

INFOSYS SPRINGBOARD INTERNSHIP REPORT

Title: **On-Time Shipment Prediction using AI/ML**

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Abstract

The project 'On-Time Shipment Prediction using AI/ML' focuses on predicting whether a shipment will be delivered on time or delayed using machine learning techniques. In the modern logistics sector, delivery timeliness is crucial for maintaining customer satisfaction and optimizing supply chain efficiency. This project involves data preprocessing, feature analysis, visualization, and machine learning model development to identify patterns influencing delivery performance. By leveraging predictive analytics, the system aims to help businesses proactively manage logistics, minimize delays, and improve overall operational efficiency.

Introduction

In today's fast-paced supply chain industry, timely delivery of shipments plays a vital role in customer satisfaction and brand reliability. However, due to multiple factors such as distance, traffic, weather, and warehouse handling delays, shipments may not always reach on time. With the advancement of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, predictive modeling can now assist in forecasting shipment delays based on historical data. This project leverages machine learning algorithms to predict whether a shipment will arrive on time or not, providing insights for better decision-making and resource planning.

Objectives of the Project

- To develop a machine learning model to predict on-time or delayed shipments.
- To analyze key factors affecting shipment delivery time.
- To visualize and interpret data patterns influencing delivery delays.
- To improve logistics efficiency through predictive insights.

Methodology

The methodology of this project includes several stages of AI/ML pipeline development. The steps followed so far are summarized below:

- **Dataset Collection** – Downloaded dataset from Kaggle containing over 10,000 shipment records.
- **Data Cleaning** – Handled missing values using mean and mode imputation techniques.
- **Descriptive Statistics** – Computed measures such as mean, median, and standard deviation to understand data distribution.
- **Univariate & Bivariate Analysis** – Analyzed features individually and in relation to the target variable.
- **Data Visualization** – Used Matplotlib and Seaborn to visualize relationships and detect outliers.

- **Addressed Class Imbalance** – Applied oversampling to balance the target classes (On Time vs. Not On Time).
- **Feature Engineering** – Introduced new derived features to enhance the model's predictive power. Specifically, a Cost-to-Weight Ratio feature was created by dividing Cost_of_the_Product by Weight_in_gms to capture the relationship between product cost and shipment weight.
- **Encoding Categorical Variables** – Implemented Label Encoding using Scikit-learn to convert categorical features such as Warehouse_block, Mode_of_Shipment, Product_importance, and Gender into numeric form.
- **Normalization of Numerical Features** – Applied StandardScaler to standardize numerical attributes including Cost_of_the_Product, Discount_offered, and Weight_in_gms.
- **Train-Test Split** – Divided the dataset into training (80%) and testing (20%) subsets using Scikit-learn's train_test_split() method.
- **Model Preparation** – Prepared the processed and clean dataset for the model development phase.
- **Model Development** – Implemented multiple classification algorithms including Logistic Regression, Random Forest, XGBoost, KNN, and Decision Tree for predicting shipment delivery status.
- **Hyperparameter Tuning** – Used GridSearchCV to optimize model parameters, particularly for the Random Forest model, improving accuracy and ROC-AUC score.
- **Feature Importance Analysis** – Performed feature importance ranking for Random Forest and XGBoost models to identify key predictors influencing delivery outcomes.

- **Validation Data Split** – When model performance plateaued, the testing data was further split into a validation dataset, allowing fine-tuned model evaluation and preventing overfitting.
- **Exploration of Additional Models** – Explored and implemented additional advanced algorithms such as Naïve Bayes, Support Vector Machine (SVM), LightGBM, and CatBoost to identify the most suitable model for the dataset.
- **Model Comparison and Evaluation** – Conducted a comprehensive performance comparison of all models using metrics like Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-score, and ROC-AUC.
- **Final Model Selection and Saving** – Selected XGBoost as the best-performing model based on evaluation metrics. The finalized model was saved using Joblib for deployment.
- **Model Deployment** – Developed an interactive web interface using Streamlit for user input and real-time prediction.
- **Final Review and Documentation** – Conducted a final review of the entire pipeline, documented all stages, and verified the deployed application's performance.

Work Done So Far

Date	Work Description
24th September 2025 (Wednesday)	Browsed the internet to identify relevant datasets for shipment and delivery prediction. Selected and downloaded a dataset from Kaggle containing 10,000+ rows with multiple shipment-related features. Briefly reviewed the dataset structure (rows, columns, feature types).
25th September 2025 (Thursday)	Began data cleaning and preprocessing using Pandas in Google Colab. Identified missing values and replaced them systematically using mean and mode for numerical and categorical columns respectively.

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Missing values before imputation:  
ID          0  
Warehouse_block 0  
Mode_of_shipment 0  
Customer_care_calls 0  
Customer_rating 0  
Cost_of_the_Product 0  
Prior_purchases 0  
Product_importance 0  
Gender 0  
Discount_offered 0  
Weight_in_gms 0  
Reached.on.Time_Y.N 0  
dtype: int64  
  
