

# UK Train Railway Operations and Delay Analysis

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# *Overview of the UK Railway System*

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## Understanding the Scale and Importance of Railway Data in the UK

The UK railway system is a vital component of national infrastructure, connecting millions of passengers and facilitating commerce. Analyzing railway data plays a crucial role in improving efficiency, and enriching the passenger experience. Effective use of this data can lead to significant advancements in transportation planning and operations.





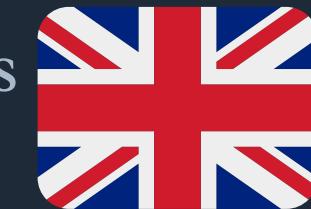
# Project Idea

The Railway Operations and Delay Analysis project aims to design a data warehouse that integrates railway transaction and journey data to analyze performance, customer experience, and operational delays.

The dataset captures information about each ticket purchase, including transaction details, routes, payment methods, journey times, and delay reasons.

This analysis enables:

- Tracking journey punctuality and identifying delay causes.
- Monitoring sales by purchase type, payment method, and ticket class.
- Evaluating refund requests linked to delay incidents.
- Building dashboards for performance analytics and decision-making.



# Tools Used in The Project



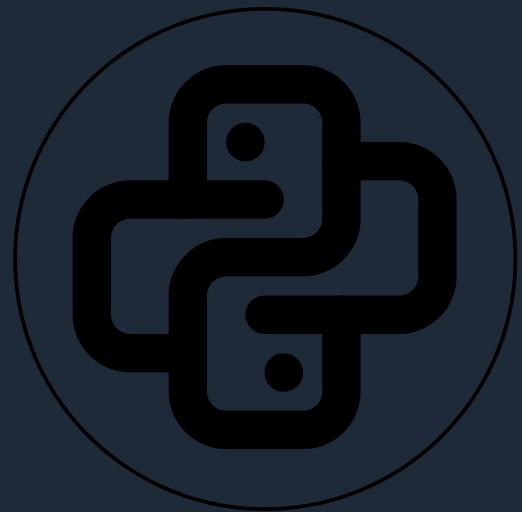
## Microsoft Excel

Used for saving the dataset as an excel file



## SQL Server

Used for cleaning, extracting dimensions and facts table from the dataset and answering questions



## Python

Used in predicting



## Power Bi

Used in visualization





# Railway Flat Dataset Columns

Transaction\_ID  
Date\_of\_Purchase  
Time\_of\_Purchase  
Departure\_Station  
Arrival\_Destination  
Date\_of\_Journey  
Departure\_Time  
Arrival\_Time  
Actual\_Arrival\_Time  
Journey\_Status  
Reason\_for\_Delay  
Refund\_Request  
Purchase\_Type  
Payment\_Method  
Railcard  
Ticket\_Class  
Ticket\_Type  
Price



# Dataset Dimensions

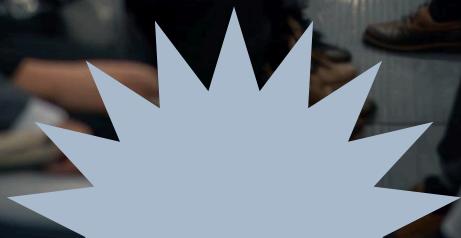
Dimension	Attributes	Description
Route	Route ID, Departure Station, Arrival Destination	Provides time-based context for transactions and journeys.
Journey	Journey ID, Transaction ID, Departure Station, Arrival Destination, Date of Journey, Departure Time, Arrival Time, Actual Arrival Time, Journey Status, Datekey	Contains scheduled and actual journey times with performance status.
Date	Date Key, Full Date, Day, Month, Year	Provides time-based context for transactions and journeys.



