# The Transatlantic Scooters' Project Documentation

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#### 1 Deliverables

The project will focus on the relation (or lack thereof) between the weather and public transport delays. The final solution should be able to predict average delay for the following days based on the weather prognosis, traffic, and other factors. It would provide numerous advantages for both municipal administration and society. From the former's point of view, it would allow selecting an appropriate mean of transport based on predicted demand. For the latter, it would show if it's convenient to choose subway or perhaps it would be too crowded.

#### 2 Data sources

# 2.1 Warsaw Open Data - online information about trams and buses

The primary data source for the project is Warsaw Open Data, an open database containing much information about Warsaw, *inter alia* public transport. It describes the position of trams and buses in real-time. This data can be found here: Otwarte dane po warszawsku.

This data can be accessed by a RESTFUL API with dedicated endpoint that returns on-line data about trams and buses. This endpoint returns a JSON file, where each record consists of following fields:

- 1. Lines a line number of a given tram or a bus
- 2. Lon a longitude of the position of the vehicle
- 3. Lat a latitude of the position of the vehicle
- 4. VehicleNumer an identification number of the vehicle
- 5. Brigade an identificator of a team that operates the vehicle at given time

6. Time – a timestamp created at the moment of reading GPS data

The data is updated with the declared frequency of 1 minute. However, in practice, we observed that the data is updated with the frequency of 10 to 15 seconds. Single call to the API returns a variable number of records, up to about 300 during rush hours. Thus this data is treated by us as a stream data.

#### 2.2 Warsaw Open Data - public transportation schedule

Moreover, we use Warsaw Open Data, available under the same link as in case of the online information about public transport (Otwarte dane po warszawsku), to obtain the schedule. This is once again a RESTFUL API. However, in this case the updates of the data are made in a much smaller frequency (schedule changes relatively rarely).

We utilize three different endpoints to collect all necessary data. All of them return a JSON file, where each record is described as a list of objects with "key" and "value" fields.

Each endpoint has a limited number of "key" values that can appear. These are as described below,

The endpoint with the list of bus/tram stops returns about 7000 records. The fields are as follows:

- 1. zespol ID number of the complex of bus/tram stops (bus/tram stops are grouped together under one name when they are placed in the same location, usually on different sides of a road junction)
- 2. slupek ID number of the exact bus/tram stop, unique for given stop complex
- 3. nazwa\_zespolu human-friendly name of a stop complex (e.g. "Morskie Oko")
- 4. id\_ulicy ID number of the street the stop is placed on
- 5. szer\_geo latitude
- 6. dlug\_geo longitude
- 7. kierunek direction the stop is facing
- 8. obowiazuje\_od date when the data was last changed

The endpoint with the list of bus/tram lines for given bus/tram stop returns between 0 and 20 records. It requires zespol and slupek values from the previous call. The only field appearing is linia, giving the line number.

The endpoint with the timetable for given bus/tram stop and line number returns up to a hundred records. It requires zespol, slupek, and linia values from the previous calls. The fields are as follows:

- 1. czas hour of departure (i.e. hour, minute and second, but the last value is always equal to 0)
- 2. trasa ID code of the travel (understood as a sequence of stops)

- 3. kierunek direction of the travel
- 4. brygada ID number of the team operating the vehicle
- 5. symbol\_1, symbol\_2 additional attributes, usually empty

If it wasn't for the fact that we filter out bus stops, the volume of the data (i.e. the number of timetable entries) would be as high as a few million records. However, with filtering included, the volume of the fully processed data is about 110 000 records.

#### 2.3 Meteorological data

The third and last data source is open meteorological data source from which we can download prognosis for the specific amount of days as well as the historical data. This is a RESTFUL API available here: Weather API.

Single call to this API returns a JSON file with following fields:

- 1. cod Internal parameter
- 2. message Internal parameter
- 3. cnt A number of timestamps returned in the API response
- 4. list List of weather predictions
  - dt Time of data forecasted, unix, UTC
  - main
    - temp Temperature. Unit Default: Kelvin, Metric: Celsius, Imperial: Fahrenheit.
    - feels\_like This temperature parameter accounts for the human perception of weather. Unit Default: Kelvin, Metric: Celsius, Imperial: Fahrenheit.
    - temp\_min Minimum temperature at the moment of calculation. This is minimal forecasted temperature (within large megalopolises and urban areas), use this parameter optionally. Unit Default: Kelvin, Metric: Celsius, Imperial: Fahrenheit.
    - temp\_max Maximum temperature at the moment of calculation. This
      is maximal forecasted temperature (within large megalopolises and urban areas), use this parameter optionally. Unit Default: Kelvin, Metric:
      Celsius, Imperial: Fahrenheit.
    - pressure Atmospheric pressure on the sea level by default, hPa
    - sea\_level Atmospheric pressure on the sea level, hPa
    - grnd\_level Atmospheric pressure on the ground level, hPa
    - humidity Humidity, %
    - temp\_kf Internal parameter
  - weather
    - id Weather condition id

