



# Tornadoes in the US 2016-2022

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# Introduction



The background is a light gray gradient. On the left, there is a dark, curved shape resembling a storm cloud or a satellite dish, with several white lightning bolts striking downwards. On the right, there is a vertical, textured purple and blue shape, also with white lightning bolts. Scattered throughout the background are numerous small, dark, irregular shapes, some of which look like splatters or small rocks.

# **Data Engineering**



# Data Cleaning

- Dropped unwanted columns
  - Day, Time Zone, Date Time etc.
- Renaming columns
- Change data types
  - Date From Object to Date
- Created Season Column
  - Created Dictionary and Assigned Season Based on Month
- Exported Cleaned Data To New Excel File
- Created SQLite File Based Off of Cleaned Data



# EDA

```
# switch on user_year
if user_year != 'All':
    where_clause = f"yr = {user_year}"
else:
    where_clause = f"yr > 2000"

# build the query
query = f"""
SELECT
    yr,
    state,
    category,
    loss,
    start_lat,
    start_longitude,
    end_latitude,
    end_longitude,
    distance_traveled,
    width
FROM
    tornadoes
WHERE
    {where_clause}
ORDER BY
    date DESC;
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# build the query
if user_seasons != 'All':
    where_clause = f"seasons = {user_seasons}"
else:
    where_clause = "1 = 1"

query = f"""
SELECT
    yr,
    month,
    state,
    category,
    injuries,
    fatalities,
    seasons
FROM
    tornadoes
WHERE
    {where_clause}
ORDER BY
    date DESC;
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# App and App Helper

```
# Bar Graph Query
def get_bar(self, user_seasons):

    # User Input
    if user_seasons != 'All':
        where_clause = f"seasons LIKE '{user_seasons}'"
    else:
        where_clause = "1 = 1"

    # Query
    query = f"""
        SELECT
            yr,
            category,
            injuries,
            fatalities
        FROM
            tornadoes
        WHERE
            {where_clause}
        ORDER BY
            category ASC;
    """

    # Convert data into dictionary
    df = pd.read_sql(text(query), con = self.engine)
    data = df.to_dict(orient="records")
    return(data)
```

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# Map Query
def get_map(self, year):

    # User Input
    if year != -1:
        where_clause = f"yr = {year}"
    else:
        where_clause = f"yr > 2000"

    # Query
    query = f"""
        SELECT
            yr,
            state,
            category,
            loss,
            start_lat,
            start_longitude,
            end_latitude,
            end_longitude,
            distance_traveled,
            width
        FROM
            tornadoes
        WHERE
            {where_clause};
    """

    # Convert data into dictionary
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    data = df.to_dict(orient="records")
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# App and App Helper Cont

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# HTML ROUTES
@app.route("/")
def index():
    return render_template("home.html")

@app.route("/dashboard")
def dashboard():
    return render_template("dashboard.html")

@app.route("/map")
def map():
    return render_template("map.html")

@app.route("/about_us")
def about_us():
    return render_template("about_us.html")

# Dashboard SQL Query
@app.route("/api/v1.0/get_dashboard/<user_seasons>")
def get_dashboard(user_seasons):
    bar_data = sql.get_bar(user_seasons)
    pie_data = sql.get_pie(user_seasons)
    table_data = sql.get_table(user_seasons)
    data = {
        "bar_data": bar_data,
        "pie_data": pie_data,
        "table_data": table_data,
    }
    return jsonify(data)

# Map SQL Query
@app.route("/api/map/<year>")
def get_map(year):
    year = int(year)
    map_data = sql.get_map(year)
    return jsonify(map_data)
```





# Website Demonstration





# Findings

- What states have the most tornadoes?
  - Texas
- What year had the most tornadoes?
  - 2019 with 1517 tornadoes
- What were the most destructive tornadoes?
  - Category 3 tornadoes accounted for 64.7% of the total losses in \$
  - Category 3 caused the greatest amount of injuries and category 4 the most fatalities



# Conclusions

- The most common type of tornado are category 0 and category 1, showing that these lighter storm patterns make up the majority of our data.
- Category 3 and 4 are the greatest threat to life and property, while category 1 and 2 occur the most.
  - The U.S. hasn't seen a category 5 since 2013.
- The Great Plains of the Central United States get the most tornadoes



# Limitations

The background of the slide features a light gray surface with several stylized, jagged gray lines representing lightning bolts. Scattered across the background are numerous dark, irregular shapes of varying sizes, resembling debris or raindrops. In the bottom left corner, there are some orange, ribbon-like shapes that look like torn paper or torn tape.

- We only have 2016-2022 data points
- Our data is only for the U.S.
- Accounting Bias: Tornadoes are recorded at the county level. All tornadoes regardless of rating are counted but some weaker storms with minimal losses might be missed or under reported.



# Future Work



- Future work could help incorporate climate change models to measure the impact.
- We could create a map that showed the paths of all the tornadoes.
- Incorporating AI models to help build a predictive model.