

# Capstone Project - The Battle of Neighborhoods

## Section 1: Introduction

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In this section I will clearly define the idea of my choosing, where I leverage the Foursquare location data to solve the imagined business opportunity.

### Background

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There are 100's, maybe even 1000's, of travel sites on the Internet, including [FourSquare](#), that will tell you all about places to go, things to see, restaurants to eat at, bars to drink in, nightclubs to part the night away in and then where to go in the morning to get breakfast and a strong coffee. The problems with these sites is that they are one dimensional. If you want to find out all this information about a city you plan to visit next month, **you** have to do the hard work. Also, just because a venue is the hottest place to go for a night out does not always mean that the unwitting tourist should just ramble in unprepared. The areas surrounding this new venue might be riddled with crime including muggings, car theft and assault, for example. Approach the venue from any direction other than from the north and you could be putting your life in danger. This is when my idea comes in.

Imagine the following scenario:

1. You like to plan ahead and always review your options and make your choices about where you will visit and eat up front before you travel.
2. You are flying to Chicago for a Data Science Conference.
3. You arrive in Chicago the day the conference starts but you've managed to convince your boss to delay your return by a few days giving you time to explore.
4. But you know no one in Chicago to show you around to all the top sites and to bring you to the best restaurants.
5. Also the last time you went to a conference you were mugged and had your passport, money and credit cards stolen so you're now nervous of going somewhere without first researching the venue and the surrounding area.
6. The conference is next week and you don't have time to do all the research you'd like.

## What do you do ... ?

### Project Idea

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My idea for the Capstone Project is to show that when driven by venue and location data from FourSquare, backed up with open source crime data, that it is possible to present the cautious and nervous traveller with a list of attractions to visit supplemented with a graphics showing the occurrence of crime in the region of the venue.

A high level approach is as follows:

1. The travellers decides on a city location [in this case Chicago]
2. The ForeSquare website is scrapped for the top venues in the city
3. From this list of top venues the list is augmented with additional geographical data
4. Using this additional geographical data the top nearby restaurants are selected
5. The historical crime within a predetermined distance of all venues are obtained
6. A map is presented to the traveller showing the selected venues and crime statistics of the area.
7. The future probability of a crime happening near or around the selected top sites is also presented to the user

### Who is this solution targeted at

This solution is targeted at the cautious traveller. They want to see all the main sites of a city that they have never visited before but at the same time, for whatever reasons unknown, they want to be able to do all that they can to make sure that they stay clear of trouble i.e. is it safe to visit this venue and this restaurant at 4:00 pm in the afternoon.

Some examples of envisioned users include:

- A single white female traveller
- An elderly traveller that has had previous bad experiences when travelling

There are many data science aspects of this project including:

1. Data Acquisition
2. Data Cleansing
3. Data Analysis

4. Machine Learning
5. Prediction

Now that the conference is over the Data Scientist can explore Chicago and feel much safer.

## Section 2: Data

### Data Description

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In this section, I will describe the data used to solve the problem as described previously.

As noted below in the Further Development Section, it is possible to attempt quite complex and sophisticated scenarios when approaching this problem. However, given the size of the project and for simplicity only the following scenario will be addressed:

1. Query the FourSquare website for the top sites in Chicago
2. Use the FourSquare API to get supplemental geographical data about the top sites
3. Use the FourSquare API to get top restaurant recommendations closest to each of the top site
4. Use open source Chicago Crime data to provide the user with additional crime data

### Top Sites from FourSquare Website

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Although FourSquare provides a comprehensive API, one of the things that API does not easily support is a mechanism to directly extract the top N sites / venues in a given city. This data, however, is easily available directly from the FourSquare Website. To do this simply go to [www.foursquare.com](http://www.foursquare.com), enter the city of your choice and select Top Picks from *I'm Looking For* selection field.

