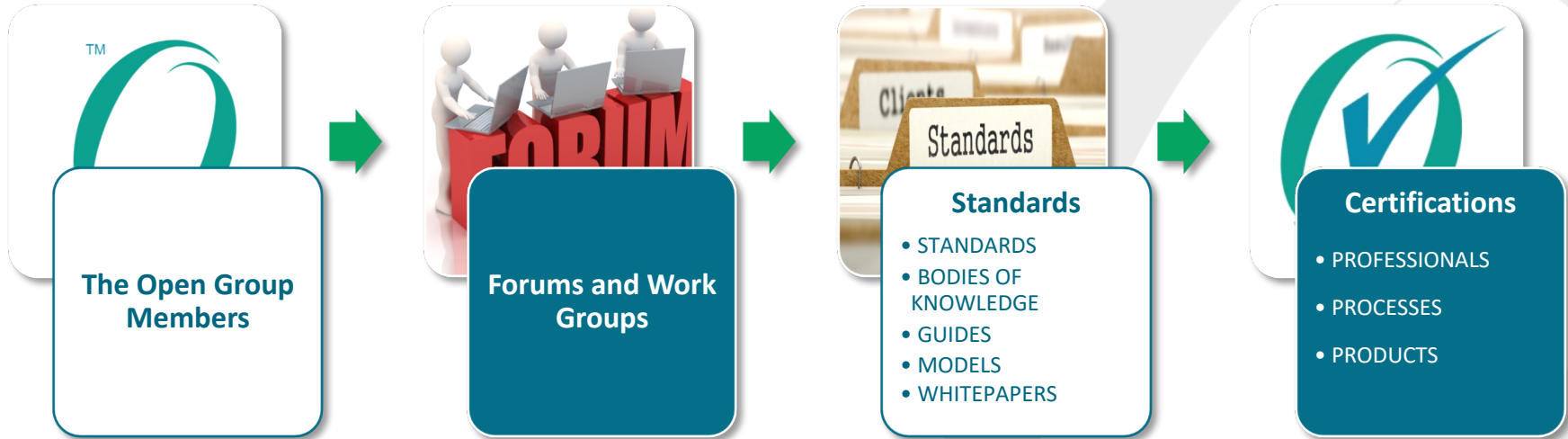
Sensor Open Systems  
Architecture (SOSA™)  
Consortium

### Industry Verticals

### Consortia

(Gated US-Only due to Export Controls  
pertaining to US DoD and their supplier base)

# From Membership to Standards, and Standards to Certifications



- The Open Group Certifications are created based on the Standards produced by our members.
- The standards are rigorously produced and peer reviewed by acknowledged leaders in their fields, ensuring our certifications are based on industry accepted best practices and expertise.



# Professional Certification



# The Open Group Certification Programs



*“For IT professionals, The Open Group Certifications are a globally recognized, credible and portable validation that you have the knowledge, skills and expertise required.”*

The Open Group Certification Programs consists of two types of certifications -

- **Knowledge Based Certification**
  - based on knowledge gained through training courses or self study
- **Experience Based Certification**
  - certification awarded based on assessment criteria aligned to specific professions

# The Open Group Professions Program (Experience Based)



The Open Group Professions Program currently contains three professions -

- **Open Certified Architect (Open CA)**
- **Open Certified Technical Specialist (Open CTS)**
- **Open Certified Data Scientist (Open CDS)**

- Provides an objective, reliable measure of candidate capabilities and qualifications
- Ensures a more efficient and successful recruiting process with consistently positive results
- Enables organizations to formalize and recognize career progression
- Helps identify the best candidates for critical roles and responsibilities