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Warehouse_block 0  
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Product_importance 0  
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Discount_offered 0  
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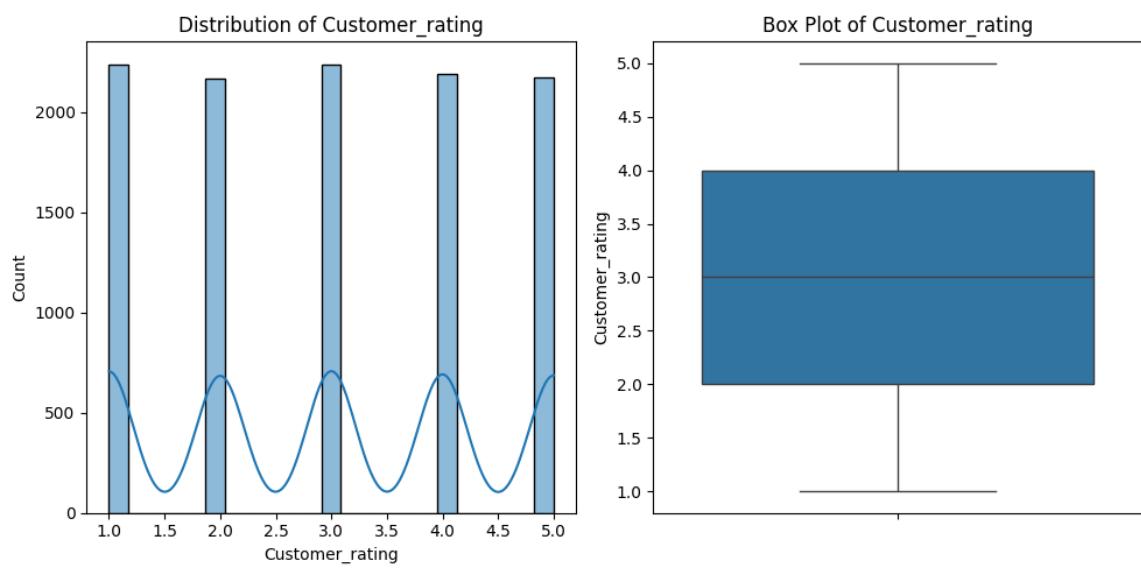
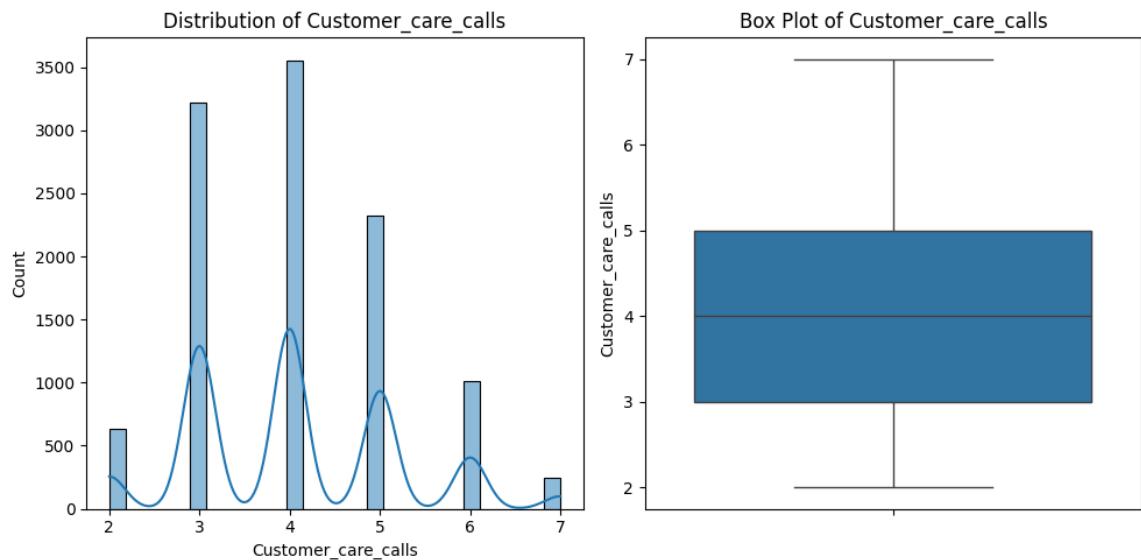
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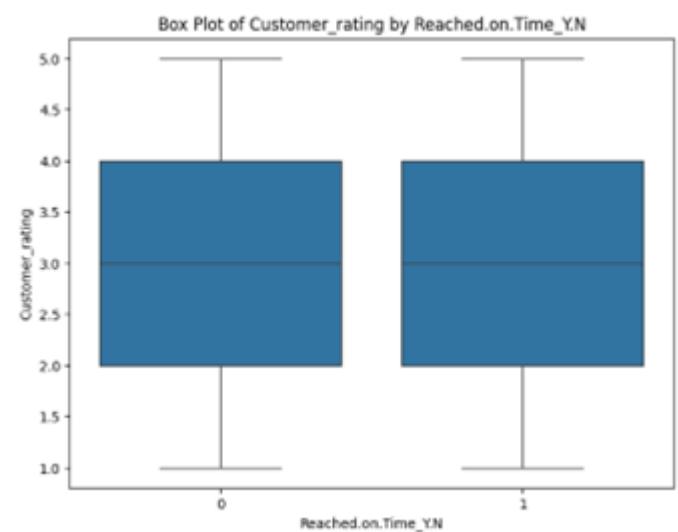
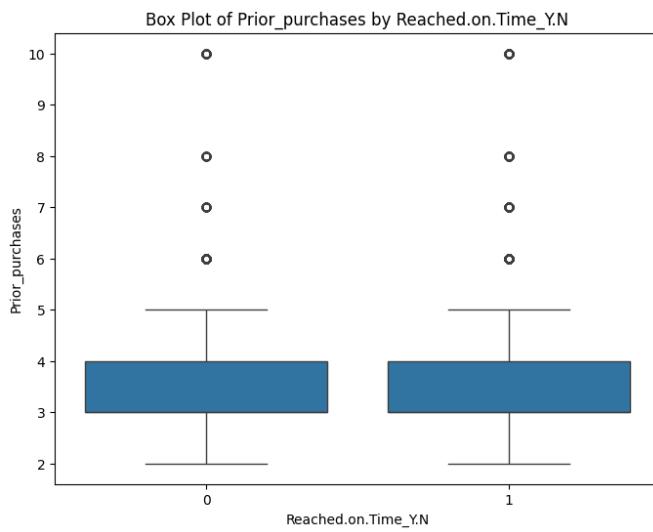
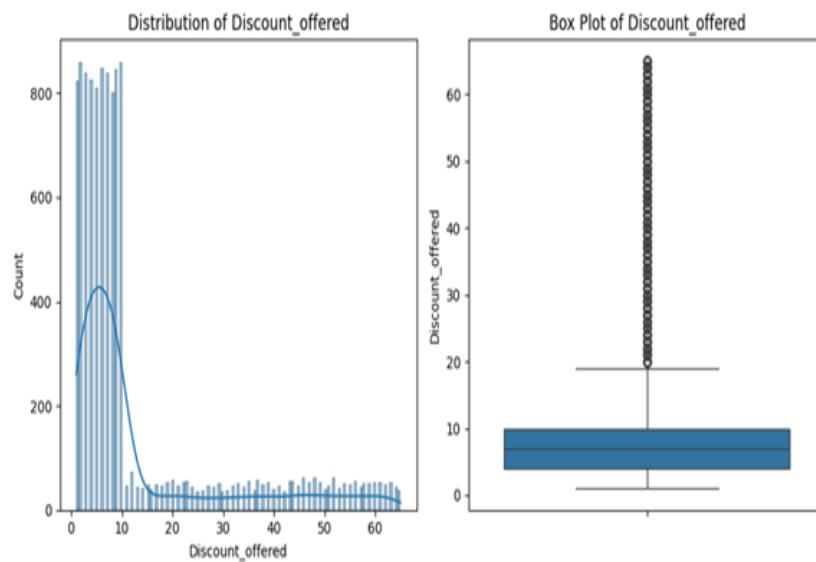
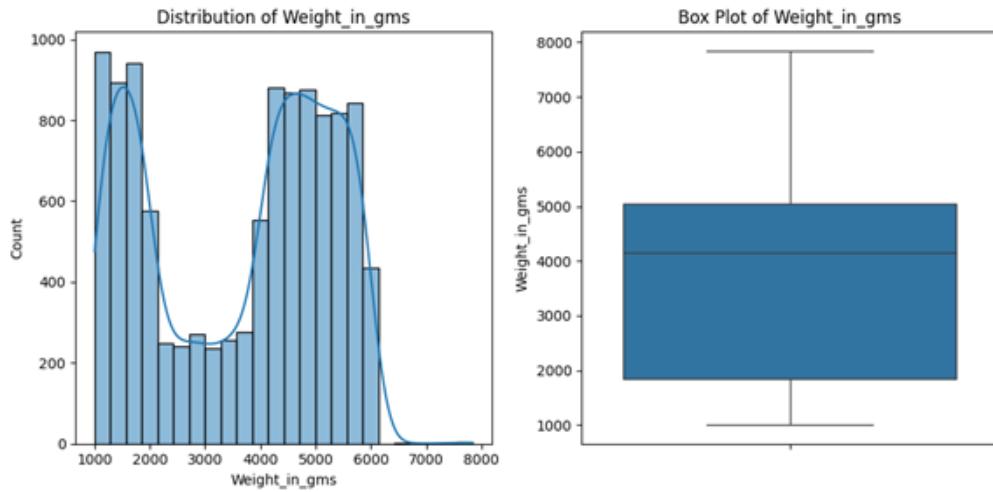
Generated descriptive statistics of the dataset using .describe() and other summary functions to understand the distribution of numerical and categorical features.

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	std	1.141490	1.413603	48.063272	1.522860	16.205527	1635.377251
	min	2.000000	1.000000	96.000000	2.000000	1.000000	1001.000000
	25%	3.000000	2.000000	169.000000	3.000000	4.000000	1839.500000
	50%	4.000000	3.000000	214.000000	3.000000	7.000000	4149.000000
	75%	5.000000	4.000000	251.000000	4.000000	10.000000	5050.000000
	max	7.000000	5.000000	310.000000	10.000000	65.000000	7846.000000

Correlation Matrix for Numerical Features:							
	Customer_care_calls	Customer_rating	Cost_of_the_Product	Prior_purchases	Discount_offered	Weight_in_gms	Reached.on.Time_Y.N
Customer_care_calls	1.000000	0.012209	0.323182	0.180771	-0.130750	-0.276615	-0.067126
Customer_rating	0.012209	1.000000	0.009270	0.013179	-0.003124	-0.001897	0.013119
Cost_of_the_Product	0.323182	0.009270	1.000000	0.123676	-0.138312	-0.132604	-0.073587
Prior_purchases	0.180771	0.013179	0.123676	1.000000	-0.082769	-0.168213	-0.055515
Discount_offered	-0.130750	-0.003124	-0.138312	-0.082769	1.000000	-0.376067	0.397108
Weight_in_gms	-0.276615	-0.001897	-0.132604	-0.168213	-0.376067	1.000000	-0.268793
Reached.on.Time_Y.N	-0.067126	0.013119	-0.073587	-0.055515	0.397108	-0.268793	1.000000

