

Project Timeline

November 17, 2023

Nov. 17													
Week Number	Status Update	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Milestones				Mentor Status Update	Proposal Due			Mentor Status Update	Meet with VT Advisor	Mentor Status Update	Capstone Work Day	Practice Pres.	Practice Pres.
Formulate business problem	Complete												
Find data set	Complete												
Perform literature review	Complete												
Solution hypothesis	Complete												
Implement solution	On-Track												
Preliminary results	On-Track												
Final Results	On-Track												
Evaluate and Benchmark	On-Track												
Presentation Prep	On-Track												

Indicate:

Complete

On Track

At Risk

Off Track

Capstone Proposal: Bank Account Fraud Detection

Project Name	Bank Account Fraud Detection	Modeling Requirements	
Business Understanding	<p>Our team is aiming to detect bank account fraud detections by evaluating a variety of variables related to financial status, personal identification, and payment patterns.</p> <p>We will uncover the answers to questions such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Which factors should be prioritized when monitoring bank account fraud?2. Which predictors affect fraud detection the most?3. Are there trends for the frequency of fraud types?	Data Type	CSV file: numeric & categorical variables
		Data Source	Kaggle: Bank Account Fraud
		Data Preparation Steps	Look at distributions, patterns and correlations. Apply appropriate filters for outliers Deal with null values. Standardize variables. Address class imbalance. Train & test split, SMOTE
Client/Project Motivation	Our clients are banks and financial institutions. Bank account fraud costs companies millions of dollars every year and creating a proactive approach towards bank account fraud detection may help cut costs and increase awareness of fraud factors or triggers.	Data Challenges	Target class imbalance, identifying column features such as ambiguous features, limited labeled data
Market /Industry	Finance, Banking, Insurance	Modeling Techniques	Classification: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Logistic Regression- Decision Trees with ensemble methods
State of the Art	Our team plans to make our model state of the art by incorporating logistic regression and building out additional features that other models are currently not considering.	Target Variable	Fraud (1) or no fraud (0)
Success Metrics (Evaluation)	Our team will evaluation success by examining precision, recall, confusion matrix, accuracy rates, ROC and AUC scores.	Regression or Classification problem	Classification
Scalability	The team will build scalability into the model throughout the development stage by experimenting with data set size and varying feature counts to increase the likelihood of continued effectiveness. Employing Logistic Regression as well will improve performance.	Tools/Methodologies	Pandas, SkLearn, NumPy

Status Update

Provide update/reminder on the goal of the project for the client here



What we did in last two weeks



Capstone Project Check-ins

The team has been meeting regularly to communicate updates and report progress



Create Presentation Outline

Create capstone PowerPoint presentation and rough outline of slides



Finalize EDA Techniques

The majority of EDA was completed, and further discussion of ML techniques was held



Discussion of Visuals and Presentation

The team discussed relevant visuals to include in the final presentation and responsibilities per team members during presentations

What we will accomplish in next two weeks



Complete all ML and Model Building

Finalize model and make last minute changes



Continue Individual EDA

Complete GitHub ReadMe file, finalize PowerPoint presentation



Presentation Practice

Perform practice runs of the final presentation

Roles and Responsibilities

Pengwei Wang: ML building and practice presentation

Hadley Campbell: ML building, practice presentation

Brian Rodriguez : ML Building, practice presentation

Payton Stauble: ReadMe file, PPT prep, practice presentation