# Lending Club Case Study

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As a Consumer finance company which specializes in lending various types of loans to urban customers. When the company receives a loan application, the company must decide for loan approval based on the applicant's profile.

The company wants to understand the **driving factors** (or **driver variables**) behind loan default, i.e. the variables which are strong indicators of default.

The aim is to identify patterns which indicate if a person is likely to default which may be used for taking actions such as denying the loan, reducing the amount of loan, lending (to risky applicants) at a higher interest rate, etc.

# DATA UNDERSTANDING, CLEANING & MANIPULATION

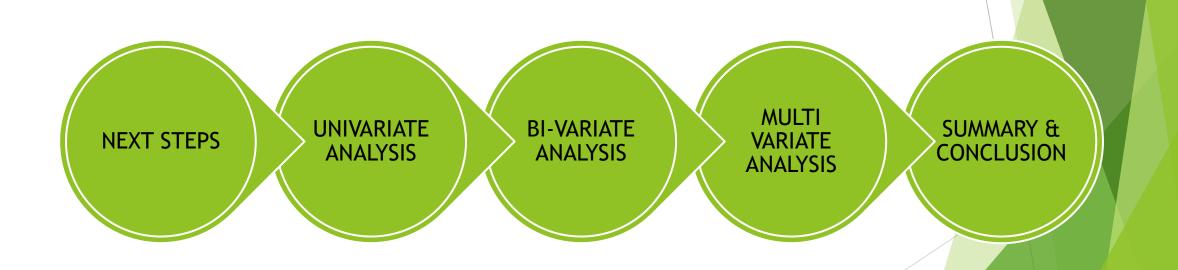
#### DATA UNDERSTANDING, CLEANING & MANIPULATION

#### Original data set contains 39717 rows and 111 columns

- Dropped 54 Empty Columns
- Dropped 9 columns with Single Valued throughout the rows
- Dropped 3 columns which had **Unique value** for all rows
- Dropped 2 fields which had more than 90% missing values
- Dropped 4 fields which had most numbers at 0 and remaining were outliers
- Dropped 18 unnecessary fields which wont help in analysis (e.g. "title", "zip\_code")

#### DATA UNDERSTANDING, CLEANING & MANIPULATION

After cleaning data, our final data set contains only 21 columns/fields

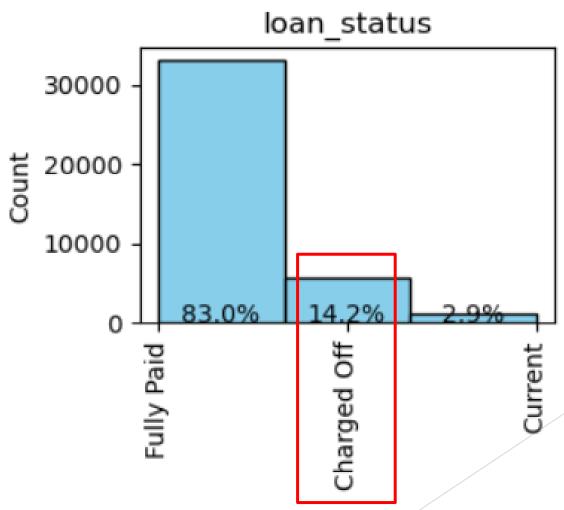


# ANALYSIS

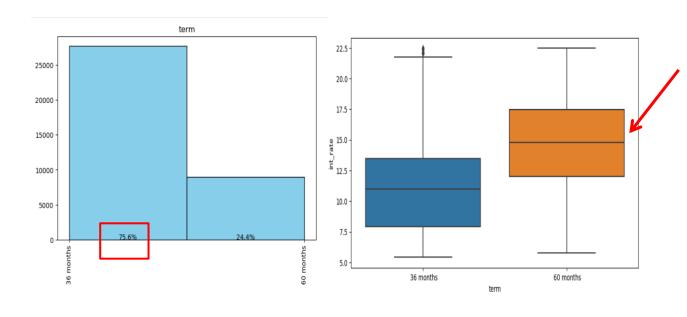
#### **Loan Status**

• 14.2% of loans get defaulted.

