

PGP in AI & ML Capstone Project

Objective

- Demonstrate your understanding and mastery
- Integrate what you've learned over various courses
 - Use a combination of tools and techniques
- Understand trade-offs that need to be made when solving a problem
- Practice the analytical problem solving methodology

Teams

- Form your teams and inform program office
 - Teams by 19th September
 - Teams of four
- Ensure balanced teams
 - Mix of skills
 - If you're experienced in the field, include someone fresh to the field
- Collaboration
 - Resist temptation to 'just do it myself'
 - Don't freeload

Topics

- Three options
 - Projects within your organizations
 - Propose what you'd do for your team/manager rather than ask
 - Get approval from your company
 - Establish yourself as an expert at your workplace
 - Self-selected project
 - An area in which you're keen on working
 - Open-ended problems can throw up major challenges. So, be realistic about what you can accomplish (mentor can help)
 - Curated projects
 - Select one from our curated list of projects
 - Curated project topics is shared with you
- Inform program office of your topic choice
 - Mentors will review and give feedback if they have suggestions

Proposal

- Immediately after your team and topic are submitted, you will be introduced to your mentor
 - Check in with your mentor to get inputs on feasibility
 - Refine proposal with mentor's input
- What you will do and how
 - The proposal should include a proposed plan to action
- Submit a 1-page proposal to program office
- Capstone evaluation committee
 - Will review your proposal and give feedback / propose changes if any
 - Will approve for your team to proceed by 28th October

Interim Report

- Important milestone to stay on track
 - Get interim report approved by mentor prior to submitting
- Progress to date
 - Data challenges and approach
 - Exploratory analysis (and results)
 - Initial model building efforts
 - Challenges foreseen (+ steps to overcome them)
- Capstone evaluation committee
 - Will review your interim report and give feedback

Final Report & Presentation

➤ Final report

- Share report with mentor by atleast one week in advance to ensure timely feedback
- Reviewed and approved by mentor prior to submission
- Analysis results + code submission (Github)
- Start preparing final presentation

➤ Project presentations

- All team members expected to participate in presentation

➤ Format & expectations can be found in course page

Evaluation

- Proposal: 10 points
- Submission: 60 points
 - Interim report
 - Final report
 - Analysis results + code
- Project presentation: 30 points

- Incrementally 'build' a solution
 - Source & structure of data
 - Exploratory data analysis
 - Initial model building
 - Model evaluation
 - Suitability of one or more models+ tuning
 - Even if you are using a manageable subset of the data, logically extend the applicability to larger data
 - Move model to big data
- You are solving an analytical problem first & foremost
 - Big Data in service of analysis
- Select data sources suitable for Big Data tools
 - Large data stores and/or
 - Real time evaluation
- Minimum quality criteria
 - Project outcome should be published in a national/international conference
- Project updates
 - Every week updates to your mentor
 - Biweekly updates to program director

Sample projects

- Case Outcome Prediction (Legal Studies)
- Document Summarization
 - Judgement summarization
 - News summarization
- Document Similarity
 - Similar judgements identification
 - Similar news items identification
- Online Image Identification using Deep Learning Techniques
- Recommendation System
- Real-time Sentiment Analysis
- Airline Delay and Cancelation Forecast
- Taxi Demand Forecast
- etc...

Thanks!