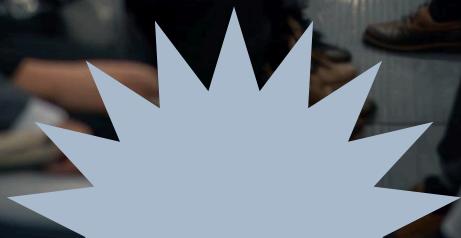
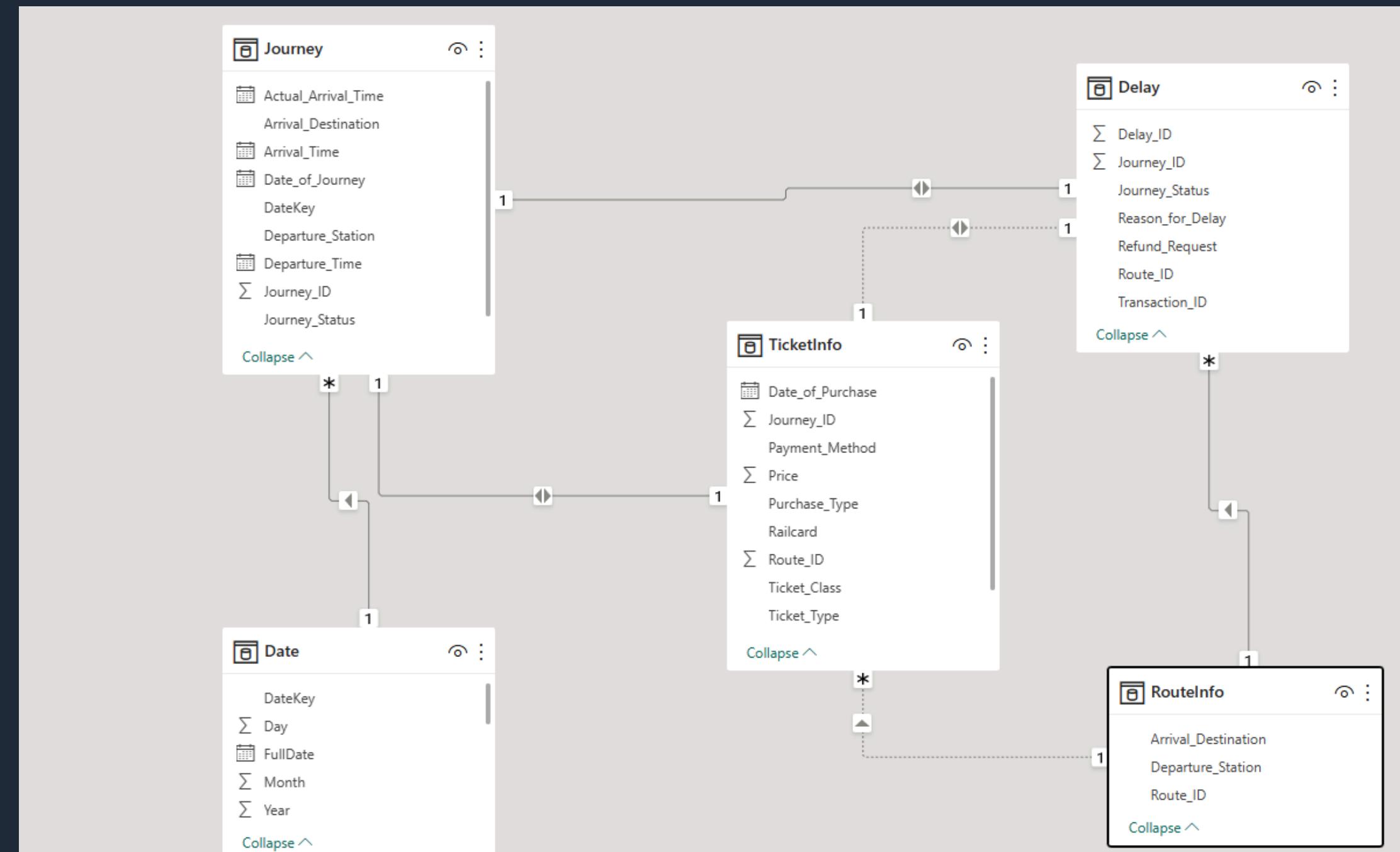
# Dataset Facts



Name	Attributes	Description
Ticket Info	Transaction ID, Date of Purchase, Time of Purchase, Purchase Type, Payment Method, Railcard, Ticket Class, Ticket Type, Price, Route_ID, Journey_ID	Details about the type and pricing of the ticket purchased and the purchase info.
Delay	Delay ID, Transaction ID, Journey ID, Route ID, Journey Status, Reason for Delay, Refund Request	Provides information on the cause of delays when applicable.



