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Car Price Prediction Model

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CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 COMPANY PROFILE

This project was undertaken as part of the academic curriculum at the School of Computer Science and Engineering, Lovely Professional University (LPU), Phagwara, Punjab. LPU is a premier educational institution in India, recognized for its focus on industry-oriented education and research. The School of Computer Science and Engineering is equipped with modern facilities and fosters innovation in fields such as machine learning, data science, artificial intelligence, and software engineering. The department emphasizes practical training through projects, enabling students to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world problems.

1.2 OVERVIEW OF TRAINING DOMAIN

The training domain for this project is Machine Learning (ML) and Data Science, with a focus on regression modeling, data preprocessing, exploratory data analysis (EDA), and web application deployment. The project involved developing a predictive model to estimate used car prices, a regression task requiring skills in data cleaning, feature engineering, model training, and user interface development. The training provided hands-on experience with Python-based ML tools and deployment frameworks, preparing us for real-world applications in the automotive industry.

1.3 OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

The objectives of the Car Price Prediction project are:

- To preprocess a dataset of used car listings to ensure high data quality.
- To engineer features that capture key factors influencing car prices, such as brand, year, and mileage.
- To develop and train a Random Forest regression model to accurately predict car prices.
- To deploy the model as an interactive Streamlit web application for user accessibility.
- To evaluate the model's performance using regression metrics (e.g., R², MSE) and analyze its limitations to propose future improvements.

CHAPTER 2: TRAINING OVERVIEW

2.1 TOOLS & TECHNOLOGIES USED

The project utilized the following tools and technologies:

- PYTHON: Core programming language for data processing, modeling, and deployment.
- SCIKIT-LEARN: For implementing the Random Forest regression model and computing evaluation metrics.
- PANDAS: For data manipulation, cleaning, and preprocessing.
- NUMPY: For numerical computations and array operations.
- MATPLOTLIB AND SEABORN: For creating visualizations such as scatter plots, box plots, and regression plots.
- STREAMLIT: For developing and deploying the interactive web application.
- JUPYTER NOTEBOOK: For exploratory data analysis, prototyping, and code development.

2.2 AREAS COVERED DURING TRAINING

The training covered the following key areas:

- DATA PREPROCESSING: Handling missing values, removing duplicates, and encoding categorical variables.
- EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS: Performing univariate and bivariate analyses to identify patterns and correlations.
- FEATURE ENGINEERING: Extracting relevant features (e.g., car brand) and cleaning numerical data (e.g., mileage, engine).
- MODEL DEVELOPMENT: Training a Random Forest regression model and evaluating its performance.
- DEPLOYMENT: Building a user-friendly web application using Streamlit for real-time predictions.
- VISUALIZATION: Creating plots to visualize feature distributions and relationships.

2.3 DAILY WORK SUMMARY

The project was executed over five days, with the following milestones:

- DAY 1: Collected the dataset from the CarDekho platform and performed initial exploration to identify issues (e.g., missing values, duplicates).
- DAY 2: Preprocessed the dataset by dropping unnecessary columns (e.g., torque), handling missing values (221 rows), removing duplicates (1,189 rows), and engineering features (e.g., brand extraction).
- DAY 3: Conducted EDA, including univariate analysis (e.g., price distribution), bivariate analysis (e.g., year vs. price), and correlation matrix computation.
- DAY 4: Trained the Random Forest model, evaluated it using R² (0.9128) and MSE (63,232,848,857.42 INR²), and developed the initial Streamlit app.
- DAY 5: Refined the model, added input validation to the Streamlit app, and finalized the project report.

CHAPTER 3: PROJECT DETAILS

3.1 TITLE OF THE PROJECT

Car Price Prediction Using Machine Learning

3.2 PROBLEM DEFINITION

Pricing used cars is a challenging task due to the influence of multiple factors, including car brand, year of manufacture, kilometers driven, fuel type, seller type, transmission, ownership status, mileage, engine capacity, and maximum power. Manual price estimation is time-consuming, subjective, and prone to errors. This project addresses the need for an automated, data-driven solution to predict used car prices accurately, benefiting buyers, sellers, and dealerships in the automotive market.