Considering the charged off data



# Term, Interest rate, Default Status

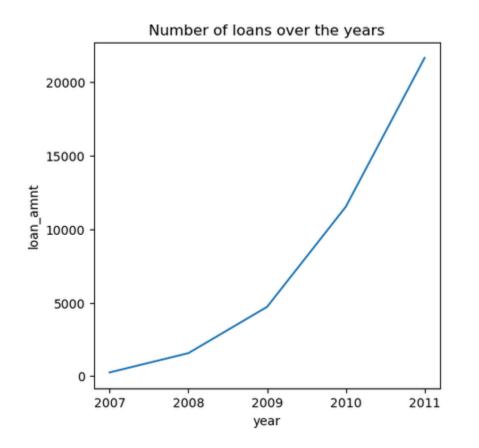


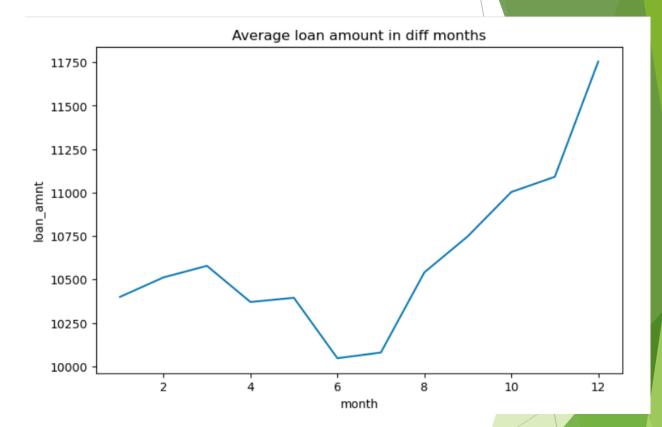
- 75.6% of loans have 36 months tenure where as only 24.4% loans have 60 months tenure.
- Loans with 60 month tenure have higher interest rate than loans with 36 months
- Loans with 60 months tenure have **double chance** (22.6%) of getting defaulted than that of 36 months (11.1%)



% of defaulted loans for different terms

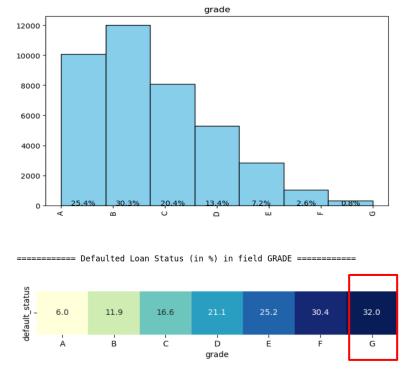
#### Loan vs Time Period

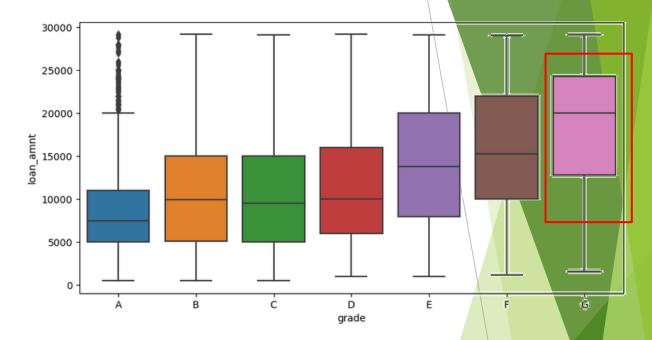




- Number of loan applicants are increasing over the period of time.
- Total borrowers in 2011 is highest i.e. 21K
- On an average loan amount given to the borrowers is high in 2nd half of the year

