

To Fly or Not to Fly



The background is a light blue sky filled with white stars and plus-shaped constellations. Four rockets are shown ascending: one on the far left, one on the far right, and two smaller ones positioned above the first and last team member circles. The bottom half of the image is filled with soft, light blue clouds.

MEET THE TEAM

A solid blue circle with a thin black outline, representing the team member Ryan. A small rocket is positioned above its top-left edge.

RYAN

A solid orange circle with a thin black outline, representing the team member Janet.

JANET

A solid green circle with a thin black outline, representing the team member Eric.

ERIC

A solid yellow circle with a thin black outline, representing the team member Neesha. A small rocket is positioned above its top-right edge.

NEESHA

The Story:



Delayed or canceled flights can ruin business trips, vacations, family events, and so much more. But what if you could predict whether or not a flight will be canceled before you even arrive at the airport? You could change your plans, find another way to get to your destination or call in on Zoom. The possibilities are endless.

Flight cancellations don't just impact travelers but can mean a loss in profits for airlines. Having an accurate estimation of flight cancellations is critical for airlines in order to increase both customer satisfaction and overall profit.



\$28 Billion

FAA/Nextor estimated the annual costs of delays in 2018

Problem Statement:

Our project is about flight delays caused by inclement weather in May 2019. We covered all the airports in the US. The data gathered is limited to just one month. But we hope that it will give us a great direction on how weather plays a part in flight delays. In this project, the goal is to use exploratory analysis and build machine learning models to predict airline departure and arrival delays.



QUESTIONS:



How does weather impact flight cancellations?

Are there certain weather events (snow, rain, wind, etc.) that impact the decision to cancel at a higher rate than other weather events?

Are certain airlines more prone to canceling flights based on weather?

THE DATA:

WHERE DID THE DATA COME FROM?

The primary data for this project comes from a [Kaggle dataset](<https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/ioanagheorghiu/historical-flight-and-weather-data>) of millions of flight cancellations, the reason for the cancellation, and weather data from May through December of 2019. The data was accessed and downloaded with the use of Kaggle's API. This data was originally sourced from the United States Bureau of Transportation Statistics and the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration.



2ND DATA SET

The secondary dataset for this project comes from [The Global Airport

Database](https://www.partow.net/miscellaneous/airport_database/index.html) and includes latitude and longitude data for airports in the US. This will be joined to the primary dataset using PostgreSQL.



DATA EXPLORATION PROCESS:



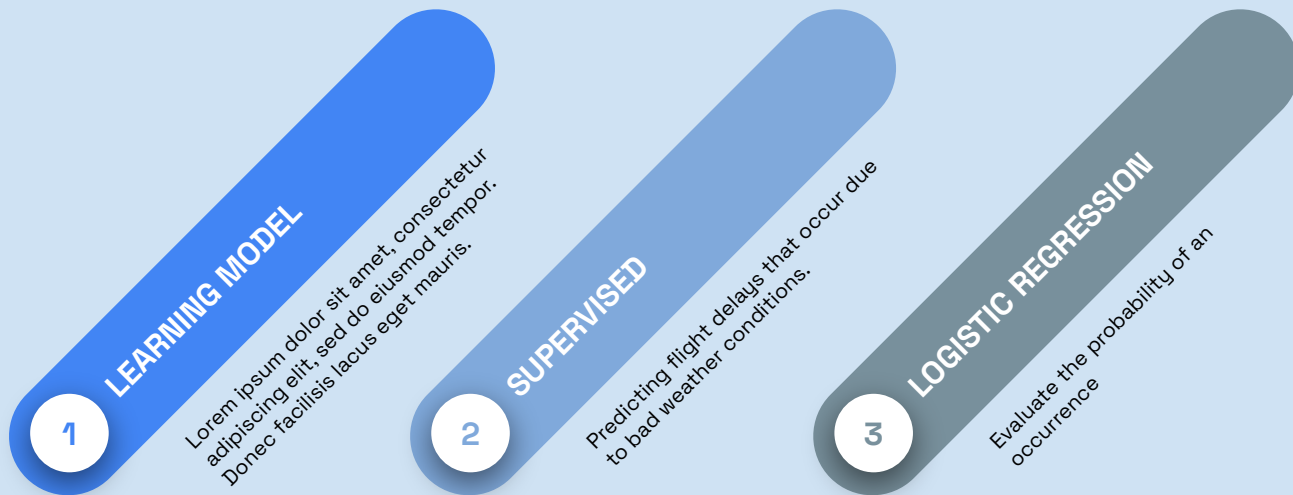
The discovery process included researching Weather APIs, historical weather datasets, airport location datasets, and flight delay datasets.

