# Blackrock Real Estate Investment

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## **King County**

- How can Blackrock make educated purchasing decisions?
- How can Blackrock increase the value of the houses they purchase?
- Find two important variables in house price and make determinations about how we can increase the price of a house

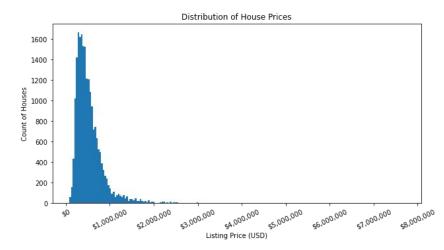


Figure 1: Distribution of House Prices

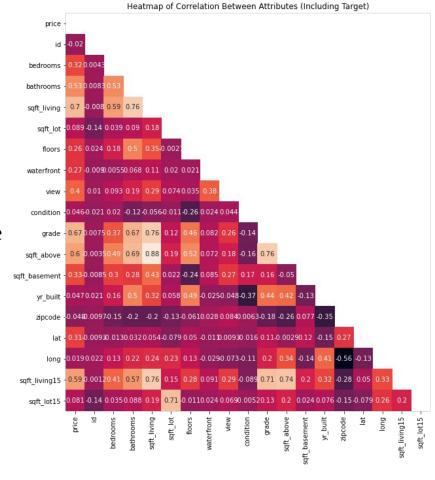
#### **Data Correlation**

The first thing we looked at was a correlation heat map to help determine what features to use

Figure 2: Correlation heatmap. Darker squares are more negative, brighter squares are more positive

Highly Correlated Features Include:

Square footage of the living space and Grade



#### **Iterations**

#### Validation Scores for Each Model:

• First Model: 0.49

• Second Model: 0.61

• Third Model: 0.61

Fourth Model: 0.61

#### R Squared Values for Each Model:

• First Model: 0.49

• Second Model: 0.61

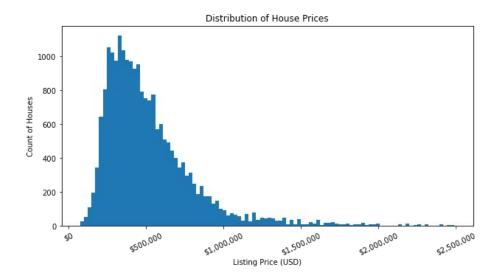
• Third Model: 0.61

• Fourth Model: 0.59

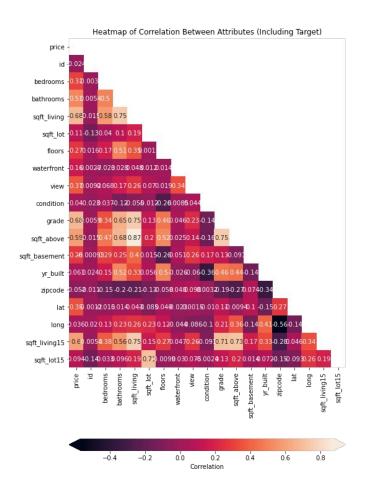
Validation Score is the predictive ability of the model

R Squared value represents how well the data fits the model

## Data After Adjustment



After adjustment, the data has fewer outliers and should produce better results



#### Final Model Features and Validation Score

Final Model Validation Score: 0.71 Validation Score is the predictive ability of the

model

Final Model R Squared Value: 0.72 R Squared value represents how well the

data fits the model

Two Most Correlated Features: Square Footage of the Living Space and Grade of the House

#### Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Increase of the size of the living space. Every 1 square foot you increase the living space, the price will increase by \$123.

Recommendation 2: Improve the grade of the house. Every increase in grade will increase the price of the house by \$96,752

The best way to accomplish both would be to renovate a section of the house, thus improving the grade and increasing the living space.

**Any Questions?** 

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