Project Documentation

Project Overview

The project aims to build a Taxi Demand Prediction Pipeline for SKP Airport. The objective is to identify time windows with insufficient bus coverage at SKP Airport by combining flight arrivals, WTransporter schedules, and weather data to predict optimal taxi dispatch times. This automated system will help in reducing missed revenue during bus gaps by ensuring timely taxi dispatch.

Architecture and Design

Data Sources

1. Flight Arrivals:

Source: SKP Airport Arrivals Page

Data: Flight times, airline, origin, status (dynamic HTML)

2. Bus Schedules:

Source: WTransporter Timetable

o Data: Winter 2024/25 schedule (08:00-20:00 daily)

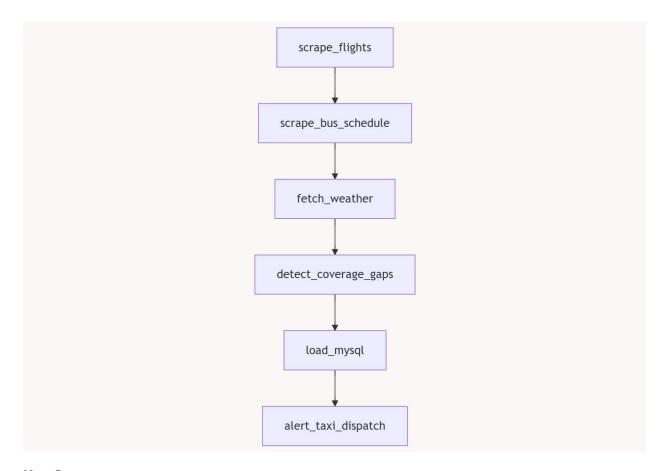
3. Weather API:

Source: OpenWeatherMap

Data: Temperature, precipitation, wind speed

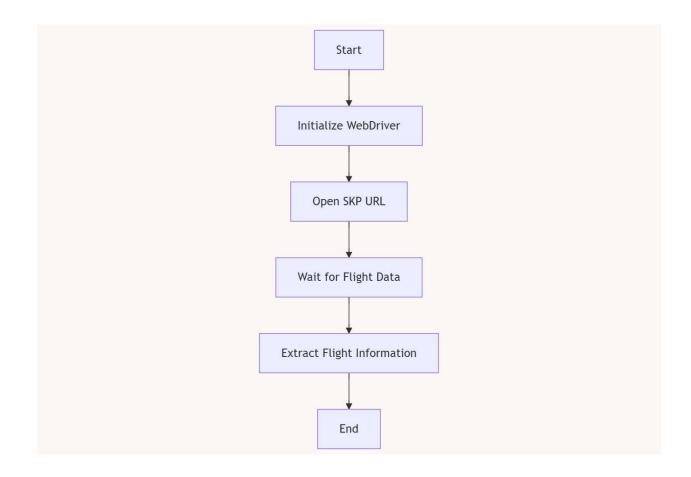
Pipeline Architecture

The data pipeline is designed to scrape data from the above sources, detect coverage gaps, and load the results into a MySQL database. The pipeline is orchestrated using Apache Airflow.

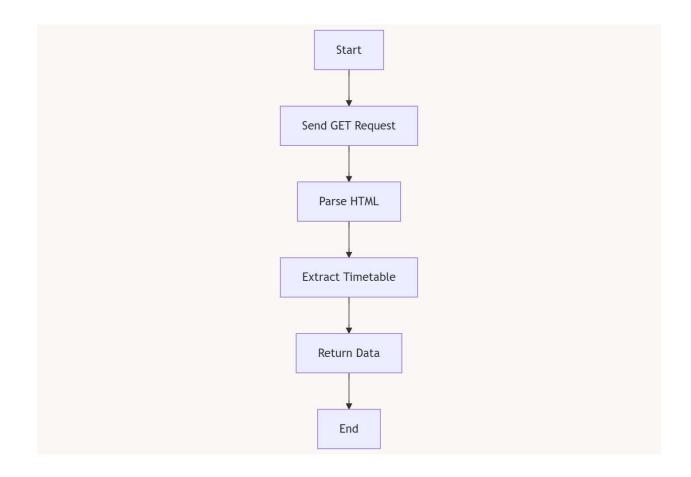


Key Components

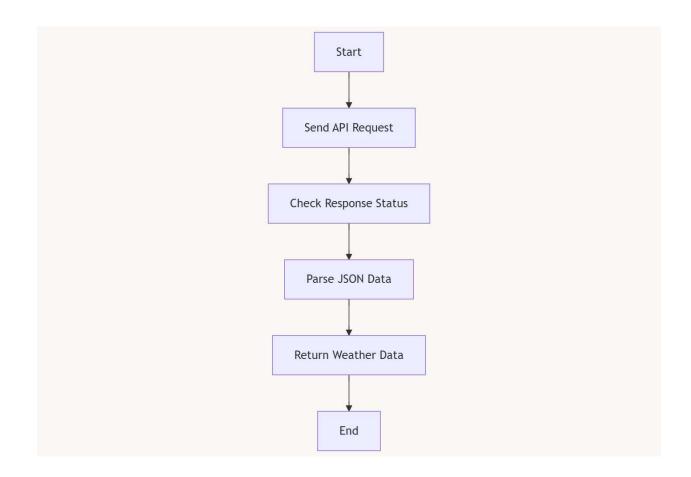
- 1. Scraping Logic
 - Flights (Python + Selenium):



