Food Waste Management Project

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PROJECT TYPE - DATA ANALYSIS & MACHINE LEARNING.

TOOLS USED – PYTHON, PANDAS, SCIKIT-LEARN, STREAMLIT, NGROK, SQL.

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Abstract

- Food waste is a major global issue, impacting economy, environment, and society.
- This project analyzes food waste data to identify patterns, causes, and solutions.
- Techniques used: Python, exploratory data analysis (EDA), Pandas, SQL, streamlit and Ngrok.
- ▶ Goal: Provide **insights and recommendations** to minimize food waste.

Objectives

- Understand factors contributing to food waste.
- Perform data cleaning and preprocessing.
- Apply statistical analysis & visualization to identify trends.
- ▶ Build **predictive models** to forecast food waste.
- Suggest practical solutions for waste reduction.

Tools & Technologies

Python → Data analysis, scripting.

SQL → Data storage, queries, pivoting & aggregations.

Pandas → Cleaning, transformation, feature engineering.

Streamlit → Interactive dashboard creation.

Ngrok → Public sharing of Streamlit app.

Methodology

- Data Collection & Import
 - Load dataset to our google colab.
- Data Cleaning
 - Handle missing values, duplicates, inconsistencies.
- Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)
 - Statistical summaries & analyse various featues of data.
- Modeling
 - Machine learning models for prediction.

Dashboard (Streamlit + Ngrok)

- Interactive filters: food category, time period.
- Live statistics: total waste, top contributors.
- Export functionality for reports.
- Ngrok integration for remote access.

Key Insights

- Certain categories (e.g., snacks and bread) contribute the most to waste.
- Improper storage time strongly correlates with waste.
- Seasonal trends affect consumption & wastage.
- ▶ Better inventory tracking can reduce unnecessary purchases.

Conclusion

- Food waste management is achievable with data-driven approaches.
- ▶ The developed dashboard helps monitor, track, and minimize waste.
- Insights can be used by households, restaurants, and NGOs for sustainable practices.

Future Work

- Integration with IoT (smart fridges, sensors) for real-time monitoring.
- Machine learning for predictive waste analysis.
- Cloud deployment for large-scale adoption.
- Mobile app integration for wider accessibility.