Candidates can achieve certification at three levels -

- **Certified**
- **Master Certified**
- **Distinguished**

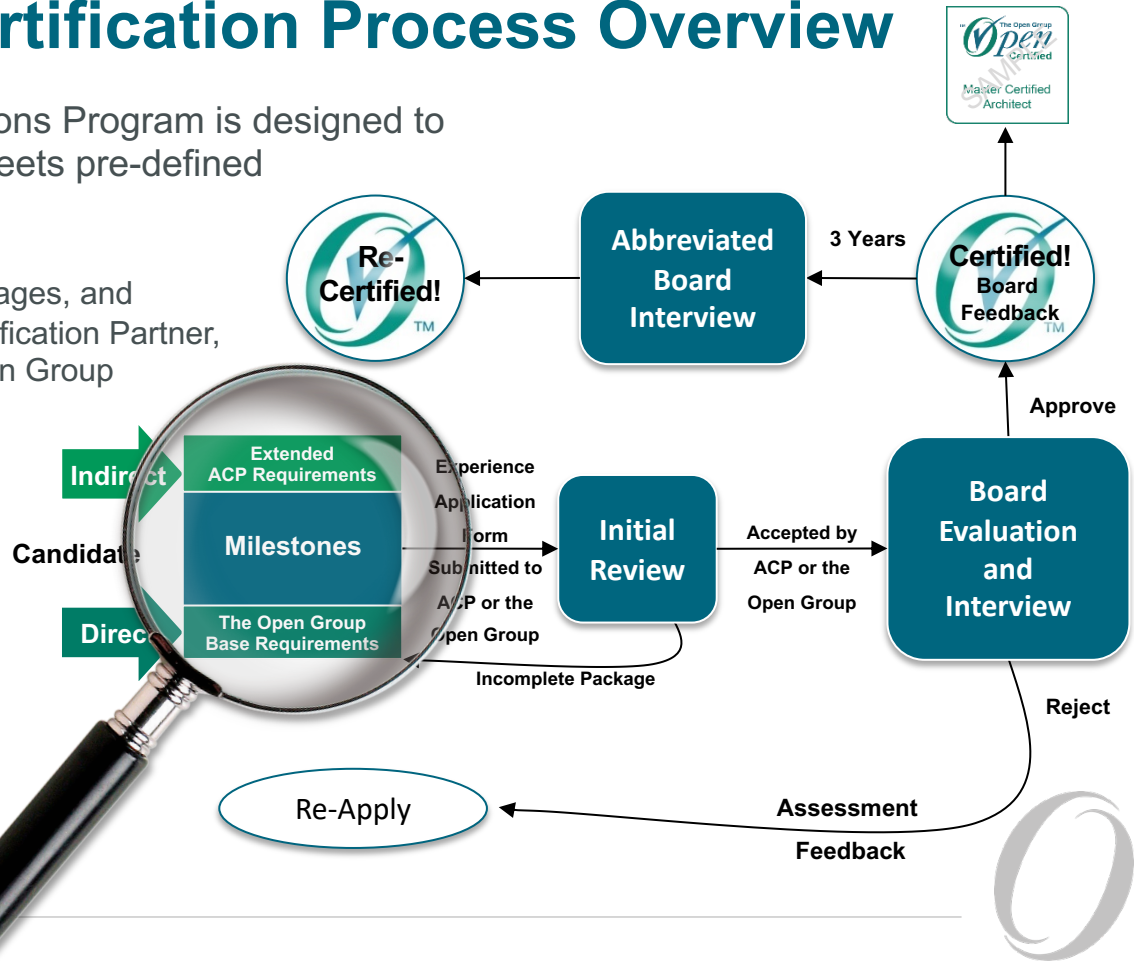
Certification is awarded through experience based profiles assessment by recognized industry experts within the appropriate field.



# Experience Based Certification Process Overview

The Certification process for The Professions Program is designed to objectively assess whether a candidate meets pre-defined assessment criteria for each profession.

