

# **Pycaret Assignment**

❖ **Association Rules Mining**

❖ **Kaggle Notebook :- [Link](#)**

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❖ **Overview :-**

In my time-series forecasting notebook, I used PyCaret's time-series module to predict future values based on historical data. After loading and cleaning the dataset, I identified the date and target columns, handled missing values, and standardized the data to ensure a consistent time frequency. Using the setup() function, I initialized PyCaret's forecasting environment and compared multiple models with compare\_models() to find the best-performing one. Then, I visualized the forecast results and saved both the trained model and the predicted future values. This notebook demonstrated a complete end-to-end time-series workflow — from data preparation to model selection, forecasting, and saving outputs — all done efficiently using PyCaret.

## ❖ Screenshots :-

The screenshot shows a Kaggle Notebook interface with the title "PyCaret Time Series (DEV\_M)". The notebook has been saved as a draft. The code in cell [1] installs PyCaret and imports necessary libraries:

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[1]:  
%pip -q install -U pip setuptools wheel  
%pip -q install "pycaret==3.3.2"  
  
import glob, re  
import numpy as np  
import pandas as pd  
from pycaret.time_series import *  
print("PyCaret time-series ready.")
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The output of cell [1] shows the installation progress:

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1.8/1.8 MB 33.1 MB/s eta 0:00:0000:01  
1.2/1.2 MR 44.6 MR/s eta 0:00:00
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Cell [4] contains a complex function for reading CSV files robustly:

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[4]:  
  
import pandas as pd  
  
def robust_read_csv(path):  
    # Try fast path  
    try:  
        return pd.read_csv(path)  
    except Exception as e1:  
        print("Retry with engine='python' & sep=None (infer delimiter) ...", e1)  
    # Infer delimiter, tolerate bad lines  
    try:  
        df = pd.read_csv(  
            path,  
            sep=None,           # let pandas sniff delimiter  
            engine="python",    # more flexible parser  
            on_bad_lines="skip" # drop malformed rows  
        )  
        if df.columns.str.contains(r"Unnamed", regex=True).any():  
            df = df.loc[:, ~df.columns.str.contains(r"^\d+\.?\d*")]  
        return df  
    except Exception as e2:  
        print("Retry with common delimiters...", e2)  
  
    # Try common delimiters explicitly  
    for sep in [",", ";", "\t", "|"]:  
        try:  
            df = pd.read_csv(path, sep=sep, engine="python", on_bad_lines="skip")  
            if df.columns.str.contains(r"Unnamed", regex=True).any():  
                df = df.loc[:, ~df.columns.str.contains(r"^\d+\.?\d*")]  
            print(f"Loaded with sep='{sep}'")  
            return df  
        except Exception:  
            pass  
  
    # Last resort: be ultra permissive on encoding/quoting  
    df = pd.read_csv(  
        path,  
        sep=None,  
        engine="python",  
        on_bad_lines="skip",
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        engine="python",
        on_bad_lines="skip",
        encoding="latin1",      # tolerate odd characters/BOM
        quotechar='"'
    )
    return df

data = robust_read_csv(DATA_PATH)
print("Shape:", data.shape)
display(data.head())

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Retry with engine='python' & sep=None (infer delimiter) ... Error tokenizing data. C error: Expected 2 fields in line 3653, saw 3

Shape: (3650, 2)

| Date Daily minimum temperatures in Melbourne, Australia, 1981-1990 |            |
|--|------------|
| 0  | 1981-01-01 |
| 1  | 1981-01-02 |
| 2  | 1981-01-03 |
| 3  | 1981-01-04 |
| 4  | 1981-01-05 |
|  | 20.7       |
|  | 17.9       |
|  | 18.8       |
|  | 14.6       |
|  | 15.8       |

[5]:

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# 🚫 If you know the columns, set them here (else leave as None to auto-detect)
DATE_COL_GUESS = None # e.g., 'Date' or 'Month'
TARGET_COL_GUESS = None # e.g., 'Temp' or 'Passengers'

def guess_date_col(df):
    candidates = [c for c in df.columns if re.search(r"(date|month|time|year)", c, re.I)]
    if candidates:
        return candidates[0]
    obj = [c for c in df.columns if df[c].dtype == 'object']
    return obj[0] if obj else df.columns[0]

def guess_target_col(df, date_col):
    num = df.select_dtypes(include='number').columns.tolist()
    if date_col in num:
        num.remove(date_col)
    if num:
        return num[0]
    for c in df.columns:
        if c == date_col:
            continue
        cleaned = pd.to_numeric(df[c].astype(str).str.replace(r"[^\d\.-]", "", regex=True), errors="coerce")
        if cleaned.notna().mean() > 0.5:
            df[c] = cleaned
            return c
    return None

DATE_COL = DATE_COL_GUESS or guess_date_col(data)
TARGET_COL = TARGET_COL_GUESS or guess_target_col(data, DATE_COL)

print(f"📌 Selected DATE_COL = {DATE_COL}")
print(f"📌 Selected TARGET_COL = {TARGET_COL}")

if TARGET_COL is None:
    raise SystemExit("Could not find a numeric target. Please set TARGET_COL_GUESS to a numeric column name.")

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📌 Selected DATE\_COL = Date

📌 Selected TARGET\_COL = Daily minimum temperatures in Melbourne, Australia, 1981-1990

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# Parse dates
dt = pd.to_datetime(data[DATE_COL], errors='coerce', infer_datetime_format=True)
if dt.isna().all():
    for fmt in ("%Y-%m-%d", "%d-%m-%Y", "%m/%d/%Y", "%d/%m/%Y", "%Y/%m/%d"):
        try_dt = pd.to_datetime(data[DATE_COL], format=fmt, errors='coerce')
        if try_dt.notna().sum() > dt.notna().sum():
            dt = try_dt
            print(f"✓ Used explicit date format: {fmt}")
            break

df = data.copy()
df['_dt'] = dt
df = df.dropna(subset=['_dt']).sort_values('_dt')

# Clean target → numeric
if df[TARGET_COL].dtype == 'object':
    df[TARGET_COL] = pd.to_numeric(df[TARGET_COL].astype(str)
                                   .str.replace(r"^\d\.\-]", "", regex=True),
                                   errors='coerce')
df[TARGET_COL] = pd.to_numeric(df[TARGET_COL], errors='coerce')
dfv = df[['_dt', TARGET_COL]].dropna()

if dfv.empty:
    raise SystemExit("No valid (date, value) rows after cleaning. Check DATE/TARGET column names.")

# Aggregate to daily (helps with multiple rows per day)
y = (dfv.groupby(dfv['_dt'].dt.normalize())[TARGET_COL]
     .mean()
     .sort_index())

print("Length after daily aggregation:", len(y))
display(y.head(10))
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Length after daily aggregation: 3650

\_dt

|            |      |
|------------|------|
| 1981-01-01 | 20.7 |
| 1981-01-02 | 17.9 |
| 1981-01-03 | 18.8 |
| 1981-01-04 | 14.6 |
| 1981-01-05 | 15.8 |
| 1981-01-06 | 15.8 |
| 1981-01-07 | 15.8 |
| 1981-01-08 | 17.4 |
| 1981-01-09 | 21.8 |
| 1981-01-10 | 20.0 |

Name: Daily minimum temperatures in Melbourne, Australia, 1981–1990, dtype: float64

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[9]: # ----- Force a proper frequency for PyCaret -----
# Try to infer frequency
freq = None
if len(y) >= 3:
    try:
        freq = pd.infer_freq(y.index)
    except Exception:
        pass

# If we still don't have one, ask the user (with a safe default)
if not isinstance(freq, (str, pd.tseries.offsets.BaseOffset, pd.offsets.Tick)):
    print("⚠ Could not infer a frequency.")
    print("Common options: D=daily, W=weekly, MS=month-start, M=month-end, Q=quarter-end, Y=year-end")
    user = input("Enter a pandas freq string (press Enter for 'D'): ").strip()
    freq = user or "D"