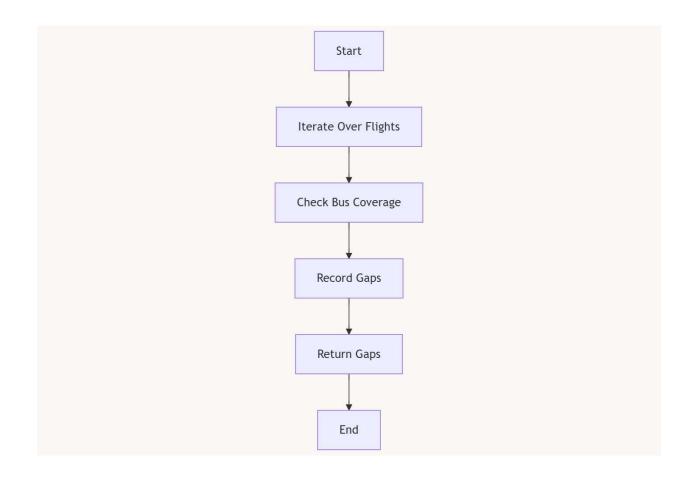
Bus Schedule (Static Scrape):



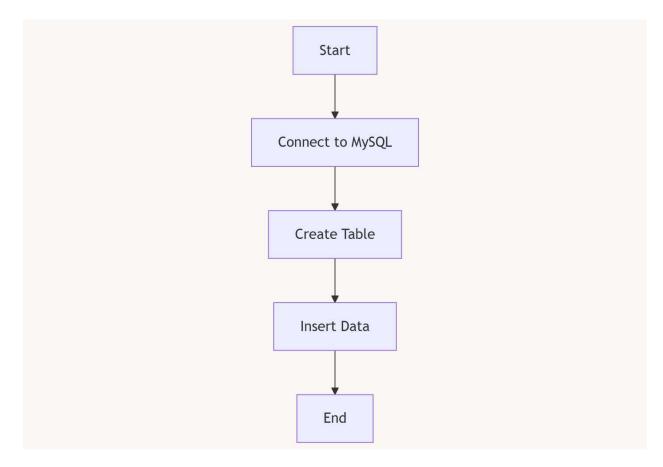
2. Weather Integration



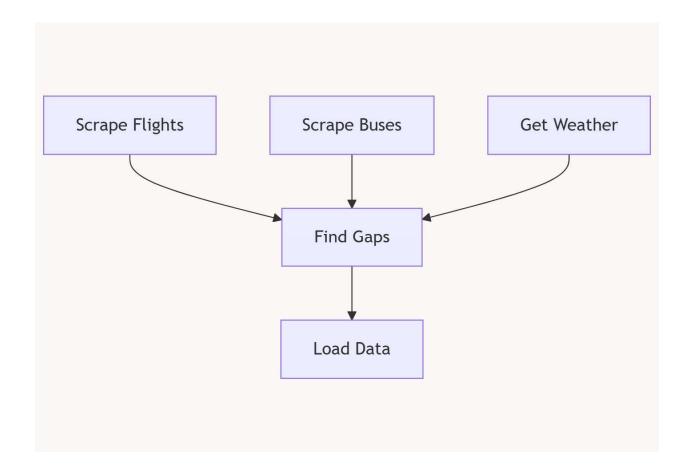
3. Gap Detection Logic



4. Storage (MySQL)



Airflow DAG



Setup and Configuration

1. Environment Setup:

- Install Python and required libraries (Selenium, BeautifulSoup, requests, pandas, etc.)
- o Set up MySQL database and create necessary tables.
- o Configure Apache Airflow and define the DAG as shown above.

2. Configuration:

- o Set environment variables for API keys and database credentials.
- o Schedule the Airflow DAG to run hourly.

Results

The pipeline successfully identifies time windows with insufficient bus coverage and predicts the number of taxis needed. Sample output:

2025-02-08 22:15: No buses. Predicted taxis needed: 12 (rain)

Ethical Considerations

- Avoid scraping SKP/WTransporter during peak hours.
- Cache bus schedule