AIRLINES DATA ANALYTICS FOR AVIATION INDUSTRY

PROJECT REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Overview

The airline industry processes an enormous amount of data from various sources and operations, such as reservation system, departure system, baggage management, revenue management, flight control, CRM, website, and more. Therefore, compiling all this data and analysing it effectively is very important as it helps airlines to change the way they work and achieve business excellence. The airport codes may refer to either the IATA airport code, a three-letter code that is used in passenger reservation, ticketing and baggage-handling systems, or the ICAO airport code which is a four-letter code used by ATC systems and for airports that do not have an IATA airport code. Our project utilizes IBM Cognos tool and ML models such as KNN, Random Forest etc., along with experience to provide insights and intelligence to airlines for better decision making and improved business outcomes.

1.2 Purpose

To provide better Airline and AirPort services and to avoid delays in Air Travel across different locations at Municipality level. The aim is to provide airports, airlines, and the travelling public with a neutral, third-party view of which airlines are delivering on their promise to get passengers from Point A to Point B on-time. Our project is built to collect data, organize and effectively analyze to deliver vital business intelligence for airline to be more efficient and profitable using EDA, Business Intelligence tools etc.,

LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Existing Problem

Airlines and passengers who are expecting efficient use of their funds and minimize the time on travelling by handling large amount of Airlines Data. In the presented context, data coming from various sources in the aviation industry has to be integrated into a common big data repository before being analysed by means of specialized software.

2.2 References

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Big Data Analytics in Airlines: Opportunities and Challenges by Hamida Abd El Samie Mohamed, Mahmoud Ramadan Al Azab

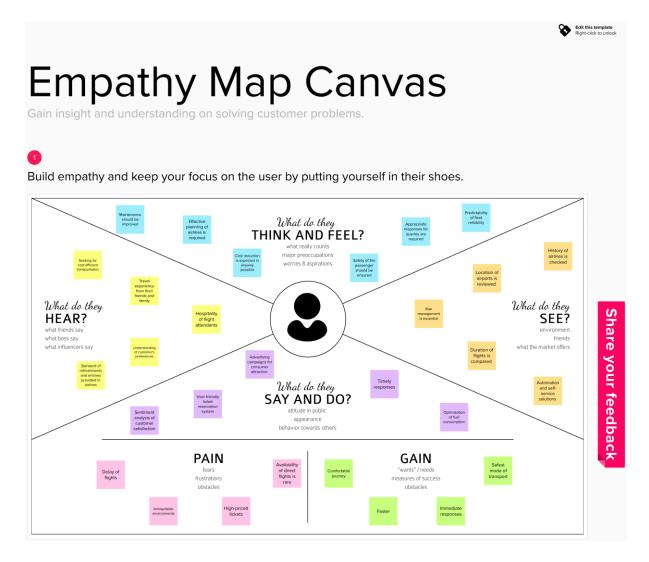
2.3 Problem Statement Definition

Airlines Data is huge that it requires a lot of effort to organize and store it. The fact is that modern airlines have many pending business issues, such as globally uneven playing field, revenue vulnerability, an extremely variable planning horizon, high cyclicality and seasonality, fierce competition, excessive government intervention and high fixed and low marginal cost. With the help of Business Intelligence Tools we can express the data in visualizations for better understanding. Adding to the incovenience when delay happens due to weather conditions or any other unprecedented situations it affects the timetable. What if a model is made to predict the delayness?

IDEATION & PROPOSED SOLUTION

3.1 Empathy Map Canvas

- An empathy map is a simple, easy-to-digest visual that captures knowledge about a user's behaviours and attitudes.
- It is a useful tool to helps teams better understand their users.
- Creating an effective solution requires understanding the true problem and the person who is experiencing it.
- This exercise of creating the map helps participants consider things from the user's perspective along with his or her goals and challenges.



3.2 Ideation & Brainstorming

Brainstorming provides a free and open environment that encourages everyone within a team to participate in the creative thinking process that leads to problem solving. Prioritizing volume over value, out-of-the-box ideas are welcome and built upon, and all participants are encouraged to collaborate, helping each other develop a rich amount of creative solutions.

Step-1: Team Gathering, Collaboration and Select the Problem Statement



Define your problem statement

What problem are you trying to solve? Frame your problem as a How Might We statement. This will be the focus of your brainstorm.

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PROBLEM

How might we provide better Airline and Airport services and to avoid delays in Air Travel across different locations at Municipality level. The aim is to provide airports, airlines and the travelling public with a neutral, third-party view of which airlines are delivering on their promise to get passengers from Point A to Point B ontime.

