# 1. Introduction Section :

## Problem to be resolved:

The challenge to resolve is being able to find a rental apartment unit in Manhattan NY that offers similar characteristics and benefits to my current situation. Therefore, in order to set a basis for comparison, I want to find a rental unit subject to the following conditions:

- Apartment with min 2 bedrooms with monthly rent not to exceed US$7000/month
- Unit located within walking distance (<=1.0 mile, 1.6 km) from a subway metro station in Manhattan
- Area with amenities and venues similar to my current location

## Interested Audience

I believe this is a relevant project for a person or entity considering moving to a major city in Europe, US or Asia, since the approach and methodologies used here are applicable in all cases. The use of FourSquare data and mapping techniques combined with data analysis will help resolve the key questions arisen. Lastly, this project is a good practical case toward the development of Data Science skills.

# Data Section:

## Description of the data and its sources that will be used to solve the problem
The following data is required to answer the issues of the problem:

- List of Boroughs and neighborhoods of Manhattan with their geodata (latitude and longitude)
- List of Subway metro stations in Manhattan with their address location
- List of apartments for rent in Manhattan area with their addresses and price
- Preferably, a list of apartment for rent with additional information, such as price, address, area, # of beds, etc
- Venues for each Manhattan neighborhood ( than can be clustered)
- Venues for subway metro stations, as needed

# Methodology section:

This section represents the main component of the report where the data is gathered, prepared for analysis. The tools described are used here and the Notebook cells indicates the execution of steps.

## The analysis and the strategy:

The strategy is based on mapping the above described data in section 2.0, in order to facilitate the choice of at least two candidate places for rent. The choice is made based on the demands imposed : location near a subway, rental price and similar venues to Singapore. This visual approach and maps with popups labels allow quick identification of location, price and feature, thus making the selection very easy.
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- What is the cost of rent (per square ft) around a mile radius from each subway metro station?
- What is the area of Manhattan with best rental pricing that meets criteria established?
- What is the distance from work place ( Park Ave and 53 rd St) and the tentative future home?
- What are the venues of the two best places to live? How the prices compare?
- How venues distribute among Manhattan neighborhoods and around metro stations?
- Are there tradeoffs between size and price and location?
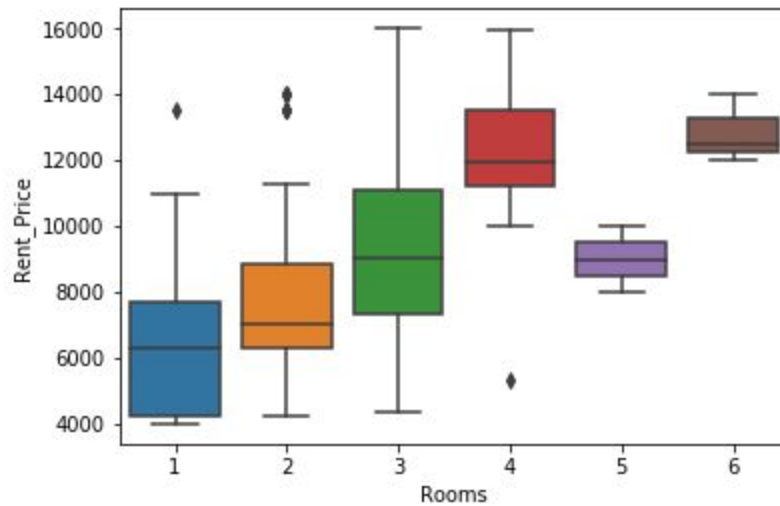- Any other interesting statistical data findings of the real estate and overall data.

## How the data will be used to solve the problem

The data will be used as follows:

- Use Foursquare and geopy data to map top 10 venues for all Manhattan neighborhoods and clustered in groups ( as per Course LAB)
- Use foursquare and geopy data to map the location of subway metro stations , separately and on top of the above clustered map in order to be able to identify the venues and amenities near each metro station, or explore each subway location separately
- Use Foursquare and geopy data to map the location of rental places, in some form, linked to the subway locations. create a map that depicts, for instance, the average

rental price per square ft, around a radius of 1.0 mile (1.6 km) around each subway station - or a similar metrics.

- Addresses from rental locations will be converted to geodata( lat, long) using Geopy-distance and Nominatim.
- Data will be searched in open data sources if available, from real estate sites if open to reading, libraries or other government agencies such as Metro New York MTA, etc.

## Result:

Map of Manhattan with rental places, subway locations and cluster of venues

**Selecting the appropriate apartment for rent**
After careful examination 2 locations have been chosen
Apartment 1: 305 East 63rd Street in the Sutton Place Neighborhood and near 'subway 59th Street'

station, Cluster # 2 Monthly rent : 7500 Dollars

Apartment 2: 19 Dutch Street in the Financial District Neighborhood and near 'Fulton Street Subway' station, Cluster # 3 Monthly rent : 6935 Dollars

## Apartment Selection

Using the "one map" above, I was able to explore all possibilities since the popups provide the information needed for a good decision.

Apartment 1 rent cost is US7500 slightly above the US7000 budget. Apt 1 is located 400 meters from subway station at 59th Street and work place ( Park Ave and 53rd) is another 600 meters way. I can walk to work place and use subway for other places aroung. Venues for this apt are as of Cluster 2 and it is located in a fine district in the East side of Manhattan.

Apartment 2 rent cost is US6935, just under the US7000 budget. Apt 2 is located 60 meters from subway station at Fulton Street, but I will have to ride the subway daily to work , possibly 40-60 min ride. Venues for this apt are as of Cluster 3.