# Dataset Schema



# Analysis Scope

Journey Performance



Delay & Cancelled Causes



Stations & Routes Performance



Revenue Tracking





# Journey Performance

Total  
Journeys

31653

On - Time  
Journeys

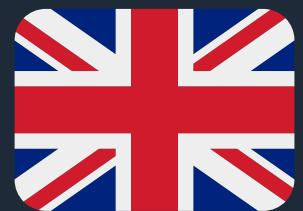
27,481

Delayed  
Journeys

2292

Cancelled  
Journeys

1880





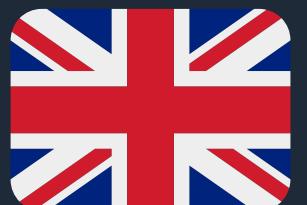
# Delay & Cancelled Causes

Top Delay Cause  
Weather

Top Cancelled Cause  
Signal Failure

Top Month with Delay & Cancel  
March  
1137

Avg for Delayed Journeys  
42 mins





# Important Routes Index

Route 1: York to Liverpool Lime Street

Route 4: Manchester Piccadilly to Liverpool Lime Street

Route 9: London St Pancras to Wolverhampton

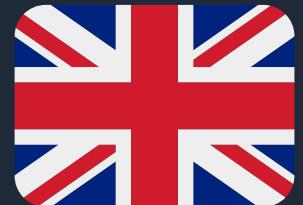
Route 21: Liverpool Lime Street to London Euston

Route 29: London Kings Cross to Liverpool Lime Street

Route 48: Manchester Piccadilly to Sheffield

Route 58: London Kings Cross to York

Route 61: Liverpool Lime Street to Sheffield





# Stations & Routes Tracking

## Best Route Performance (Least Delays):

London Kings Cross → Liverpool Lime Street (Route 29)

London St Pancras → Wolverhampton (Route 9)

York → Liverpool Lime Street (Route 1)

Liverpool Lime Street → Sheffield (Route 61)

Manchester Piccadilly → Sheffield (Route 48)

## Route with Most Delays and Cancels respectively:

Liverpool Lime Street → London Euston (Route 21) (Most Delays)

Manchester Piccadilly → Liverpool Lime Street (Route 4) (Most Cancels)





# Stations & Routes Tracking

Departure Station with Most Delays:

Liverpool Lime Street

Departure Station with Most Cancels:

London Paddington

Route with Highest Volume:

Manchester Piccadilly → Liverpool Lime Street (Route 4)





