

Instructions for Data Science Project

Timeline

<i>April 17, noon:</i>	Project proposals due (10% of the project grade);
<i>April 18, noon:</i>	Project approval;
<i>April 25, noon:</i>	Progress Report I (10% of the project grade);
<i>April 25 and 26, in lab and class:</i>	Lightning talk (20% of the project grade);
<i>May 1, noon:</i>	Progress Report II (10% of the project grade);
<i>May 7, noon:</i>	Final reports due (30% of the project grade);
<i>(tentative) May 8 or May 9:</i>	Individual meetings – project discussion (20% of the project grade).

Project Theme and Teams

Teams. Each project could have one or two students in a team. The expected amount of work for 2-person projects is close to double the work for 1-person projects. The expected amount of work for the whole project per student is about 30 hours.

Topic: You are free to choose your topic. Start from the links provided in Lab 11 and look back at other labs (such as Lab 9) and propose a topic. The work should go well beyond what you did in labs – you are expected to put an extra effort in data collection, data processing, exploratory data analysis, and predictive analytics. Consider creating an actual product, such as a web page or an app that serves a customer. In case of doubt, you should feel free to consult with the professor or your teaching assistant.

Project proposal

Proposal should be 1.5 - 2 pages in length with 11pt font size and single spacing. It should contain

- **Project title and student name(s)**
- **Introduction Section:** give motivation; describe the problem; mention related work and results
- **Proposed Work Section:** explain the idea; explain proposed approaches and methodology
- **Timeline:** propose the timeline for the project (state what will be done after week 1, 2, and for the final report)
- **References:** provide at least 2 related references (could be a web link)

Progress Report I and II

A 2-page report summarizing the project status – what has been done, what has not been done, what will be done during the following week, possibly describe unforeseen problems, and propose modifications to the original project goals.

Final Report

Project deliverables should include a project report and relevant programs and result listings. Project report should consist of: Title, Abstract, Introduction, Methodology, Results, and References sections. Programs and results listings to be delivered will depend on the specific project. The report should be 5 pages in length with 11pt font size and single spacing. It should contain

- **Project title and student name**
- **Introduction Section:** give motivation; describe the problem
- **Approach:** explain the idea; explain proposed approaches and methodology
- **Results:** explain what was done, show results, discuss results
- **Conclusion:** Summarize the whole project and its outcome

Other Deliverables

- **Programs** could be submitted as ipynb file(s)
- **Additional figures and tables** – if you really like your results but cannot fit them in the 5-page report, place them in a separate file called the appendix. Tables and figures should be clearly labeled and with captions describing what we are looking at.
- **Pointers** to any artifacts such as project web pages.