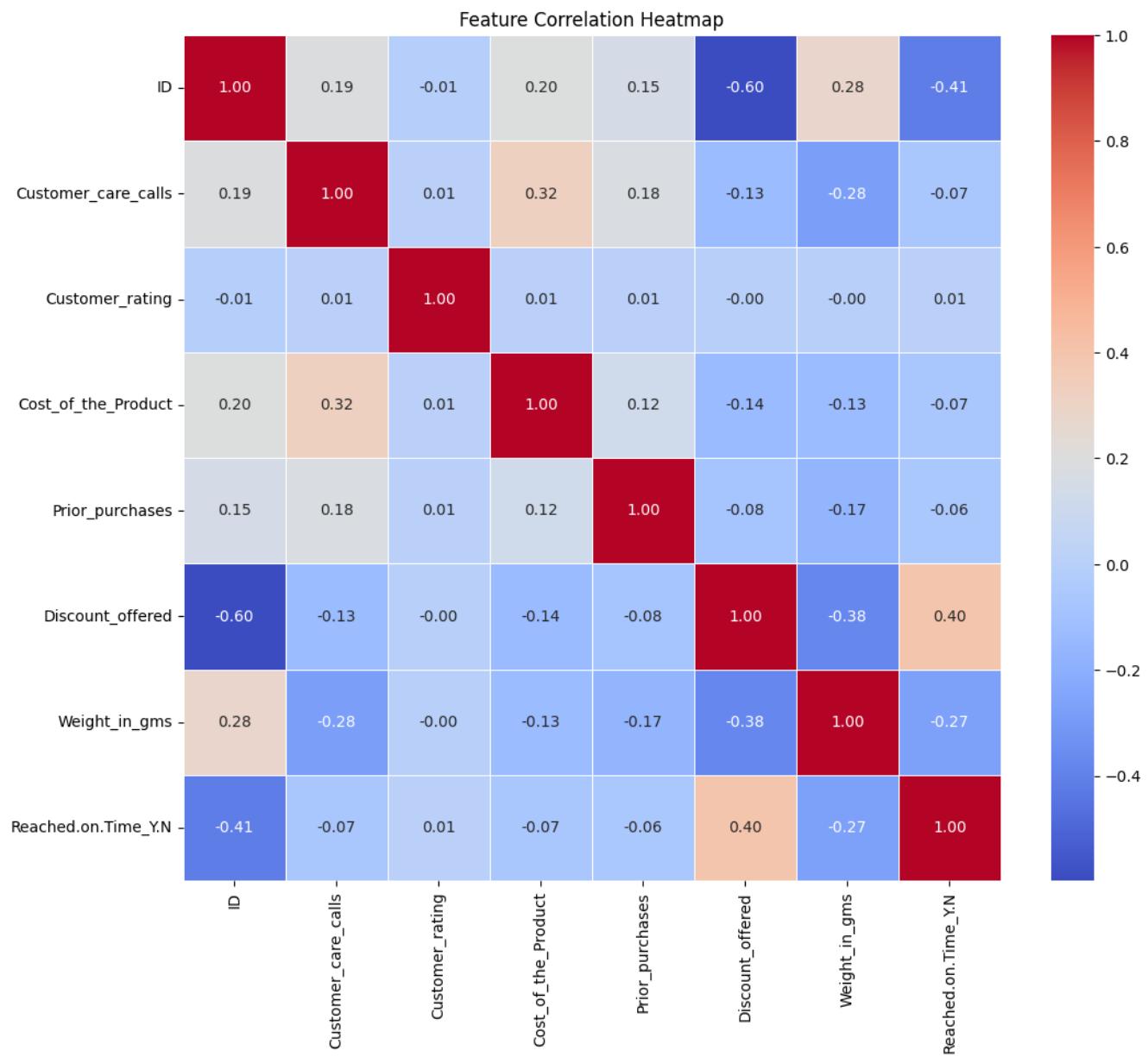
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(Monday) Conducted Univariate and Bivariate Analysis to study feature distributions and correlations with the target variable (reached_on_time).

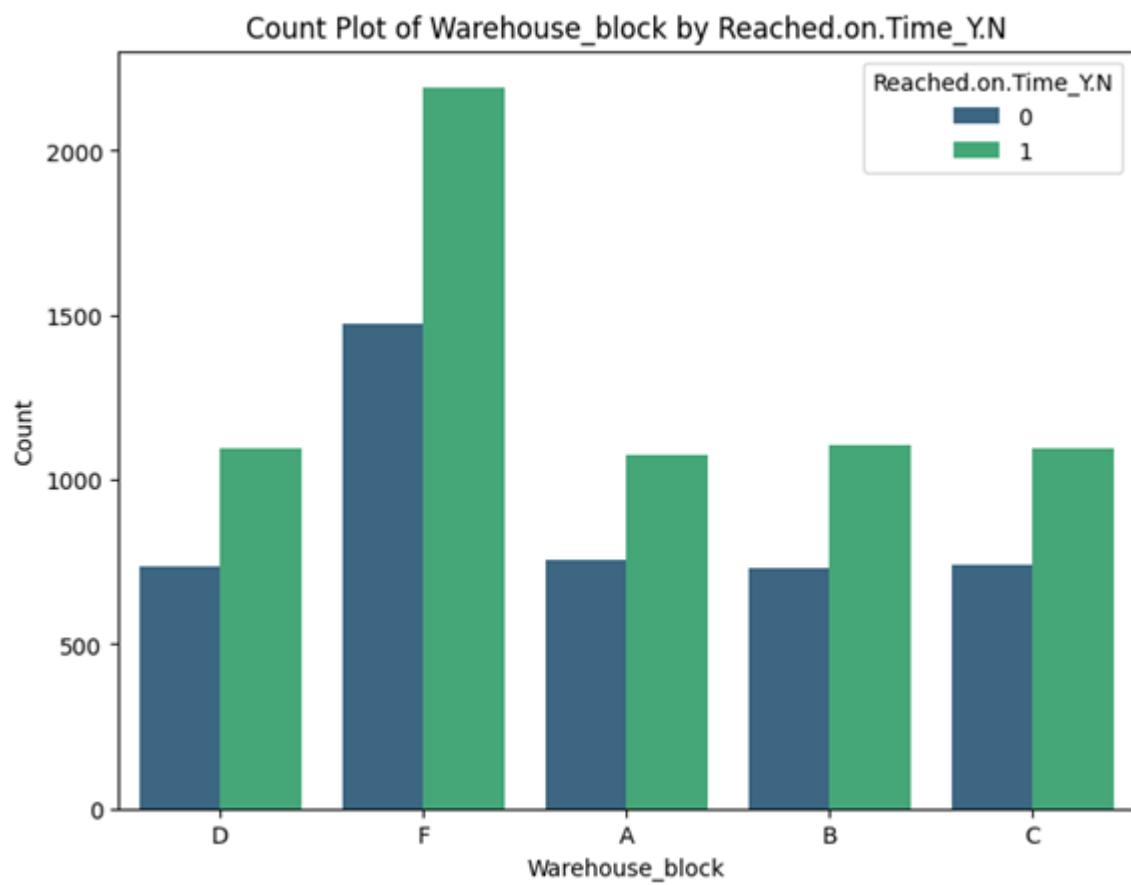
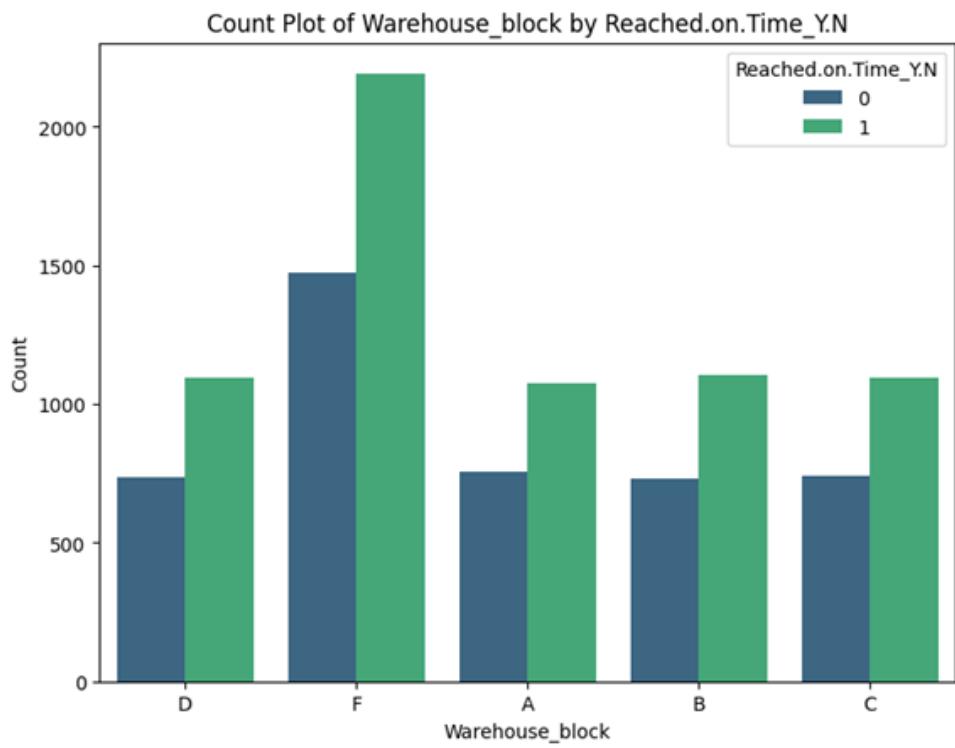


