

# Challenge Questions: Parse CSV, Validate, and Export to JSON

## Objective

To design and implement a C# console application that parses a CSV, validates the format of the fields, and then exports a JSON representation of the data. Target time of this assignment is two hours or less.

## Tasks

1. Read and parse the CSV data
2. Validate the data (ensure it matches the expected input) - Report invalid rows by printing an error message to the console that includes the row number and the reason for the error.
  - a. customer\_id is a positive integer
  - b. first\_name is a string
  - c. last\_name is a string
  - d. email is a string, validate that it is a valid email format by utilizing regular expressions
  - e. phone\_number is in the format of XXX-XXX-XXXX (make sure it includes dashes and no parentheses or spaces)
  - f. address is a string
  - g. city is a string
  - h. state is a string containing only two characters, validate that it is a valid United States abbreviation
  - i. postal\_code is a string with a maximum length of five digits and contains no nondigit characters
  - j. car\_make is a string
  - k. car\_model is a string
  - l. car\_year is an integer between 1900 and 2025
  - m. license\_plate is a string that has three consecutive characters or digits followed by the opposite characters or digits (ABC123 or 123ABC)
  - n. purchase\_date is a valid date within the year 2000 to present in format MM/DD/YYYY
  - o. purchase\_price is a valid decimal number
3. Transform the valid data into JSON format and save it to a file. The JSON output should be an array of objects, where each object represents a row of valid data. See the example below for the expected structure:

None

```
[
  {
    "customer_id": 1,
    "first_name": "John",
    // ... other fields ...
  },
  {
    // ... another valid row ...
  }
]
```

## Deliverables

1. Source Code: A well-structured and commented codebase for the console application
2. README File: A clear and concise README file that includes:
  - a. Instructions on how to build the project
  - b. A brief description of the solution design and technologies used

**(Optional) Multithreading:** If you are familiar with multithreading techniques in C#, you can consider implementing them to optimize the performance of the application.