**Milestones for Deep Dive Project**

The goal of the Deep Dive Project is for you to think through how to implement Deep Learning in a real setting (similar to what you might do in a job). This means using your judgment in making decisions, and articulating why.

* Milestone 1::
  + Construct Google Folder (and give TA’s, graders, and Sowers access and URL)
  + Download some data
  + Make a **README** file
    - Listing the team members
    - Explaining the problem (as well as you understand at this point)
    - Stating a license
  + Make a **Data Extraction** notebook.
    - Debugging dataset: small enough to test code with; reasonable code should run in 2 minutes
    - Working dataset: large enough to do the problem on (training should run no more than 40 minutes)
    - Convert these datasets to pandas
      * I suggest that you convert datetime to pandas timestamps (allows for time deltas and time manipulation)
      * Pickle (<https://pandas.pydata.org/docs/reference/api/pandas.DataFrame.to_pickle.html>) the data. That converts it to a binary file which can be loaded directly (must faster) into the correct datatypes
* Milestone 2::
  + Make a **Data Exploration** notebook giving
    - some visualization of the data
    - some descriptive statistics (including biases in labels)
    - explain what you are doing in text cells.
  + Discuss missing, imbalanced, or sparse data problems.
  + Make a **Baseline learning** notebook carrying, some sort of linear or logistic regression (to be used as a benchmark; feel free to use sklearn). Details left to you, but explain what you are doing in text cells in the notebook.
* Milestone 3:
  + Build a **Deep Learning** notebook (or notebooks).
    - Build a deep learning model for the dataset
    - Investigate effects of mini-batch learning
    - Investigate effects of different optimizers
    - Tune hyperparameters (training testing and validation). Explain conclusions about hyperparameters in colab markdown cells.
* Milestone 4:
  + Build a **Feature Importance** notebook discussing feature importance
  + Conclusions
* Milestone 5:
  + Documentation and cleanup of files
  + Make **Conclusions** document for the entire project (use format of your choice)
  + Conversion to repo
  + Video summary of project. NOTE: We will watch this first as a way to organize our grading.
    - Should be between 5 and 7 minutes long. Note: we won’t watch the video beyond 7 minutes.
    - Should motivate problem
    - Discuss technical challenges or lessons learned in project.
    - Should discuss conclusions (feature importance?), particularly for possible stakeholders
    - One slide should give explicit sample data
    - **Each slide should be labelled with list of group members who contributed to that slide.**
    - Each page of video should have page numbers (“I have a question about slide 5”)
    - Use UIUC template (https://publicaffairs.illinois.edu/resources/powerpoint-templates/)