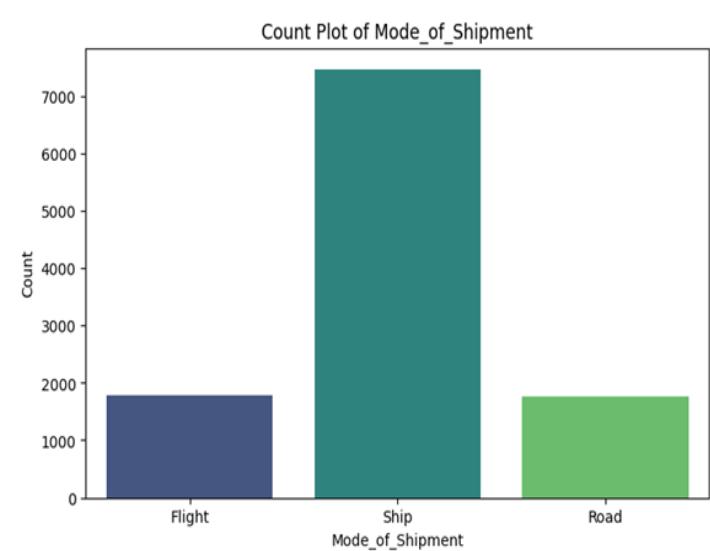
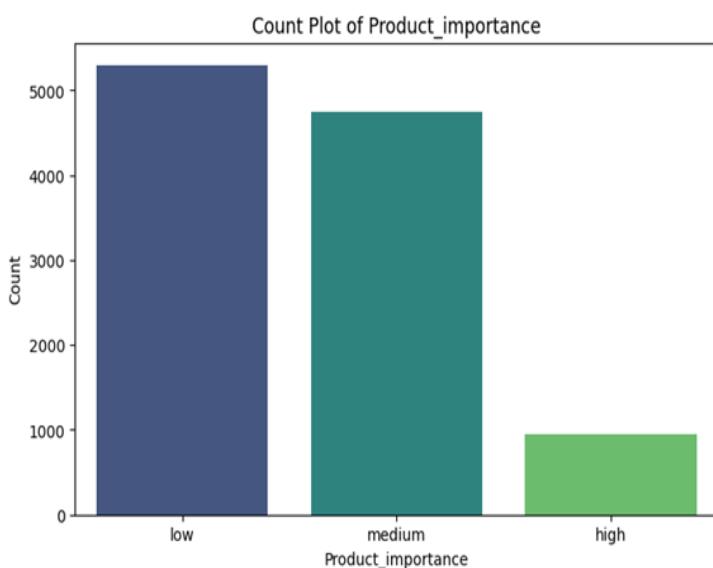
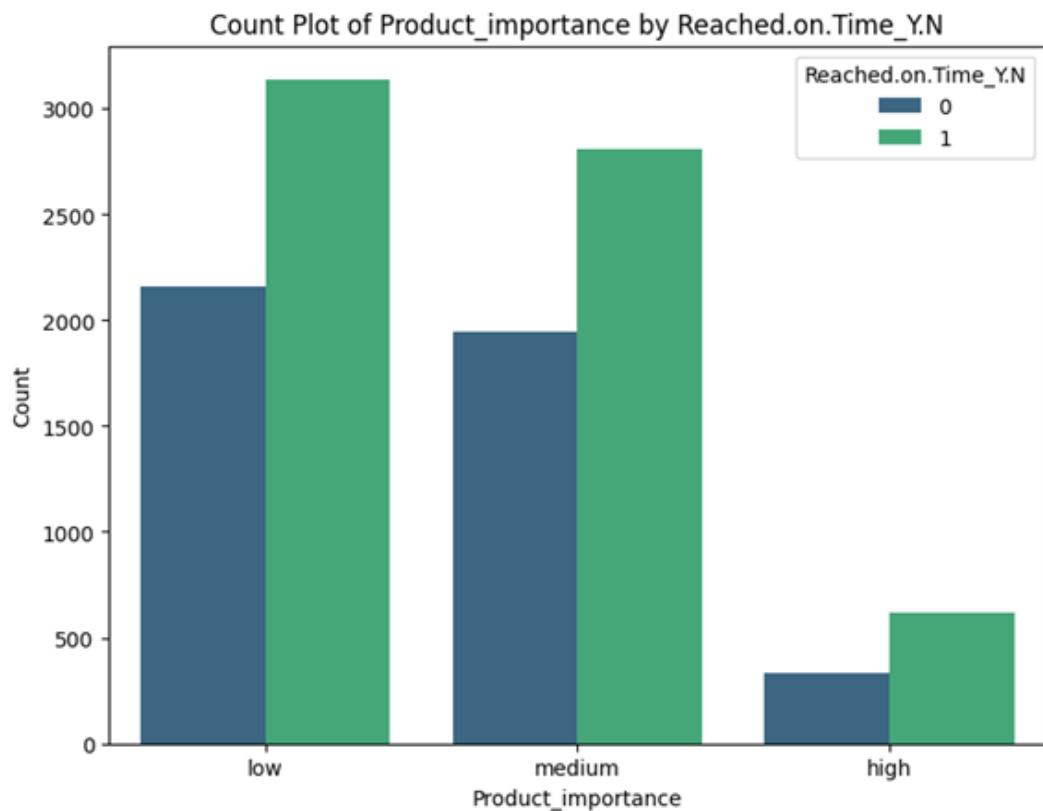


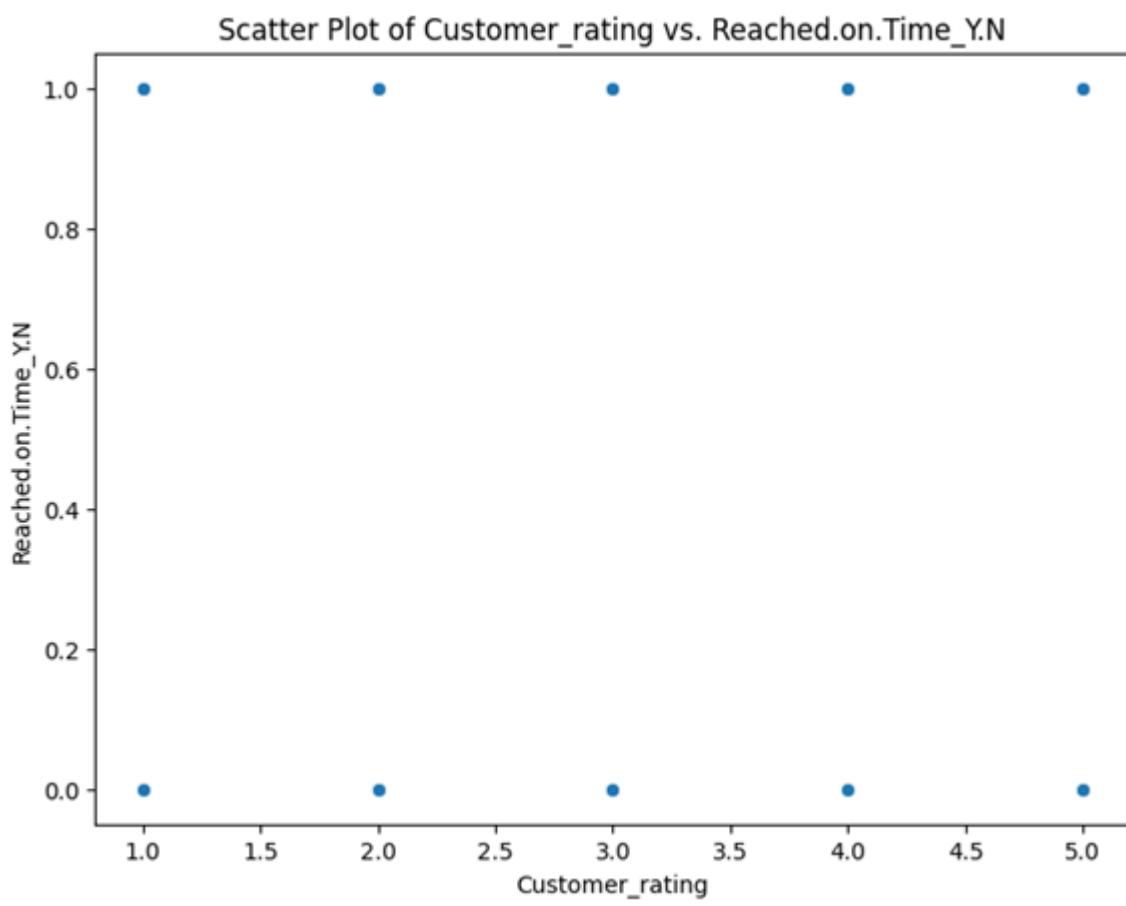
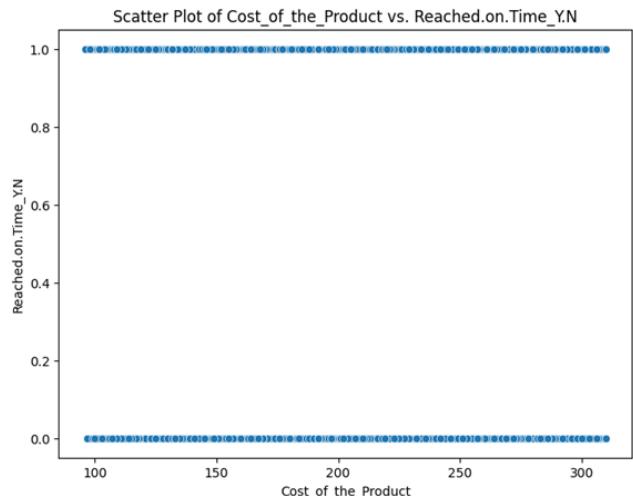
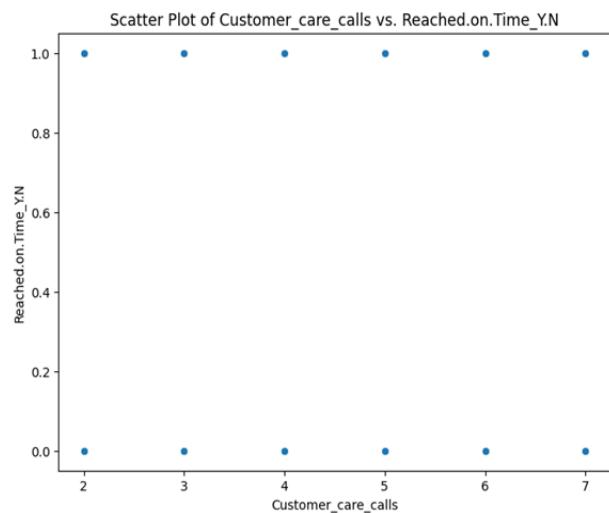
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Performed Data Visualization using Matplotlib and Seaborn including histograms, boxplots, scatter plots, and heatmaps for detailed insights.