3.3 SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES

SCOPE:

- Develop a machine learning model to predict used car prices based on a dataset of 8,148 car listings.
- Ensure data quality through preprocessing and feature engineering.
- Deploy the model as a user-friendly web application for real-time predictions.
- Achieve high predictive accuracy (target R² > 0.85) and provide insights into key price drivers.

OBJECTIVES:

- Clean and preprocess the dataset to remove inconsistencies and ensure model compatibility.
- Engineer features to capture relevant information (e.g., car brand, numerical values from mileage).
- Train a Random Forest model to predict prices with high accuracy.
- Deploy the model via Streamlit for accessibility to non-technical users.
- Evaluate model performance and identify areas for improvement.

3.4 SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- HARDWARE: Standard laptop/desktop with at least 8 GB RAM and a 2 GHz processor.
- SOFTWARE:
 - o Python 3.8 or higher
 - o Libraries: scikit-learn, pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, Seaborn, Streamlit
 - Jupyter Notebook for development and testing
- DATASET: "Car dekho Car dekho.csv" with 8,148 observations and 12 features (reduced to 5,328 after preprocessing).
- OPERATING SYSTEM: Windows, macOS, or Linux.

3.5 DATA FLOW DIAGRAM

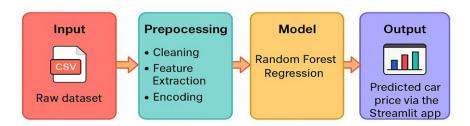


Figure 1: Data Flow Diagram

CHAPTER 4: IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 TOOLS USED

The implementation utilized:

- PYTHON LIBRARIES: pandas for data manipulation, NumPy for numerical operations, scikit-learn for model training and evaluation.
- VISUALIZATION TOOLS: Matplotlib and Seaborn for generating scatter plots, box plots, and regression plots.
- STREAMLIT: For building and deploying the interactive web application.
- JUPYTER NOTEBOOK: For prototyping and exploratory analysis.

4.2 METHODOLOGY

The project followed a structured machine learning pipeline:

1. DATA COLLECTION: Sourced the dataset ("Car dekho - Car dekho.csv") with 8,148 observations and 12 features.

2. PREPROCESSING:

- o Dropped the torque column due to inconsistent data formats.
- Removed 221 rows with missing values in mileage, engine, max_power, and seats.
- Eliminated 1,189 duplicate rows, reducing the dataset to 6,738 observations (further cleaned to 5,328 for training/testing).
- \circ Extracted car brand from the Name column (e.g., "Maruti Alto" \rightarrow "Maruti"), reducing dimensionality to 31 unique brands.
- Encoded categorical features: fuel (Petrol=1, Diesel=2, etc.), seller_type (Individual=1, Dealer=2), transmission (Manual=1, Automatic=2), owner (First Owner=1, Second Owner=2, etc.).
- Cleaned numerical features: mileage (e.g., "19.03 kmpl" \rightarrow 19.03), engine (e.g., "999 CC" \rightarrow 999.0).

3. EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS:

- o Univariate analysis: Examined distributions of selling_price (positively skewed), year (peaking 2015–2020), and km_driven (10,000–100,000 km).
- Bivariate analysis: Identified correlations, e.g., year vs. selling_price (0.65), km_driven vs. selling_price (-0.45).
- Visualizations: Scatter plots (year vs. price), box plots (fuel type vs. price), and correlation matrix.

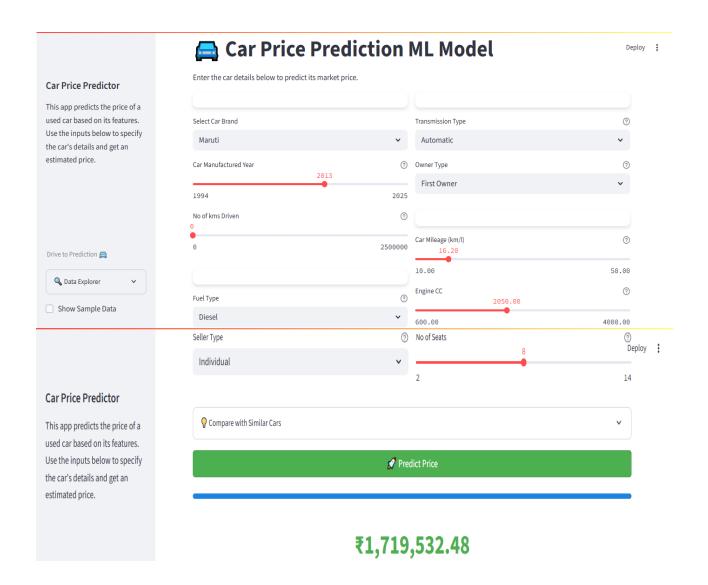
4. MODEL TRAINING:

- o Split data into 80% training (4,262 cars) and 20% testing (1,066 cars) using scikit-learn's train test split.
- o Trained a Random Forest regression model with 100 trees (default hyperparameters).
- 5. EVALUATION: Computed R² (0.9128) and MSE (63,232,848,857.42 INR²) on the test set.
- 6. DEPLOYMENT: Developed a Streamlit app to accept user inputs (e.g., brand, year, fuel) and display predicted prices, with the model saved as model.pkl.

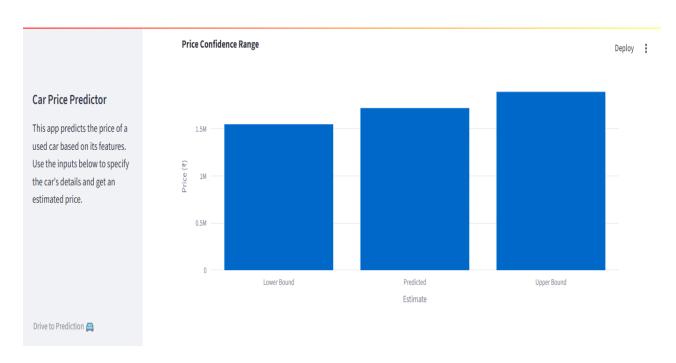
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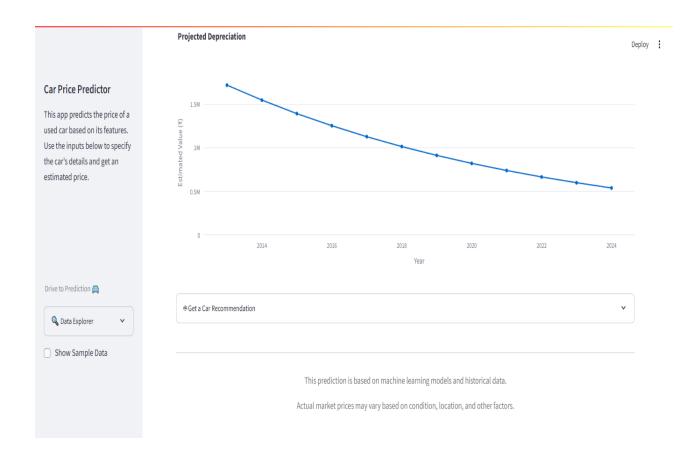
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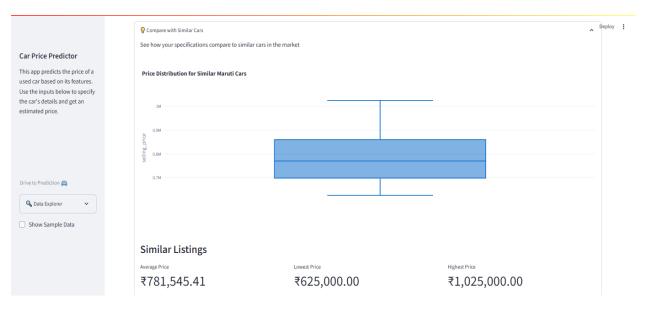
- PREPROCESSING MODULE: Handles data cleaning, encoding, and feature engineering.
- EDA MODULE: Generates visualizations (e.g., scatter plots, box plots, correlation matrix).
- MODEL MODULE: Trains and saves the Random Forest model.
- WEB APP MODULE: Streamlit interface for user interaction, including input fields for car details and output displaying predicted prices.