# Regularize to that freq and fill gaps
y = y.asfreq(freq).interpolate(limit_direction='both')

# Choose a safe forecast horizon: up to 12, but ≤ 1/3 of series length
fh = max(1, min(12, (len(y) // 3 if len(y) >= 3 else 1)))

print(f"✅ Using freq={freq} | fh={fh} | start={y.index.min()} | end={y.index.max()}"
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⚠ Could not infer a frequency.  
Common options: D=daily, W=weekly, MS=month-start, M=month-end, Q=quarter-end, Y=year-end  
Enter a pandas freq string (press Enter for 'D'):  
✅ Using freq=D | fh=12 | start=1981-01-01 00:00:00 | end=1990-12-31 00:00:00

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[10]: exp = setup(y, fh=fh, fold=3, session_id=123, verbose=False)
best = compare_models()
print("✅ Best model:", best)

# In-sample & future forecast
plot_model(best, plot='forecast')           # combined chart
future_preds = predict_model(best, fh=fh)   # future points only
display(future_preds.head())
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| Model           |   | MASE   | RMSSE  | MAE    | RMSE   | MAPE   | SMAPE  | R2      | TT (Sec) |
|-----------------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----------|
| auto_arima      | Auto ARIMA  | 0.8976 | 0.8638 | 2.4404 | 3.0243 | 0.1813 | 0.1814 | -0.5300 | 23.6733  |
| lightgbm_cds_dt | Light Gradient Boosting w/ Cond. Deseasonalize & Detrending       | 0.9026 | 0.8777 | 2.4540 | 3.0730 | 0.1836 | 0.1788 | -0.8064 | 12.5567  |
| xgboost_cds_dt  | Extreme Gradient Boosting w/ Cond. Deseasonalize & Detrending     | 0.9399 | 0.9829 | 2.5553 | 3.4411 | 0.2019 | 0.1800 | -1.9251 | 0.2000   |
| croston         | Croston   | 0.9706 | 0.9178 | 2.6389 | 3.2134 | 0.1998 | 0.1955 | -0.7803 | 0.0200   |
| huber_cds_dt    | Huber w/ Cond. Deseasonalize & Detrending                         | 0.9843 | 0.9357 | 2.6761 | 3.2760 | 0.1918 | 0.1986 | -0.8817 | 0.1433   |
| omp_cds_dt      | Orthogonal Matching Pursuit w/ Cond. Deseasonalize & Detrending   | 0.9844 | 0.9335 | 2.6763 | 3.2683 | 0.1892 | 0.1998 | -0.8523 | 0.1467   |
| en_cds_dt       | Elastic Net w/ Cond. Deseasonalize & Detrending                   | 0.9875 | 0.9323 | 2.6847 | 3.2639 | 0.1892 | 0.2008 | -0.8403 | 0.3100   |
| ridge_cds_dt    | Ridge w/ Cond. Deseasonalize & Detrending                         | 0.9888 | 0.9393 | 2.6883 | 3.2884 | 0.1916 | 0.1999 | -0.8893 | 0.1400   |
| br_cds_dt       | Bayesian Ridge w/ Cond. Deseasonalize & Detrending                | 0.9888 | 0.9392 | 2.6883 | 3.2884 | 0.1916 | 0.1999 | -0.8891 | 0.1433   |
| lr_cds_dt       | Linear w/ Cond. Deseasonalize & Detrending                        | 0.9888 | 0.9393 | 2.6883 | 3.2884 | 0.1916 | 0.1999 | -0.8893 | 0.3867   |
| llar_cds_dt     | Lasso Least Angular Regressor w/ Cond. Deseasonalize & Detrending | 0.9895 | 0.9292 | 2.6901 | 3.2533 | 0.1885 | 0.2019 | -0.8209 | 0.1433   |
| lasso_cds_dt    | Lasso w/ Cond. Deseasonalize & Detrending                         | 0.9895 | 0.9292 | 2.6901 | 3.2533 | 0.1885 | 0.2019 | -0.8210 | 0.1400   |
| gbr_cds_dt      | Gradient Boosting w/ Cond. Deseasonalize & Detrending             | 0.9961 | 0.9548 | 2.7081 | 3.3431 | 0.2111 | 0.1987 | -1.0322 | 0.3500   |
| rf_cds_dt       | Random Forest w/ Cond. Deseasonalize & Detrending                 | 1.0260 | 0.9940 | 2.7895 | 3.4800 | 0.1968 | 0.2079 | -1.0664 | 0.7200   |
| ada_cds_dt      | AdaBoost w/ Cond. Deseasonalize & Detrending                      | 1.0487 | 0.9783 | 2.8511 | 3.4252 | 0.2216 | 0.2096 | -1.1085 | 0.2267   |
| polytrend       | Polynomial Trend Forecaster                                       | 1.0664 | 0.9887 | 2.8992 | 3.4616 | 0.1969 | 0.2207 | -1.1112 | 0.0233   |
| grand_means     | Grand Means Forecaster  | 1.0696 | 0.9917 | 2.9080 | 3.4718 | 0.1975 | 0.2215 | -1.1311 | 1.2067   |
| catboost_cds_dt | CatBoost Regressor w/ Cond. Deseasonalize & Detrending            | 1.1621 | 1.0939 | 3.1594 | 3.8299 | 0.2448 | 0.2300 | -1.8010 | 1.7333   |
| et_cds_dt       | Extra Trees w/ Cond. Deseasonalize & Detrending                   | 1.1798 | 1.1058 | 3.2075 | 3.8717 | 0.2458 | 0.2463 | -2.1528 | 0.4967   |