1st October Addressed class imbalance problem in the target variable
 2025 (reached_on_time) by applying oversampling to balance 'On Time' and
 (Wednesday) 'Not On Time' classes.

OUTPUT:

Class distribution for 'Reached.on.Time_Y.N':
 Reached.on.Time_Y.N
 1 59.669061
 0 40.330939

3rd October • Began encoding of categorical features in the dataset.
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 (Friday)

- Used **Label Encoding** technique to convert non-numeric categories (e.g., Warehouse_block, Mode_of_Shipment, Product_importance, Gender) into numerical values.

ID	Warehouse_block	Mode_of_Shipment	Customer_care_calls	Customer_rating	Cost_of_the_Product	Prior_purchases	Product_importance	Gender	Discount_offered	Weight_in_gms	Reached.on.Time_Y.N
0	-1.731893	3	0	-0.047711	-0.700755	-0.690722	-0.372735	1	0	1.889983	-1.468240
1	-1.731578	4	0	-0.047711	1.421578	0.120746	-1.029424	1	1	2.815636	-0.333893
2	-1.731263	0	0	-1.799887	-0.700755	-0.565881	0.283954	1	1	2.136824	-0.159002
3	-1.730949	1	0	-0.923799	0.006689	-0.711529	0.283954	2	1	-0.208162	-1.502484
4	-1.730634	2	0	-1.799887	-0.700755	-0.545074	-0.372735	2	0	2.013404	-0.703244

6th October
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(Monday)

- Conducted Feature Engineering to create additional meaningful insights from existing attributes.
- Added a new derived feature: **Cost-to-Weight Ratio**, calculated by dividing Cost_of_the_Product by Weight_in_gms.

ID	Warehouse_block	Mode_of_Shipment	Customer_care_calls	Customer_rating	Cost_of_the_Product	Prior_purchases	Product_importance	Gender	Discount_offered	Weight_in_gms	Reached.on.Time_Y.N	Cost_to_Weight_Ratio	
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4	-1.730634	2	0	-1.799887	-0.700755	-0.545074	-0.372735	2	0	2.013404	-0.703244	0.822138	0.775085

7th October
2025
(Tuesday)

- Applied **Normalization** to numerical features using **StandardScaler** to standardize the data distribution.
- Scaled features like Cost_of_the_Product, Discount_offered, and Weight_in_gms to have zero mean and unit variance.

ID	Warehouse_block	Mode_of_Shipment	Customer_care_calls	Customer_rating	Cost_of_the_Product	Prior_purchases	Product_importance	Gender	Discount_offered	Weight_in_gms	Reached.on.Time_Y.N	Cost_to_Weight_Ratio	
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10th October
2025
(Friday)

- Executed Train-Test Split to prepare the dataset for modeling.
- Used Scikit-learn's `train_test_split()` to divide the data into **80%** training and **20%** testing subsets.

OUTPUT :

Data split complete!

Training size: (8799, 11)

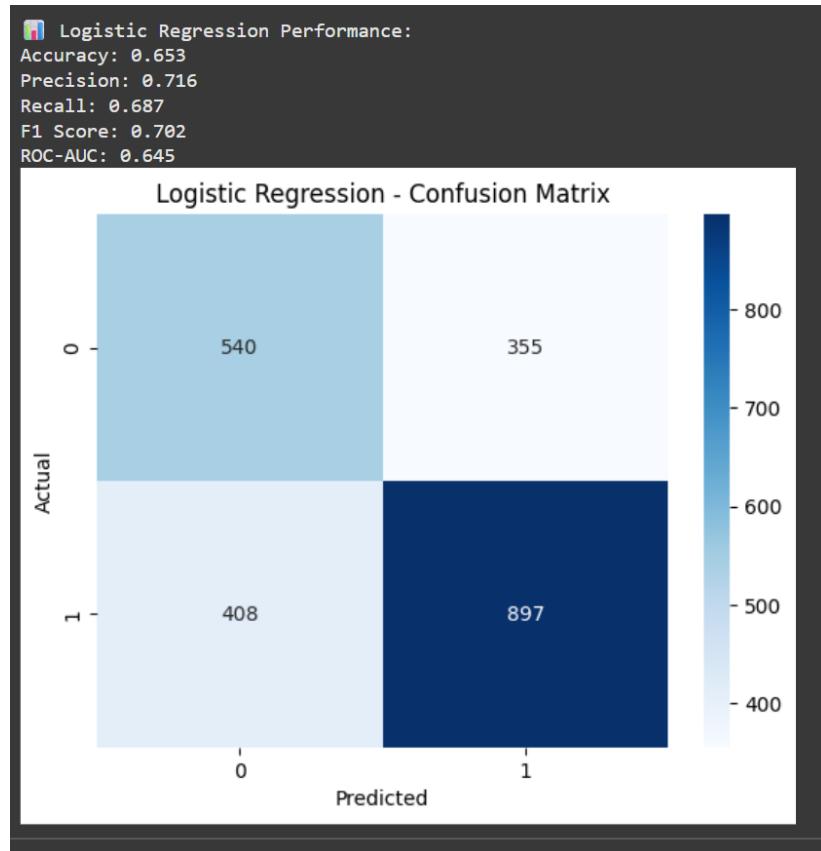
Testing size: (2200, 11)

October 13, 2025 (Monday) – Model Development Initiation

- Started the **model development phase** using the cleaned dataset (`cleaned_shipment_data.csv`).
- Loaded the dataset and defined input features (X) and target variable (Y).
- Recalled key classification algorithms applicable for this task — Logistic Regression, Random Forest, and XGBoost.

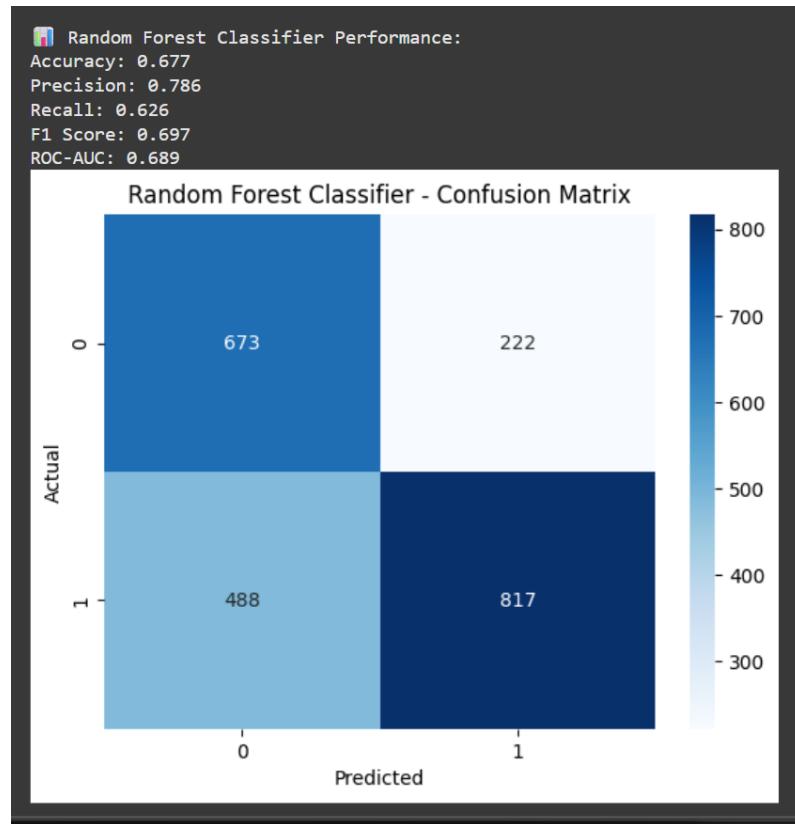
October 14, 2025 (Tuesday) – Logistic Regression Implementation

- Implemented the **Logistic Regression model** for binary classification (On-Time vs. Not-On-Time deliveries).
- Ensured the target variable was correctly label-encoded with values [0, 1].
- Trained the model on the training dataset and generated predictions on the test set.
- Evaluated performance using **Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F1-Score**.
- Displayed and interpreted the **Confusion Matrix** to understand model classification performance.