- A candidate completes their milestone packages, and submits them to either their Accredited Certification Partner, or in the case of direct candidates, The Open Group
- The Packages are initially reviewed and if complete, an Assessment Board is assembled
- The Assessment Board reviews and conducts an interview to assess the candidate against the assessment criteria
- Re-apply to be re-certified after 3 years



# A Stepwise Path to Certification

A candidate submits 5 application forms to obtain the appropriate Milestone Badges, which are individually assessed.

(in any order, and this does not have to be completed linearly)

- 1 x Professional Communication
- 1 x Professional Development
- 3 x Experience Profiles



# Open Certified Data Scientist



- Open CDS has been developed out of a requirement of the IT sector, to verify that Data Scientist professionals have the qualities and capabilities required to produce effective analysis of data to the overall improvement of business.

The key skill and contribution Data Scientists bring to their organizations is the ability to integrate statistical, economic, and computer science techniques to address business problems.

Data Scientists develop statistical models; combinations of postulates, data and inferences designed to solve a business problem using formal methods to guide and drive the development of solutions.





# <https://certification.opengroup.org/opencds>

- » For more information or to register for certification go to:
  - <https://www.opengroup.org/certifications/certified-data-scientist-open-cds>

# IBM's Global Data Scientist Professional Certification

Maureen Norton, Global Data  
Scientist Profession Leader





# The New Data Scientist Certification is Experience- Based

## Knowledge-Based

Several data science certification or certificate courses are knowledge-based - you take a course or series of courses and are tested on the knowledge to earn a badge, certificate or certification.

There are many of these available.

is different from

## Experience-Based

Experience-Based certifications are earned through the application of those skills to business problems, have peer-reviewed projects, giveback and leadership requirements.

There are 3 Levels of Professional Data Scientist Certification.



IBM has  
implemented  
a certification  
model for  
Data Scientist  
which meets  
The Open  
Group  
standards.

IBM's implementation of  
this career model is  
accredited by The Open  
Group.

IBMers who are certified  
receive the equivalent level  
of certification from The  
Open Group.

This provides them with  
recognizable certification  
both internally and  
externally.

In first year ...

Became an Award Winning  
Certification

and ...

Made the Top 15 Most  
Influential Data Scientist  
Certification List

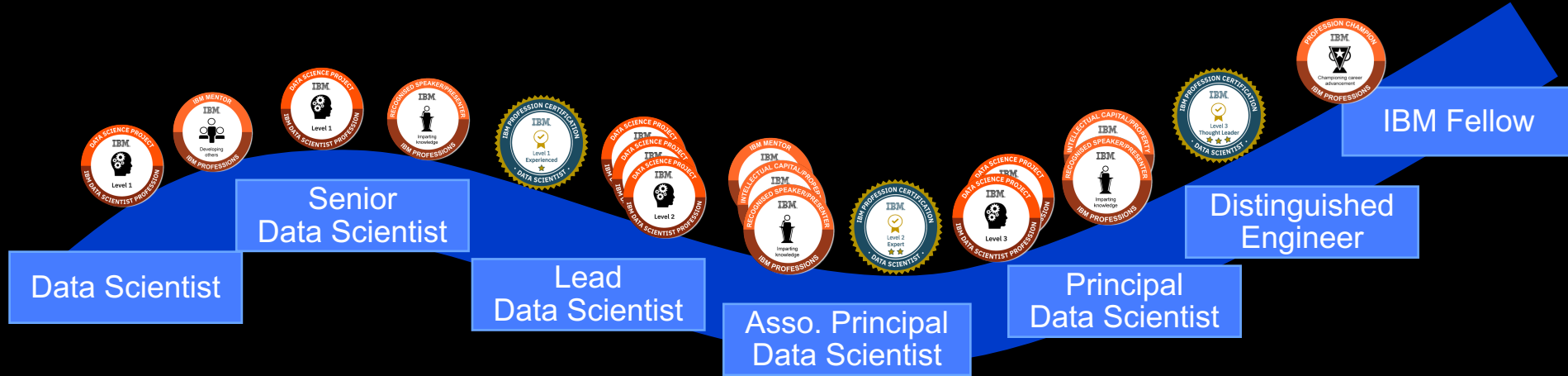
IBM's implementation of this  
certification model was  
awarded a Silver Stevie  
Award in the Best Employers  
category in Sept. 2019