Using BeautifulSoup and Requests the results of the Top Pick for Chicago was retrieved. A sample venue is shown below:

```
<div class="venueDetails">
  <div class="venueName">
    <h2>
    <a href="/v/millennium-park/42b75880f964a52090251fe3"
target="_blank">Millennium Park
  </a>
```

```

</h2>
</div>
<div class="venueMeta">
  <div class="venueScore positive" style="background-color: #00B551;"
title="9.7/10 - People like this place">9.7</div>
  <div class="venueAddressData">
    <div class="venueAddress">201 E Randolph St (btwn Columbus Dr &
Michigan Ave), Chicago</div>
    <div class="venueData"><span class="venueDataItem"><span
class="categoryName">Park</span><span class="delim"> • </span></span>
    </div>
  </div>
</div>
</div>

```

From this HTML the following data can be extracted:

- Venue Name
- Venue Score
- Venue Category
- Venue HREF
- Venue ID [Extracted from the HREF]

A sample of the extracted data is given below:

id	score	category	name	href
42b75880f964a52090251fe3	9.7	Park	Millennium Park	/v/millennium-park/42b75880f964a52090251fe3
4b9511c7f964a520f38d34e3	9.6	Trail	Chicago Lakefront Trail	/v/chicago-lakefront-trail/4b9511c7f964a520f38d34e3
49e9ef74f964a52011661fe3	9.6	Art Museum	The Art Institute of Chicago	/v/the-art-institute-of-chicago/49e9ef74f964a52011661fe3
4f2a0d0ae4b0837d0c4c2bc3	9.6	Deli / Bodega	Publican Quality Meats	/v/publican-quality-meats/4f2a0d0ae4b0837d0c4c2bc3
4aa05f40f964a520643f20e3	9.6	Theater	The Chicago Theatre	/v/the-chicago-theatre/4aa05f40f964a520643f20e3

We will have a closer look at this data gather later on when the supplemental geographical data has been added.

## Supplemental Geographical Data

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Using the `id` field extracted from the HTML it is then possible to get further supplemental geographical details about each of the top sites from FourSquare using the following sample API call:

```
# Get the properly formatted address and the latitude and longitude
url =
'https://api.foursquare.com/v2/venues/{id}?client_id={}&client_secret={}&v={}'.format(
    venue_id,
    cfg['client_id'],
    cfg['client_secret'],
    cfg['version'])

result = requests.get(url).json()
result['response']['venue']['location']
```

The requests returns a JSON object which can then be queried for the details required. The last line in the sample code above returns the following sample JSON:

```
{
  "city": "Chicago",
  "lng": -87.62323915831546,
  "crossStreet": "btwn Columbus Dr & Michigan Ave",
  "neighborhood": "The Loop",
  "postalCode": "60601",
  "cc": "US",
  "formattedAddress": [
    "201 E Randolph St (btwn Columbus Dr & Michigan Ave)",
    "Chicago, IL 60601",
    "United States"
  ],
  "state": "IL",
  "address": "201 E Randolph St",
  "lat": 41.8826616030636,
  "country": "United States"
}
```

From this the following attributes are extracted:

- Venue Address
- Venue Postalcode
- Venue City
- Venue Latitude
- Venue Longitude

## Final FourSquare Top Sites Data

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A sample of the final FourSquare Top Sites data is shown below:

id	score	category	name	address	postalcode	city	
42b75880f964a52090251fe3	9.7	Park	Millennium Park	201 E Randolph St	60601	Chicago	/p
4b9511c7f964a520f38d34e3	9.6	Trail	Chicago Lakefront Trail	Lake Michigan Lakefront	60611	Chicago	/t
49e9ef74f964a52011661fe3	9.6	Art Museum	The Art Institute of Chicago	111 S Michigan Ave	60603	Chicago	/c
4f2a0d0ae4b0837d0c4c2bc3	9.6	Deli / Bodega	Publican Quality Meats	825 W Fulton Market	60607	Chicago	/r
4aa05f40f964a520643f20e3	9.6	Theater	The Chicago Theatre	175 N State St	60601	Chicago	/t

## Data Analysis and Visualisation

An initial look at the data shows that there are 30 rows of data [as expected] each with 10 attributes. The variable types are all correct except the Venue Rating or Score which will be converted to a float. After converting the score column to a float it can clearly be seen that we have the top venues with a mean of 9.532.

```
df_top_venues.shape
(30, 10)
```

```
df_top_venues.dtypes
id                object
score            object
category         object
name             object
address          object
postalcode       object
city            object
href            object
latitude        float64
longitude       float64
```

```
dtype: object

df_top_venues.score.describe()
count      30.000000
mean        9.523333
std         0.072793
min         9.400000
25%         9.500000
50%         9.500000
75%         9.600000
max         9.700000
Name: score, dtype: float64
```

We are now ready to get the top restaurants within 500 meters of each of the top sites.