Step-2: Brainstorm



Brainstorm

Write down any ideas that come to mind that address your problem statement.

① 10 minutes

TIP

You can select a sticky note and hit the pencil [switch to sketch] icon to start drawing!

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Analysis of ticket booking nelps the industry to target the customers with personalized ofters while polimizing the price in real time using precictive analysis techniques Descriptive Analysis allow you to pull trends from redata and succinctly describe what happened is currently happening. Using Descriptive Analysis the trends and patterns is the trevelling data can be derived. Reservation Analytics provides in-depth insights of reservation trends, early alerts and helps our customers in improving reservation

With the right information, MROs can minimize the risks associated with overstocking or stock outs by planning their inventory wisely. With nearly 30 % of the otal delay time caused by unplanned maintenance, predictive analytics applied to fleet technical support is a

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Revenue management is closely monitored by Business Intelligence tools

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Business Intelligence tools are utilised appropriately in this vast ocean of data In-flight sales and food supply during the time of travel can be optimized based on demand and supply predicted earlier

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provides in-depth insights into customer behavior and the opportunity to track customer activity and develop strategies to keep the customer loyal Due to the use of smart data analytics, passengers will avoid many issues with baggage tracking.

Merketing Analytics provides an megrated and end to end view to the larget existem needs by focusing on what is sest for the customers, it provides with the greated and actionable canables recommended on based on customer grouping.

Understanding the travelling needs of customers can be done by feedback surveys

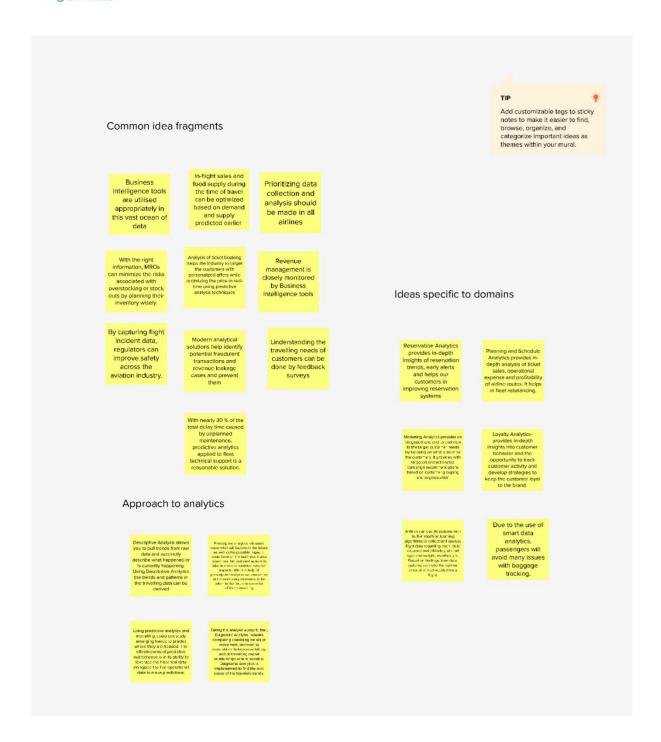
Step-3: Idea Listing and Grouping



Group ideas

Take turns sharing your ideas while clustering similar or related notes as you go. Once all sticky notes have been grouped, give each cluster a sentence-like label. If a cluster is bigger than six sticky notes, try and see if you and break it up into smaller sub-groups.

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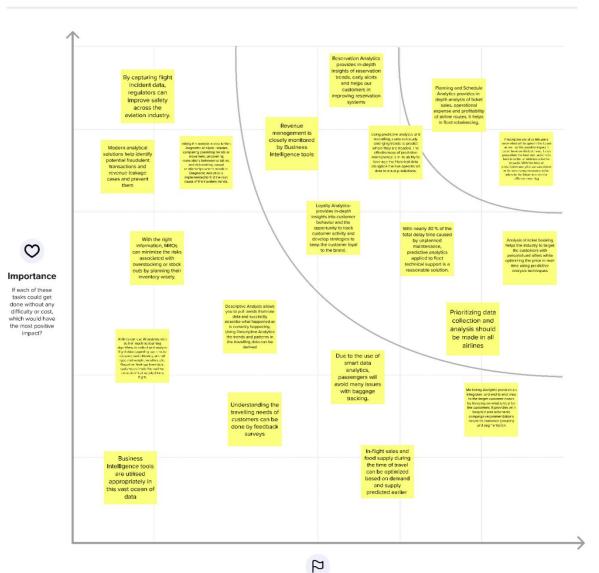
Step-4: Idea Prioritization



Prioritize

Your team should all be on the same page about what's important moving forward. Place your ideas on this grid to determine which ideas are important and which are feasible.

