



# Quick start guide to Kaggle – Titanic

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The humble me!

## Career Square

- Current job
- Fun X Excel
- Jigsaw
- Work Life Balance
- Others

## Personal Branding

- LinkedIn
- Writing
- Raise your standards
- Social Media
- Experiments

## Passion (Why?)


## Family and Friends

- Wife/Girlfriend
- Relationships
- Office colleges
- Jigsaw Community
- Health and Spirituality

## Learning

- Finance
- YouTube, Lynda – Calendarized
  - Reading and implementing
  - Musical Instrument
  - Travel

# Lifeaholic



“My attempt will be to make  
you fall in love with Analytics.

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**Guiding Principles:**

1. Does not cover statistics in details. Rather focuses on the problem solving approach and submission to Kaggle.
2. Primary tool – R and Excel. SAS and Python codes also on GitHub.
3. Work along session. If you miss out just start from the next topic.



# Guidelines


- ▶ Follow along session
- ▶ R for building out models and Excel for Data Manipulation
- ▶ We will make around 10 submissions in this session
- ▶ We explore how to run various models and compare which performs best
- ▶ We will do some amount of Feature Engineering
- ▶ All files are placed on GitHub. In case you miss any step you can download the code and input files.



“We have a lot to cover. Lets keep time consuming doubts towards the end of the session.”

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The session is getting recorded and there are many participants. I want to ensure we all make our submission on Kaggle. 😊



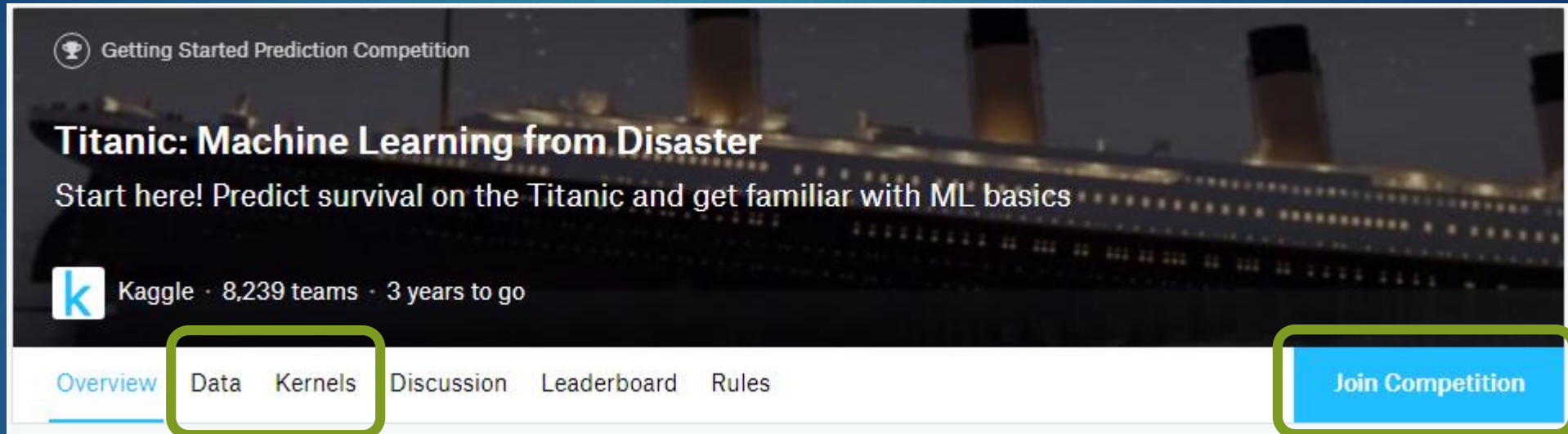
# Kaggle and how to use it smartly

Unless you get exposed to a variety of datasets for Analytics, you will not become confident during your interviews.