Today Data Scientists can go  
directly to The Open Group to  
certify

or

Companies can implement  
the certification model and  
become accredited by The  
Open Group as IBM did

# Data Science Career Path, Career and Certification Model



# IBM Data Scientist Certification Career Journey

## Level 1 Experienced

< 3 years experience

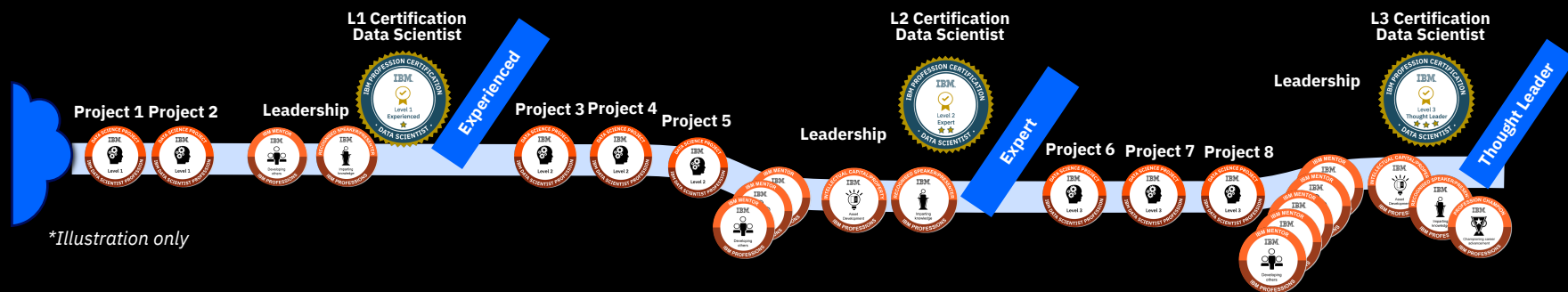
## Level 2 Expert

3 years or more  
experience

Can apply directly to  
Level 2

## Level 3 Thought Leader

Level 2 Certification  
required before  
applying for Level 3





# IBM Data Science Model – Certification Roadmap

## L1 Experienced Level Certification

### Data Scientist Skills

#### Applied level

1. Characterize Business Problems
2. Formulate Research Question and Build Hypotheses
3. Tailor Method
4. Identify and Collect Data
5. Construct Usable Data
6. Using
7. Use Data Science Platforms Techniques and Collaboration Tools
8. Validate Model
9. Translate Insight to Business Value
10. Deploy Solutions

### Project Badges (L1)

- Project #1
- Project #2

### Leadership Badges

- [IBM Mentor](#) (1 req'd)
- Plus 1 of the following:
- [IC/IP](#)
- [Speaker/Presenter](#)
- [Teacher/Educator](#)
- [Profession Champion](#)

### Certification Badge

- Required badge set for L1
- L1 Certification Criteria

## L2 Expert Level Certification

### Data Scientist Skills

- Requirements from L1
- **Deep Level**

1. Characterize Business Problems
2. Formulate Research Question and Build Hypotheses
3. Tailor Method
4. Identify and Collect Data
5. Construct Usable Data
6. Using
7. Use Data Science Platforms Techniques and Collaboration Tools
8. Validate Model
9. Translate Insight to Business Value
10. Deploy Solutions

### Project Badges (L2)

- Project #3
- Project #4
- Project #5

### Leadership Badges

- [IBM Mentor](#) (3req'd)
- Plus 2 of the following:
- [IC/IP](#)
- [Speaker/Presenter](#)
- [Teacher/Educator](#)
- [Profession Champion](#)

