

# DATASET CHALLENGE ACADEMIC DATASET TERMS OF USE

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## 1. Purpose

The Data is made available by Yelp Inc. (“**Yelp**”) to enable you to access valuable local information to develop an academic project as part of an ongoing course of study. With this in mind, Yelp reserves the right to continually review and evaluate all uses of the Data provided under the Data Agreement.

## 2. Changes

Yelp reserves the right to modify or revise the Data Agreement at any time. If the change is deemed to be material and it is foreseeable that such change could be adverse to your interests, Yelp will provide you notice of the change to this Data Agreement by sending you an email to the email you provided to Yelp. Your continued use of the Data after the notice of material change will constitute your acceptance of and agreement to such changes. **IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE BOUND TO ANY NEW TERMS, YOU MUST TERMINATE THE DATA AGREEMENT BY IMMEDIATELY CEASING USE OF THE DATA AND DELETING IT FROM ANY SYSTEMS OR MEDIA.**

## 3. License

Subject to the terms set forth in the Data Agreement (specifically the restrictions set forth in Section 4 below), Yelp grants you a royalty-free, non-exclusive, revocable, non-sublicensable, non-transferable, fully paid-up right and license during the Term to use, access, and create derivative works of the Data in electronic form for academic purposes only.

You may not use the Data for any other purpose without Yelp’s prior written consent. You acknowledge and agree that Yelp may request information about, review, audit, and/or monitor

your use of the Data at any time in order to confirm compliance with the Data Agreement. Nothing herein shall be construed as a license to use Yelp's registered trademarks or service marks, or any other Yelp branding.

#### **4. Restrictions**

You agree that you will not, and will not encourage, assist, or enable others to:

- A. display, perform, or distribute any of the Data, or use the Data to update or create Your own business listing information (i.e. you may not publicly display any of the Data to any third party, especially reviews and other user generated content, as this is a private data set challenge and not a license to compete with or disparage with Yelp);
- B. use the Data in connection with any commercial purpose;
- C. use the Data in any manner or for any purpose that may violate any law or regulation, or any right of any person including, but not limited to, intellectual property rights, rights of privacy and/or rights of personality, or which otherwise may be harmful (in Yelp's sole discretion) to Yelp, its providers, its suppliers, end users of this website, or Your end users;
- D. use the Data on behalf of any third party without Yelp's consent;
- E. create, redistribute or disclose any summary of, or metrics related to, the Data (e.g., the number of reviewed business included in the Data and other statistical analysis) to any third party or on any website or other electronic media not expressly covered by this Agreement, this provision however, excludes any disclosures necessary for academic purposes, including without limitation the publication of academic articles concerning your use of the Data;
- F. use the Data in a manner that is competitive in nature with Yelp;
- G. display Data in a manner that could reasonably imply an endorsement, relationship or affiliation with or sponsorship between you or a third party and Yelp, other than your permitted use of the Data under the terms of the Data Agreement;
- H. rent, lease, sell, transfer, assign, or sublicense, any part of the Data;
- I. modify, rate, rank, review, vote or comment on, or otherwise respond to the content contained in the Data;
- J. display the Data or publicly communicate in any way, or on any site, in a manner that disparages Yelp or its products or services, or infringes any Yelp intellectual property or other rights;
- K. use the Data in a manner that could reasonably be interpreted to suggest that Yelp is the author or entity that is responsible, in whole or in part, for the creation or development of any Data or that such Data represents the views of Yelp; or
- L. use the Data for any purpose prohibited by law.

#### **5. Ownership**

As between you and Yelp, the Data and any derivative works You create from the Data, and all intellectual property rights contained in the foregoing, are and will at all times remain the sole and exclusive property of Yelp and are protected by applicable intellectual property laws and treaties (whether those rights happen to be registered or not, and wherever in the world those rights may exist.), or as otherwise set forth in the contest rules where the various submitted solutions must be made available under a specified open source license, such as MIT License.

## **6. Indemnity**

You agree that your use of the Data is at your own risk and you agree to hold harmless, defend (subject to Yelp's right to participate with counsel it selects) and indemnify Yelp and its subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, agents, employees and suppliers from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, costs and fees (including reasonable attorneys' fee) arising from, or in any way related to your or your end users' use or implementation of the Data. You will not agree to any settlement that imposes any obligation on Yelp without Yelp's prior consent.

