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## Capstone Journey & Timelines

One key consideration behind the design of this journey is to try to simulate a real-world problem-solving experience where there are planned milestones to share findings and get feedback from mentors, leads, or managers, and the first key objective is to come up with a good solution that can be recommended to leaders & decision-makers for adoption with a clear rationale for doing so.

- This is a 3-week immersive problem-solving experience that is broadly divided into two stages - the milestone and the final submission.
- The milestone focuses on the initial exploration of the problem and the data, to come up with the initial understanding of some patterns in data, and the first set of results from the various different modeling techniques that are relevant to the problem.
  - The final submission focuses on improving the milestone submission as per the feedback and the executive takeaways and the key recommendations for the implementation of the solution.

There will be two Mentored Learning Sessions, one before and one after the first milestone submission, to discuss approaches, best practices, and brainstorm on key next steps. Following the Final Submission, there will be a Live Presentation to a panelist.

Here are the detailed timelines:

Capstone Timelines		
Activities	Scheduled Dates	Day
Elective Project submission link live	Jan 14	Saturday
Capstone Project Briefing Session	Jan 16	Monday
Elective Project submission deadline	Jan 19	Thursday
Milestone 1 submission link live	Jan 19	Thursday
Milestone 2 submission link live	Jan 23	Monday
Elective Project score release	Jan 24	Tuesday
Milestone 1 submission deadline	Jan 26	Thursday
Milestone 1 session	Jan 29	Sunday
Milestone 1 score release	Jan 30	Monday
Final Submission & Live Presentation submission link live	Jan 30	Monday
Milestone 2 submission deadline	Feb 2	Thursday
Milestone 2 session	Feb 5	Sunday
Milestone 2 score release	Feb 6	Monday
Final Submission deadline	Feb 9	Thursday
Live Presentation	Feb 11 & 12	Saturday & Sunday
Hackathon Registrations	Feb 13 - 17	Monday to Friday
Hackathon	Feb 18 - 21	Saturday to Tuesday
Closing Ceremony + Hackathon Winners	Feb 25	Saturday
Results and Grades	Feb 27	Monday
Final Certificates	Mar 15	Wednesday

**Points to note :**

- The Milestone Discussion Sessions are similar to Mentored Learning Sessions and will be conducted on December 4th and December 11th, 2022. There will only be one session per weekend
- The Milestone submission is to be submitted before 2 days of the Milestone sessions

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