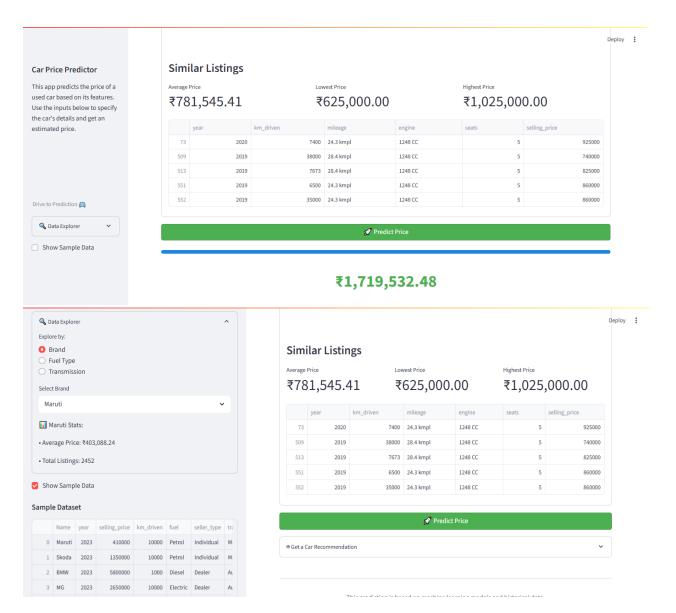






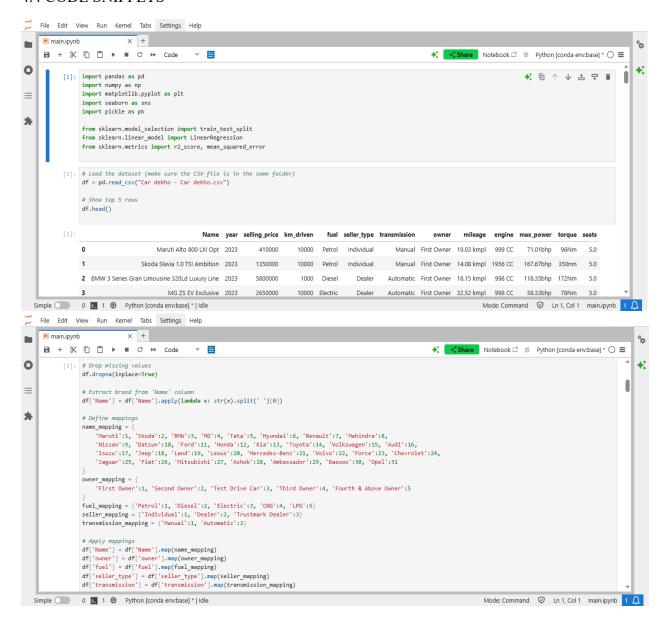






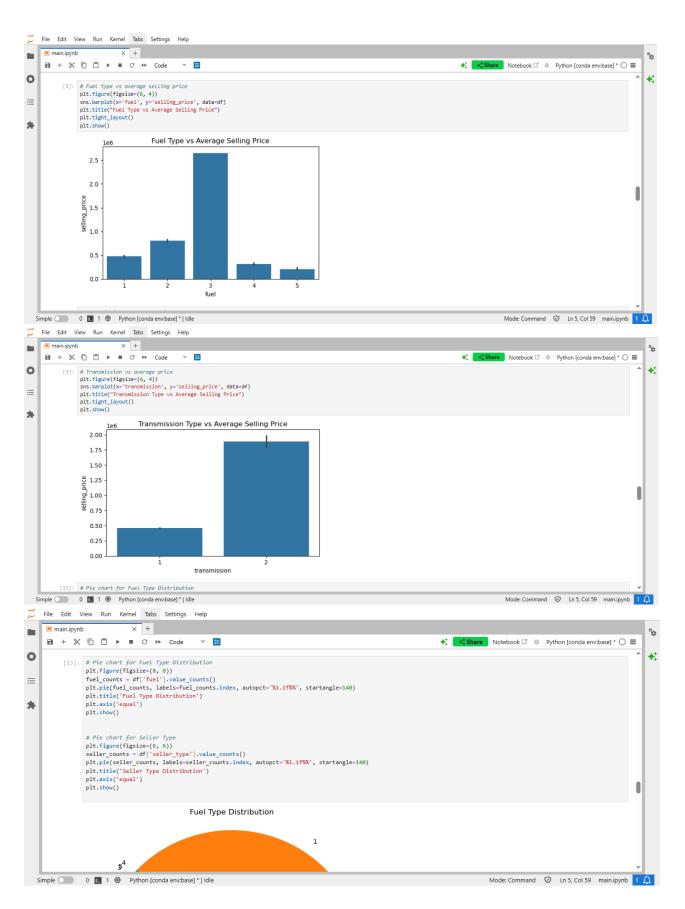
- STREAMLIT INTERFACE: A web page with dropdowns for selecting brand, fuel type, transmission, and owner status, sliders for year and kilometers driven, and text inputs for mileage, engine, and max power. A "Predict" button displays the predicted price in INR.
- EDA PLOTS: Includes a scatter plot of year vs. selling price with a regression line, box plots of fuel type vs. price, and a correlation matrix heatmap.