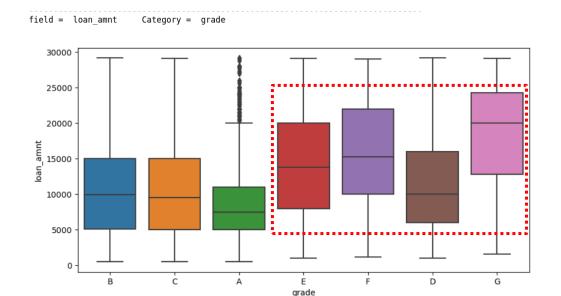
# Grade, Interest rate, Default Status



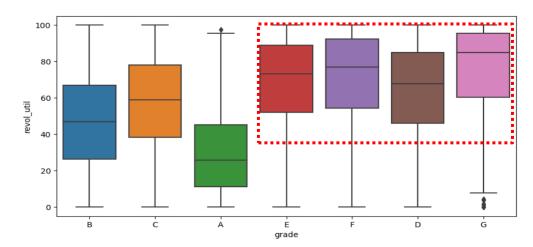


- > 75% loans are of grade A(25%), B(30%), C(20%)
- Interest rates and default rates are low for A, B, C grades.
- Interest rate is gradually increasing for the loans with grades A, B, C, D, E, F, G
- ► There is a 32% chance of G grade loans getting defaulted.
- Higher the grade, higher is the interest rate, higher chance of getting defaulted

#### Loan amount, Grade & Revolving line utilization rate



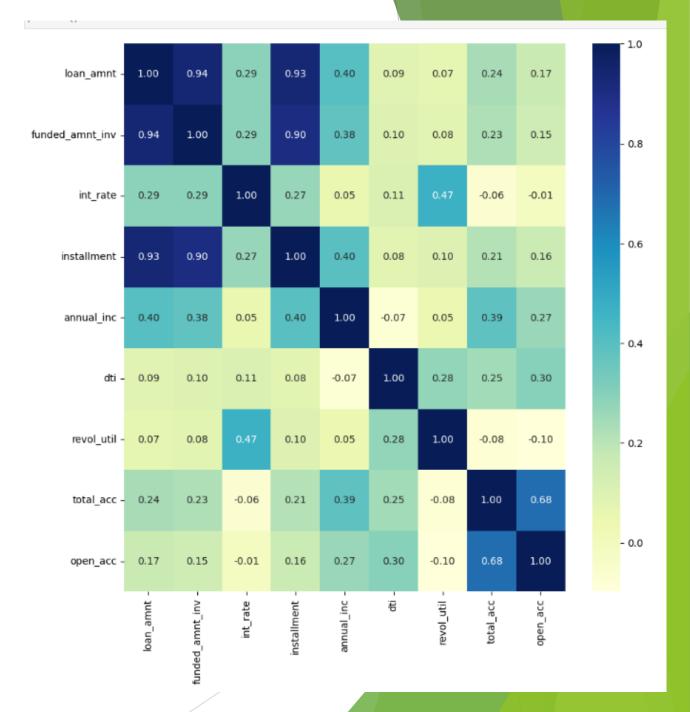




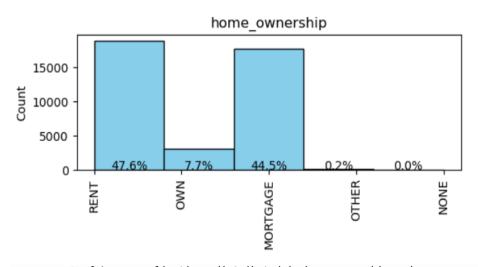
- Loan amount applied by the borrower for G grade loans is highest where as for A grade Loans is lowest.
- For upper grade loans possess high loan amount applied by borrowers loss is high if a loan is defaulted
- Upper grade loans have higher line utilization rate and that correlates with higher % of defaults

