## **Progress Report**

For my project I am working on the classification competition. I have made some significant progress on it over the last few weeks. The tasks I have completed are preprocessing the text – cleaning it up, converting emojis into text, and preparing the data to be used for training the model. I have also spent a lot of time reading about BERT and have trained an initial model using BERT.

Tasks going forward are testing my code with the test data provided to see how my initial model performs to the baseline and optimizing the model to improve performance. Depending on how that performance goes I may explore other options for training the model as well. I then need to work on creating the documentation and cleaning up and organizing the code I have written.

I am currently not facing any challenges as I work on my project.