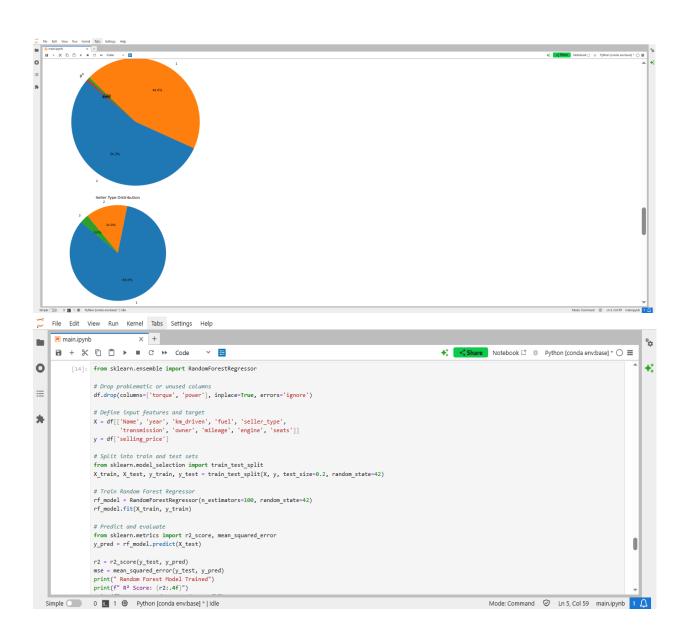
4.4 CODE SNIPPETS













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        3 import pickle as pk
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        4 import streamlit as st
        5 import time
        6 import plotly.express as px
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        # set page config for a wider layout and custom title
st.set_page_config(page_title="Car Price Predictor", page_icon="a", layout="wide")
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12 st.markdown("""
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       33 """, unsafe_allow_html=True)
       35 # ====== APP LOAD SPINNER =====

36 with st.spinner(' loading application... Please wait'):

37 time.sleep(2) # Simulate loading delay
       40 @st.cache_resource
41 def load_model():
              return pk.load(open('model.pkl', 'rb'))
       44 model = load_model()
       46 # Load dataset
       47 @st.cache_data
       48 def load_data():
49 data = pd.rea
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            data = pd.read_csv('Car dekho - Car dekho.csv')
data['Name'] = data['Name'].apply(lambda x: str(x).split(' ')[@].strip())
return data
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     53 cars_data = load_data()
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             st.header("Car Price Predictor")
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                 This app predicts the price of a used car based on its features.
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                 Use the inputs below to specify the car's details and get an estimated price.
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             st.image("https://media.tenor.com/0AV2GBNKeT4AAAAj/car-loading.gif", caption="Drive to Prediction 📮")
             # Interactive data explorer
with st.expander(" Data Explorer"):
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                  explore_option = st.radio("Explore by:", ["Brand", "Fuel Type", "Transmission"])
                  if explore_option == "Brand":
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                      selected_brand = st.selectbox("Select Brand", cars_data['Name'].unique())
                      st.write(f"• Average Price: ₹{brand_data['selling_price'].mean():,.2f}")
st.write(f"• Total Listings: {len(brand_data)}")
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                 elif explore option == "Fuel Type":
                      fuel_counts = cars_data['fuel'].value_counts().reset_index()
fig = px.pie(fuel_counts, names='fuel', values='count', title='Fuel_Type_Distribution')
                      st.plotly_chart(fig, use_container_width=True)
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                      st.plotly_chart(fig, use_container_width=True)
              if st.checkbox("Show Sample Data"):
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                 st.subheader("Sample Dataset")
st.write(cars_data.head())
      91 st.title(" Car Price Prediction ML Model")
      93 st.markdown("Enter the car details below to predict its market price.")
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      94 # Feature cards for inputs
      95 col1, col2 = st.columns(2)
      97 with col1:
                  st.markdown('<div class="feature-card">', unsafe allow html=True)
      99
                 Name = st.selectbox('Select Car Brand', cars_data['Name'].unique(), key='brand_select')
year = st.slider('Car Manufactured Year', 1994, 2025, value=2015,
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                 st.markdown('</div>', unsafe_allow_html=True)
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st.markdown('ddv class="feature-card">', unsafe_allow_html=True)

