

- **stores.csv**

This excel file contains the supplementary information for the 1,115 drug stores.

<u>Column</u>	<u>Description</u>
Store	the anonymised store number
StoreType	4 different store models: a, b, c, d
Assortment	an assortment level: a = basic, b = extra, c = extended
CompetitionDistance	distance in meters to the nearest competitor store
CompetitionOpenSinceMonth	the approximate month of the time when the nearest competitor was opened
CompetitionOpenSinceYear	the approximate year of the time when the nearest competitor was opened
Promo2	a continuing and consecutive promotion, e.g., a coupon based mailing campaign, for some stores: 0 = store is not participating, 1 = store is participating
Promo2SinceWeek	the calendar week when the store started participating in Promo2
Promo2SinceYear	the year when the store started participating in Promo2
PromoInterval	the consecutive intervals in which Promo2 is re-started, naming the months the promotion is started anew. e.g., "Feb,May,Aug,Nov" means each round of the coupon based mailing campaign starts in February, May, August, November of any given year for that store, as the coupons, mostly for a discount on certain products are usually valid for three months, and a new round of mail needs to be sent to customers just before those coupons have expired

- **train.csv**

This file contains the historical sales data, which covers sales from 01/01/2013 to 31/07/2015. It includes the following fields:

<u>Column</u>	<u>Description</u>
Store	the anonymised store number
DayOfWeek	the day of the week: 1 = Monday, 2 = Tuesday, ...
Date	the given date
Sales	the turnover on a given day
Customers	the number of customers on a given day
Open	an indicator for whether the store was open on that day: 0 = closed, 1 = open
Promo	indicates whether a store is running a store-specific promo on that day
StateHoliday	indicates a state holiday. Normally all stores, with few exceptions, are closed on state holidays. Note that all schools are closed on public holidays and weekends. a = public holiday, b = Easter holiday, c = Christmas, 0 = none
SchoolHoliday	indicates if the (Store, Date) was affected by the closure of public schools

- **test.csv**

This file is identical to train.csv, except that Sales and Customers are unknown for the period of 01/08/2015 to 17/09/2015.