## FourSquare Restaurant Recommendation Data

Using the the list of all `id` values in the Top Sites DataFrame and the FourSquare `categoryId` that represents all food venues we now search for restaurants within a 500 meter radius.

```
# Configure additional Search parameters
categoryId = '4d4b7105d754a06374d81259'
radius = 500
limit = 15

url =
'https://api.foursquare.com/v2/venues/search?client_id={}&client_secret={}&ll={},{
}&v={}&categoryId={}&radius={}&limit={}'.format(
    cfg['client_id'],
    cfg['client_secret'],
    ven_lat,
    ven_long,
    cfg['version'],
    categoryId,
    radius,
    limit)

results = requests.get(url).json()
```

The requests returns a JSON object which can then be queried for the restaurant details required. A sample restaurant from the results returned is shown below:

```
{
  "referralId": "v-1538424503",
  "hasPerk": "False",
  "venuePage": {
    "id": "135548807"
  },
  "id": "55669b9b498ee34e5249ea61",
  "location": {
    "labeledLatLngs": [
      {
        "label": "display",
        "lng": -87.62460021795313,
```

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        "lat":41.88169538551873
      }
    ],
    "crossStreet":"btwn E Madison & E Monroe St",
    "postalCode":"60603",
    "formattedAddress":[
      "12 S Michigan Ave (btwn E Madison & E Monroe St)",
      "Chicago, IL 60603",
      "United States"
    ],
    "distance":155,
    "city":"Chicago",
    "lng":-87.62460021795313,
    "neighborhood":"The Loop",
    "cc":"US",
    "state":"IL",
    "address":"12 S Michigan Ave",
    "lat":41.88169538551873,
    "country":"United States"
  },
  "name":"Cindy's",
  "categories":[
    {
      "pluralName":"Gastropubs",
      "id":"4bf58dd8d48988d155941735",
      "name":"Gastropub",
      "primary":"True",
      "icon":{
        "prefix":"https://ss3.4sqi.net/img/categories_v2/food/gastropub_",
        "suffix":".png"
      },
      "shortName":"Gastropub"
    }
  ]
},

```

From this JSON the following attributes are extraced and added to the Dataframe:

- Restaurant ID
- Restaurant Category Name
- Restaurant Category ID
- Restaurant Nest\_name
- Restaurant Address
- Restaurant Postalcode
- Restaurant City
- Restaurant Latitude
- Restaurant Longitude
- Venue Name
- Venue Latitude
- Venue Longitude



The only piece of data that is missing is the Score or Rating of the Restaurant. To get this we need to make another FourSquare API query using the id of the Restaurant:

```
# Get the restaurant score and href
rest_url =
'https://api.foursquare.com/v2/venues/{id}?client_id={}&client_secret={}&v={}'.format(
    rest_id,
    cfg['client_id'],
    cfg['client_secret'],
    cfg['version'])

result = requests.get(rest_url).json()
rest_score = result['response']['venue']['rating']
```

Using just the data in this DataFrame we will be able to generate maps displaying the chosen Top List Venue and the best scored surrounding restaurants. A sample of this data is shown below:

id	score	category	categoryID	name	address
55669b9b498ee34e5249ea61	9.2	Gastropubs	4bf58dd8d48988d155941735	Cindy's	12 S Michig Ave
556509d6498e726bdec19fe9	8.4	Burger Joints	4bf58dd8d48988d16c941735	Shake Shack	12 S Michig Ave
49e749fbf964a52086641fe3	9.1	Gastropubs	4bf58dd8d48988d155941735	The Gage	24 S Michig Ave
4e879cdc93adfd051d6d609e	9.2	Breakfast Spots	4bf58dd8d48988d143941735	Wildberry Pancakes & Cafe	130 E Rando St
49d8159cf964a520a05d1fe3	8.5	Pubs	4bf58dd8d48988d11b941735	Miller's Pub	134 S Wabas Ave

Looking at the data we get an interesting insight into the range of restaurants that are included. From a list of 30 top venues only 28 actually had more than 10 to provide the user with a real choice. In total there were 387 restaurants found of which 240 were unique occurring only once in the data. There were 72 categories of

restaurants. The mean score of all the restaurants was 8.23 with a minimum value of 5.3.

Coffee Shops (52) and Pizza Places (29) were the top two most frequently occurring categories but Pie Shops (9.4000) and French Restaurants (9.4000) were the restaurant categories with the highest average score.