**What to do on Kaggle?**

# Select a competition – E.g.. Titanic

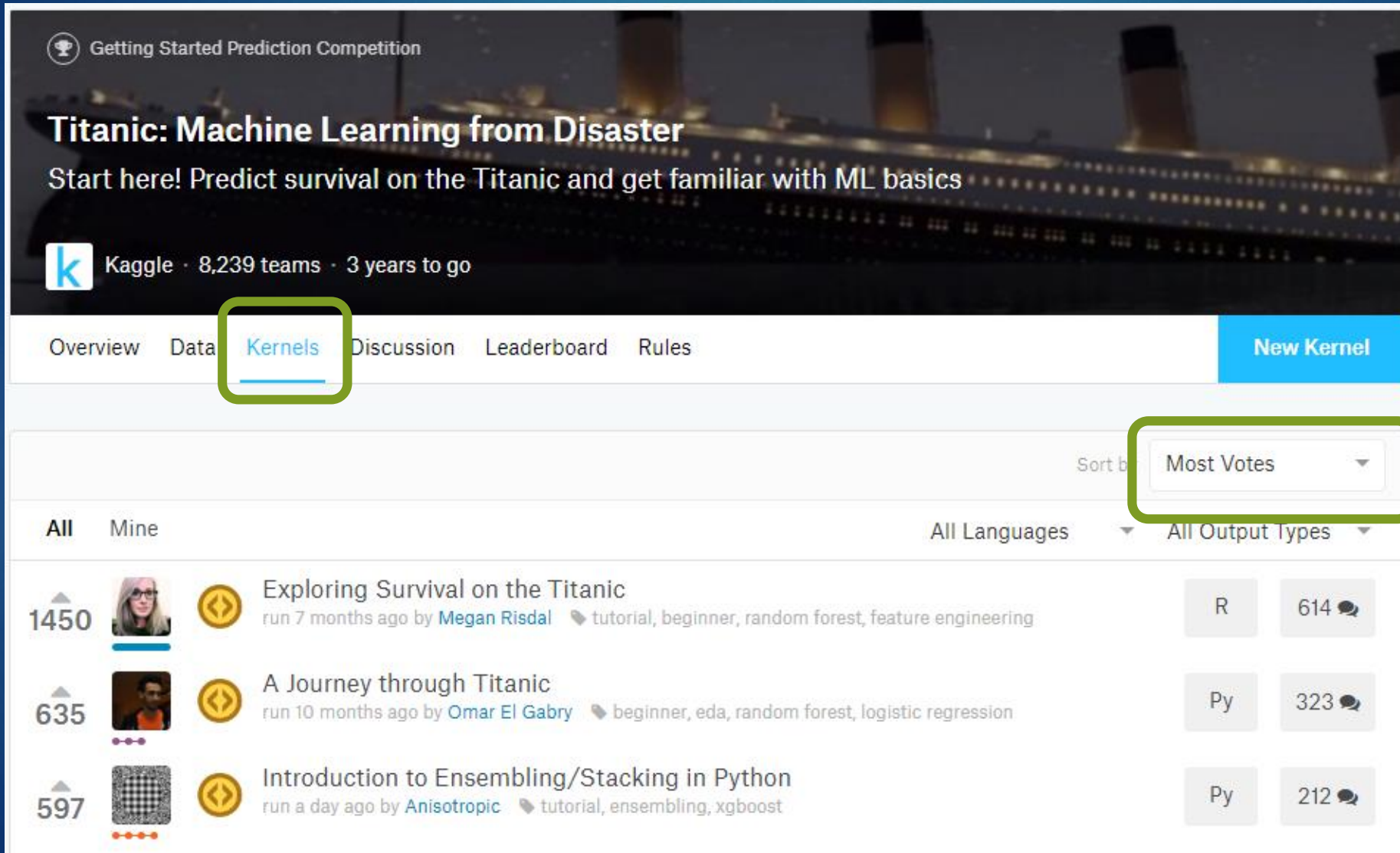
## | Read the overview



- Join completion
- Choose your tool
- Download data and get started
- You have an option to run the codes on Kaggle itself
- Take help from Kernel which are written by participants for others to learn and use
- Try and be at least on top 25 in the leaderboard