# Bivariate Analysis

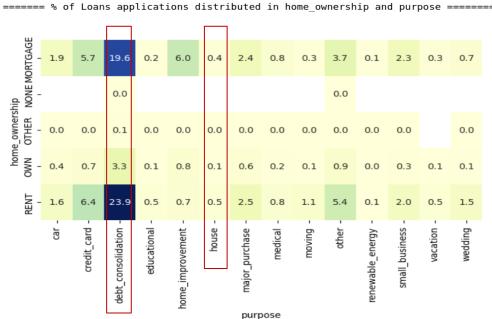
On Continuous/ Quantitative Variables

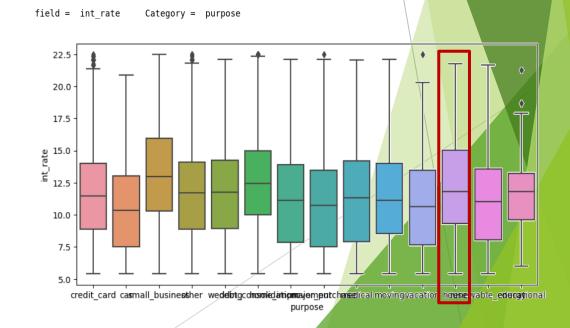


# Home Ownership

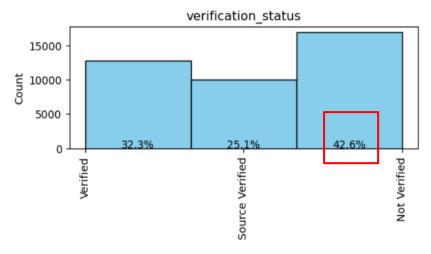


- 47% of the borrowers don't have house (paying rent) but only 1% of loans are home loans.
- home loans are not getting sold effectively. maybe because of higher interest rate
- And 47% borrowers' purpose is 'debt\_consolidation'.





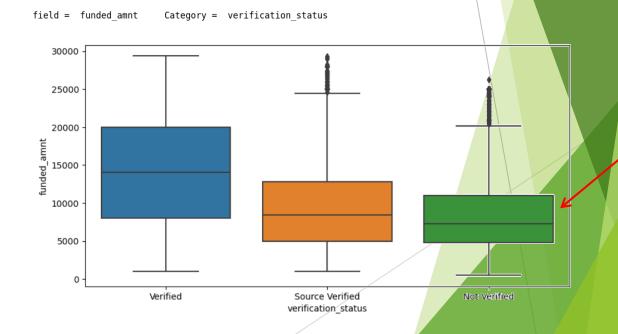
#### **Verification Status**



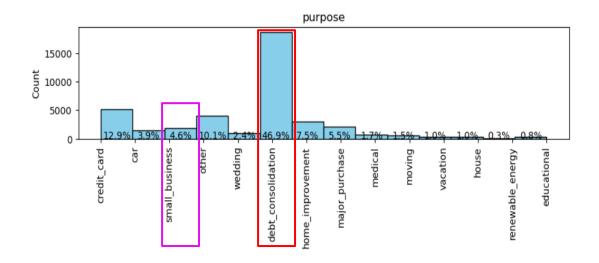
====== Defaulted Loan Status (in %) in field VERIFICATION STATUS =======



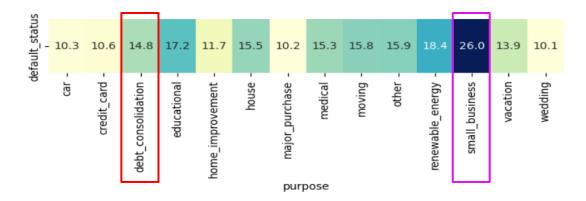
- 42% of the borrowers' income is 'not verified' which is risky.
- Chance of non-verified loan getting defaulted is 12 %
- Total amount funded by the company to non-verified loans is less compared to verified loans



# Purpose

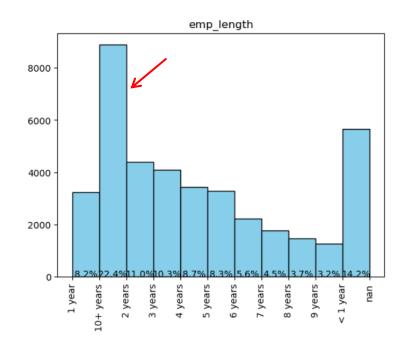


====== Defaulted Loan Status (in %) in field PURPOSE ========

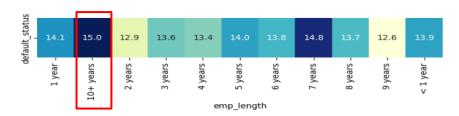


- **Debt\_consolidation** is the most common pupose of the loan (47%) and has **14.8%** chances of getting **default**.
- Loans with small business purpose have highest chances (26%) of getting defaulted.
- Whereas loans for wedding, car or major purchase have lowest chances (only of getting defaulted.

