**Week of Jan 11th - Jan 22nd**

**Blog 1: January 23nd, 2019**

When five of us were selected into the Credit Suisse project, every member first introduced each other and specified our duties in the team based on our personal background. Since I majored in statistics during undergraduate period and I had 2 years banking experience, I was glad to make contribution in both modeling part and business understanding aspect. We created a google drive so that we could co-worked together effectively. Also, we set up a normal meeting time every week to according to the schedule of each of us this semester.

Our first task it to give a brief presentation, introducing our research about the company and primary project objectives while we had only 3 days to prepare for it. We decided to present in 3 aspects: company introduction, Fintech related to Credit Suisse and the problem statement. Since I was not quite familiar with Credit Suisse before, I spent 3 hours learning about their main business and products from its official website. After having a quick overview about this company, I also learned about how the sales pipeline works for the CRM system by reviewing different companies. I shared my research parts into google drive so that everyone could have a basic understanding about our project. We gathered all the information and research part into slides for the coming presentation then.

During the presentation, we received some helpful feedback. Based on them, we listed several questions about the dataset and technical part for our first kick-off meeting on January 18th. The Credit Suisse CSAM team members gave a much more detailed and concrete introduction about their company and the main problem they want to deal with, by which I had a much clearer idea about how we should work on it. Also, they told us they were still working on the process to build the access for us to the data. During the meeting, we wrote down the main points had been mentioned and summarized those notes to better understand their requirement.

Since we have not received the data yet, we would do more researches into similar system from other companies while waiting for it. Even though I have basic data analytics ability and experience, I start to learn more related technical skill so that I can work on the project immediately as long as we get the data.