

# ML 2020 Project Timelines and Guidelines

1. The projects will be launched live on Kaggle on **21<sup>st</sup> September, 2020**.
2. Team Mergers will be allowed until **23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020 11:59 PM IST**.
  - a. You will have to go to the respective link for your project that will be given to you on 21<sup>st</sup> Sept, and register yourself for the competition. This includes accepting the rules for the competition as well.
  - b. Post registration of all members of your team, you will have to send a **Merge Request** to each team member, as demonstrated in class on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.
  - c. Each member has to accept the merge request, and once done you will see your team in the Teams section.
  - d. Once you are done with the team merger, we request each team to download the **sample\_submission.csv** file given in the Data section, and upload it as a dummy submission to the competition. This will mark your team in the leaderboard. The dummy upload must be done before the team merger deadline, that is **23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020 11:59 PM IST**.
3. You can start working on the project right from 21<sup>st</sup> September.
4. The number of submissions per day for the competition are limited. You are allowed to make 5 submissions a day until **10<sup>th</sup> October, 2020**. Post that, only 2 submissions per day are allowed.
5. The projects are to be completed and submitted by **18<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 11:59 PM IST**.
6. Evaluation:
  - a. There will be 4 meetings between each team and the TA for the project as per the following schedule:

Meeting Date	Meeting Agenda
Week of 12 <sup>th</sup> October, 2020	General Discussion - Progress Review (5%)
Week of 16 <sup>th</sup> November, 2020	Mid Term Viva + Code + Report + Progress Review (10%+5%)
Week of 28 <sup>th</sup> November, 2020	General Discussion - Progress Review (5%)
Week of 14 <sup>th</sup> December, 2020	Final Viva + Leaderboard Ranking + Code + Report(15%)

- b. The exact time for the meeting of each team could be fixed among the teams and the TAs. They will also let you know the details of each meeting and what is expected from you.

- c. General Discussion - Progress Review are just 5-10 mins meeting where you will be informing the TA of your progress, no need for PowerPoints or reports, teams should be able to explain what they have done, what they further plan to do, what can be expected in the next meeting, etc and may discuss doubts or take feedback from the TAs.

7. General Rules:

- a. Pretrained Models are **not allowed**.
  - b. External data is **not allowed**.
  - c. Deep Learning approaches are **not allowed**. Only **classical ML** approaches should be used.
  - d. Pretrained Word Embeddings are **allowed**.
  - e. You are **not supposed** to share any code/notebooks/data privately among any team in any project until the competition is live, i.e., **18<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 11:59 PM IST**.
  - f. You are allowed to share any notebooks **publicly** in the Notebooks section of your project.
  - g. Your final leaderboard scores should be reproducible on the notebooks submitted to the TAs. Request you to use Kaggle Notebooks for quick and verifiable submissions.
8. The TAs for each project will introduce themselves on the respective Slack Channel for their project after the competitions are launched. The list will also be uploaded on the **Projects sheet** of both the **Google Sheet** released earlier, and the **Excel Workbook** released for Team Formation and Project Selection.
- a. The TAs assigned to each project are for evaluation purposes. You are free to ask doubts to any of the TAs.
  - b. Request you to post **project related doubts** on the respective channels only. All the TAs will be a part of all the channels.
  - c. Common doubts can be posted as usual on the **#discussions** channel.