# **Employment Length**

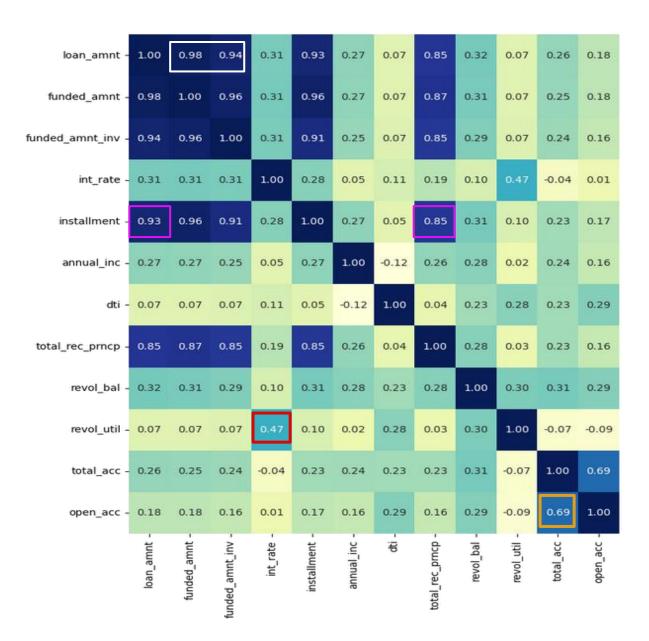


====== Defaulted Loan Status (in %) in field EMP LENGTH ========



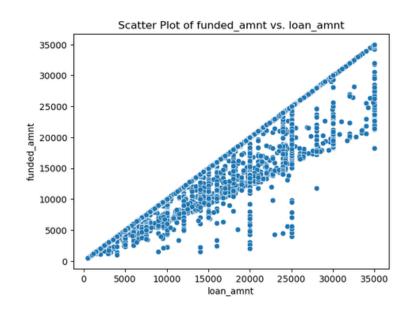
- Majority of the borrowers (22.4%) have 10+ years of employment length.
- There is a 15% chance of loan getting default when employment length of the borrower is 10+ years.

#### Correlation Between the fields

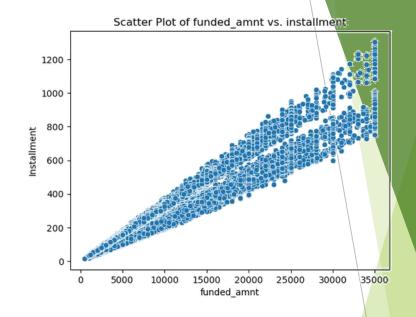


- Very high correlation between loan amount applied by the borrower and funded amount committed by the investor. We can say that if loan application of the borrower gets passed by company, then he gets almost full amount of the loan applied.
- Certainly loan amount, monthly installment and principal received are highly correlated. Higher the loan amount, higher is monthly installment and and higher is principal received vice versa.
- Number of open credit lines is also highly correlated with total number of credit lines in the borrower's credit file.
- Revol\_util, int\_rate Moderately high correlation
  - Higher the amount of credit the borrower is using, higher is the risk of loan repayment. Thats why higher is the interest rate, and vice-versa.

# Loan Amount, Funded Amount, Installment



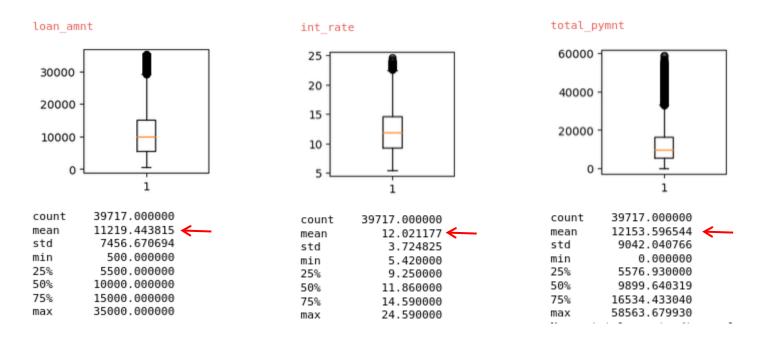
• Funded amount by the company is always less than or equal to loan amount applied by borrower.



