

## **Guidelines**

### **General Guidelines**

GS CodeSprint is an individual competition open to all professionals with at least one year of experience.

There are two problem statements:

- Computer Science - mandatory for evaluation
- Machine Learning - bonus points in case of tie

### **Submissions**

The submission guidelines are defined in each problem statement. Please adhere to the guidelines while submitting the solutions:

- The output must conform to the format specified in the problem statement
- You can submit more than one solution; you will be ranked for the latest submission. Please submit your complete solution each time you resubmit.

*Any plagiarism found in the model, output or code would lead to disqualification.*

### **Evaluation**

- In addition to automatic evaluation on the platform, there is subjective evaluation for code quality, documentation, etc.
- Results will be treated as final and are not subject to re-evaluation based on participant request.

## **FAQs**

### **a) Why should I participate in GS CodeSprint?**

This challenge may lead to a potential interview opportunity at the firm based on your submissions in addition to exciting prizes.

### **b) I have several degrees - which degree should I enter?**

Please enter the highest degree.

### **c) Do you declare winners for each challenge or cumulative of all challenges?**

The score and the quality of code in the Computer Science challenge will be the primary criteria for evaluation. Quality of the code is checked offline post contest and is subjective.

Points scored in bonus Machine Learning challenge will be used in case of a tie.

### **d) Can we participate in teams?**

No, this is an individual contest.

**e) What are the registration costs?**

GS CodeSprint has no registration fee.

**f) How do I register?**

You can sign up for the contest by visiting the GS CodeSprint HackerRank page.  
<https://www.hackerrank.com/gs-codesprint-2018>

**g) How do I submit my solutions?**

The submission guidelines are defined in each problem statement.

**h) What should be the size of the final submissions?**

The maximum upload limit is 5 MB per challenge.

**i) Will there be a live leaderboard for each of the questions?**

- The final leaderboard is subject to additional testing and manual review from the team at Goldman Sachs. Therefore, the ranks indicated in the live leaderboard during the contest will not be final but subject to parameters like Code Runtime, Code Quality, Code Documentation, Approach, etc.
- Even if you have passed all test cases/scored full marks, it is advised to keep optimizing your code/add documentation, etc. because the final score is subject to the parameters mentioned above. The elapsed time on the problem is not taken into consideration. The default leaderboard is based on elapsed time, so this is another reason why leaderboard may not be showing accurate standing.
- The coding question will be used for deciding the ranking and prizes. The ML question will be used as a tiebreaker only in case two or more participants obtain the same score for the coding question.

**j) What programming languages can I use?**

The programming language depends on the challenge. If the guidelines require you to code in the HackerRank platform, then you will need to use one of the languages enabled in HackerRank. For the Computer Science challenges, C/ C++/Java/Python is the enabled language. Otherwise, feel free to use any language.

**k) Will the GS CodeSprint team be around to answer my questions during the contest?**

For HackerRank platform related problems (login/submission/availability etc.), please reach out to [gscodesprint-in@hackerrank.com](mailto:gscodesprint-in@hackerrank.com)

For challenge related questions, please post on discussion forums and GS CodeSprint team will be available from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. IST on all contest days

**l) Who do I contact for more information?**

For more information or clarifications on the questions, you can email your queries to the GS CodeSprint team at [gscodesprint-in@hackerrank.com](mailto:gscodesprint-in@hackerrank.com). Please indicate your contact number, so we can get in touch with you, if required.

Please note that the discussion boards are public and discussion of solutions will lead to disqualification.

**m) Do I get a job offer or get to interview for roles at Goldman Sachs if I participate or win?**

Based on your performance in GS CodeSprint and your interest in opportunities at Goldman Sachs, you may be offered the opportunity to interview.

**Terms and Conditions**

- Goldman Sachs reserves the right to modify the event or cancel the event at any stage, without incurring any liability.
- This contest and participation in this contest is not an offer of employment or internship.
- The participants warrant and certify that their submissions are original and do not infringe third party copyrights, patents or intellectual property rights.
- Further, upon submission of solutions, all intellectual property rights and ideas generated during this contest and in the submissions shall vest in Goldman Sachs, and Goldman Sachs reserves the right to use the same in any manner, including for commercial purposes.