```
# What is the shape of the Restaurants DataFrame
df_restaurant.shape
(387, 13)

# Get a count of the top venues that had more than 10 restaurant within 500 meters
# The number of unique restaurants
# The number of unique restaurant categories
df_restaurant.venue_name.nunique()
28
df_restaurant.name.nunique()
240
df_restaurant.category.nunique()
72

# Look at the data types
df_restaurant.dtypes
id                object
score             float64
category          object
categoryID        object
name              object
address           object
postalcode        object
city              object
latitude          float64
longitude         float64
venue_name        object
venue_latitude    float64
venue_longitude   float64
dtype: object

# Describe the Score attribute
df_restaurant.score.describe()
count    387.000000
mean      8.286563
std       0.930138
min       5.300000
25%       7.800000
50%       8.500000
75%       9.000000
max       9.500000
Name: score, dtype: float64

df_restaurant.groupby('category')['name'].count().sort_values(ascending=False)[:10]
category
Coffee Shops          52
Pizza Places          29
Cafés                 24
Bakeries              15
Burger Joints         15
```

Column Name	Type	Description
CASE#	Plain Text	The Chicago Police Department RD Number (Records Division Number), which is the incident.
DATE OF OCCURRENCE	Date & Time	Date when the incident occurred. this is sometimes a best estimate.
BLOCK	Plain Text	The partially redacted address where the incident occurred, placing it on the same block as the actual address.
IUCR	Plain Text	The Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting code. This is directly linked to the Primary Type Description. See the list of IUCR codes at <a href="https://data.cityofchicago.org/d/c7ck-4">https://data.cityofchicago.org/d/c7ck-4</a>
PRIMARY DESCRIPTION	Plain Text	The primary description of the IUCR code.
SECONDARY DESCRIPTION	Plain Text	The secondary description of the IUCR code, a subcategory of the primary description.
LOCATION DESCRIPTION	Plain Text	Description of the location where the incident occurred.
ARREST	Plain Text	Indicates whether an arrest was made.
DOMESTIC	Plain Text	Indicates whether the incident was domestic-related as defined by the Illinois Domestic Violence Act.
BEAT	Plain Text	Indicates the beat where the incident occurred. A beat is the smallest police geographic area – each beat has a dedicated police beat car. Three to five beats make up a police sector, and three sectors make up a police district. The Chicago Police Department has 14,000 beats and 140 police districts. See the beats at <a href="https://data.cityofchicago.org/d/aerh-rz74">https://data.cityofchicago.org/d/aerh-rz74</a> .
WARD	Number	The ward (City Council district) where the incident occurred. See the wards at <a href="https://data.cityofchicago.org/d/sp34-6z76">https://data.cityofchicago.org/d/sp34-6z76</a> .

FBI CD	Plain Text	Indicates the crime classification as outlined in the FBI's National Incident-Based System (NIBRS). See the Chicago Police Department listing of these classifications at <a href="http://gis.chicagopolice.org/clearmap_crime_sums/crime_types.html">http://gis.chicagopolice.org/clearmap_crime_sums/crime_types.html</a> .
X COORDINATE	Plain Text	The x coordinate of the location where the incident occurred in State Plane Illinois NAD 1983 projection. This location is shifted from the actual location for partial redaction but falls on the same block.
Y COORDINATE	Plain Text	The y coordinate of the location where the incident occurred in State Plane Illinois NAD 1983 projection. This location is shifted from the actual location for partial redaction but falls on the same block.
LATITUDE	Number	The latitude of the location where the incident occurred. This location is shifted from the actual location for partial redaction but falls on the same block.
LONGITUDE	Number	The longitude of the location where the incident occurred. This location is shifted from the actual location for partial redaction but falls on the same block.
LOCATION	Location	The location where the incident occurred in a format that allows for creation of new geographic operations on this data portal. This location is shifted from the actual location for partial redaction but falls on the same block.

Gastropubs	15
New American Restaurants	15
Mexican Restaurants	14
Breakfast Spots	13
Fast Food Restaurants	13
df_restaurant.groupby('category')['score'].mean().sort_values(ascending=False)[:10]	
category	
Pie Shops	9.4000
French Restaurants	9.4000
Molecular Gastronomy Restaurants	9.3000
Filipino Restaurants	9.2000
Cuban Restaurants	9.1000
Ice Cream Shops	9.0625
Mediterranean Restaurants	9.0600
Korean Restaurants	9.0000
Latin American Restaurants	9.0000
Fish & Chips Shops	9.0000

## Chicago Crime Data

This dataset can be download from the [Chicago Data Portal](#) and reflects reported incidents of crime (with the exception of murders where data exists for each victim) that occurred in the City of Chicago in the last year, minus the most recent seven days. A full desription of the data is available on the site.

Data is extracted from the Chicago Police Department's CLEAR (Citizen Law Enforcement Analysis and Reporting) system. In order to protect the privacy of crime victims, addresses are shown at the block level only and specific locations are not identified.

Not all of the attributes are required so on the following data was imported:

- Date of Occurance
- Block
- Primary Description
- Ward
- Latitude
- Longitude

A sample of the imported data is shown.

CASE#	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	BLOCK	PRIMARY DESCRIPTION	WARD	LATITUDE
JB241987	04/28/2018 10:05:00 PM	009XX N LONG AVE	NARCOTICS	37.0	41.897895
JB241350	04/28/2018 08:00:00 AM	008XX E 53RD ST	CRIMINAL DAMAGE	5.0	41.798635
JB245397	04/28/2018 09:00:00 AM	062XX S MICHIGAN AVE	THEFT	20.0	41.780946
JB241444	04/28/2018 12:15:00 PM	046XX N ELSTON AVE	THEFT	39.0	41.965404

CASE#	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	BLOCK	PRIMARY DESCRIPTION	WARD	LATITUDE
JB241667	04/28/2018 04:28:00 PM	022XX S KENNETH AVE	ARSON	22.0	41.850673

This data was then processed as follows:

1. Move September 2017 dates to September 2018 The extract of data used was taken mid September which meant that there was half a months data for September 2017 and half a months data for september 2018. These were combined to create a single month.
2. Clean up the column names:
  - i. Strip leading & trailing whitespace
  - ii. Replace multiple spaces with a single space
  - iii. Remove # characters
  - iv. Replace spaces with \_
  - v. Convert to lowercase
3. Change the date of occurance field to a date / time object
4. Add new columns for:
  - i. Hour
  - ii. Day
  - iii. Month
  - iv. Year
  - v. etc.
5. Split Block into zip\_code and street
6. Verify that all rows have valid data

## Data Analysis and Visualisation

Now let's look at some of the attributes and statistics of the crime dataset.

We will start by looking at the top three crimes and a total count for each crime type:

```
# What Crimes are the 3 most commonly occurring ones
df[['primary_description', 'case']].groupby(
    ['primary_description'], as_index=False).count().sort_values(
    'case', ascending=False).head(3)
```

primary_description	case
THEFT	63629
BATTERY	49498
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	27980

To get a better understanding of the data we will now visualise it. The number of crimes per month, day and hour were calculated:

Looking at the top three crimes it is clearly visible that the occurrences of theft rise greatly during daylight hours and particularly between the hours of 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

Unsurprisingly there little obvious variation in the number of crimes committed per month other than an apparent drop-off in February. There is a small increase in crime reported at the weekend, Saturday and Sunday, but nothing that could be considered significant. There is an expected fall-off in reported crime rates after midnight and before eight in the morning.

Finally the crimes data for a single month, August, was super-imposed over a map of Chicago to visualise the distribution of that data:

The higher frequency of the top two crimes can be easily seen. Red for Theft and Blue for Battery.

Next the crimes were clustered:

Several obvious clusters of crime locations were visible, particularly in the center of Chicago.

Finally a heat map of the August crimes was created:

This reinforces the cluster chart where it can clearly be seen that the center of Chicago and the area around Oak Park have a high crime rate occurrence. It will be interesting to see later if there is a high probability of crime in these areas if one of the top listed venues are located in these areas.

## Section 3: Methodology

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Methodology section which represents the main component of the report where you discuss and describe any exploratory data analysis that you did, any inferential statistical testing that you performed, and what machine learnings were used and why.

### Exploratory Data Analysis

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The first round of exploratory analysis was to examine the Top Venues and Restaurants Dataframes to determine if there was any correlation between variables.

Unfortunately the only data attributes that could be analysed were the Latitude and Longitude attributes and their relationship to the venue score. Top Venues was examined First.

Although nothing obvious would appear that the top venues are centered around the -87.65 Longitude.  
the Restaurant data was examined next.

Unsurprisingly the Restaurant data is also clustered around the -87.65 Longitude given that Restaurants with 500 meters of the top venues were selected.

### Further Visualisation

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Because it was not possible, because of the categorical nature of the data, to do more details inferential statistical analysis of the data further exploratory visualisation was undertaken. It should be noted, however, that this visualisation would actually



become part of the final presentation to the traveller. It would be important for the traveller to see the crime, venue and restaurant data presented in this manner.

### ###Display each of the Top 10 Venues

In this section a preview of the type of data that will be displayed to a user of the proposed solution is shown.

For each of the Top 10 Venues:

1. All crimes within 750 meters of the venue are added to a dataframe
2. All restaurants associated with the venue are added to a dataframe
3. A folium Map is created centered on the venue
4. A heatmap of the crimes in the area are overlayed
5. the venue is marked on the map
6. The top 10 scored restaurants are marked on the map

It is possible to fully automate this through full iteration but in order to clearly show each of the 10 maps each is generated manually (to a degree).

A couple of example of the generated maps are shown below.

The first map below is the top rated venue *Millennium Park*. The location of the attraction and the 10 top rated venues are clearly shown. The Top Venue is shown using a blue marker, the restaurants are shown using a red marker. Also shown is the heatmap of crimes within 750 meters over the course of the entire previous year. The hotter, redder, the heatmap the more crimes there are recorded. Some Restaurants, for example the two located at the top left of the map, appear to be in areas where crime is quite frequent. On the other hand others are in areas which are obviously not as crime ridden.

The second map is for *The Music Box Theatre*. It is immediately apparent that the crime rate in this area of the city is much lower:

Visiting this venue appears to be a much safer option with very little crime recored in the immediate vicinity. Also shown in the map above is the extra details provided about each Restaurant. The restaurant name, *Tango Sur*, it's food type *Argentinian*, and its average score are given.

## Modelling

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Before we start modelling we need to prepare the data frame to include only numerical data and by removing unneeded columns.

Rather than removing columns from `df_crimes` a new `df_features` DataFrame was created with just the required columns. This `df_features` DataFrame was then processed to remove Categorical Data Types and replace them with One Hot encoding. Finally the Dependant Variables were Normalised.  
The Features DataFrame looked like this:

```
df_features.head()
```

latitude	longitude	hour_0	hour_1	hour_2	hour_3	hour_4	hour_5	hour_6
41.780946	-87.621995	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41.965404	-87.736202	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41.895946	-87.629760	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41.867081	-87.619004	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41.769917	-87.663955	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

5 rows × 47 columns

```
df_features.dtypes
```

```
latitude    float64
longitude    float64
hour_0       uint8
hour_1       uint8
hour_2       uint8
hour_3       uint8
hour_4       uint8
hour_5       uint8
hour_6       uint8
hour_7       uint8
hour_8       uint8
hour_9       uint8
hour_10      uint8
hour_11      uint8
hour_12      uint8
hour_13      uint8
hour_14      uint8
```

```
hour_15      uint8
hour_16      uint8
hour_17      uint8
hour_18      uint8
hour_19      uint8
hour_20      uint8
hour_21      uint8
hour_22      uint8
hour_23      uint8
Friday       uint8
Monday       uint8
Saturday     uint8
Sunday       uint8
Thursday     uint8
Tuesday      uint8
Wednesday    uint8
April        uint8
August       uint8
December     uint8
February     uint8
January      uint8
July         uint8
June         uint8
March        uint8
May          uint8
November     uint8
October      uint8
September    uint8
ward         float64
crimes       object
dtype: object
```

Five model type were then chosen to be evaluated:

1. K Nearest Neighbours
2. Decision Trees
3. Logistic Regression
4. Naive Bayes
5. Decision Forest using a Random Forest

There was one significant issue with the crimes data frame as acquired. Although multiclass classification / prediction is possible, the crimes dataset is unbalanced. Modelling algorithms work best when there is approximately an equal number of samples for each class for example [The Curse of Class Imbalance](#) and [Class imbalance and the curse of minority hubs](#).

For this reason the modelling task was turned into a simple binary classification task by only modelling based on the top two most occurring crimes. For each model development 10 Fold Cross Validation was used to ensure the best results were achieved and a Grid Search approach was used to determine the best setting for each of the models:

### ###K Nearest Neighbours

K Nearest Neighbor(KNN) is a very simple, easy to understand, versatile and one of the topmost machine learning algorithms. KNN is used in the variety of applications such as finance, healthcare, political science, handwriting detection, image recognition and video recognition. KNN algorithm is used for both classification and regression problems.

KNN Model was quick to execute and through the process of evaluation it was discovered the  $\kappa = 9$  gave the best results

KNN was not particularly fast taking approximately 10 minutes per model.

Heighbours:	8	2018-10-08 15:52:13.421456
Heighbours:	9	2018-10-08 16:00:51.217053
Heighbours:	10	2018-10-08 16:10:11.199822
Heighbours:	11	2018-10-08 16:21:14.573951
Heighbours:	12	2018-10-08 16:31:42.417515

## Decision Tree

A decision tree is a decision support tool that uses a tree-like graph or model of decisions and their possible consequences, including chance event outcomes, resource costs, and utility.

The Decision Tree model was particularly fast taking only 10 seconds per model. This meant that it was easy to try multiple different parameters. A tree depth of 15 gave the best model performance:

## Logistic Regression & Naive Bayes

Logistic Regression and Naive Bayes models did not return any models with an accuracy greater than 0.61.

## Decision Forest using a Random Forest

**Random forests** or **random decision forests** are an ensemble learning method for classification, regression and other tasks, that operate by constructing a multitude of decision trees at training time and outputting the class that is the mode of the classes (classification) or mean prediction (regression) of the individual trees. Random decision forests correct for decision trees' habit of overfitting to their training set.

Each model took approximately 40 seconds to create and 22 estimators was found to give the best model accuracy.

