Predicting Flight Delays

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Project Goal & Approach

Project Goal

Build a classification model that can accurately predict flight delays

Approach

Identify Target
Dataset



Conduct EDA



Build Basic & Advanced Classification Models



Test & Validate Model Results



Create Tableau
Dashboard to
Support Model

Leveraged 2015 US flight dataset

~5,800,000 rows of total data

Cleaned data, analyzed covariance

One-hot encoded target variables

Random Forest Classification used for basic model

XG Boost used for final model

Re-tested model with 100% of data

Two dashboards were built, one for exploration and one for prediction

Project Roadblocks & Solutions

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Project Phase

EDA

Model Building

Model Building

Test & Validate

Roadblock

Redundant variables resulted in collinearity

Dataset too large for model building

One-hot encoding exponentially expands dataset

Prediction accuracy below expectations

Solution

Analyze co-linearity and drop redundant variables to simply analysis

Take 10% random sample for exploratory model building

Pandas "Get Dummies" command successfully worked Hyperparameter tuning

- Learning Rate
- Max Tree Depth
- Estimator Number

Flight Prediction Model Results

Accuracy: 0.65 Classification Report: precision recall f1-score suppor 0.78 0.66 0.95 74629 0.55 0.11 0.18 41752 0.65 116381 accuracy 0.48 116381 0.60 0.53 macro avg weighted avg 0.62 0.65 0.56 1163816

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Model Accuracy:

Overall model accuracy is 65%

Prediction Recall:

Model was more successful at predicting on-time (Bool = 0) versus delayed (Bool = 1) flights

Feature Importance: Feature Importance O SCHEDULED_DEPARTURE MONTH DAY_OF_WEEK DISTANCE O.357510 0.293418 0.240834

Main Features:

Following features were highlighted:

- Departure time
 - Month
 - Day of week
 - Flight distance

Feature Exploration Dashboard

Dashboard aims to explore core prediction features based on "On Time/Delay" Status



Total Flight Count

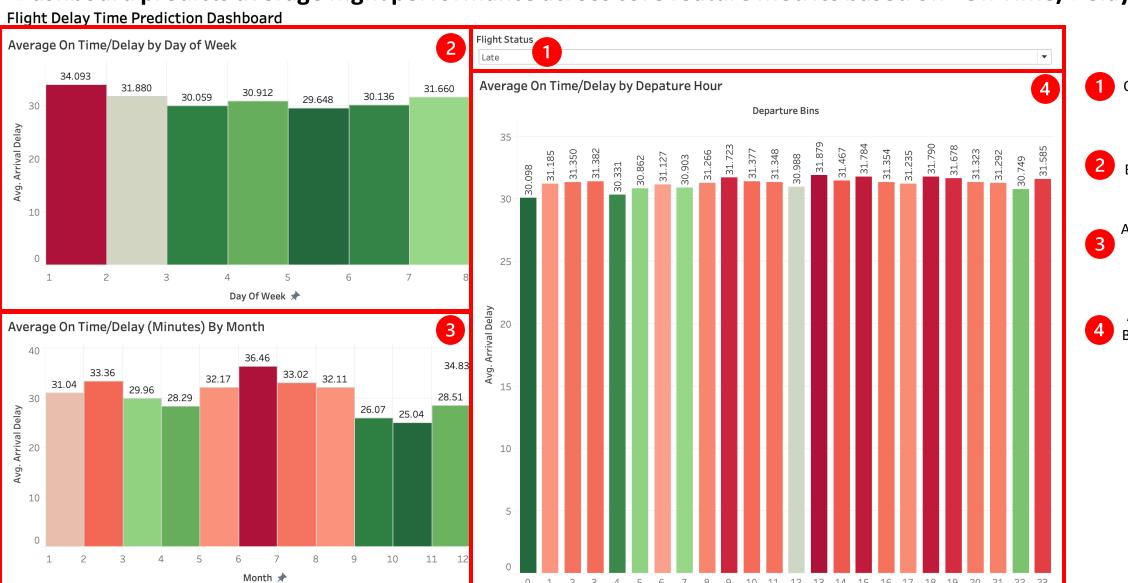
Average Delay by

Calendar Month

Exploration

Flight Delay Time Prediction Dashboard

Dashboard predicts average flight performance across core feature metrics based on "On Time/Delay" selection



- On Time/Delay Toggle

 Average Arrival Time
- Based on **Day of Week**Departure
- Average Arrival Time
 Based on **Month**Departure
- Average Arrival Time
 Based on Hour of Day
 Departure