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Feasibility

Regardless of their importance, which tasks are more feasible than others? (Cost, time, effort, complexity, etc.)

3.3 Proposed Solution

S.No.	Parameter	Description			
1.	Problem Statement (Problem to be solved)	How might we provide better Airline and Airport services and to avoid delays in Air Travel across different locations at Municipality level. The aim is to provide airports, airlines and the travelling public with a neutral, thirdparty view of which airlines are delivering on their promise to get passengers from Point A to Point B on time.			
2.	Idea / Solution description	 Improving sustainability is important to the airlines, their passengers and – most of all – to the planet. That's why airlines of all sizes are doing everything they can to reduce both fuel burn and carbon emissions. Collecting data from hundreds of diverse sources and converting it into actionable information with the help of Business Intelligence Tools. To discover trends and suggest the best-operating models, data experts utilize the most up-to-date tools and approaches, such as runway bandwidth, terminal capacity, number of passengers, number of routes, ticket pricing, and so on. Using machine learning models predictive analysis is done. 			
3.	Novelty / Uniqueness	Dashboards and Reports are generated on Aviation Industry data using IBM Cognos which provides us with the necessary insights for the betterment of travel. ML methods like Regression, Classification are executed to prescribe the actions to be taken in order to increase the efficiency of the airlines.			
4.	Social Impact / Customer Satisfaction	Data analytics helps the industry to understand customers' preferences. For instance, analysis of ticket booking helps the industry to target the customers with personalised offers while optimising the price in real-time using predictive analysis techniques. The model we are proposing is highly customer-oriented.			

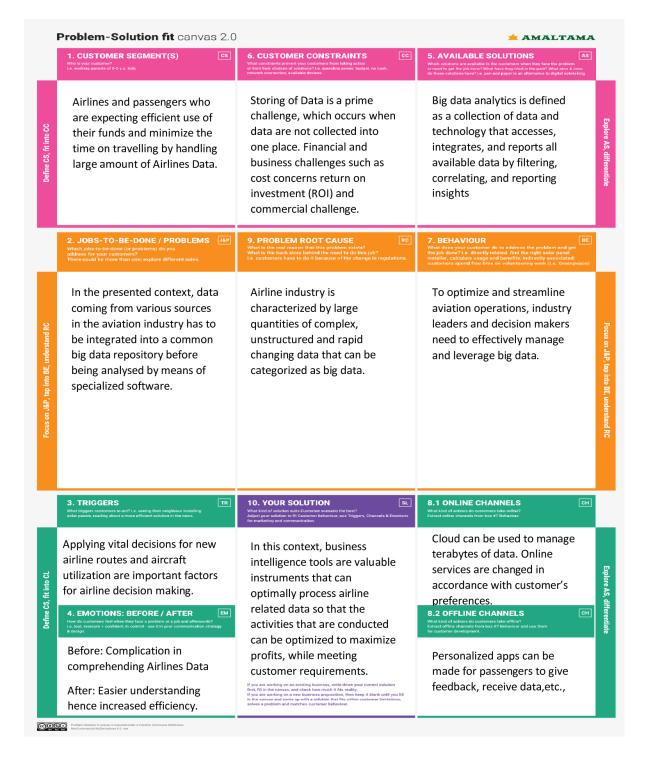
5.	Business Model (Revenue Model)	Revenue generation is made possible through targeting airlines in need of analytical model for their optimization of airspace use and fuel consumption. By making reliable system of Data Analytics we can draw customers thus creating a source of profits.
6.	Scalability of the Solution	The aviation analytics market is projected to grow from USD 2.5 billion in 2022 to USD 4.7 billion by 2027, at a CAGR of 13.0% from 2022 to 2027. Aviation analytics is an evolving technology, which is increasingly being used to arrive at actionable insights for various business functions. The solution we are providing is based on SaaS model.

3.4 Problem Solution fit

The Problem-Solution Fit simply means that we have found a problem with our customer and that the solution we have realized for it actually solves the customer's problem. It helps entrepreneurs, marketers and corporate innovators identify behavioral patterns and recognize what would work and why.

Purpose:

- Solve complex problems in a way that fits the state of your customers.
- Succeed faster and increase your solution adoption by tapping into existing mediums and channels of behavior.
- Sharpen your communication and marketing strategy with the right triggers and messaging.
- Increase touch-points with your company by finding the right problem-behavior fit and building trust by solving frequent annoyances, or urgent or costly problems.
- Understand the existing situation in order to improve it for your target group.



REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

4.1 Functional Requirement

Following are the functional requirements of the proposed solution.

FR No.	Functional Requirement (Epic)	Sub Requirement (Story / Sub-Task)
FR-1	customer Registration	customer can make Registeration through Gmail
FR-2	User Confirmation	After the Registeration the customer will get confirmation through mail.
FR-3	Visualizing data	User can visualize the Regular trends of delay of flights Using IBM cognos Analytics
FR-4	Generating Report	User can view the flight delay report

4.2 Non- Functional Requirement

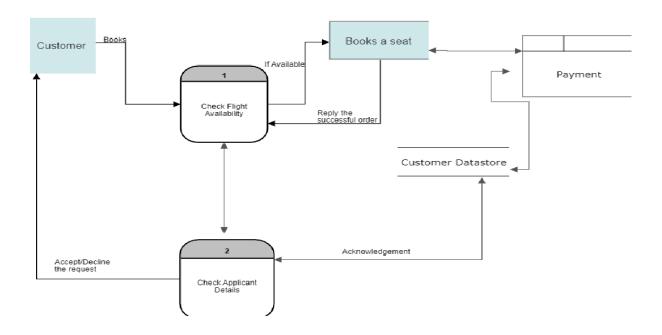
Following are the non-functional requirements of the proposed solution.

FR No.	Non-Functional Requirement	Description
NFR-1	Usability	The application will have a simple and user-friendly graphical interface. Users will be able to understand and use all the features of the application easily. Any action has to be performed with just a few clicks
NFR-2	Security	The main security concern is for users account hence proper login mechanism should be used to avoid hacking. The organization system should not disclose personal information of users and other organization details to public.
NFR-3	Reliability	When the system is disconnected or frozen due to over access at the same time, it should save all the process of the users made up to the point of abnormal happenings.
NFR-4	Performance	The system should require a fair amount of speed especially while browsing through the catalogue.
NFR-5	Availability	The system shall be available 24 hours a day 7 days a week. User can access at anytime.
NFR-6	Scalability	Large Number of users can access the website

PROJECT DESIGN

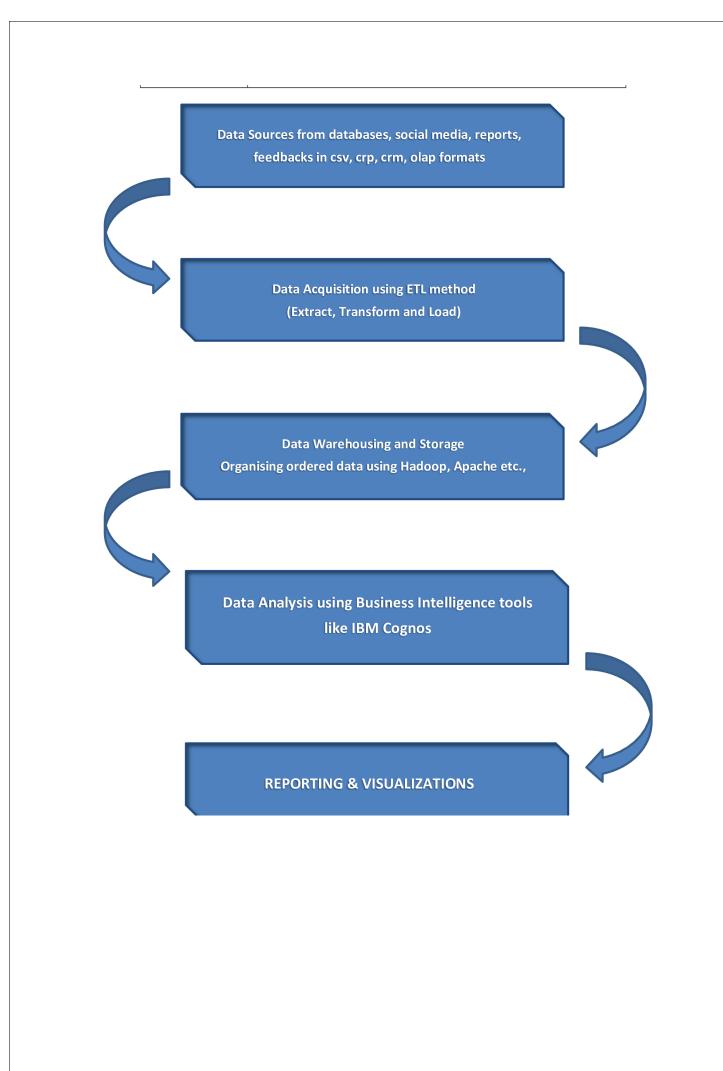
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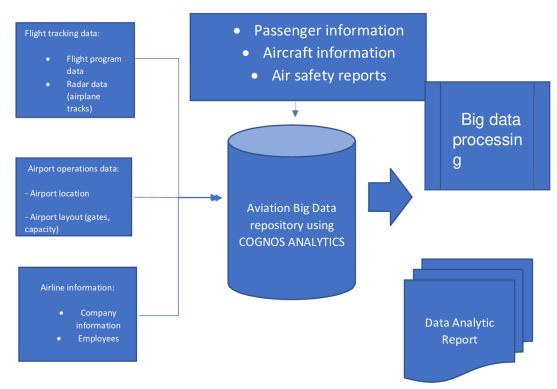
A Data Flow Diagram (DFD) is a traditional visual representation of the information flows within a system. A neat and clear DFD can depict the right amount of the system requirement graphically. It shows how data enter and leave the system, what changes the information, and where data is stored.



