The Life of a DB Researcher

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Why do a Ph.D.?
Great Training

• Applicable to life not just academic research
• Learn the scientific method by practicing it
• Identify important problems
• Work on comprehensive and novel solutions
• Become the top expert on an area
• Perseverance
Impact to Science and Society

- Data is everywhere
- Many interesting problems
- Lots of potential for practical impact
- Many jobs: experts on ‘data management’ are in high demand
Get (and keep) your dream job

• Some jobs require a Ph.D.
  – Academia
  – Research labs
  – Leading positions in industrial labs

• Future-proof your career

• Keep learning new things – never get bored!
Have Fun

• Meet smart, fun people
• Go to places