 Funded amount by the company is highly correlated with monthly installment paid by the borrower.

• There is a high correltion between loan amount, funded amount and installment

#### Loan Amount, Interest rate, Total Received principal



- Avg loan amount applied by the borrower is 11.2K
- Avg interest rate for the loan is 12%
- Avg payment received by the LC is 12.2k. Ideally it should be (11.2 \* 1.12 =) 12.5k but because of some default loans, company is
  getting 12.2k payment.
- If the company reduces the default loans in future, then LC can make more profits.

# Impact of Term and Grade - Loan Status

- Highest number of loans (24%) have 36 months tenure with grade A and have lowest default rate (5.9%). This is very good for company.
- The company has only 0.1% of total loans with 36 months tenure and G grade. And these loans have highest risk of 37.5% of default rate.



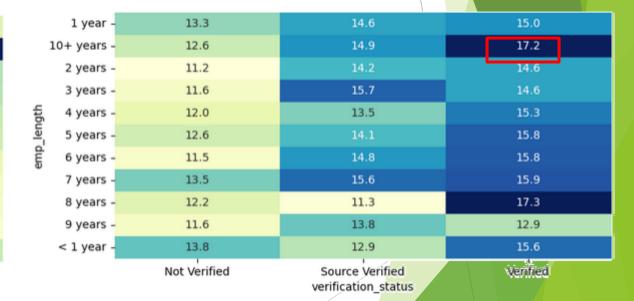
#### Impact of Emp\_length and Verification Status - Loan Status

- Borrowers who have 10+ years of employment years and whose income is verified by lending company are highest 9%. And thier default rate is maximum i.e. 17.2%.
- This is not a good situation for the company.
- This is the criteria where company should look into it.

% of Loans applications distributed in emp length and verification status

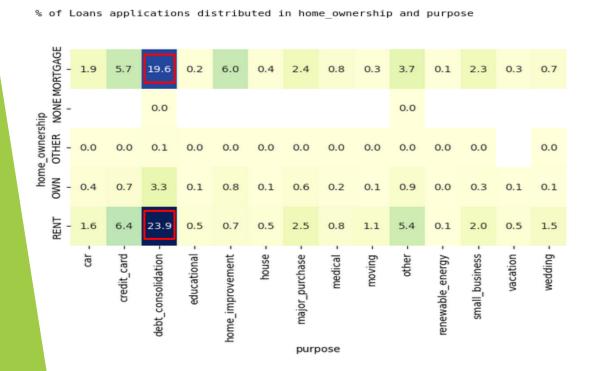
====== Impact of EMP\_LENGTH and VERIFICATION\_STATUS together on LOWN STATUS =======

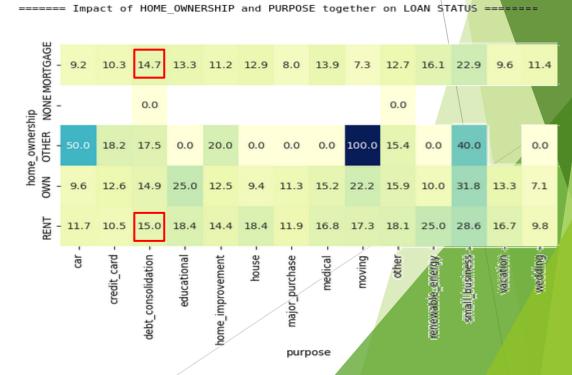
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1	LO+ years -	8.4	5.0	9.0
	2 years -	5.2	2.8	3.1
emp_length	3 years -	4.6	2.6	3.1
	4 years -	3.7	2.1	2.8
	5 years -	3.6	2.1	2.6
	6 years -	2.4	1.4	1.8
	7 years -	1.8	1.1	1.5
	8 years -	1.6	0.9	1.3
	9 years -	1.4	0.8	1.0
	< 1 year -	5.0	3.7	2.8
		Not Verified	Source Verified verification_status	Verified