## **7. No Warranties by Yelp; No Entitlement to Support from Yelp**

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## **8. Limitation of Liability**

THE DATA IS BEING PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE. ACCORDINGLY, YOU AGREE THAT YELP SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY ARISING FROM OR BASED ON YOUR USE OF THE DATA. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER ANY REMEDY SET FORTH HEREIN FAILS OF ITS ESSENTIAL PURPOSE OR OTHERWISE, AND EXCEPT FOR BODILY INJURY, IN NO EVENT SHALL YELP OR ITS SUBSIDIARIES, AFFILIATES, OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES AND SUPPLIERS BE LIABLE TO YOU OR TO ANY THIRD PARTY UNDER ANY TORT, CONTRACT, NEGLIGENCE, STRICT LIABILITY OR OTHER LEGAL OR EQUITABLE THEORY FOR ANY LOST PROFITS, LOST OR CORRUPTED DATA, COMPUTER FAILURE OR MALFUNCTION, INTERRUPTION OF BUSINESS, OR OTHER SPECIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES OF ANY KIND ARISING OUT OF THE USE OR INABILITY TO USE THE DATA, EVEN IF YELP HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH LOSS OR DAMAGES AND WHETHER OR NOT SUCH LOSS OR DAMAGES ARE FORESEEABLE. ANY CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THE DATA AGREEMENT MUST BE BROUGHT WITHIN (1) YEAR AFTER

THE OCCURRENCE OF THE EVENT GIVING RISE TO SUCH CLAIM. IF SUCH CLAIM IS NOT FILED, THEN THAT CLAIM IS PERMANENTLY BARRED. THIS APPLIES TO YOU AND YOUR SUCCESSORS, AND TO YELP AND ITS SUCCESSORS. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, SINCE THIS LICENSE IS PROVIDED TO YOU AT NO CHARGE, YELP'S MAXIMUM LIABILITY UNDER THIS DATA AGREEMENT SHALL NOT, IN ANY EVENT, EXCEED US\$50.00.

## **9. Limited Relationship**

Yelp and you are, and will remain, independent contractors, and nothing in the Data Agreement will be construed as creating an employer-employee relationship, partnership or joint venture. Although you are permitted to publicize your use of the Data, you agree not to make any other statements, without the prior written consent of Yelp, implying a different kind of relationship between you and Yelp, including any implied endorsement by Yelp. You do not have any authority of any kind to bind Yelp in any respect whatsoever.

## **10. Term and Termination**

This Data Agreement is effective as of the date You download or otherwise access the Data ("**Effective Date**") and shall continue in full force and effect for a term of six (6) months from the Effective Date, unless earlier terminated by the Parties or expires in accordance with this Section 13 (the "**Term**").

Either party may immediately terminate this Data Agreement, for any reason or for no reason, by providing written notice to the other party. Yelp will provide notice of termination to the email account you provided to Yelp during registration and termination will be effective upon delivery of the email notice. Yelp reserves the right, in its sole discretion (for any reason or for no reason) and at any time without notice to you, to change, suspend or discontinue the Data and/or suspend or terminate your further access to the Data.

Any termination of the Data Agreement will also immediately terminate the licenses granted to you hereunder. Upon any termination of the Data Agreement, you will promptly: (i) delete and remove all Data from any location, including any web pages, scripts, widgets, applications and any other software in Your possession or under Your control; (ii) destroy and remove from all computers, hard drives, networks and other storage media in Your possession or under Your control all copies of any Data; and (iii) upon Yelp's request, certify in writing to Yelp that such actions have been taken.

## **11. Miscellaneous**

The Data Agreement encompasses the entire agreement between you and Yelp regarding the subject matter discussed therein. The Data Agreement, and any disputes arising from or relating to the interpretation thereof, will be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of California without regard to its conflict of law provisions. You agree to personal jurisdiction by and venue in the state and federal courts of the State of California, City of San Francisco. The failure of Yelp to exercise or enforce any right or provision of the Data Agreement will not constitute a waiver of such right or provision. The failure of either party to exercise in any respect any right provided for herein will not be deemed a waiver of any further rights hereunder. If any provision of the Data Agreement is found to be unenforceable or invalid, that provision will be replaced with terms that most closely match the intent of the provision that is

not enforceable to the minimum extent necessary so that the remaining Data Agreement will otherwise remain in full force and effect and enforceable. The Data Agreement is not assignable, transferable or sublicensable, in whole or in part, by you except with Yelp's prior written consent. Any attempt to do so is void. Yelp may assign the Data Agreement, in whole or in part, at any time with or without notice to you. The section titles in the Data Agreement are for convenience only and have no legal or contractual effect.

## **12. Survival**

Sections 4 through 13 will survive any expiration or termination of this Data Agreement for any reason.

## **13. Contact and Violations**

Please contact Yelp with any questions regarding the Data Agreement. Please report any violations of the Data Agreement [here](#).