# Revenue Tracking

Total  
Revenue

741,921

Total  
Net Revenue

703,219

Lost Revenue  
from Refund

38,702  
5%

Top Route with  
Revenue

Route 58  
179498

Top Station with  
Revenue

London Kings  
Cross  
195770



# Prediction Analysis



April 2024

Avg Price

24.13

May 2024

Avg Price

23.92

Ticket Model

Accuracy = 63.19%

April 2024

Total Journeys

7781

May 2024

Total Journeys

7817

Journey Model

Accuracy = 68.90%



# Prediction Analysis



April 2024

Revenue

187,755

\*Revenue without  
Subtracting Refunded  
Request\*

May 2024

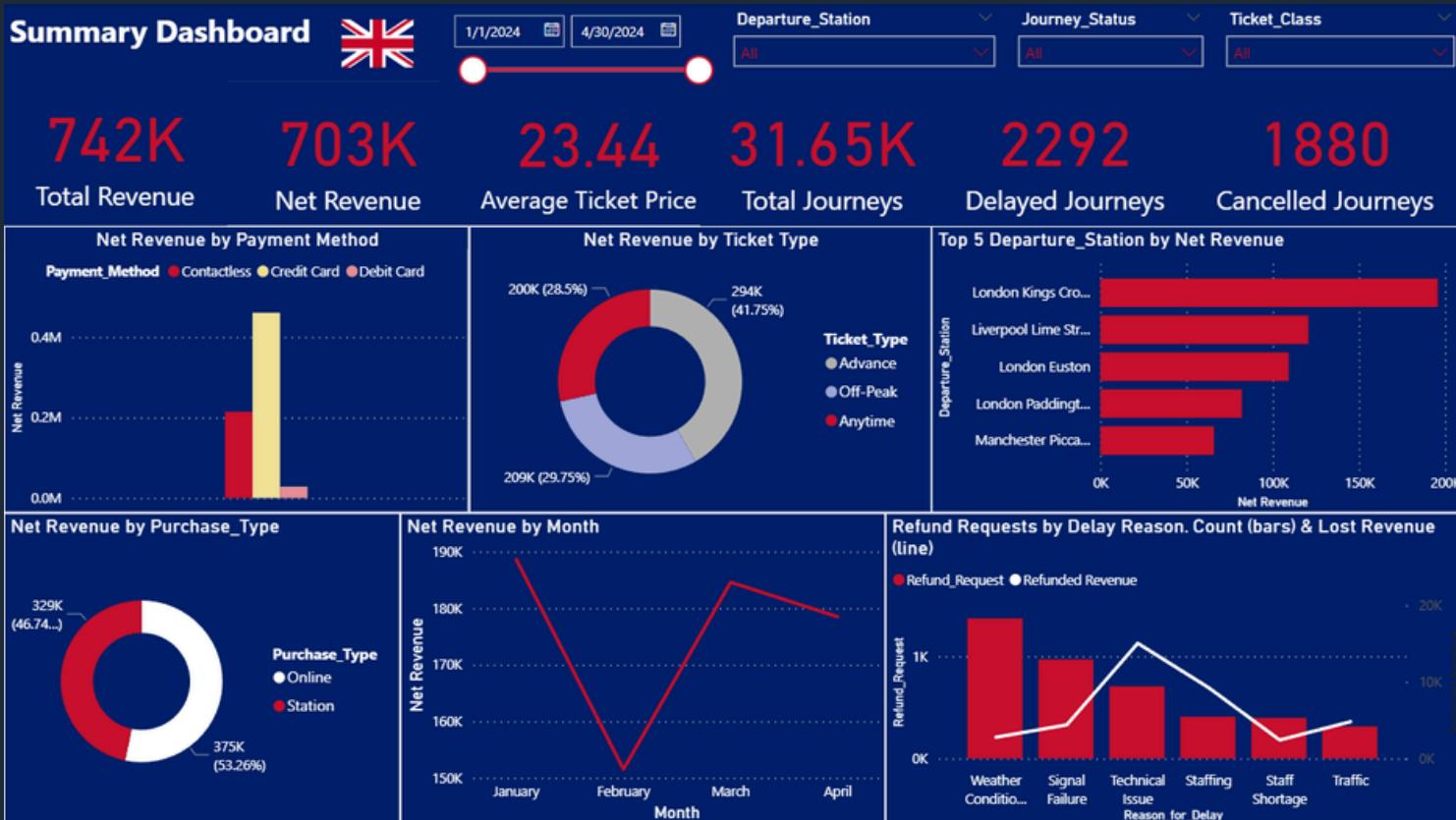
Expected Revenue

186,983

