

Developing data products pitch

Predicting the price of a diamond based on its carat size

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Introduction

This is the pitch for the final peer graded assignment in the Developing Data Products class.

The goal of our little shiny app is to determine the price of a diamond based on its carat size.

The app can be found on following link:

<http://brunohoste.shinyapps.io/Assignment/>

The code (UI.R and server.R) can be found on github:

<http://github.com/BrunoHoste/developing-data-products>

Method

We started with the diamond dataset from the UsingR package. It has observations for carat size and price of 48 diamonds.

```
library(UsingR)
data("diamond")
dim(diamond)
```

```
## [1] 48  2
```

```
head(diamond)
```

```
##   carat price
## 1  0.17  355
## 2  0.16  328
## 3  0.17  350
## 4  0.18  325
## 5  0.25  642
## 6  0.16  342
```

We did a simple linear regression to see if there is a relationship between carat size and price.

Regression

The outcome of the regression model used for our predictions turns out to be quite satisfying: significant coefficients and an R-squared of almost 98%.

```
model <- lm(price~carat,data=diamond)
summary(model)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = price ~ carat, data = diamond)
##
## Residuals:
```

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
##	-85.159	-21.448	-0.869	18.972	79.370

```
##
## Coefficients:
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
## (Intercept)	-259.63	17.32	-14.99	<2e-16 ***
## carat	3721.02	81.70	45.50	<2e-16 ***

Predictions

We therefore decided to use the model to make the predictions in our little shiny app. In the app, we also added a plot and regression line.

```
plot(diamond$carat,diamond$price,xlab = "Carat size",  
      ylab = "Diamond price (in USD)",  
      abline(model,col='red',lwd=2))
```