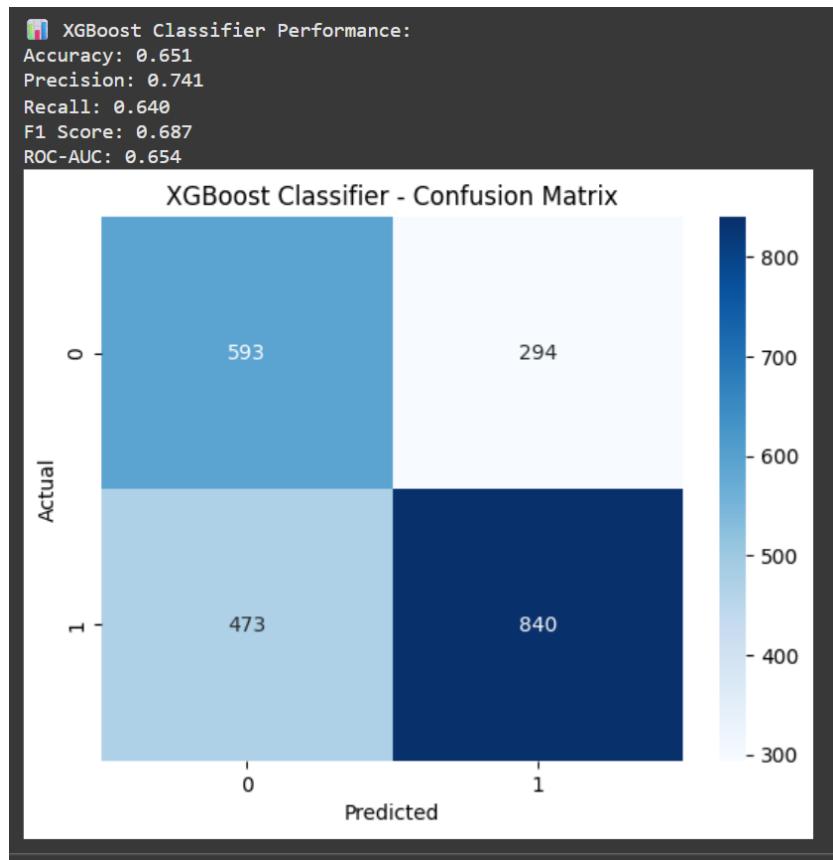
October 15, 2025 (Wednesday) – Random Forest Classifier

- Built and trained the **Random Forest Classifier** for improved accuracy and robustness.
- Experimented with parameters such as `n_estimators`, `max_depth`, and `random_state`.
- Evaluated and compared model metrics with Logistic Regression results.
- Observed improved accuracy and recall compared to the Logistic Regression model.



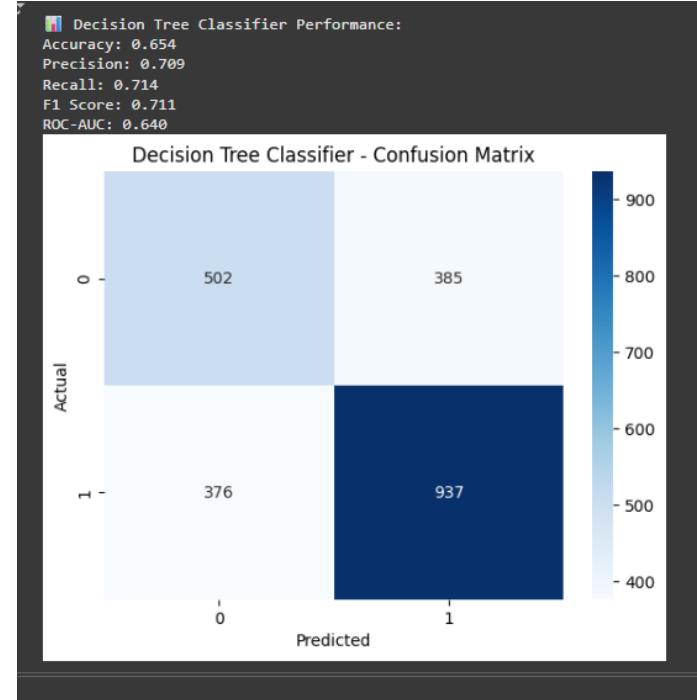
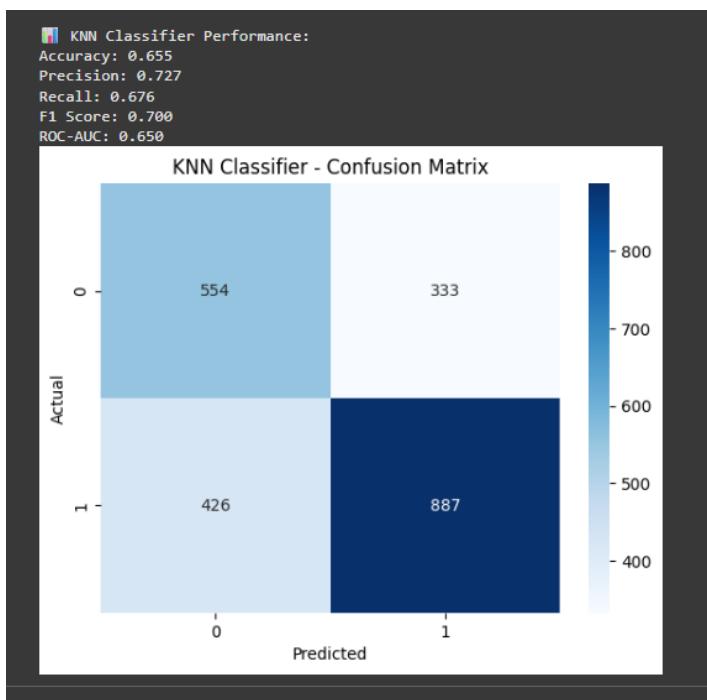
October 16, 2025 (Thursday) – XGBoost Classifier

- Developed and implemented an **XGBoost Classifier**, known for high performance in structured data.
- Resolved encoding issues to ensure binary target labels (0 and 1).
- Trained the model and analyzed performance across evaluation metrics — Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, and ROC-AUC.



October 20, 2025 (Monday) – Additional Model Implementation

- Introduced two additional models for extended comparison:
 - **K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)**
 - **Decision Tree Classifier**
- Trained both models using the same training dataset and tested on the same testing data.
- Recorded and compared their evaluation metrics (accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score)



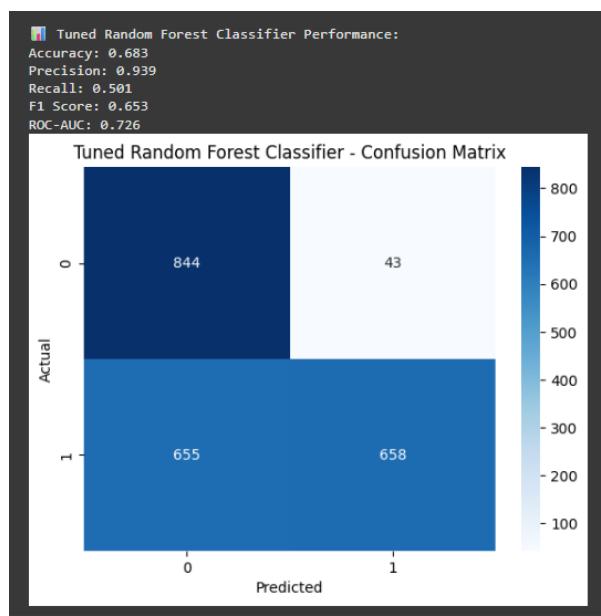
October 21, 2025 (Tuesday) – Consolidated Model Evaluation

- Consolidated results of all five models — Logistic Regression, Random Forest, XGBoost, KNN, and Decision Tree.
- Compared their performance metrics to determine the best-performing algorithm.
- Identified **Random Forest** as the most consistent and balanced model before tuning.

	Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 Score	ROC-AUC
0	Logistic Regression	0.656	0.732	0.669	0.699	0.653
1	Random Forest	0.672	0.782	0.620	0.692	0.684
2	XGBoost	0.651	0.741	0.640	0.687	0.654
3	KNN Classifier	0.655	0.727	0.676	0.700	0.650
4	Decision Tree Classifier	0.654	0.709	0.714	0.711	0.640

October 22, 2025 (Wednesday) – Hyperparameter Tuning

- Performed **Hyperparameter Tuning** for the Random Forest model using **GridSearchCV**.
- Tuned key parameters:
 - `n_estimators`, `max_depth`, `min_samples_split`, and `min_samples_leaf`.
- Re-trained the model using optimized parameters.
- Compared the performance of tuned vs. untuned Random Forest models.
- Observed improvements in accuracy and ROC-AUC after tuning.



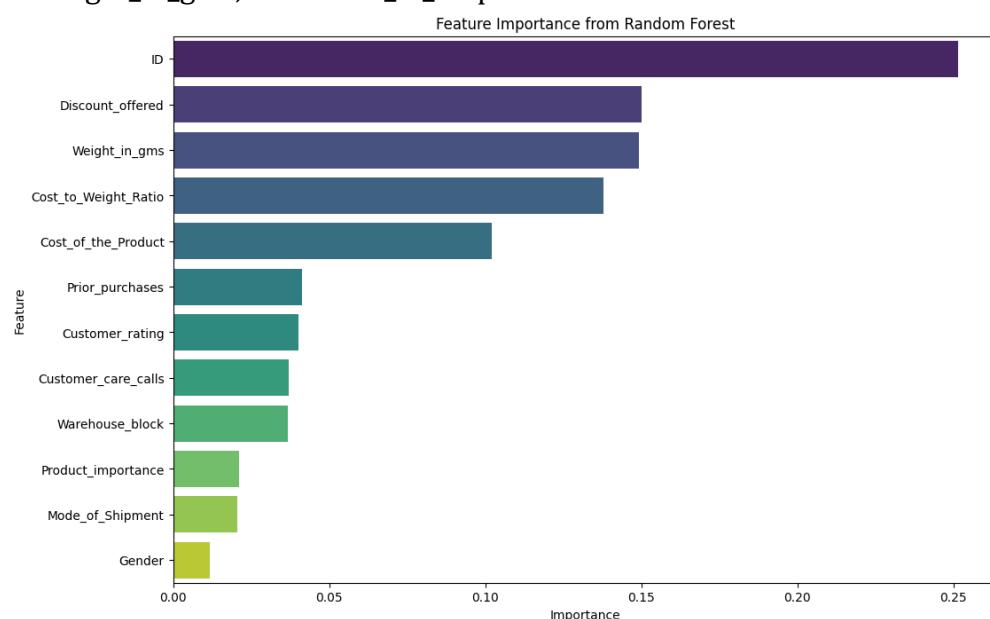
October 23, 2025 (Thursday) – Evaluation

- Conducted final performance comparison across all models (before and after tuning).
- Documented **Random Forest (tuned)** as the best-performing model overall.
- Summarized evaluation metrics in tabular form.