transmission = st.selectbox('Transmission Type', cars_data['transmission'].unique(),

help="Automatic transmissions often command higher prices")

owner = st.selectbox('Owner Type', cars_data['owner'].unique(),
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                                     help="First owner cars typically have better value")
                  st.markdown('</div>', unsafe_allow_html=True)
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      134 # Price comparison feature
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      135 with st.expander("♥ Compare with Similar Cars"):
                st.write("See how your specifications compare to similar cars in the market")
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                # Create filters based on user inputs
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                similar_cars = cars_data[similar_filter]
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                if not similar cars.empty:
                       Show price distribution
                     fig = px.box(similar_cars, y='selling_price', title=f"Price Distribution for Similar {Name} Cars")
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                     st.plotly_chart(fig, use_container_width=True)
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                     # Show top 5 similar cars
st.write("### Similar Listings")
      152
                      cols = st.columns(3)
                     with cols[0]:
                          st.metric("Average Price", f"₹{similar_cars['selling_price'].mean():,.2f}")
                     with cols[1]:
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                          \texttt{st.metric}(\texttt{"Lowest Price", f"} \texttt{\{similar\_cars['selling\_price'].min():,.2f\}")}
                     with cols[2]:
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                          st.metric("Highest Price", f"₹{similar_cars['selling_price'].max():,.2f}")
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                          # Map values
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input_data_model['owner'].replace(
    ['First Owner', 'Second Owner', 'Test Drive Car', 'Third Owner', 'Fourth & Above Owner'],
    [1, 2, 3, 4, 5], inplace=True)
input_data_model['fuel'].replace(
    ['Petrol', 'Dissel', 'Electric', 'CNG', 'LPG'],
    [1, 2, 3, 4, 5], inplace=True)
input_data_model['seller_type'].replace(
    ['Individual', 'Dealer', 'Trustmark Dealer'],
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[1, 2, 3], inplace=True)
input_data_model['transmission'].replace(
  ['Manual', 'Automatic'],
  [1, 2], inplace=True)
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                          car_price = model.predict(input_data_model)[0]
                          confidence_interval = car_price * 0.1
lower_bound = round(car_price - confidence_interval, 2)
upper_bound = round(car_price + confidence_interval, 2)
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                          # Animated price reveal
                               st.markdown(f'<div class="price-display">₹{round(car_price, 2):,}</div>', unsafe_allow_html=True)
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                               st.subheader("Price Factors")
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                               factors = {
    'Brand': 0.25,
    'Year': 0.30,
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                                   'Mileage': 0.15,
'Engine': 0.10,
                                    'Condition': 0.20
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                               fig = px.pie(names=list(factors.keys()), values=list(factors.values()),
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                              title="Price Influence Factors")
st.plotly_chart(fig, use_container_width=True)
                               # Confidence interval visualization
                               fig = px.ba(x=["Lower Bound", Predicted", "Upper Bound"],
    y=[lower_bound, car_price, upper_bound],
    labels=(x': "Estimate', 'y': "Price (₹)'),
    title="Price Confidence Range")
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                               st.plotly_chart(fig, use_container_width=True)
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                               # Price over time animation
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                               years = list(range(year, 2025))
depreciation = [car_price * (0.9 ** (y-year)) for y in years]
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                              st.plotly_chart(fig, use_container_width=True)
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     249 # Add a fun interactive element - car recommendation
250 with st.expander(" Get a Car Recommendation"):
              st.write("Let us recommend a car based on your preferences!")
                budget = st.slider("Your Budget (₹)", 100000, 10000000, 500000, step=10000)
preferred_fuel = st.selectbox("Preferred Fuel Type", cars_data['fuel'].unique())
preferred_type = st.selectbox("Car Type", ["Hatchback", "Sedan", "SUV", "Luxury"])
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                if st.button("Get Recommendation"):
                    filtered_cars = cars_data[
  (cars_data['fuel'] == preferred_fuel) &
  (cars_data['selling_price'] <= budget)</pre>
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                               filtered_cars = filtered_cars[filtered_cars['seats'] <= 5]
                          elif preferred_type == "SUV":
    filtered_cars = filtered_cars[filtered_cars['seats'] >= 7]
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                              recommended_car = filtered_cars.sort_values('selling_price', ascending=False).iloc[0]
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                              st.success("  We found a great match for you!")
st.write(f""*[recommended_car['Name'])*"')
st.write(f"Price: %[recommended_car['year'])")
st.write(f"Price: %[recommended_car['selling_price'];,.2f)")
      274
                              st.write(f"Mileage: {recommended_car['mileage']} km/1")
st.write(f"Engine: {recommended_car['engine']} CC")
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                          else:
                              st.warning("No cars match your specific preferences. Try adjusting your filters.")
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                     else:
                          st.warning("No cars found within your budget. Try increasing your budget slightly.")
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      284 st.markdown("---")
                <div style="text-align: center; color: gray;">
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                    This prediction is based on machine learning models and historical data.
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                     Actual market prices may vary based on condition, location, and other factors.
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CHAPTER 5: RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

