**Summary report**

In this assignment, I predicted the prices of Airbnb apartments in New York, extracted from [insideairbnb.com](http://insideairbnb.com/get-the-data.html). The codes and analyses can be found at <https://github.com/Dilnovoz/Data-Analysis-3/tree/main/Assignment_2>.

Based on given information on the website, relevant features are selected and cleaned for analyses. These features can be grouped into 4 classifications. First group of variables can present apartment related factors including number of bedrooms, offered room type, number of bathrooms and the number/type of amenities offered. Second group features can present the importance of neighborhood and location of the apartment. Third group of factors are host specific informations like if he has other listings, or his account is verifiable. The last group can show the importance of previous guests opinions on the price of the apartment offered.

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Partial diagnostics analyses show that on average, entire apartment has the highest price while private room has the lowest price. Shared rooms are relatively higher priced, costs are shared by several individuals I assume. Additionally, as we can see that price is increasing with accommodates it can include while marginal price increase is not the same across different group of apartments.

Lastly, our analyses also showed that features that are predicting the price of apartments in New York are quite similar to apartments in London. Most important features are quite similar in both of the cities’ Airbnb apartment price determination.

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