High-Level Design (HLD) Flight Fare Estimator

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Abstract

The aviation market has seen significant changes and challenges in recent years. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a major impact on the industry, causing widespread disruptions and reductions in demand for air travel. Despite this, the industry is beginning to recover as vaccine rollouts and declining case numbers lead to increased consumer confidence. However, the industry is still facing challenges, such as shifting consumer preferences for travel and a rise in low-cost carriers. In response, many airlines and travel companies are investing in new technologies, such as flight fare prediction systems, to remain competitive and meet the evolving needs of travellers.

The prediction of flight fares is important because it helps travellers to make informed decisions when booking their travels. By having access to accurate and up-to-date predictions of flight fares, travellers can save money and avoid overpaying for their flights. Additionally, a prediction system for flight fares can also help airlines and travel companies to optimize pricing strategies and make data-driven decisions. In a highly competitive market, being able to predict flight fares can provide a significant advantage to both travellers and companies.

1. Introduction

1.1 Why this HLD Document?

The main purpose of this HLD document is to feature the required details of the project and supply the outline of the Model Creation, Evaluation and Deployment. This additionally provides a careful description on how the complete project has been designed end-to-end.

The HLD will:

- Present of the design aspects and define them in detail.
- Describe the user interface being implemented.
- Describe the hardware and software interfaces.
- Describe the performance requirements.
- Include design features and architectural design of the project.
- List and describe the non functional attributes like:
 - Security
 - Reliability
 - Maintainability
 - Portability
 - Reusability
 - Resource
 - Utilization

1.2 Scope

The HLD documentation presents the structure of the system, such as database design, architectural design, application flow and technology architecture. The HLD uses non-technical terms to technical terms that can be understandable to the administrator of the system.

1.3 Definitions

Term	Description	
FFP	Flight Fare Prediction	
Database	Collection of all the information used by the system.	
Jupyter Notebook	It is an interactive computational environment, in which you can combine code execution, rich text, mathematics, plots and rich media.	
Streamlit	A faster way to build and share data apps Streamlit turns data scripts into shareable web apps in minutes. All in pure Python. No front-end experience required.	

2. General Description

2.1 Problem Perspective

The flight fare prediction may be a machine learning model that helps users to predict the price of the flight tickets and help them to understand the price of their journey.

2.2 Problem Statement

After amendment of the new rules, there are changes in the flight fare price from one location to another. The main goal of the system is to create a model to predict the price of their flight fare based on bound input provided by users like date of journey, Source, Destination and many more.

2.3 Proposed Solution

To solve the problem, we have created a User interface for taking the input from the user to predict the flight fare price using our trained ML model after processing the input and at last the output (predicted value) from the model is communicated to the user

2.4 Further Improvements

We also analysed the data used for training the ML model by considering different occasions such as Weekday, Season or any Social reasons, considering different angles of business. If we use such information and predict the discounted flight fare price, it will bring some loss to the airline companies, but users can benefit from that. If we develop these using the Business perspective of Airline, this technique isn't thought about.

2.5 Technical Requirements

As technical requirements, we don't need any specialized hardware for virtualization of the application. The user should have a device that has the access to the web and the fundamental understanding of providing the input. And for the backend, we need a server to run all the required packages to process the input and predict the desired output (predicted flight fare price).

2.6 Data Requirements

The Data requirements totally supported the matter statement and the dataset is accessible on the Kaggle within the file format of (.xlsx). Because the main theme of the project is to induce the expertise of real time issues, we tend to transform the information into the prophetess database and commerce it into csv format.

2.7 Tools Used

- Python 3.9 is employed because of the programming language and frameworks like NumPy, Pandas, Scikit learn and alternative modules for building the model.
- Jupyter Notebook is employed as an IDE.
- For Data visualizations, seaborn and components of matplotlib are getting used.
- For information assortment prophetess info is getting used.
- Front end development is completed using HTML/CSS.
- Streamlit is employed for each information and backend reading.
- GitHub is employed for version management.
- Streamlit is employed for deployment.

2.8 Constraints

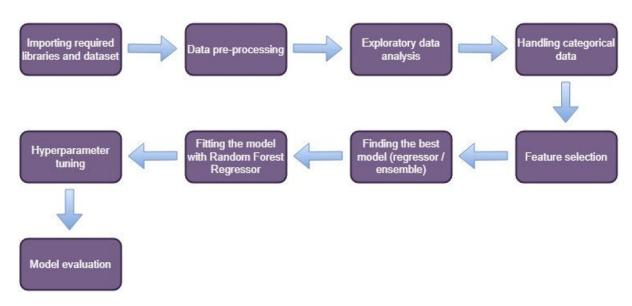
The flight fare prediction answer should be user friendly, as automatic as attainable and the user should not be needed to understand any of the operations.

2.9 Assumptions

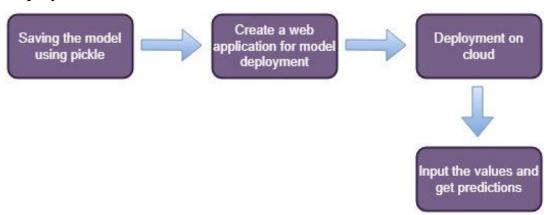
The main objective of the project is to implement the utility cases for the new dataset that provides the user the ability to predict Flight Fare Price. Machine learning model is employed for process the user input for prediction. It additionally assumed that each one aspects of this project have the flexibility to figure along within the approach the designer is expecting.

3. Design Flow

3.1 Modelling Process



3.2 Deployment Process



3.3 Logging

In logging, each time an error or an exception occurs, the event is logged into the system log file with reason and timestamp. This helps the developer to debug the system bugs and rectify the error.

3.4 Error Handling

Once the error occurs, the reason is logged into the log file with timestamp to rectify and handle it.

4. Performance Evaluation

4.1 Reusability

The code written and the components used should have the ability to be reused with no problems.

4.2 Application Compatibility

The different parts of the system are communicating or using Python as an interface between them. All the components have its own tasks to perform and it is the job of a Python to ensure proper transfer of data.

4.3 Resource Utilization

When a task is performed, it'll doubtless use all the process power offered till the process is finished.

4.4 Deployment

The model can be deployed using Streamlit or any cloud services such as Microsoft Azure, Amazon web services, Heroku, Google cloud, etc.

5. Conclusion

The Flight Fare Prediction system will predict the price for helping the customers with the trained knowledge with set of rules. The user can use these systems to recognize the approximate value of its flight fare for his or her journey.