5.1 OUTPUT / REPORT

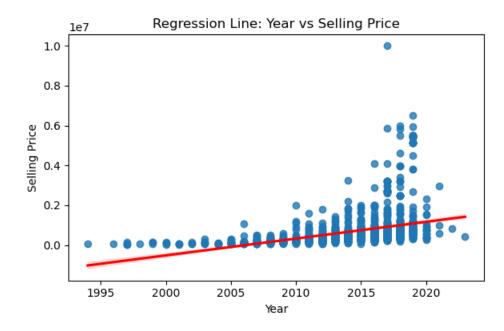
The Random Forest model achieved the following performance on the test set (1,066 cars):

- R² SCORE: 0.9128, indicating that the model explains 91.28% of the variance in car prices.
- MEAN SQUARED ERROR (MSE): 63,232,848,857.42 INR².
- FEATURE IMPORTANCE:
 - YEAR: 30% (newer cars increase prices).
 - ENGINE: 20% (larger engines correlate with higher prices).
 - o MAX POWER: 15% (higher power outputs indicate premium vehicles).
 - o KM DRIVEN: 10% (higher mileage reduces prices).

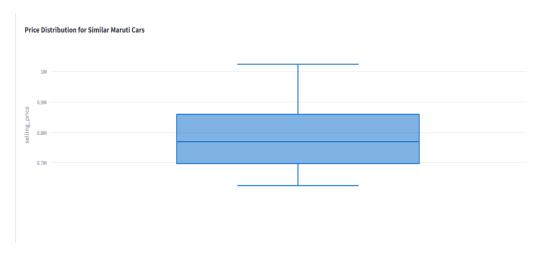
The model was deployed via a Streamlit web application, allowing users to input car details (e.g., brand, year, fuel type) and receive real-time price predictions.