### Certification Badge

- Required badge set for L2
- L2 Certification Criteria

## L3 Thought Leader Certification

### Data Scientist Skills

- Requirements from L2
- Continued education

1. Employ Collaborative Influence
2. Employ Cross Organizational Leadership
3. Manage Risks
4. Develop Strategic Plans
5. Manage Cross Organizational Projects
6. Communicate on an Executive Level
7. Advocate Stakeholders' Interests
8. Engage Thinking at Strategic Levels
9. Provide Solution Optimization
10. Innovate Breakthrough Solutions
11. Apply Governance Solutions
12. Set Metrics for Compliance

### Project Badges (L3)

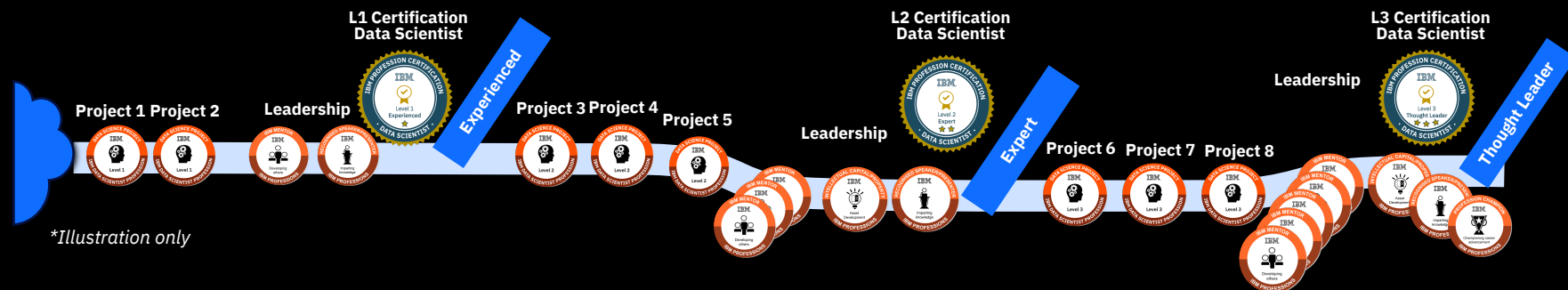
- Project #6
- Project #7
- Project #8

### Leadership Badges

- [IBM Mentor](#) (5 req'd)
- Plus 3 of the following:
- [IC/IP](#)
- [Speaker/Presenter](#)
- [Teacher/Educator](#)
- [Profession Champion](#)

### Certification Badge

- L2 certification
- Required badges for L3
- L3 Certification Criteria



\*Illustration only

Recertification Timeframe – every 3 years

## TODAY'S TOP STORIES

## 15 data science certifications that will pay off

Looking to get ahead as a data scientist? Earning one of these data science certs will help you stand out in one of the hottest careers in IT.



By Sarah K. White

Senior Writer, CIO | DEC 5, 2019 3:00 AM PST

## Top 15 data science certifications

- Certified Analytics Professional (CAP)
- Cloudera Certified Associate: Data Analyst
- Cloudera Certified Professional: CCP Data Engineer
- Data Science Council of America (DASCA) Senior Data Scientist (SDS)
- Data Science Council of America (DASCA) Principle Data Scientist (PDS)
- Dell EMC Data Science Track
- Google Certified Professional Data Engineer
- Google Data and Machine Learning
- IBM Data Science Professional Certificate
- Microsoft MCSE: Data Management and Analytics
- Microsoft Certified Azure Data Scientist Associate
- Open Certified Data Scientist (Open CDS)
- SAS Certified Advanced Analytics Professional
- SAS Certified Big Data Professional
- SAS Certified Data Scientist

## Open Certified Data Scientist (Open CDS)

[The Open Group Certified Data Scientists Certification Link](https://certification.opengroup.org/opencds)

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# Thank you!