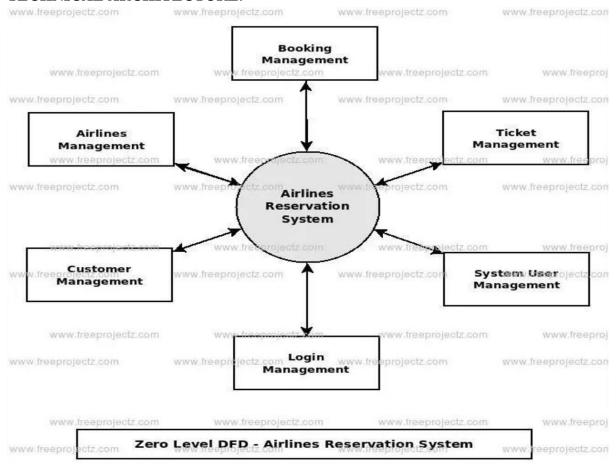
5.2 Solution & Technical Architecture

- Solution architecture is a complex process with many sub-processes that bridges the gap between business problems and technology solutions. Its goals are to:
- Find the best tech solution to solve existing business problems.
- Describe the structure, characteristics, behaviour, and other aspects of the software to project stakeholders.
- Define features, development phases, and solution requirements.
- Provide specifications according to which the solution is defined, managed, and delivered.





TECHNICAL ARCHITECTURE:



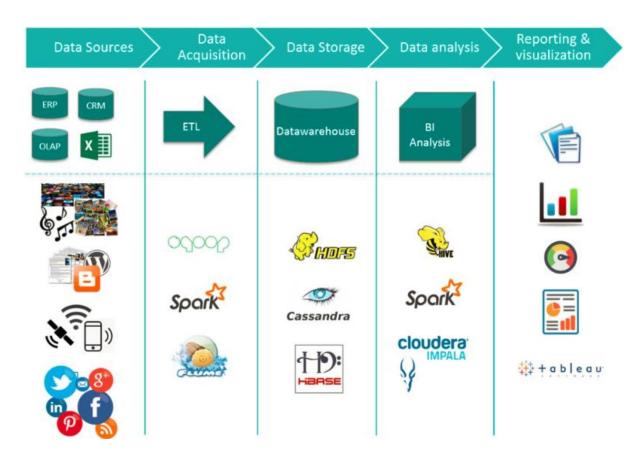


Table-1: Components & Technologies:

S.No	Components	Description	Technology
1.	User Interface	How user interacts with application. Example: Mobile App	HTML, CSS, Java Script, Excel
2.	Application Logic-1	Logic for a process in the application	IBM Watson STT service, Python
3.	Application Logic-2	Logic for a process in the application	IBM Watson Assistant
4.	Database	Data Type, Configurations	MySQL, NSQL
5.	Cloud Database	Database service on cloud	IBM DB2, IBM Cloudant
6.	File Storage	File Storage requirements	IBM Blocks Storage orother storage service or Local File system
7.	External API-1	Purpose of External API used in the application	IBM Weather API

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9.	Infrastructure (Server/Cloud)	Application Deployment on Local System/Cloud Local Server Configuration: Cloud Server Configuration	Local, Cloud Foundry

Table-2: Application Characteristics:

S.No	Characteristics	Description	Technology
1.	Open-Source Frameworks	List the open-source frameworks used	Technology of open- source framework
2.	Security Implementations	List all the security/access controls implemented, use of firewalls.	Example: SHA-256, Encryption, IAM Controls, OWASP
3.	Scalable Architecture	Justify the scalability of architecture	Cognos Used
4.	Availability	Justify the availability of application (e.g. use of load balancers, distributed servers)	AWS Used
5.	Performance	Design consideration for the performance of the application (number of requests per second, use of Cache, use of CDN's)	Dashboard,Reports,Storie s

5.3 User Stories

Use the below template to list all the user stories for the product

User Type	Functional Requirement (Epic)	User Story Number	User Story / Task	Release
Customer (Web user)	Registration	USN-1	As a user, I can register for the application by entering my email, password, and confirming my password.	Sprint-1
		USN-2	As a user, I will receive confirmation email once I have registered for the application	Sprint-1
		USN-3	As a user, I can register for the application through Gmail.	Sprint-1
	Login	USN-4	As a user, I can log into the application by entering email & password.	Sprint-1
	Dashboard	USN-5	As a user, I can get to know what my dashboard consists of.	Sprint-2
Customer Care Executive	Organization	USN-6	The organization which owns this airplane analysis system will enable the option to customers to reach out the organization if • they have any problem with the organization's system of customer interaction or • airplane issues- delay, landing in a different location	Sprint-1
Administrator	Administration	USN-7	The organization takes in-charge of the administrative policies of different departments like: • registration • flight booking • delay visualization • generation of delay report	Sprint-1

PROJECT PLANNING & SCHEDULING

6.1 Sprint Planning & Estimation

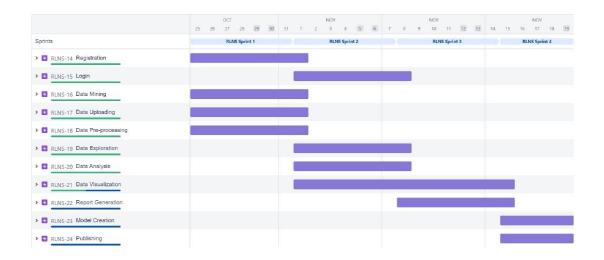
Sprint	Functional Requirement (Epic)	User Story Number	User Story / Task	Story Points	Priority	Team Members
Sprint-1	Registration	USN-1	As a user, I can register for the application by entering my email, password, and confirming my password.	2	High	S.Akshaya S.Jeban
Sprint-1	Registration	USN-2	As a user, I will receive confirmation email onceI have registered for the application	1	High	M.Aswinsiv aGanesh S.Dinesh Sundar
Sprint-2	Login	USN-3	As a user, I can login to the application with theemail id and password	2	Low	S.Jeban S,Dinesh Sundar
Sprint-1	Data Mining	USN-4	As a user, I will start collecting data from various sources with the help of data miningtechniques.	2	Medium	S.Akshaya S,Dinesh Sundar
Sprint-1	Data Uploading	USN-5	As a user, I can upload the collected dataset to the IBM Cloud Account	1	High	S.Jeban M.Aswinsiv aGanesh
Sprint-1	Data Pre- processing	USN-6	After data is uploaded into Cognos, Data pre-processing is done.	2	High	S.Dinesh Sundar
Sprint-2	Data Exploartion	USN-7	Exploratory Data Analysis is done in the dataset.	2	High	S.Jeban M.Aswinsiv a Ganesh
Sprint-2	Data Analysis	USN-8	I can study the data under various categories to derive insights.	2	High	S.Akshaya M.Aswinsiv a Ganesh
Sprint-2	Data Visualization	USN-9	Using dashboards in Cognos BI tool for data visualizations with the help of various charts.	2	High	S.Jeban
Sprint-3	Report Generation	USN-10	I will create reports in Cognos based on the requirement of visualizations.	2	High	S.Akshaya
Sprint-3	Data Visualization	USN-11	I can create story in Cognos.	2	Medium	S,Dinesh Sundar
Sprint-4	Model Creation		I can generate various ML models for predicting the future requirements based on quantitative analysis.	2	High	S,Dinesh Sundar S.Akshaya
Sprint-4	Publishing	USN-13	I can establish my project in GitHub website	2	High	M.Aswinsiv a Ganesh

6.2 Sprint Delivery Schedule

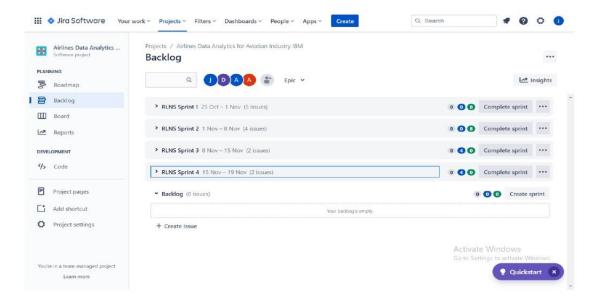
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				(Planned)
Sprint-1	20	6 Days	25 Oct 2022	31 Oct 2022
Sprint-2	20	6 Days	1 Nov 2022	7 Nov 2022
Sprint-3	20	6 Days	8 Nov 2022	14 Nov 2022
Sprint-4	20	6 Days	15 Nov 2022	19 Nov 2022

