INFO 7250 – Engineering of Big Data

PROJECT PROPOSAL

I am using the data on **Airline On-Time Statistics and Delay Causes from**

http://stat-computing.org/dataexpo/2009/the-data.html

This is dataset containing information about airline schedule with following columns:

Variable descriptions

	Name	Description
1	Year	1987-2008
2	Month	1-12
3	DayofMonth	1-31
4	DayOfWeek	1 (Monday) - 7 (Sunday)
5	DepTime	actual departure time (local, hhmm)
6	CRSDepTime	scheduled departure time (local, hhmm)
7	ArrTime	actual arrival time (local, hhmm)
8	CRSArrTime	scheduled arrival time (local, hhmm)
9	UniqueCarrier	unique carrier code
10	FlightNum	flight number
11	TailNum	plane tail number
12	ActualElapsedTime	in minutes
13	CRSElapsedTime	in minutes
14	AirTime	in minutes
15	ArrDelay	arrival delay, in minutes
16	DepDelay	departure delay, in minutes
17	Origin	origin IATA airport code

18	Dest	destination IATA airport code
19	Distance	in miles
20	TaxiIn	taxi in time, in minutes
21	TaxiOut	taxi out time in minutes
22	Cancelled	was the flight cancelled?
23	CancellationCode	reason for cancellation (A = carrier, B = weather, C = NAS, D = security)
24	Diverted	1 = yes, 0 = no
25	CarrierDelay	in minutes
26	WeatherDelay	in minutes
27	NASDelay	in minutes
28	SecurityDelay	in minutes
29	LateAircraftDelay	in minutes

The reason of selections this data set is that it has many numbers of columns which will enable me to use various MapReduce algorithms studies in the course for different types of analysis.

Also, the data is evenly segregated in yearly basis. So, in case If I can am unable to load complete data in my computer then too I can do the same analysis on small portion of same data more easily.

In this project I will try to answer following questions :-

1. Which month, time or day of week contributed in maximum delay in airline departure and/or arrivals ?
2. At what time during the day the airlines are most busy?
3. What were various causes of delay ?
4. Depending on departure and arrival time, which destination is best efficient from which starting city?

Apart from above analysis, I will try to do more analysis using Apache Hive and Apache Pig.