|                   |                           |        |        |        |        |        |        |         |        |
|-------------------|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| <b>ets</b>        | ETS                       | 1.3608 | 1.2047 | 3.6996 | 4.2176 | 0.2802 | 0.2536 | -3.6666 | 0.1167 |
| <b>theta</b>      | Theta Forecaster          | 1.3874 | 1.2253 | 3.7719 | 4.2895 | 0.2846 | 0.2593 | -3.7270 | 0.0367 |
| <b>exp_smooth</b> | Exponential Smoothing     | 1.3884 | 1.2260 | 3.7746 | 4.2920 | 0.2847 | 0.2596 | -3.7281 | 0.3100 |
| <b>naive</b>      | Naive Forecaster          | 1.4048 | 1.2566 | 3.8194 | 4.3990 | 0.2983 | 0.2591 | -4.2236 | 1.9767 |
| <b>stlf</b>       | STLF                      | 1.5029 | 1.2963 | 4.0860 | 4.5380 | 0.3041 | 0.2787 | -4.5968 | 0.0433 |
| <b>snaive</b>     | Seasonal Naive Forecaster | 1.5132 | 1.3213 | 4.1139 | 4.6258 | 0.3145 | 0.2798 | -4.7365 | 0.0433 |
| <b>arima</b>      | ARIMA                     | 1.5159 | 1.3290 | 4.1214 | 4.6527 | 0.3212 | 0.2805 | -4.6732 | 0.2067 |

✓ Best model: AutoARIMA(random\_state=123, sp=2, suppress\_warnings=True)

|               | Model             | MASE    | RMSSE  | MAE    | RMSE   | MAPE   | SMAPE  | R2      |
|---------------|-------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| 0             | Auto ARIMA        | 0.3531  | 0.3976 | 0.9598 | 1.3910 | 0.0761 | 0.0723 | -0.0042 |
| <b>y_pred</b> |                   |         |        |        |        |        |        |         |
|               | <b>1990-12-20</b> | 13.9152 |        |        |        |        |        |         |
|               | <b>1990-12-21</b> | 13.7877 |        |        |        |        |        |         |
|               | <b>1990-12-22</b> | 13.8091 |        |        |        |        |        |         |
|               | <b>1990-12-23</b> | 13.5670 |        |        |        |        |        |         |
|               | <b>1990-12-24</b> | 13.7510 |        |        |        |        |        |         |

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# Save future forecast and the prepared series
future_preds.to_csv('/kaggle/working/forecast_future.csv', index=True)
y.to_csv('/kaggle/working/series_cleaned.csv', index=True)

# Save PyCaret model
save_model(best, '/kaggle/working/best_ts_model')
print("✓ Saved: forecast_future.csv, series_cleaned.csv, best_ts_model.pkl")
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Transformation Pipeline and Model Successfully Saved  
✓ Saved: forecast\_future.csv, series\_cleaned.csv, best\_ts\_model.pkl