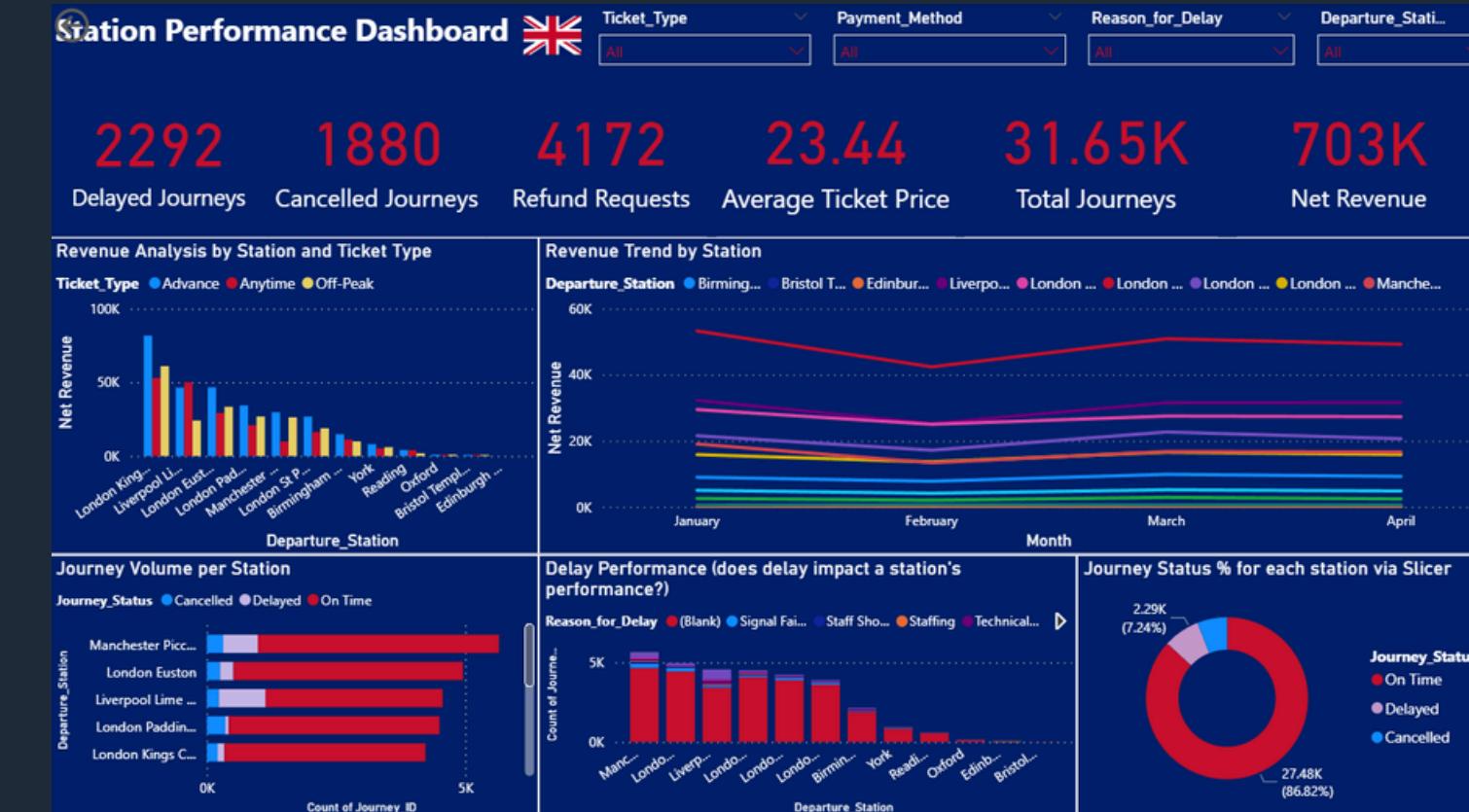


# Dashboards

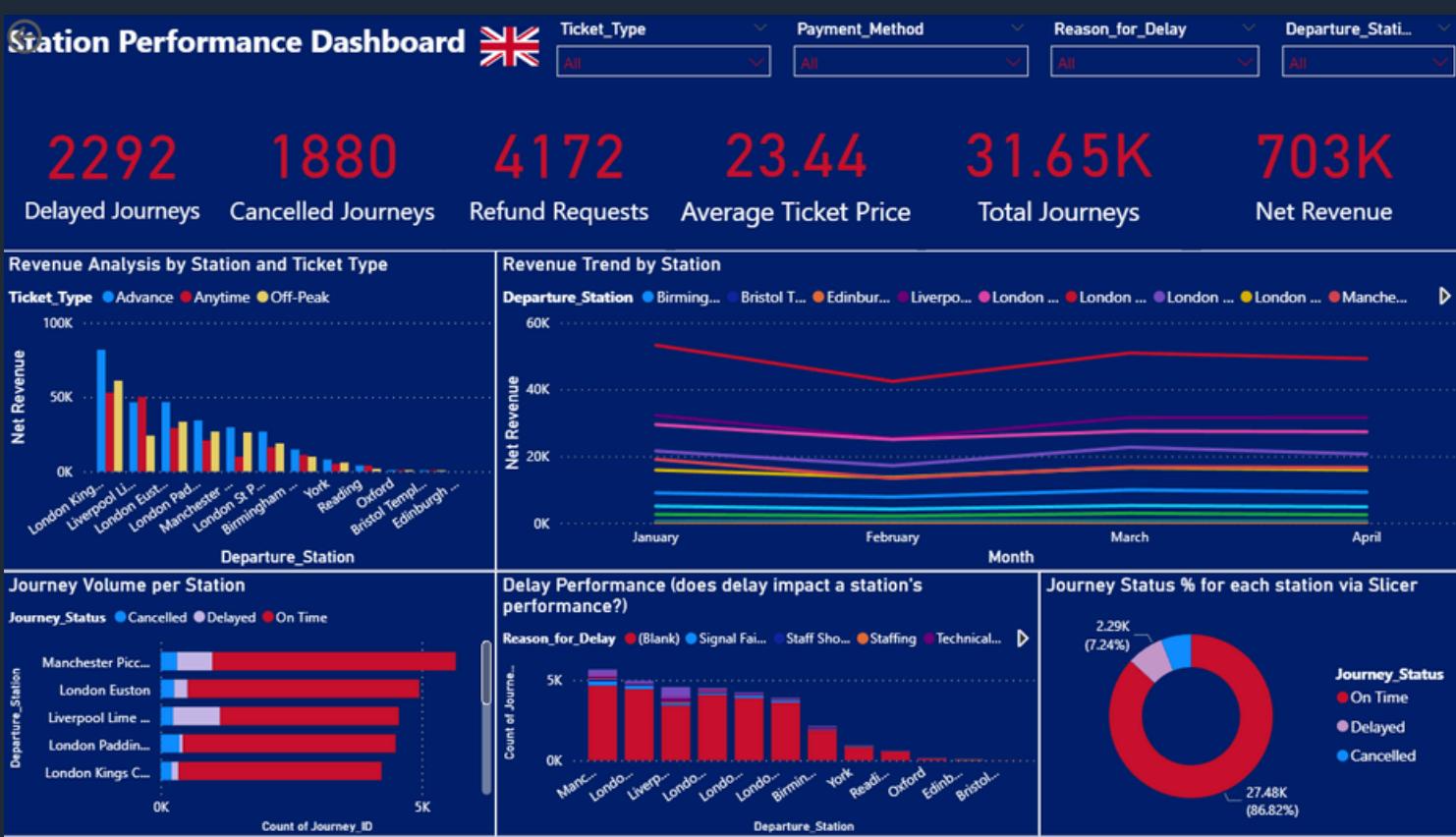
## Summary Dashboard



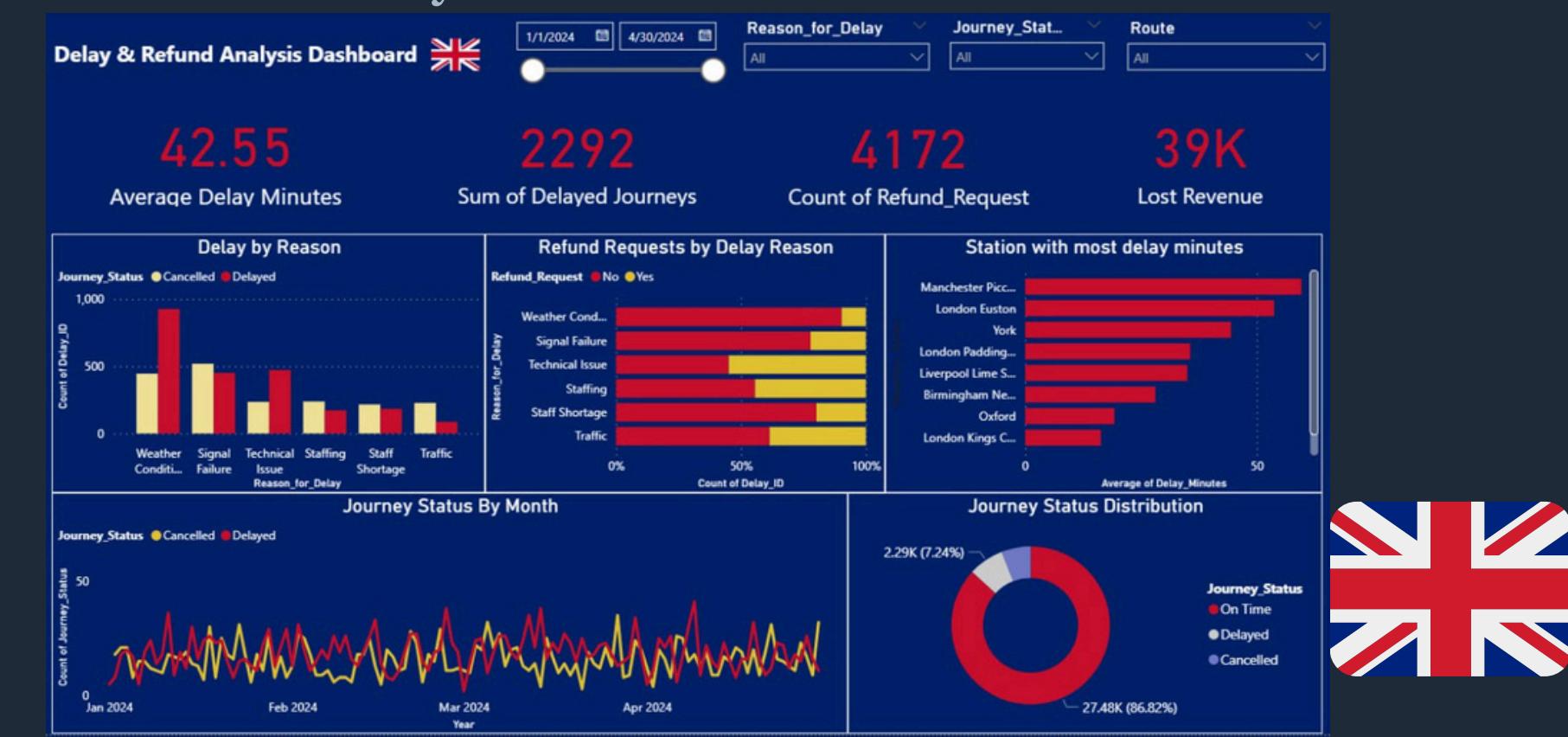
## Stations Performance Dashboard



## Routes Performance Dashboard



## Delay & Refund Dashboard



# Insights & Suggested Recommendations

💡 Weather alongside signal failure are the biggest cause of refund-driving delays

🎯 So improving weather resilience and fixing signal issues can protect revenue.

💡 Most revenue comes from five main stations

🎯 So maintain them carefully and use marketing to boost smaller stations.

💡 February's revenue drop is seasonal

🎯 So promotions during low-demand months could help.

💡 High delay count due to weather conditions and technical issues at Liverpool Lime Street and staff shortages at Manchester Piccadilly are the key issues

🎯 The solutions are infrastructure checks and hiring more staff respectively.

💡 Credit cards dominate payments

🎯 So ensure other payment methods work reliably.



# Insights & Suggested Recommendations

- 💡 Address technical issues, which cause the highest refunds (54.88%)
  - 🎯 By implementing IoT monitoring and proactive maintenance.
- 💡 Manage high traffic on Manchester Piccadilly to Liverpool and reduce cancellations there
  - 🎯 By adding backup trains, improving maintenance, and weather-proofing infrastructure.
- 💡 Focus on top routes like Manchester Piccadilly to Liverpool and London Euston to Birmingham to
  - 🎯 Increase capacity and reduce delays.

- 🎯 Increase marketing and improve service on
  - 💡 Low-volume routes such as Birmingham New Street to London St Pancras and London Paddington to Oxford.
- 💡 Take preventive action for weather conditions, the main cause of delays with 927 incidents
  - 🎯 By installing de-icing systems, improving drainage, and using weather sensors to detect adverse conditions early.



*Thank You*  
Questions?