6.3 JIRA Software

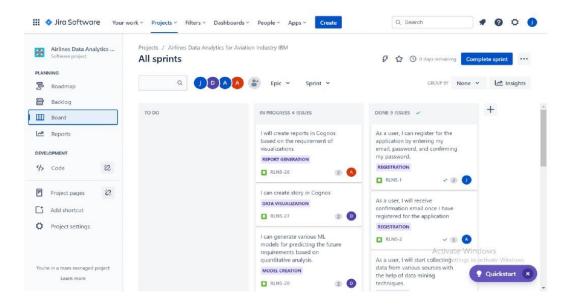
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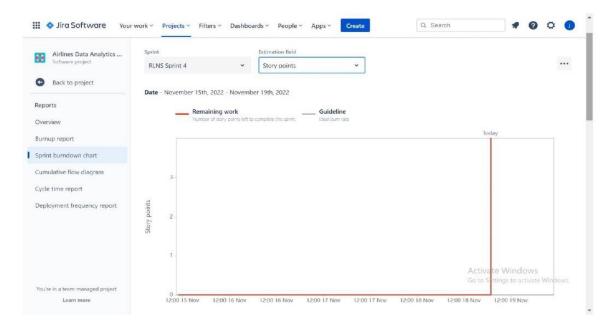
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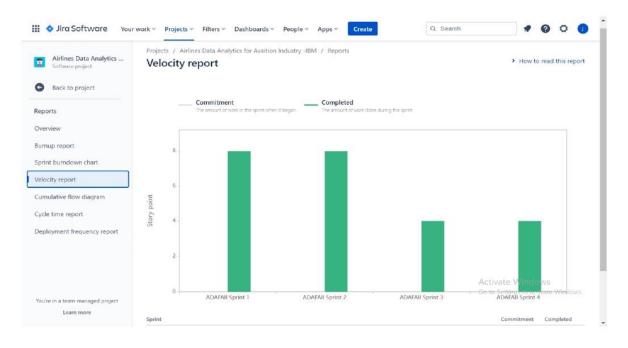
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SPRINT BURNDOWN CHART



VELOCITY CHART



CODING AND SOLUTIONING

7.1 Data Collection

The process of gathering and analyzing accurate data from various sources to find answers to research problems, trends and probabilities, etc., to evaluate possible outcomes is Known as Data Collection. Data is collected by means of online websites like Kaggle, Driven Data, Data gov etc.,

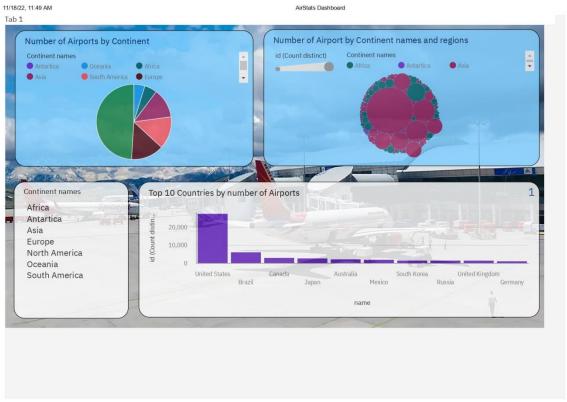
7.2 Data Preparation

The process of preparing raw data comes in handy for the purpose of analysing. Hence data is pre-processed with the help of python libraries, BI tools etc., Data preprocessing can refer to manipulation or dropping of data before it is used in order to ensure or enhance performance, and is an important step in data mining process.

7.3 IBM Cognos

IBM Cognos Business Intelligence is a web-based integrated business intelligence suite by IBM. It provides a toolset for reporting, analytics, scorecarding, and monitoring of events and metrics. The software consists of several components designed to meet the different information requirements in a company. It contains various visualizations for representation. Airlines data is represented through dashboards, reports and stories.

