

# Details

❖ ❖ Project Title: Hospital Patient Records Cleanup Domain: Healthcare Level: Final Year  
B.Tech / Data Science Professionals Difficulty: High Use Case: Prepare hospital patient data for epidemiological research and predictive analytics ❖ ❖ Project Objective: To clean, curate, and prepare hospital data (patients, admissions, discharges, diagnoses, medications) for accurate insights and modeling, while ensuring data quality, regulatory compliance (e.g., HIPAA), and readiness for analytics workflows. ❖ ❖ Provided Dataset: A multi-sheet Excel or CSV-based mock dataset simulating: 1. patients.csv – Patient demographic details 2. visits.csv – Admission/discharge data 3. diagnoses.csv – ICD-10 diagnosis codes 4. medications.csv – Prescribed drugs per visit 5. staff.csv – Doctor/nurse assignments 6. hospital\_info.csv – Hospital unit metadata (Downloadable from sources like CMS Inpatient Dataset) ❖ ❖ Exercises and Tasks by Phase ❖ ❖ 1. Understand the Business Context • Identify the objective: Predict readmission risks, analyze comorbidities • Define KPIs: Avg Length of Stay (LOS), Readmission rate, Mortality rate • Document data use-cases: Resource optimization, care quality improvement • Consider constraints: HIPAA compliance, missing discharge notes ❖ ❖ 2. Data Discovery and Ingestion • Load CSVs or Excel sheets using pandas.read\_csv() or Power BI import • Validate sources, file sizes, data types • Record metadata: file name, rows, columns, date range • Store a version-controlled raw copy ❖ ❖ 3. Data Profiling (Exploration & Assessment) Use pandas-profiling or Sweetviz on each dataset. ✓ Identify: • Nulls (e.g., missing gender, DOB) • Invalid entries (e.g., age > 120, DOB > admission) • Duplicate patient IDs or visit IDs • ICD-10 code format mismatches (regex: [A-Z][0-9][0-9A-Z]) • High-cardinality fields (e.g., Notes, Diagnoses) ❖ ❖ Deliverable: Data Profiling Report for all 6 sheets. ❖ ❖ 4. Schema Alignment & Standardization • Standardize column names to snake\_case • Normalize date formats (admission\_date, discharge\_date) • Recode gender: M, F, O → Male, Female, Other • Standardize drug names (e.g., brand → generic) • Use dictionaries to convert ICD codes to disease names ❖ ❖ 5. Data Cleaning • Impute missing age using DOB • Remove duplicate patient records based on name + DOB + hospital • Drop invalid entries: negative LOS, discharge before admission • Flag logic issues: medication prescribed before admission • Clean special characters in free-text notes • Remove extreme outliers in billing or stay duration ❖ ❖ 6. Data Integration and Merging • Merge patients + visits on patient\_id • Merge diagnoses and medications on visit\_id • Merge staff using attending\_physician\_id or unit\_id • Handle conflicting visit IDs (use suffixes \_x, \_y) • Resolve entity duplicates using fuzzy matching on names + DOB ❖ ❖ 7. Data Transformation • Derive length\_of\_stay = discharge\_date - admission\_date • Generate binary flags: is\_readmitted, is\_high\_risk • Bucket ages: 0–18, 19–35, 36–60, 60+ • One-hot encode admission types (Emergency, Scheduled, Transfer) • Normalize lab result fields (if present) ❖ ❖ 8. Data Validation and Quality Checks • Assert: No negative LOS, DOB ≤ admission • Compare

admission counts before and after cleaning • Create validation tests using pytest or Great Expectations • Run sanity checks: unique patient\_id per row in patients.csv • Log failed validations to a validation\_report.txt

◆ ◆ 9. Documentation and Data Dictionary Create a Data Dictionary with:

Column Name	Type	patient_id	string
admission_date	date	icd_code	string
Hospital entry date	ICD-10 diagnostic code	medication_name	Drug prescribed
Example P12345	2021-06-23	E11.9	is_readmitted
Metformin	boolean	True if readmitted within 30 days	True

◆ ◆ 10. Export, Deployment, and Handoff • Export cleaned, curated data to:

- o clean\_patients.csv
- o curated\_visits.csv

• Deploy to PostgreSQL or BigQuery (optional) • Create a ZIP of:

- o Final CSVs
- o Data dictionary (Excel or Markdown)
- o Validation report

• Provide summary in a handover document (PDF or Notion)

◆ ◆ Tools to Use Task Ingestion Profiling Cleaning Integration Validation Export Tool pandas, Excel, SQL pandas-profiling, Sweetviz pandas, OpenRefine pandas.merge, fuzzywuzzy Great Expectations, pytest to\_csv(), Power BI, Excel Documentation Markdown, Notion, Excel

◆ ◆ Final Deliverables

1.  Cleaned and Merged Dataset (CSV or Excel)
2.  Data Profiling Report
3.  Data Dictionary
4.  Validation and Cleaning Summary Report
5.  README.md or Handover PDF

◆ ◆ 11. Predictive Analytics Tasks (Regression, Association & Decision Tree) In this final phase, machine learning techniques are applied on the curated hospital data to generate insights for risk prediction and operational optimization.

◆ ◆ Regression Analysis:

- Objective: Predict Length of Stay (LOS) based on patient demographics, diagnosis, and admission type.
- Model: Linear Regression, Ridge, or Lasso Regression
- Features: age, diagnosis\_code, admission\_type, medications\_count
- Target: length\_of\_stay
- Metrics: RMSE, MAE, R<sup>2</sup>

◆ ◆ Association Rule Mining:

- Objective: Discover frequent co-occurrence patterns of diagnoses and medications.
- Technique: Apriori algorithm or FP-Growth
- Use Case: Generate rules like “IF diagnosis = E11 AND medication = Metformin THEN likely readmission.”

◆ ◆ Decision Tree Classification:

- Objective: Classify whether a patient is likely to be readmitted within 30 days.
- Model: Decision Tree, Random Forest, Gradient Boosted Trees
- Features: age\_group, length\_of\_stay, medication\_count, admission\_type
- Target: is\_readmitted
- Metrics: Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, AUC

Deliverables:

- Clean dataset with engineered features for modeling
- Jupyter notebooks or Python scripts for each method
- Confusion matrix, ROC curve, and feature importance analysis
- Interpretation of findings with healthcare implications