```
Estimator: 20 2018-10-08 15:46:03.008463
Estimator: 21 2018-10-08 15:46:39.961439
Estimator: 22 2018-10-08 15:47:19.027772
Estimator: 23 2018-10-08 15:47:59.712219
```

## Best Model

Using the the crime data for the top two occurring crimes each of the top performing models where further evaluated to to determine which model performed the best using F1-Score, Jaccard Score and Log Loss.

Randon forest was determined to be the best model.

Algorithm	F1-Score	Jaccard
KNN	0.735110	0.700167
Decision Tree	0.739844	0.722507
Bernoulli Naive Bayes	0.670262	0.610028
Logistic Regression	0.692493	0.618332
Random Forest	0.996330	0.995866

## Best Model- Detailed Examination

Random Forest is the best model scoring highest in all measurements, F1-Score, Jaccard and Log Loss. Let's now create a new model. The September crime data will become the unseen test data for the final model.

The Top Two Crimes Feature Features Dataframe was created again and split into Training Data, everything except December, and Test Data, September.

## Predict the Final Performance of the Model

The F1-Score and Jaccard Score were calculated

```
# Predict yhat using X_Test
yhat = Forest_model_final.predict(X_Test)

# Measure the Jaccard Score of the final Model
jaccard_final = metrics.jaccard_similarity_score(y_Test, yhat)
print('Jaccard Score', jaccard_final)

f1 = metrics.f1_score(y_Test, yhat, average=None)
print('F1-Score of each class', f1)
Jaccard Score 0.6462361168243521
F1-Score of each class [0.60997732 0.67632668]
```

## What are the important Features

The most important, or informative, features were then determined. The top ten are shown:

```
Feature ranking:
1. feature 0 (0.270578)
2. feature 1 (0.257083)
3. feature 45 (0.135026)
4. feature 38 (0.012409)
5. feature 39 (0.012210)
6. feature 43 (0.011945)
7. feature 34 (0.011605)
8. feature 32 (0.011600)
9. feature 41 (0.011550)
10. feature 37 (0.011341)
```

This shows that the most predictive models are:

1. Latitude
2. Longitude
3. Ward

After these the day and the month of the crime are weak predictors at ~1.1%. The other features, particularly the hour the crime took place, are hardly predictive at all. A plot of this is shown below:

## Results & Prediction

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Let's review the goals of this project.

The idea for the Capstone Project is to show that when driven by venue and location data from FourSquare, backed up with open source crime data, that it is possible to present the cautious and nervous traveller with a list of attractions to visit

supplementd with a graphics showing the occurance of crime in the region of the venue.

A high level approach is as follows:

- ☒ The travellers decides on a city location [in this case Chicago]
- ☒ The ForeSquare website is scrapped for the top venues in the city
- ☒ From this list of top venues the list is augmented with additional grographical data
- ☒ Using this additional geographical data the top nearby restaurents are selects
- ☒ The historical crime within a predetermined distance of all venues are obtained
- ☒ A map is presented to the to the traveller showing the selected venues and crime statistics of the area.
- ☐ The future prediction of a crime happening near or around the selected top sites is also presented to the user

So all goals have been achieved except the final one. In this Results and Predictions Section this goal is addressed.

The purpose of this project was to see if crime can be predicted. However, the nature of the dataset, particularly the number of different crimes and the unbalanced nature of the dataset, makes it difficult to predict what crime will predict and when. We can, however, repurpose the Crimes DataFrame by splitting the dataset into two distinct balanced sets and randomly assigning to 0 to represent no crime and 1 to present a crime happening. The data set looked like this:

latitude	longitude	hour_0	hour_1	hour_2	hour_3	hour_4	hour_5	hour_6
41.897895	-87.760744	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41.798635	-87.604823	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41.780946	-87.621995	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

latitude	longitude	hour_0	hour_1	hour_2	hour_3	hour_4	hour_5	hour_6
41.965404	-87.736202	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41.850673	-87.735597	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

5 rows × 46 columns

The difference between this and earlier modelling is that the ward attribute had to be removed for reason which will become obvious presently.

## Test Data

The test data was constructed from the the Top Venues Data Frame and the Restaurants Dataframe as follows:

1. The two dataframes were joined together to form a single dataframe. The venue or restaurant name and the latitude and longitude attributes were added.
2. Duplicate entries were dropped as some restaurants appeared multiple times in the dataframe
3. Next a random date and time was assigned to each venue.
4. The date was then split into Hour, Day of Week, Month and Year as described above
5. The data was finally prepared for prediction by applying One Hot encoding and then extracted into a new dataframe that match the format used to create the model.
6.  $\hat{y}$  ( $y_{\text{hat}}$ ) or the predictions were then made

The results of the predictions are shown below

```
yhat
array([[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
        0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
        0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
        0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1,
        0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0,
        0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
        0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
        0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0,
        0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0,
        0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
        1, 0]])
```



And the Predictions were readded to the data (as it was before One Hot encoding was applied).

name	latitude	longitude	date	
Millennium Park	41.882699	-87.623644	2018-10-24 05:31:00	0
Chicago Lakefront Trail	41.967053	-87.646909	2018-01-24 09:33:00	0
The Art Institute of Chicago	41.879665	-87.623630	2018-01-21 02:09:00	0
The Chicago Theatre	41.885578	-87.627286	2018-06-16 14:15:00	0
Symphony Center (Chicago Symphony Orchestra)	41.879275	-87.624680	2018-02-12 01:57:00	0
Grant Park	41.873407	-87.620747	2018-10-19 12:15:00	1
Chicago Riverwalk	41.887280	-87.627217	2018-04-21 13:30:00	0
Garfield Park Conservatory	41.886259	-87.717177	2018-01-07 00:32:00	0
Music Box Theatre	41.949798	-87.663938	2018-11-03 21:26:00	0
Nature Boardwalk	41.918102	-87.633283	2018-05-18 15:23:00	1

```
df_final.head(10)
```

## Visualisation of Predictions

Of the top ten venues 8 were identified as potentially dangerous to visit and 2 were deems safe. As there is no data to compare the predictions against the best way we will visualise the data again.

We will look at the following 4 venues:

1. Millennium Park 41.882699 -87.623644
2. The Chicago Theatre 41.885578 -87.627286
3. Grant Park 41.873407 -87.620747
4. Nature Boardwalk 41.918102 -87.633283

The Distance Dataframe is recreated again but this time all crimes are included.

The first two images are of Millennium Park and of The Chicago Theatre. Both of these venues were identified as likely to be susceptible to crime.

The next images are from Grant Hill and Nature Boardwalk. Although both show signs of criminal activity, both have far less than Millennium Park and The Chicago Theatre.

## Conclusions and Discussions

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Although all of the goals of this project were met there is definitely room for further improvement and development as noted below. However, the goals of the project were met and, with some more work, could easily be developed into a fully phledged application that could support the cautious traveller in an unknown location.

Of the contributing data the Chicago Crime data is the one where more data would be good to have. Also not every city in the world makes this data freely available so that is a drawback.

FourSquare proved to be a good source of data but frustrating at times. Despite having a Developer account I regularly exceeded my hourly limit locking me out for the day. This is why Pickle was used to store the captured data.

## Further Development

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The following are suggestions how this project could be further developed:

1. Best time to visit each venue
2. Suggestions for morning, afternoon, evening and night time
3. Daily itineraries
4. Route planning and transportation
5. Time lapse of the crime in the area of the venue

6. Favourite dining preferences could be used to choose the restaurants