# How to start on Kaggle

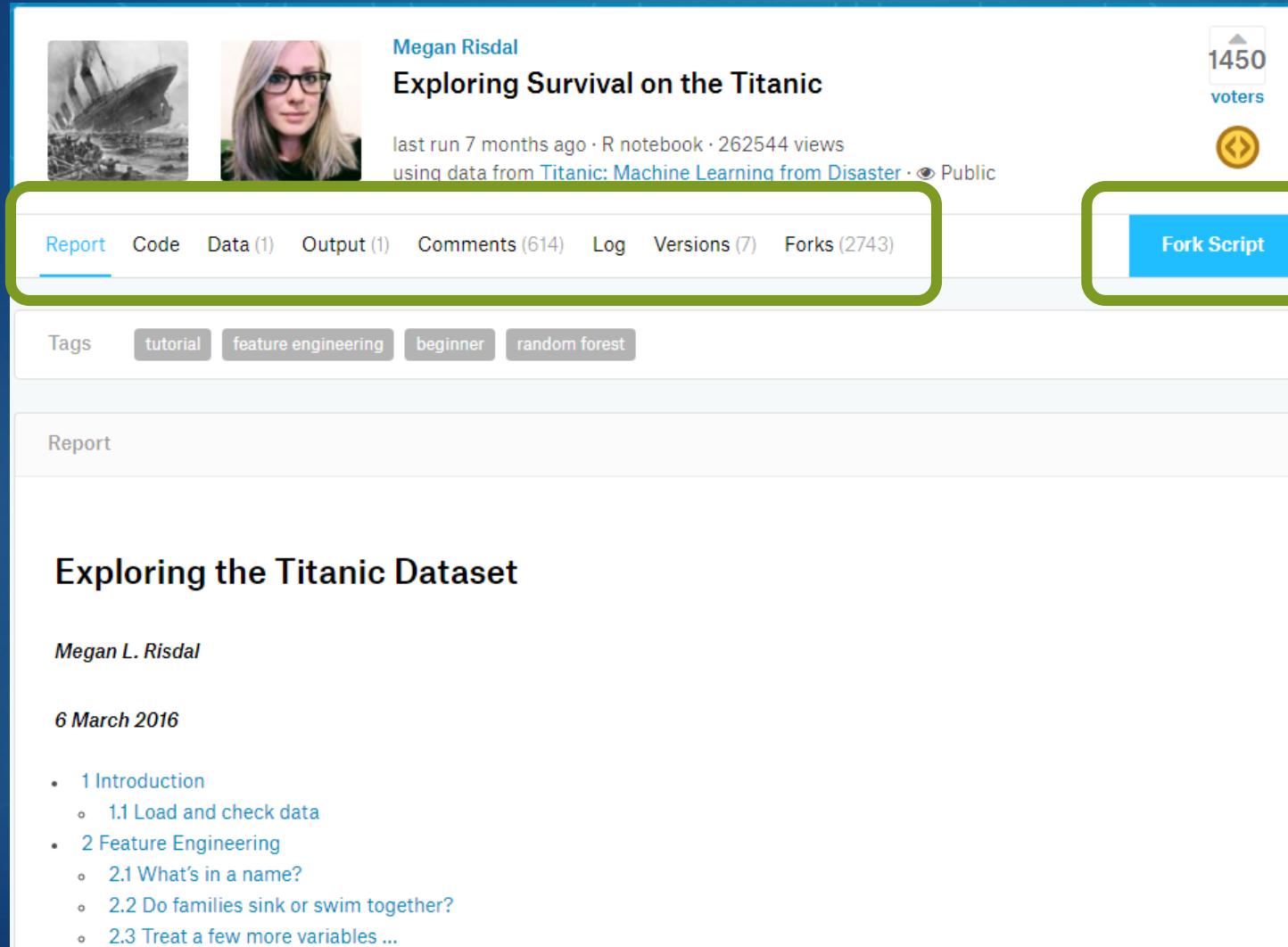


The screenshot shows the Kaggle interface for the 'Titanic: Machine Learning from Disaster' competition. The 'Kernels' tab is selected and highlighted with a green box. Below the navigation bar, a dropdown menu for sorting is also highlighted with a green box, showing 'Most Votes' as the selected option. The list of kernels is sorted by votes, with the top three kernels displayed:

Rank	Kernel Title	Author	Run Time	Tags	Language	Votes
1450	Exploring Survival on the Titanic	Megan Risdal	run 7 months ago	tutorial, beginner, random forest, feature engineering	R	614
635	A Journey through Titanic	Omar El Gabry	run 10 months ago	beginner, eda, random forest, logistic regression	Py	323
597	Introduction to Ensembling/Stacking in Python	Anisotropic	run a day ago	tutorial, ensembling, xgboost	Py	212

- Go to Kernels
- Select the Most Votes(in Sort by)
- Choose your preferred Tool (R, Python)
- Select the kernel

# How to start on Kaggle



**Megan Risdal**  
**Exploring Survival on the Titanic**  
last run 7 months ago · R notebook · 262544 views  
using data from [Titanic: Machine Learning from Disaster](#) · Public

1450 voters

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Tags: [tutorial](#) [feature engineering](#) [beginner](#) [random forest](#)

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## Exploring the Titanic Dataset

*Megan L. Risdal*

6 March 2016

- 1 Introduction
  - 1.1 Load and check data
- 2 Feature Engineering
  - 2.1 What's in a name?
  - 2.2 Do families sink or swim together?
  - 2.3 Treat a few more variables ...