- main Group of weather parameters (Rain, Snow, Extreme etc.)
- description Weather condition within the group. You can get the output in your language.
- icon Weather icon id
- clouds
  - all Cloudiness, %
- wind
  - speed Wind speed. Unit Default: meter/sec, Metric: meter/sec, Imperial: miles/hour.
  - deg Wind direction, degrees (meteorological)
  - gust Wind gust. Unit Default: meter/sec, Metric: meter/sec, Imperial: miles/hour
- visibility Average visibility, metres
- pop Probability of precipitation
- rain
  - 3h Rain volume for last 3 hours, mm
- snow
  - 3h Snow volume for last 3 hours
- sys
  - pod Part of the day (n night, d day)
- dt\_txt Time of data forecasted, ISO, UTC

#### 5. city

- id City ID
- name City name
- coord
  - lat City geo location, latitude
  - lon City geo location, longitude
- country Country code (GB, JP etc.)
- timezone Shift in seconds from UTC

This data is updated with the frequency of 3 hours. Single call returns 40 weather predictions. Thus it is treated by us as a batch data.

We are using the free pricing plan provided by the website. This gives us an information about the current weather conditions, a minute forecast for 1 hour, hourly forecast for 2 days, daily forecast for 7 days and historical weather for 5 days. This API is up 95% of time. We are allowed to call this API 1000 times a day or 60 times a minute.

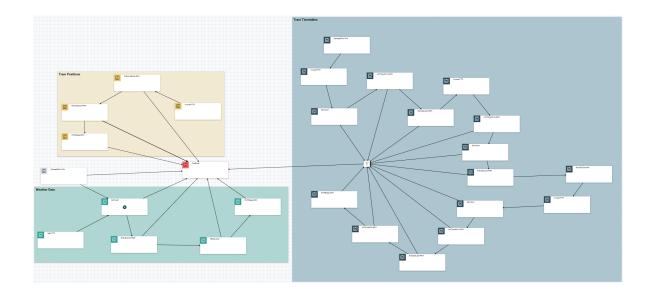


Figure 1: Schema of data processing

## 3 Data processing plan

The whole data processing pipeline is summarized in a figure 1. Please, note, that a failure at any step is reported by an email.

# 3.1 Warsaw Open Data - online information about trams and buses

Warszawskie Dane offers access to the data in the streaming fashion. Thus, a whole pipeline of data transformation is processed as a stream.

Processors used in the data transformation are listed below:

- 1. InvokeHTTP calls an API every 10 seconds in order to obtain records about trams and buses
- 2. FilterAndSplitJSON filters incorrect records and splits them into separate JSON files, position that is outside of Warsaw is considered as incorrect record
- 3. EvaluateJSONPath takes out required fields from each record
- 4. PutHBaseJSON puts each record into HBase

This is visualized on a figure 2.

### 3.2 Public transport schedule

Processors used in this part of data processing have following tasks:

1. GenerateFlowFile – saves an API key to an attribute for later API calls

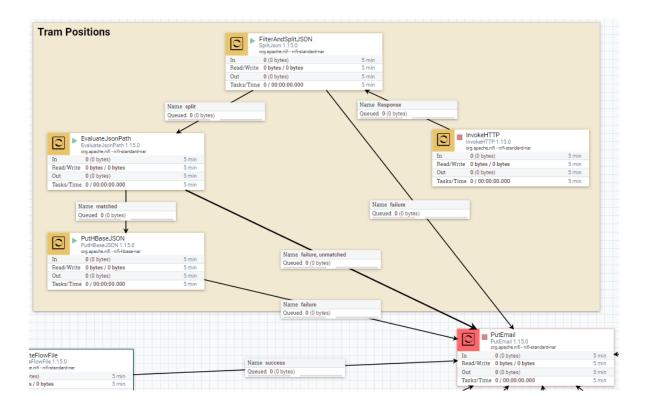


Figure 2: Schema of processing trams and buses positions

- 2. InvokeHTTP calls an API once a day in order to obtain a list of bus and tram stops
- 3. SplitJson splits the list into separate stops
- 4. JoltTransformJSON rearranges stop data into "key": "value" form
- 5. EvaluateJsonPath saves a majority of information into FlowFile attributes: stop id, stop number, stop name, latitude, longitude, and direction
- 6. InvokeHTTP calls an API for each bus/tram stop to obtain a list of bus/tram lines that stop there
- 7. JoltTransformJSON rearranges data into a list of {"linia": "XXX"} objects
- 8. SplitJson splits the list into separate FlowFiles for each bus/tram line
- 9. EvaluateJsonPath extracts line as a FlowFile attribute
- 10. RouteOnContent filters tram lines, understood as one- or two-digit numbers; bus lines are usually three-digit numbers or contain letters like "N" for night lines
- 11. InvokeHTTP calls an API for each tram stop and line to retrieve a timetable (a list of departure times)
- 12. SplitJson splits the list into separate timetable entries

- 13. JoltTransformJSON rearranges stop data into "key": "value" form
- 14. EvaluateJsonPath extracts time as a FlowFile attribute
- 15. AttributesToJSON saves data extracted as FlowFile attributes into FlowFile content in JSON format
- 16. PutHBaseJSON puts each record into HBase

This is visualized on a figure 3.

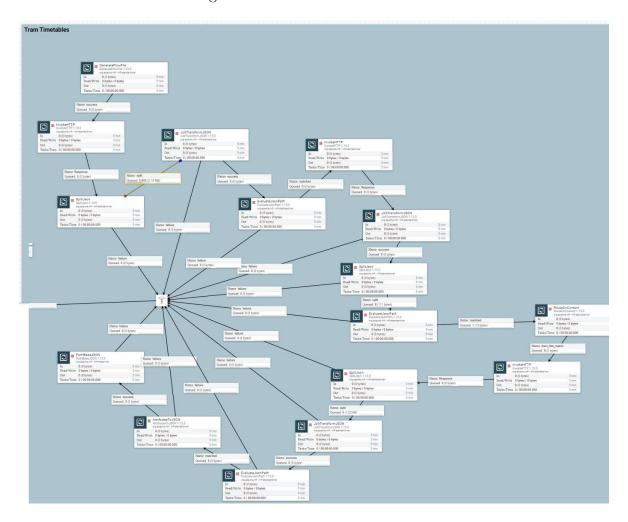


Figure 3: Schema of processing trams and buses positions

#### 3.3 Weather data

Processors used in this pipeline have a following tasks to do:

1. GetHTTP – calls an API every 3 hours in order to download a JSON about the weather with multiple records, each call is sent just one minute after the scheduled update in the API  $\,$ 

- 2. SplitJSON splits a received JSON into multiple records
- 3. EvaluateJSONPath takes out from each record needed fields
- 4. FlattenJSON simplifies a structure of received JSON to make it more adequate for HBase
- 5. PutHBaseJSON puts a single record into HBase

This is visualized on a figure 4.

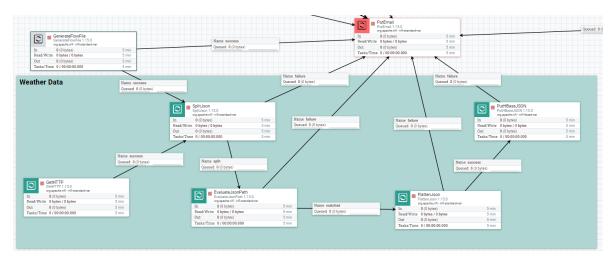


Figure 4: Schema of processing trams and buses positions

# 3.4 Calculating discrepancies between scheduled and actual arrival

This part is considered by us as a future work. This is a part a data processing that utilizes information from both online information about positions of buses and trams and their schedule.

We plan to calculate the difference between expected arrival and actual arrival for each tram and bus at a given stop based on their position. This requires an identification of a next stop for each vehicle at a given time and calculating the difference in a time when the vehicle eventually approaches the stop.

This data processing part will constitute a third NIFI processing group.

### 4 Architectural plan

Due to the expected size of the data, on-site solutions were out of question, which mean we'll be using cloud solutions. After a mildly heated discussion we agreed to try and use Google Cloud platform, as it provides the users with the most unpaid resources.

The basis for our architecture will be the "Kappa architecture" approach, since our data already is in the stream form and we wanted to develop something different than we had done previously.

As was described above, we have 3 data sources: online information about the buses and trams, public transport timetables and weather data. The data from each data source is processed and summarized on an online basis on dashboards, prompted to the predictive model and stored in an HBase.

Predictions made by the model will be stored in an HBase table and presented online on a dashboard.

