BDM 1034 - Application Design for Big Data 01

Proposal Submission - Lab 1 (Group 4)

Real-Time Traffic Analysis

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1. Industry/Domain Overview: Road Safety in the Automotive Industry

The automotive industry relies heavily on data-driven approaches to enhance safety standards, primarily focusing on accident prevention. Road safety initiatives use vast datasets, such as the US Accidents dataset, to uncover accident patterns and mitigate risks. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), factors like weather, road type, and driver behavior critically influence accident rates. For example, adverse weather significantly increases accident likelihood, especially on high-speed highways.

Flow diagrams help visualize this domain, from data gathering and preparation, through analysis, to insights that drive road safety improvements. Leveraging datasets to pinpoint high-risk areas and dangerous conditions allows for actionable, targeted interventions, benefiting both the automotive sector and the broader public by reducing fatalities and enhancing infrastructure.

2. Problem Addressed by the Project

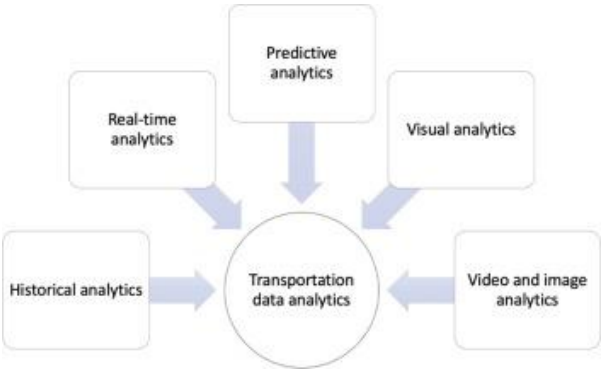
The core issue addressed is the high incidence of traffic accidents, resulting in fatalities, injuries, and substantial economic impact on the automotive industry. These accidents drive up costs related to vehicle repairs, insurance, and public liability, creating an urgent need for solutions that improve road safety and minimize risks.

Specific Problem Statement: To reduce the frequency and severity of road accidents, this project aims to analyze accident-related factors and identify critical conditions that elevate accident risk. By providing insights, the automotive industry can implement preventative measures and safety technologies tailored to these risk factors.

3. Differentiation: Why Choose This Solution

This project uniquely combines extensive accident data with advanced data visualization and predictive modeling. Competing solutions may analyze specific accident factors but often lack the comprehensive, user-interactive visualizations provided here. Unlike alternatives, our project integrates diverse data points such as weather conditions, accident locations, and severity into a unified platform, making insights actionable and accessible.

By emphasizing interactive elements like maps and comparative analysis dashboards, users can directly explore data trends. This interactive, adaptable interface allows companies to customize analysis based on their needs, making it superior for targeted safety and risk assessment strategies.



4. Data Gathering: The US Accidents Dataset

This project utilizes the publicly available US Accidents dataset from Kaggle, encompassing over 3 million records across various attributes, including:

- Location Data: Latitude, longitude, city, state
- Time Data: Start time, end time, time zone
- Severity: Categorized accident severity
- Weather Conditions: Variables such as wind speed, visibility, precipitation
- Road Conditions: Road and surface conditions, traffic control types

The dataset structure is optimized for safety analysis, with detailed, attribute-specific information essential for visualizing trends. Preparation steps include data cleaning, transformation, and feature engineering to enhance predictive capabilities.

5. Wireframes and Project Components

The project consists of five key interactive components designed for data exploration and user engagement:

1. Interactive Map: Displays accident distribution across regions with filters for severity, time, and conditions, allowing users to investigate specific geographic accident patterns.
2. Time Series Visualizations: Graphs depicting monthly, weekly, and daily accident frequencies to reveal temporal trends.
3. Comparative Analysis Dashboards: Visuals comparing accident occurrences across states and cities, providing insights into regional risk differences.
4. Predictive Models: Utilizing accident data to model risk prediction based on factors like weather, time of day, and location.
5. Responsive Design UI: Ensuring accessibility and optimized interaction on desktop and mobile platforms, improving usability across devices.

This structured approach—supported by interactive and adaptable visualizations—enables effective analysis of accident trends, making it a comprehensive tool for the automotive industry's safety initiatives.

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Bus

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Car

Last Updated Time
Taxi: 10/29/2024, 4:31:23 PM
Traffic Incidents: 10/29/2024, 4:31:33 PM

Real-time Traffic Heatmap & Congestion Levels

Accident Predictions & Risk Zones

High-Risk Areas: Downtown, Main St, Highway 401
Predicted Incidents: 4 in next hour

Optimized Routing Suggestions

Route 1: Highway 403 → Low Traffic
Route 2: Main St → Moderate Traffic
Suggestions provided for smoother flow.

Insights for Traffic Authorities

Traffic Peak Hours: 7-9 AM, 4-6 PM
Suggested Measures: Additional lanes, signal optimization