DATA ANALYSIS PROCESS:



We will implement a machine learning model in Python. We will use Scikit-learn, a Python machine learning library. We will use supervised machine learning to perform tasks such as learning from data patterns and making predictions. Supervised Learning will help to predict, based on the airport location and the weather conditions whether a flight will be delayed or not. We will also explore whether certain airlines cancel flights at a higher rate than others.

Our process

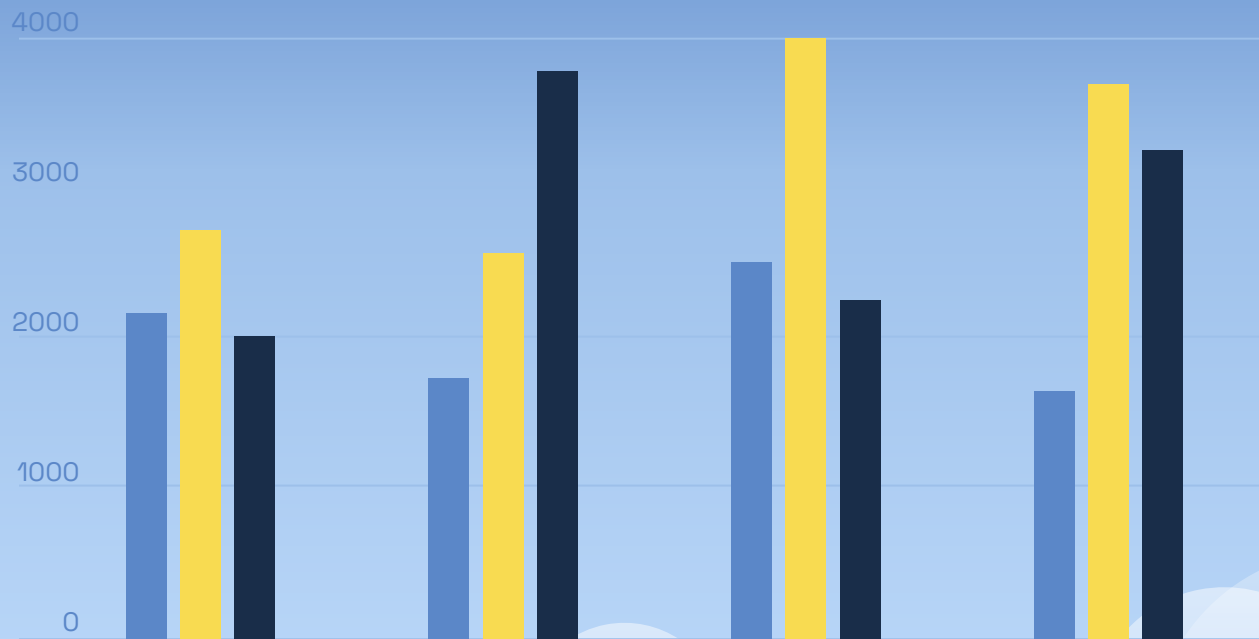


THE RESULTS:

TOOLS USED TO CREATE DASHBOARD:

The final presentation of our exploration and analysis will include an interactive map created with D3 and Leaflet. This map will show the locations of airports, and we hope to have the size of the marker indicate the frequency of cancellations due to weather. We will also include a Google slide presentation to share our background, process, and results.





Maps





Thank You!