7.4 Dashboard Generation

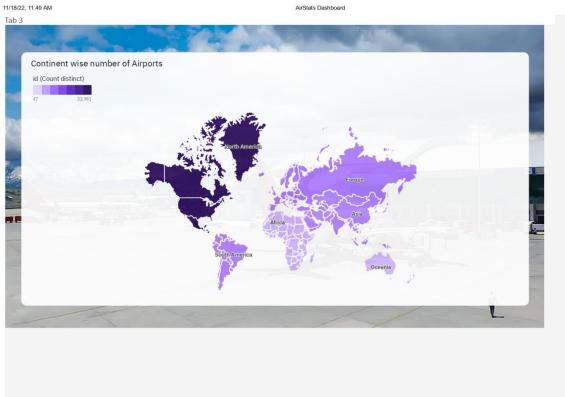


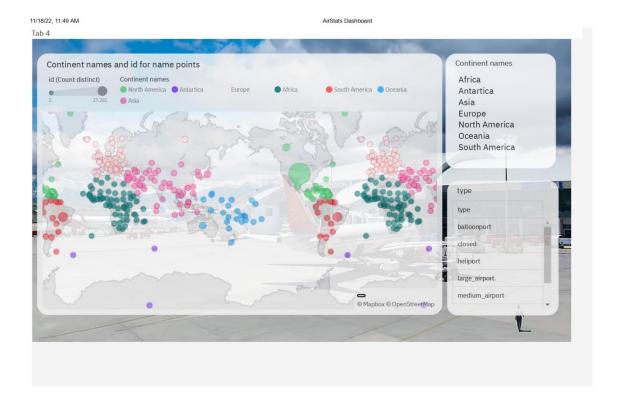
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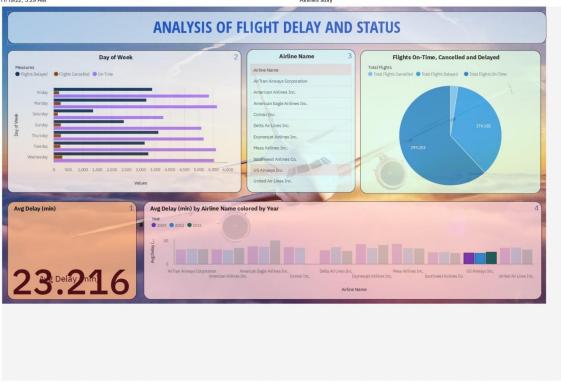
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7.5 Story Generation



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7.6 ML model

Exploratory Data Analysis is done on the acquired dataset to get a clear observation on the data in Google Colab. Machine Learning models such as KNN, Logistic Regression, Random Forest etc., are trained and tested for the dataset. From our observation Random Forest Classifier providing with good results with high accuracy.

ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES

ADVANTAGES:

- The advantages include being able to fly to almost any destination in the world and having a variety of different aircraft for different purposes, and cut down on travel time.
- High Speed It makes this model an optimum choice if the client has an urgent need to ship a product. It is the quickest transport mode and is therefore ideal for long-distance transport of goods.
- There is less need for heavy packaging Air exports, in general, entail less hard packaging than ocean shipments. This ensures you save both time and money by not having to provide extra packaging services.
- Fast Service Air transportation offers convenient, reliable and fast services of transport. It is considered the cheapest way to ship peregrinated goods. It offers a standard, convenient, reliable and fast service.

DISADVANTAGE:

- Risky Air travel is the riskiest mode of transport, since there can be considerable losses to goods, customer and crews as a result of a minor crash. Compared to other means of travel, the risks of collisions are higher.
- Cost Air travel is considered to be the most expensive means of transportation. The cost of maintaining aircraft is higher and the costs for the building of aerodromes and avions are much higher. That's why air travel is so expensive that it gets beyond ordinary people's grasp.

- Capacity for Small Carriage The aircraft have no room and therefore are not ideal for carriage of voluminous and cheaper materials. As is seen for rails, the load volume cannot be raised.
- Accident-prone Compared to other modes air travel is always at high risk of accidents. There are more accidents on count while travelling by air transport. The reason can be bad weather, signal issues or machine parts failure which causes loss of people, crew or goods.

CONCLUSION

With the help of data analysis and machine learning to evaluate passenger demand across different routes, delay prediction, count of airports, types of airports and use data insights to optimize airline handling is done. Intially we dealt with visualizations and exploration of the acquired data and we proceeded to create model which is suitable for our data to predict the future values. We used tools such as IBM Cognos Analytics, Google Colab and languages like python which has a large collection of libraries such as pandas, matplotlib, seaborn which helped a lot in the visualizations. In the future this project can be developed further with the help of advanced ML models like XGBoost by predicting more accurate values. BI tools help us with the estimation of fuel consumption, cost and much more important KPIs.