- You find a variety of sections
- Each section will have components of the analysis that is required
- When you are working in a real environment, the practice given here will give you good clarity
- **Fork Script** – Gives you an option to copy the script and use it for your submissions

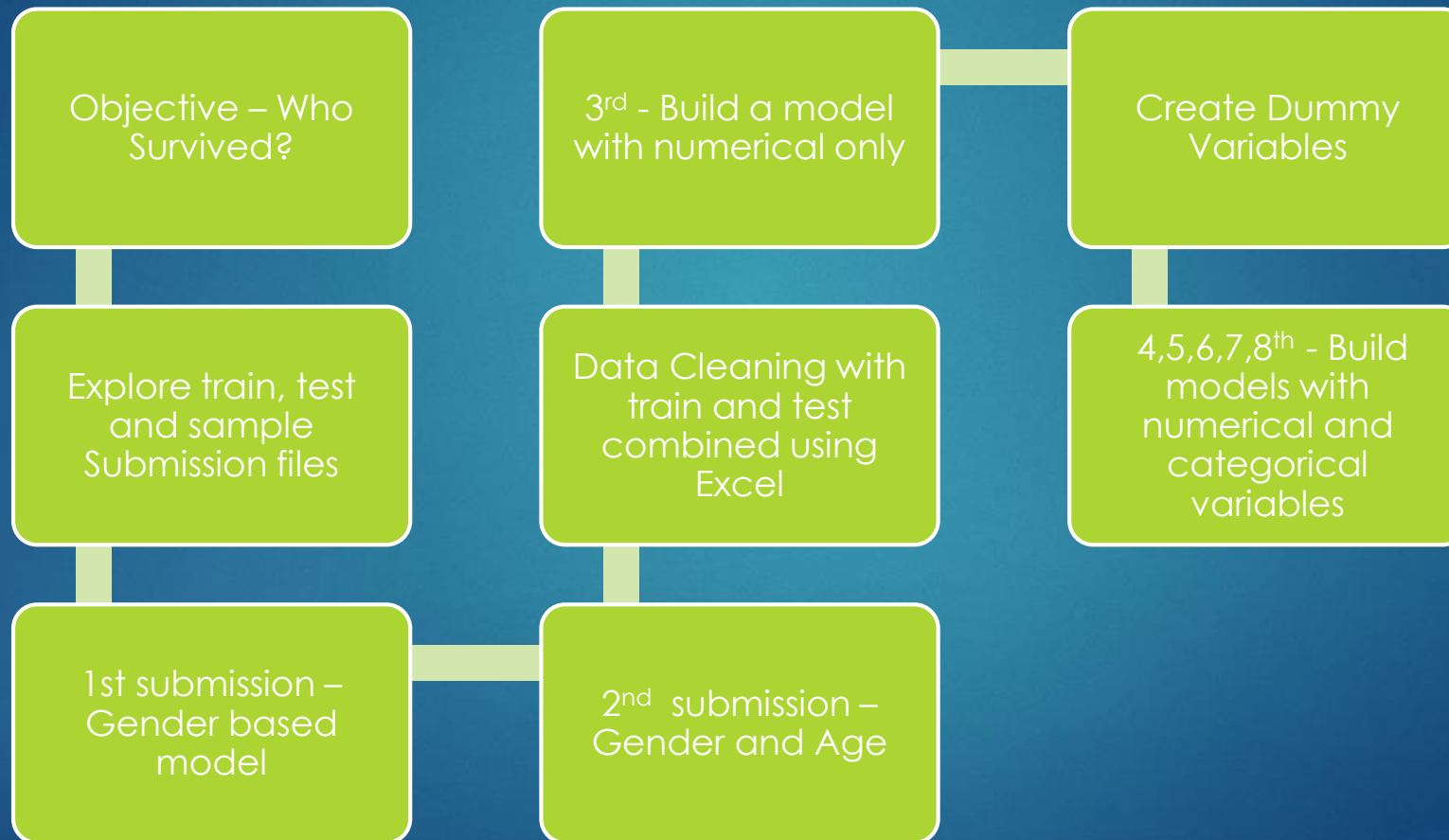
**Call to action:** Create a fork, run as in and make a submission




# Process for solving Kaggle problems and making submissions

EVERYTHING WORKS LIKE A CHARM IF YOU HAVE A PROCESS!

