

# Business Analytics Practicum (MGT 4803)

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# Logistical updates

- **Thursdays:** Dedicated to **Home Depot Teams**.
  - **What this means for Home Depot Team member:**
    - **Required:** Attendance on Thursdays is mandatory for participation in discussions relevant to your team.
    - **Optional Tuesdays:** While **Tuesday sessions** are focused on **Sparck Teams**, you're invited to attend if interested.

# Logistical updates (cont'd)

- **Tuesdays:** Now exclusively for **Sparck Teams**.
  - **What this means for Sparck Team members:**
    - **Required:** Attendance on Tuesdays is mandatory to engage in discussions and address your team-specific questions.
    - **Optional Thursdays:** You're welcome to join **Thursday sessions**, although these will be primarily focused on **Home Depot teams**.

# Sparck Technology (Demo Day)

- Company site visit for undergrad business analytics practicum project
  - **When:** March 1st (Friday)
  - **where:** Sparck at the location in Marietta, GA

## Challenge for Home Depot Teams: Efficient handling of large datasets

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- Using `data_df = pd.read_csv('XXXXXXX.csv', sep=';')`
  - `pd.read_csv()`: is a function provided by pandas to read a comma-separated values (CSV) file into a DataFrame.
  - The `sep=';'` (separators): indicates that the file uses semicolons (;) instead of the more common commas to separate its columns.

## Challenge for Home Depot Teams: Efficient handling of large datasets

- **Current Method:** Using the read.csv function to load each file individually.
  - using `for` or `while` loops for this process.

How would you use `for` or `while` loops in Python to print the first 5 numbers along with their squares?



# Loops example in Python

- Please click on the link provided below
  - [In-Class Exercise 1: NumPy, Pandas](#)

# For Loop example in Python

- The `for` loop in Python is commonly used to iterate over a sequence (like a range, list, or string).
  - This loop iterates over the numbers 1 through 5, and for each number `i`, it prints `i` and its square (`i^2`).
  - Here's how you can use a `for` loop to print the first 5 numbers and their squares

## Python code

```
# Using a for loop to print the first 5 numbers and their squares  
for i in range(1, 6): # range(1, 6) generates numbers from 1 to 5  
    print(f"{i}^2 = {i**2}")
```

# While loop example in Python

- The `while` loop in Python repeats as long as a certain condition is true.
  - Here's how to achieve the same task using a while loop:

## Python code

```
# Using a while loop to print the first 5 numbers and their squares  
i = 1 # Initialize the counter  
while i ≤ 5:  
    print(f"{i}^2 = {i**2}")  
    i += 1 # Increment the counter
```