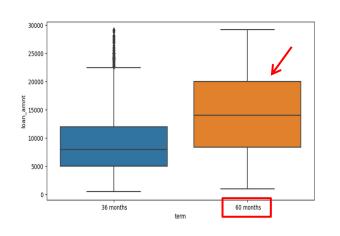
#### Impact of Home\_ownership & Purpose - Loan Status

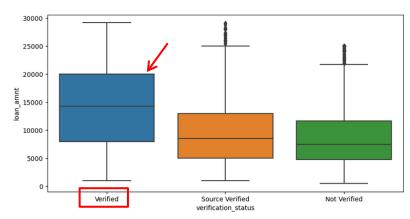
- High chunk of loans (23.9% + 19.6% = **43.5**%) are taken for debt\_consolidation purpose and the borrowers of these loans stay in rented house or Mortgaged their house.
- And there is almost 15% chance of loan getting defaulted which is high and serious.

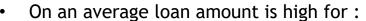




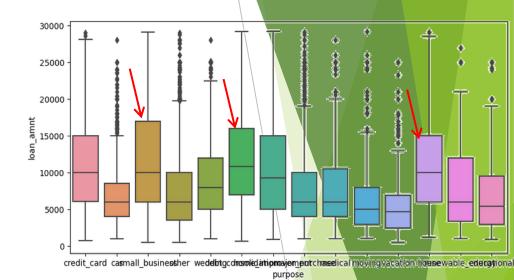
# Loan Amount for different types of loans

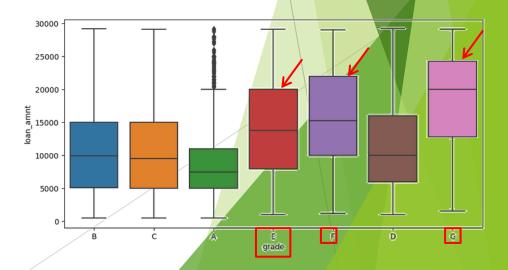






- 60 month tenure loans
- Verified borrower's income loans
- upper grade loans
- small business, house, debt consolidation purpose loans





# SUMMARY & CONCLUSION

# Sumarry

Major Driving factor which can be used to predict the chance of defaulting and avoiding Credit Loss:

- 1. DTI
- 2. Grades
- 3. Verification Status
- 4. Annual income
- 5. Pub\_rec\_bankruptcies

#### Other considerations for 'defaults':

- 1. Burrowers not from large urban cities like California, new york, texas, florida etc.
- 2. Burrowers having annual income in the range 50000-100000.
- 3. Burrowers having Public Recorded Bankruptcy.
- 4. Burrowers with least grades like E,F,G which indicates high risk.
- 5. Burrowers with very high Debt to Income value.
- 6. Burrowers with working experience 10+ years.

#### Conclusion

On an average 14% of the loans gets defaulted.

Small business loans are defaulted more.

Borrowers with mortgage home ownership are taking higher loans and defaulting the approved Loans.

#### **Driving Factors** for Loan Default are:

- ▶ Lengthy tenure Loans Chances of getting dafaulted is double (22%) that of less tenure loans (11%).
- ▶ Upper Grade Loans Higher the grade, higher is the interest rate, and high chances of getting default
- ▶ High Revol\_util Higher the amount of credit the borrower is using, higher is the risk of loan repayment.

#### Inferences:

- High loan amount is given to 60 months tenure loans, upper grade loans, small business loans where chance of getting defaulted is very high.
- Default rate for the borrowers, who have 10+ years of employment years and their income is also verified, is high
- For upper grade loans possess high loan amount applied by borrowers loss is high if a loan is defaulted
- ▶ High Interest rates Interest rate for 60 months tenure loans is higher than that of 36 months loan.