Comparison of Random Forest Model Performance Before and After Tuning:						
	Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 Score	ROC-AUC
0	Random Forest (Untuned)	0.672	0.782	0.620	0.692	0.684
1	Random Forest (Tuned)	0.683	0.939	0.501	0.653	0.726

October 24, 2025 (Friday) – Feature Importance Analysis

- Performed feature importance analysis on the trained Random Forest and XGBoost models to identify which attributes had the most significant impact on the prediction of on-time shipments.
- Visualized the feature importance values using Matplotlib and Seaborn bar plots for better interpretability.
- Documented key influencing features such as Cost_of_the_Product, Weight_in_gms, and Mode_of_Shipment.



Feature Importances:		
	Feature	Importance
0	ID	0.251599
9	Discount_offered	0.150249
10	Weight_in_gms	0.149342
11	Cost_to_Weight_Ratio	0.137815
5	Cost_of_the_Product	0.102102
6	Prior_purchases	0.041318
4	Customer_rating	0.040192
3	Customer_care_calls	0.037046
1	Warehouse_block	0.036780
7	Product_importance	0.021261
2	Mode_of_Shipment	0.020618
8	Gender	0.011679

October 27, 2025 (Monday) – Hyperparameter Tuning Review

- Re-evaluated model performance after applying hyperparameter tuning.
- Observed no further improvement in accuracy and ROC-AUC metrics despite multiple parameter adjustments.
- Decided to explore new models to check for possible performance gains.

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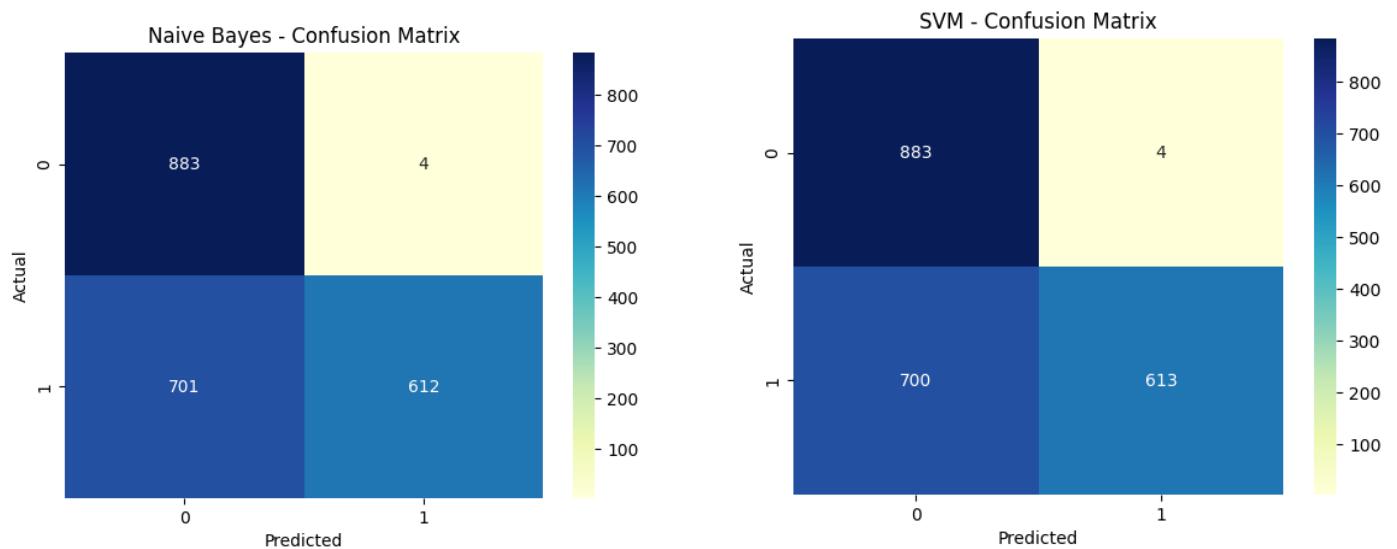
October 28, 2025 (Tuesday) – Validation Data Split and Model Expansion

- Since there was no significant improvement after hyperparameter tuning, the testing data was further split into validation data to enhance evaluation accuracy and reduce overfitting.

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# Further split training data into train + validation
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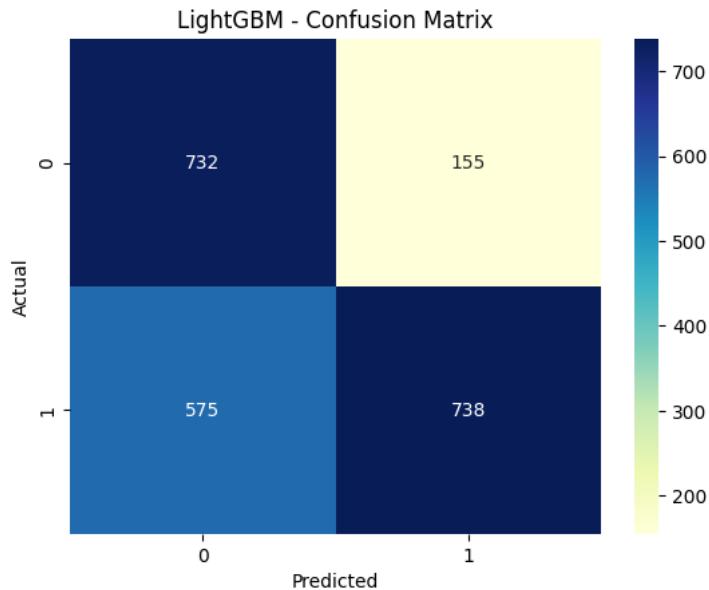
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X_train_sub, X_val, y_train_sub, y_val = train_test_split(X_train, y_train, test_size=0.2, random_state=42, stratify=y_train)
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- This new split enabled better experimentation with multiple models.
- Subsequently, explored and implemented new machine learning algorithms including Naïve Bayes and Support Vector Machine (SVM).
- Used GridSearchCV for parameter optimization and compared validation set performance with earlier models.



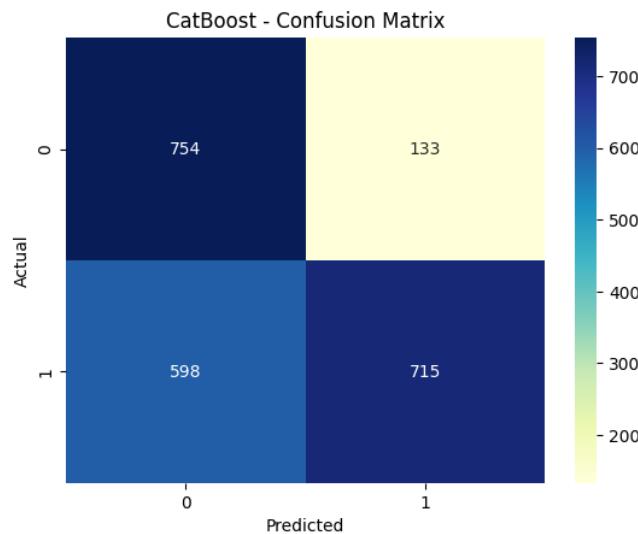
October 29, 2025 (Wednesday) - LightGBM Implementation

- Implemented LightGBM (Light Gradient Boosting Machine) to test advanced boosting techniques for improved accuracy and efficiency.
- Trained and evaluated the model on the train-validation-test split setup.



