

The DSI conference is an event I attend each year. Since I was a doctoral student, I have attended the conference. The opportunities the conference presents to me has changed over the years. First, I attended to meet the community, learn more about research being performed, and showcase my work. I took advantage of the workshops, research sessions, consortiums, and every reception. Then, the DSI conference became vitally important during my job-market year for the interviews and networking. Now, as an assistant professor, I have continued to gain value, which keeps me coming back each year. In particular, the meeting of the editors, networking receptions and meals, along with the research talks provides a space to collect valuable feedback on my research and work on new projects with others face-to-face. DSI is great at providing a comfortable atmosphere in which to touch base with colleagues and meet new people to strengthen ones network. I'm looking forward to this year's conference and others in the future.

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