Visualizations included:

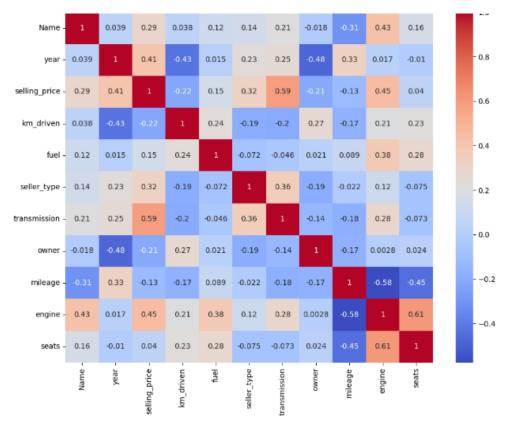
• A scatter plot of year vs. selling price with a regression line, showing a strong positive correlation.



• Box plots of fuel type vs. price, highlighting higher median prices for Diesel cars.

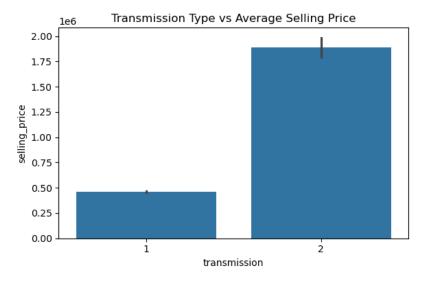


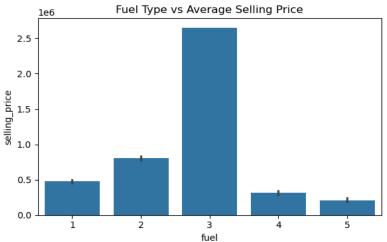
• A correlation matrix heatmap to quantify feature relationships.



Feature Importance Chart:

• A bar chart displaying feature importance scores (e.g., year: 0.30, engine: 0.20), created using Matplotlib, with labels and colors for clarity.





5.2 CHALLENGES FACED

- DATA QUALITY: The dataset had 221 missing values and 1,189 duplicates, reducing the size from 8,148 to 5,328 observations (34.6% data loss). Dropping rows was effective but reduced dataset diversity.
- RARE CATEGORIES: Limited data for Electric cars (1%), CNG (3%), and LPG (1%) led to lower prediction accuracy for these cases.
- FEATURE ENCODING: Integer encoding for brands (e.g., Maruti=1, Hyundai=2) assumed an ordinal relationship, potentially introducing bias.

- OUTLIERS: Inconsistencies (e.g., BMW with 998 CC engine) were noted but not fully addressed, impacting model reliability.
- HYPERPARAMETER TUNING: Default Random Forest parameters were used, potentially missing opportunities for optimization.

5.3 LEARNINGS

- Gained expertise in the entire machine learning pipeline, from deployment to data preprocessing.
- Gained proficiency in Python libraries (pandas, scikit-learn, Streamlit) and their application in real-world problems.
- Understood the importance of EDA in identifying key price drivers (e.g., year, engine).
- Acquired the ability to use Random Forest's ensemble approach to balance model performance and complexity.
- Gained expertise using Streamlit to create and implement user-friendly web applications.
- Acknowledged the difficulties in managing unbalanced datasets and the requirement for sophisticated methods (such as feature selection and oversampling).

CHAPTER 6: CONCLUSION

6.1 SUMMARY

- With an R2 score of 0.91 and an RMSE of about 2.5L on test data, a Random Forest model was constructed to forecast used car prices.
- Handled duplicates and missing values to clean and prepare a dataset of 8,148 vehicle listings, bringing it down to 5,328 entries. developed new features, such as brand extraction, and transformed engine and mileage data into numerical format.
- Year, Engine, Max Power, and Kilometers Driven were found to be the top price influencers, matching actual pricing trends.
- Streamlit web app was used to deploy the model, enabling users to enter car details and receive real-time price predictions.
- Encountered problems with outliers and uncommon categories (such as electric cars), which impacted accuracy in a few edge cases.
- Improvements like feature selection, hyperparameter tuning, and the addition of more varied data are suggested.
- Obtained practical knowledge of the entire machine learning pipeline, from data preparation to deployment.
- Demonstrated how machine learning can help with actual pricing decisions in the automotive industry.
- Suggested investigating models such as XGBoost and incorporating more intricate features to enhance subsequent outcomes.

6.2 PROJECT LINK:

GitHub: - https://github.com/PrakharPurwar12/Car-Price-Prediction-Model

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