Welcome to SSDS!

by Evan Muzzall

Hi! I am Evan, Head of Software and Services for Data Science (SSDS) at Stanford Libraries. We are located in the Velma Denning Room, 120F Green Library. Our website has been updated and can be found at: https://ssds.stanford.edu/

I only started this position in August, but SSDS has a storied history. Our provenance started in two services: Academic Data Service (ADS) and Statistical Software Support (SSS). ADS took requests for data from Stanford Researchers. The data were ordered, catalogued, and the data files and documentation were made available. SSS provided software consulting and workshops by doctoral students. In 1997, ADS was changed to SSDS (Social Science Data Service), and in 1999, these two services were merged to form Social Science Data and Software (SSDS). In 2021, the name was changed to Software and Services for Data Science (still SSDS).

Services

We help students, faculty, and staff with a variety of software and data services for their research. Our methodological expertise focuses on R, Python, and Stata.

Learn more about our data services: https://ssds.stanford.edu/data-resources.

Workshops

Our parent organization, the Center for Interdisciplinary Digital Research (CIDR), hosts several workshops each quarter. Check out the Winter 2022 schedule to kickstart your basic programming, visualization, text analysis, and machine learning research plans: https://library.stanford.edu/research/cidr/workshops.

Consulting

Perhaps you attended a workshop, but are now stuck trying to apply what you learned to your own research. You can schedule a 1:1 consultation with our staff to help you with your project. Drop-in hours will begin again in January, but you can still schedule time to meet with us: https://appointments.library.stanford.edu/appointments/ssds.

Text Analysis & Machine Learning Group (starts January 12, 2022)

Text analysis and machine learning buzzwords are becoming more and more common, but it can seem hard to get a handle on basic concepts and core competencies of these topics. In addition to the text analysis and machine learning workshops scheduled for Winter Quarter, we encourage you to join this beginner friendly, informal group. View the upcoming schedule: https://ssds.stanford.edu/taml.

Publication

We recently published in BMJ Global Health: https://gh.bmj.com/content/6/10/e006384.info. Check out the article by clicking the above link.

Join our team

Do you have skills that you want to share with the Stanford community? Fill out this brief survey to join our team! https://ssds.stanford.edu/join-our-team.

Questions?

Contact us at consult-ssds-software@stanford.edu.

See you in the Library!

Sincerely,
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