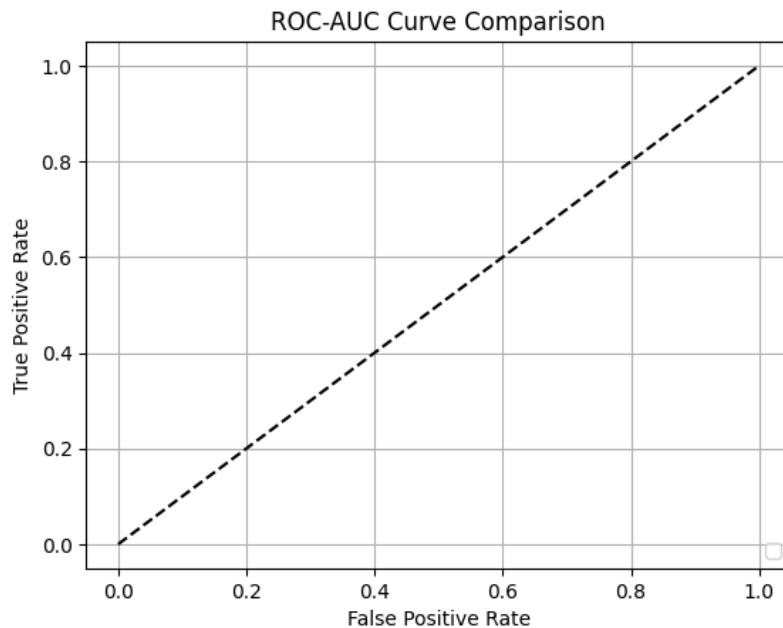
October 30, 2025 (Thursday) - CatBoost Implementation

- Developed and trained the CatBoost Classifier, designed to handle categorical variables efficiently without separate encoding.
- Evaluated model performance on validation and testing datasets.
- Observed moderate accuracy with faster convergence and included results in the comparison study.



November 3, 2025 (Monday) - Comprehensive Model Comparison

- Performed a final comparative evaluation including all developed models:
- Logistic Regression, Random Forest, XGBoost, KNN, Decision Tree, Naïve Bayes, SVM, LightGBM, and CatBoost.
- Created a summary table of key metrics and generated a ROC Curve comparison to visualize model performance.
- Identified XGBoost as the most accurate and consistent model overall.



Final Model Comparison Table:

	Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 Score	ROC-AUC
6	XGBoost	0.9585	0.9910	0.9390	0.9643	0.9959
8	CatBoost	0.8636	0.9720	0.7943	0.8742	0.9594
7	LightGBM	0.8670	0.9605	0.8105	0.8791	0.9591
2	Random Forest	0.7688	0.9984	0.6133	0.7599	0.9581
4	KNN	0.7460	0.8274	0.7257	0.7732	0.8301
1	Decision Tree	0.6977	0.8787	0.5724	0.6932	0.7844
0	Logistic Regression	0.6580	0.7309	0.6752	0.7020	0.7450
3	Naive Bayes	0.6847	0.9862	0.4781	0.6440	0.7437
5	SVM	0.6858	0.9715	0.4876	0.6493	0.7354

November 4, 2025 (Tuesday) – Final Model Selection and Saving

- Finalized the XGBoost model as the project's best performer based on high Accuracy and ROC-AUC values.
- Saved the trained model using Joblib for deployment purposes.
- Verified model reproducibility by reloading and re-testing it successfully.

November 5, 2025 (Wednesday) – Streamlit Deployment Preparation

- Began the model deployment phase using Streamlit to create a web-based interactive interface.
- Designed the layout for data input fields, prediction output, and result display.
- Done Categorical mapping and specified the inputs to be passed for prediction.

```
# Categorical mappings (same as training)
warehouse_map = {'A': 0, 'B': 1, 'C': 2, 'D': 3, 'F': 4}
shipment_mode_map = {'Ship': 0, 'Flight': 1, 'Road': 2}
importance_map = {'low': 0, 'medium': 1, 'high': 2}
gender_map = {'M': 0, 'F': 1}

# Collect inputs
ID = st.number_input("Shipment ID", min_value=1, step=1)
Warehouse_block = st.selectbox("Warehouse Block", list(warehouse_map.keys()))
Mode_of_Shipment = st.selectbox("Mode of Shipment", list(shipment_mode_map.keys()))
Customer_care_calls = st.slider("Customer Care Calls", 1, 10, 3)
Customer_rating = st.slider("Customer Rating", 1, 5, 4)
Cost_of_the_Product = st.number_input("Cost of Product", min_value=1.0, step=1.0)
Prior_purchases = st.slider("Prior Purchases", 0, 10, 2)
Product_importance = st.selectbox("Product Importance", list(importance_map.keys()))
Gender = st.selectbox("Customer Gender", list(gender_map.keys()))
Discount_offered = st.number_input("Discount Offered (%)", min_value=0.0, step=0.5)
Weight_in_gms = st.number_input("Weight (grams)", min_value=100.0, step=50.0)
Cost_to_Weight_Ratio = st.number_input("Cost to Weight Ratio", min_value=0.0, step=0.001)
```

November 6, 2025 (Thursday) - Streamlit App Development and Testing

- Enhanced the app's interface by adding user-friendly components such as dropdowns and input validation.
- Tested the application locally to ensure accurate and responsive predictions.
- Improved the visualization and display of prediction outcomes ("On Time" vs "Delayed").

🚚 ShipmentSure - Delivery Prediction App 🚚

Predict whether your shipment will arrive on time!

📦 Enter Shipment Details

Shipment ID: 1523

Warehouse Block: A

Mode of Shipment: Ship

Customer Care Calls: 3

Customer Rating: 4

Cost of Product: 1.00

Prior Purchases: 2

Product Importance: low

Customer Gender: M

Discount Offered (%): 0.00

Weight (grams): 100.00

Cost to Weight Ratio: 0.00

🚀 Predict Delivery Status

📊 Prediction Result:

Status: On Time

Confidence: 99.98%

🚚 ShipmentSure - Delivery Prediction App

Predict whether your shipment will arrive on time!

📦 Enter Shipment Details

Shipment ID: 11656

Warehouse Block: F

Mode of Shipment: Ship

Customer Care Calls: 3

Customer Rating: 2

Cost of Product: 1.00

Prior Purchases: 2

Product importance: Low

Customer Gender: F

Discount Offered (%): 0.00

Weight (grams): 100.00

Cost to Weight Ratio: 0.00

🚀 Predict Delivery Status

📊 Prediction Result:

Status: 🚧 Delayed

Confidence: 45.19%

November 7, 2025 (Friday) – Deployment on Hugging Face

- Successfully deployed the Streamlit-based application on Hugging Face Spaces for public accessibility.
- Configured all dependencies and environment files for smooth hosting.
- Tested the online app and verified consistent functionality with the local version.

November 8, 2025 (Saturday) – Final Review and Documentation

- Conducted a final project review covering data preprocessing, model training, evaluation, and deployment.
- Prepared detailed documentation summarizing workflow, model performance, and deployment outcomes.

Project Outcome

The project “On-Time Shipment Prediction using AI/ML” successfully achieved its primary objective of developing a predictive model capable of classifying whether a shipment will be delivered on time or delayed based on various shipment-related features.

Through systematic data preprocessing, model experimentation, and deployment, the project demonstrated the practical application of machine learning in improving logistics and supply chain efficiency.

Check the deployed project : [click here](#)

The key outcomes are summarized below:

1. Data Processing and Analysis

- A dataset containing over 10,000 shipment records was collected and preprocessed effectively.
- Missing values were handled using mean and mode imputation, and categorical variables were encoded for model compatibility.
- Outliers were identified and data distribution patterns were visualized using Matplotlib and Seaborn.
- A new feature, Cost-to-Weight Ratio, was engineered to enhance predictive performance.

2. Model Development and Optimization

- Multiple supervised machine learning algorithms were implemented, including Logistic Regression, Random Forest, XGBoost, KNN, Decision Tree, Naïve Bayes, SVM, LightGBM, and CatBoost.
- The Random Forest and XGBoost models initially showed superior performance; after detailed analysis, XGBoost emerged as the most reliable model.
- Hyperparameter tuning and validation data splitting were performed to prevent overfitting and improve generalization capability.
- Performance evaluation metrics such as Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-score, and ROC-AUC were used to assess and compare model effectiveness.
- The final XGBoost model achieved the highest accuracy and balanced performance across all metrics.

3. Model Evaluation and Visualization

- A feature importance analysis identified key shipment attributes influencing delivery time, such as `Cost_of_the_Product`, `Weight_in_gms`, and `Mode_of_Shipment`.
- A ROC Curve Comparison was plotted to visualize model performance differences across all algorithms.
- The final model was saved using `Joblib` for seamless reuse and deployment.

4. Model Deployment and Accessibility

- A Streamlit web application was developed to provide an interactive user interface for predicting shipment status in real time.
- The trained XGBoost model was integrated into the application, allowing users to input shipment details and receive instant predictions.
- The complete project was successfully deployed on Hugging Face Spaces, making the system publicly accessible and easy to use without local setup.

5. Practical and Learning Outcomes

- The project demonstrated how machine learning can be applied to logistics optimization, helping businesses predict delays and take preventive actions.
- The process enhanced technical proficiency in Python, Scikit-learn, Streamlit, LightGBM, CatBoost, and data visualization libraries.
- Developed a strong understanding of the AI/ML project lifecycle, from data collection to real-world deployment.
- The deployed solution serves as a prototype for intelligent shipment monitoring systems in supply chain management.

Overall Result

The project successfully delivered a working predictive model and interactive deployment platform that can accurately predict shipment delivery status.

It fulfills the objectives set at the beginning of the internship — leveraging AI/ML techniques to improve logistics efficiency, interpret key performance factors, and create a deployable, user-friendly solution for practical use.

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