

Thanks for participating in the first round of the Lyft Data Challenge!

You'll find three CSV files attached with the following data:

**data/driver\_ids.csv**

driver_id	Unique identifier for a driver
driver_onboard_date	Date on which driver was on-boarded

**data/ride\_ids.csv**

driver_id	Unique identifier for a driver
ride_id	Unique identifier for a ride that was completed by the driver
ride_distance	Ride distance in meters
ride_duration	Ride duration in seconds
ride_prime_time	Prime Time applied on the ride

**data/ride\_timestamps.csv**

ride_id	Unique identifier for a ride
event	event describes the type of event (see below)
timestamp	Time of event

You can assume that:

- All rides in the data set occurred in San Francisco
- All timestamps in the data set are in UTC

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After exploring and analyzing the data, please:

1. Recommend a Driver's Lifetime Value (i.e., the value of a driver to Lyft over the entire projected lifetime of a driver).
2. Please answer the following questions:
  - a. What are the main factors that affect a driver's lifetime value?
  - b. What is the average projected lifetime of a driver? That is, once a driver is onboarded, how long do they typically continue driving with Lyft?
  - c. Do all drivers act alike? Are there specific segments of drivers that generate more value for Lyft than the average driver?
  - d. What actionable recommendations are there for the business?
3. Prepare and submit a writeup of your findings for consumption by a cross-functional audience.

Here is an overview of the event types:

requested_at	passenger requested a ride
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accepted_at	driver accepted a passenger request
arrived_at	driver arrived at pickup point
picked_up_at	driver picked up the passenger
dropped_off_at	driver dropped off a passenger at destination

You can make the following assumptions about the Lyft rate card:

Base Fare	\$2.00
Cost per Mile	\$1.15
Cost per Minute	\$0.22
Service Fee	\$1.75
Minimum Fare	\$5.00
Maximum Fare	\$400.00

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Submission instructions:

- Summarize your conclusions at the beginning of your writeup.
- Your writeup should be a **PDF (max 5 pages)** and labeled with the following naming convention:  
[Team Name]\_[Writeup]\_[First Student Initials]\_[Second Student Initials].pdf;  
Ex. "LyftDataChallengeTeam\_Writeup\_DF\_HL.pdf"
- Your writeup and all of your working materials should then be saved together as a **zip file** with the following naming convention:  
[Team Name]\_[First Student Initials]\_[Second Student Initials].zip;  
ex: "LyftDataChallengeTeam\_DF\_HL.zip"
- The max file size for your zip file is 10 MB (so please do not include the raw data CSVs).
- Keep in mind that we will be assessing the challenge based on its technical soundness and depth, business applications and insights, and structure and organization.
- Our intention is for teams to spend no more than 8 hours on this prompt.
- The deadline to upload your submission is **Sunday, September 15 11:59pm PDT**. Late entries will not be evaluated.
- If you have questions or technical difficulties, please contact us at [data-challenge@lyft.com](mailto:data-challenge@lyft.com)