# Warming up - Build the first model as quick as possible





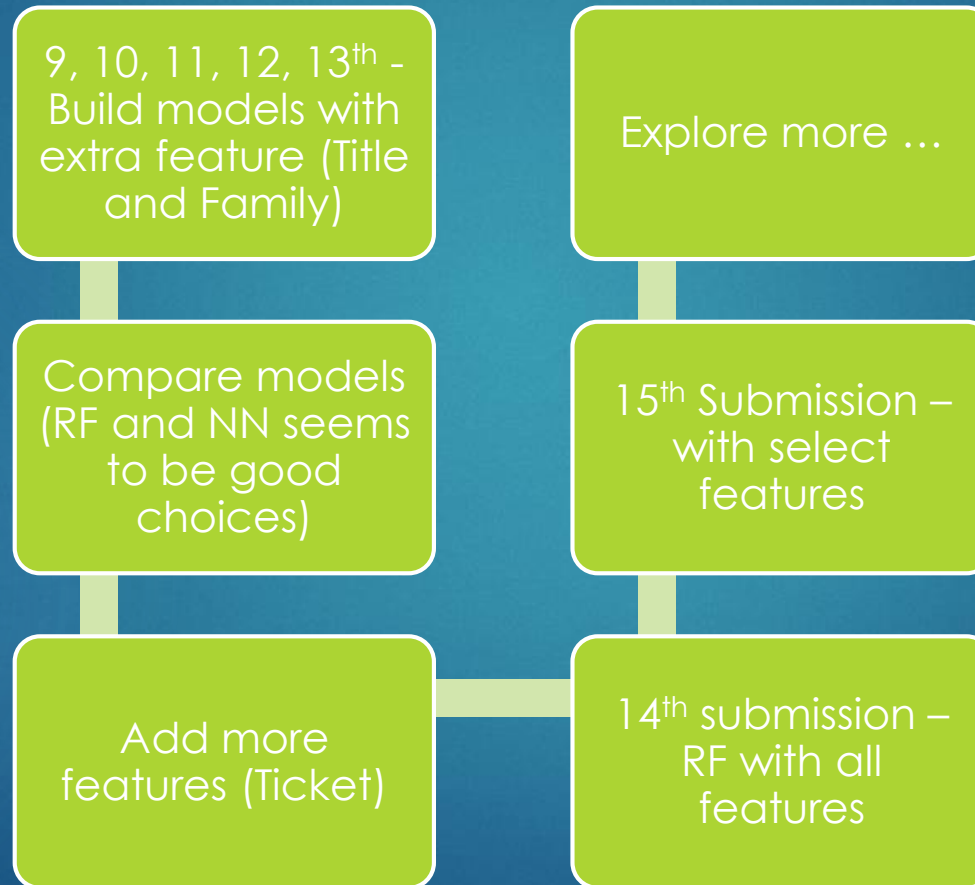


“Today you will learn about the importance of Excel as a Logical Thinking Tool.”

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Often we underestimate what Excel can do. I feel we just know enough options because it is such an ocean.

# Getting serious – Compare models and introduce feature engineering



# What to explore?

## More Feature Engineering

- Surname to find families
- Mother variable
- Categories Age and Fare

## Advanced Models

- Deep Machine Learning – H2O, keras package on R

## Using Statistics to impute missing values

- Use regression to fill the missing values for Age

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“Hope you solve many more  
Kaggle problems!

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**Remember:**

1. Choose a tool(R/Python) – They are going to be here for next 10 years.
2. Use Kernels. Find the those that have a high score and understand the methods that worked.
3. Use Train/Cross Validation before you submit to Kaggle. In real life you wont have a scoring engine like Kaggle to track your score.









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