Error at any step will be reported by an email.

The diagram is shown on fig. 5.

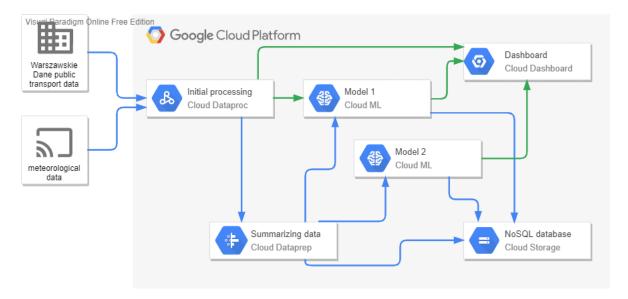


Figure 5: Simplified architectural plan

### 5 Technology used

In this section we describe technologies that we have already used and that we are planning to use. The whole project is implemented in the **Google Cloud**. All data transformations are handled and managed by the **NIFI** and respective NIFI processors.

We store the data in an **HBase** on a **Hadoop** cluster.

We are planning to use **PySpark** for training machine learning models. However, we will focus on this part in the future.

#### 6 Tests

In order to check if the data are collected, processed and stored in HBase correctly, we compared the expected results with the actual ones. The table below with short descriptions of tests proves that in each case they are equivalent.

Table	Test	Expected result	Actual result
weather	exemplary	temperature, air pressure	Figure 6.
	record	etc. in 3 hours intervals	
		with timestamp of collect-	
		ing data	
trams	exemplary	longitude and latitude of	Figure 7.
	record	each tram in given moment	
		of time with timestamp of	
		collecting data	
timetable	number of rows	increasing number of rows	Figure 8.
timetable	exemplary	position of the tram stop	Figure 9.
	record	with lines and directions of	
		trams with timestamp of	
		collecting data	

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Figure 6: Exemplary rows of 'weather' table.

# 7 Analysis

# 7.1 Modelling

We model public transportation delays for the next few hours or the next few days. Our data processing gives information about delays in public transport and the current

Figure 7: Exemplary rows of 'trams' table.

weather conditions as well as the prognosis. We have both historical data (for a relatively short time period, because this project is still very fresh) and a current data that comes from a stream.

Thus we decided to fit a model on a batch historical data that we have already gathered to have an initial model and then model will be updated constantly with an incoming streaming data.

This part of the project is still a future work, but at this moment we have already made some plans regarding some details of a modelling. Single record / row that will be fed into a model consists of a following fields:

- 1. time of a day delays may change depending on a time, for example the greatest delays may occur during morning hours and afternoon hours
- 2. line number different lines may have different vulnerability for delays
- 3. current vehicle position some parts of the city may have more delays than others
- 4. last discrepancy between expected and actual arrival delays may accumulate over time

- 5. next bus stop id the reasoning here is similar to the vehicle position
- 6. direction depending on a direction, delays may vary
- 7. temperature temperature (especially low, may affect driving conditions)
- 8. feels like temperature
- 9. minimum temperature
- 10. maximum temperature
- 11. pressure pressure may affect a human capabilities of driving
- 12. humidity humidity may affect a human capabilities of driving
- 13. cloudiness cloudiness affects visibility
- 14. wind speed perhaps wind speed affects a way vehicles are moving
- 15. wind direction perhaps wind direction affects a way vehicles are moving
- 16. visibility drivers drive slower when there is low visibility
- 17. probability of precipitation precipitation influences delays
- 18. rain driving style changes when raining
- 19. snow driving style changes when snowing

#### 7.2 Exploratory data analysis

For the users that want some more and clear insight into the data there will be dashboards containing graphs and tables summarizing the data. This part is still considered by us as a future work, but we have already made plans regarding it. We plan to include following graphs in the dashboard (please, note that this may change in the future):

- 1. average delays against the time of the day
- 2. average delays against the week day
- 3. average delays against the month
- 4. average delays against a particular line
- 5. heatmap of Warsaw with average delays
- 6. current (online) average delay
- 7. current (online) delays for each line
- 8. current (online) heatmap of Warsaw with information about delays

# 8 Task allocation

*Note*: task allocation may and will be subject to changes as the project progresses. This should be only taken as a rough guidelines to who will be held responsible for the successful implementation of certain parts of the final solution:

• Karol: dashboards

• Laura: data gathering

• Mateusz: data storage

• Wojciech: predictive model

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Took 1.3203 seconds
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Figure 8: Number of rows in 'timetable'.

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Figure 9: Exemplary rows of 'timetable'.