

EasyVisa Project Ensemble Techniques

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Executive Summary



To analyze the data provided to build a Machine Learning based solution that can help in shortlisting the candidates having higher chances of VISA approval - with the help of a classification model, the follow steps were followed;

- Sanity checks on the dataset/Data overview.
- Exploratory data analysis/EDA was done.
- Data preprocessing was done.
- Model building and performance checks.
- Model assumptions check.
- Calculate performance metrics and create confusion matrix for different models.
- Compare all models.
- Feature importance of XGBoost Hyperparameter Tuned Model.

After building the final model to get the decision tree results, the insights and recommendation are as follows;

For the model, we have;

- Education of employee employee with a doctorate degree have 65% chance of getting visa certified, and employee with high school certification has over 65% of getting visa denied.
- Unit of wage employee with non-hourly pay has 70% chance of getting visa certified, and employee with hourly pay has 65% of getting visa denied.
- Continent employee with work experience and from Europe has 75% and 80% chance of getting visa certified compared to employee with no work experience have 50% chance of getting visa denied.
- Region of employment employees from Midwest and South have 70% chances of getting visa certified.
- Attributes such as; full time or part time position, require job training, prevailing wage and year of establishment do not have much impact for visas to get certified or denied.
- We built a model that can capture over 80% of the information while making predictions, the findings can help build a suitable profile of candidates to facilitate the process of visa.

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Business Problem Overview and Solution Approach

Problem Statement

Business communities in the United States are facing high demand for human resources, but one of the constant challenges is identifying and attracting the right talent, which is perhaps the most important element in remaining competitive. Companies in the United States look for hard-working, talented, and qualified individuals both locally as well as abroad.

The Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) of the US permits foreign workers to come to the United States to work on either a temporary or permanent basis. The act also protects US workers against adverse impacts on their wages or working conditions by ensuring US employers' compliance with statutory requirements when they hire foreign workers to fill workforce shortages. The immigration programs are administered by the Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC).

OFLC processes job certification applications for employers seeking to bring foreign workers into the United States and grants certifications in those cases where employers can demonstrate that there are not sufficient US workers available to perform the work at wages that meet or exceed the wage paid for the occupation in the area of intended employment.

Solution approach/methodology

In FY 2016, the OFLC processed 775,979 employer applications for 1,699,957 positions for temporary and permanent labor certifications. This was a nine percent increase in the overall number of processed applications from the previous year. The process of reviewing every case is becoming a tedious task as the number of applicants is increasing every year.

- The increasing number of applicants every year calls for a Machine Learning based solution that can help in shortlisting the candidates having higher chances of VISA approval. The objective is to analyze the data provided and, with the help of a classification model:
- Facilitate the process of visa approvals.
- Recommend a suitable profile for the applicants for whom the visa should be certified or denied based on the drivers that significantly influence the case status.



Key results from EDA

- Majority of the employees come from the the continent Asia.
- Majority of the employee have Bachelor's degree.
- About 58% have job experience and 42% have no job experience.
- More foreign workers intend applying for jobs in the Northeast region (28%) followed by South (28%) and West (26%) regions.
- 90% Unit prevailing wage falls under Yearly, 9% falls under Hourly.
- Employee with High School are most denied and employee with Doctorate degrees are most certified or offered visa.

Please mention answers to the insight-based questions provided

- Education of employee employee with a doctorate degree have 65% chance of getting visa certified, and employee with high school certification has over 65% of getting visa denied.
- Unit of wage employee with non-hourly pay has 70% chance of getting visa certified, and employee with hourly pay has 65% of getting visa denied.
- Continent employee with work experience and from Europe has 75% and 80% chance of getting visa certified compared to employee with no work experience have 50% chance of getting visa denied.
- Region of employment employees from Midwest and South have 70% chances of getting visa certified.

We built a model that can capture over 80% of the information while making predictions, the findings can help build a suitable profile of candidates to facilitate the process of visa.



View the top 5 rows of the dataset

	0	1	2	3	4
case_id	EZYV01	EZYV02	EZYV03	EZYV04	EZYV05
continent	Asia	Asia	Asia	Asia	Africa
education_of_employee	High School	Master's	Bachelor's	Bachelor's	Master's
has_job_experience	N	Y	N	N	Υ
requires_job_training	N	N	Υ	N	N
no_of_employees	14513	2412	44444	98	1082
yr_of_estab	2007	2002	2008	1897	2005
region_of_employment	West	Northeast	West	West	South
prevailing_wage	592.2029	83425.65	122996.86	83434.03	149907.39
unit_of_wage	Hour	Year	Year	Year	Year
full_time_position	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
case status	Denied	Certified	Denied	Denied	Certified

View the last 5 rows of the dataset

	25475	25476	25477	25478	25479
case_id	EZYV25476	EZYV25477	EZYV25478	EZYV25479	EZYV25480
continent	Asia	Asia	Asia	Asia	Asia
education_of_employee	Bachelor's	High School	Master's	Master's	Bachelor's
has_job_experience	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ
requires_job_training	Y	N	N	Υ	N
no_of_employees	2601	3274	1121	1918	3195
yr_of_estab	2008	2006	1910	1887	1960
region_of_employment	South	Northeast	South	West	Midwest
prevailing_wage	77092.57	279174.79	146298.85	86154.77	70876.91
unit_of_wage	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year
full_time_position	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Y
case status	Certified	Certified	Certified	Certified	Certified



Checking the shape/dimension of the dataset.

The dataset has 25480 rows and 12 columns.



Checking the data types of the columns for the dataset.

There are 5 columns of the dtype object, 1 column of the dtype float64, and 2 columns of the dtype int64.

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<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 25480 entries, 0 to 25479
Data columns (total 12 columns):
    Column
                          Non-Null Count
                                         Dtype
    case id
                          25480 non-null
                                         object
    continent
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                                         object
    education of employee
                          25480 non-null
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    has job experience
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    requires job training 25480 non-null
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    full time position 25480 non-null
                                         object
    case status
                          25480 non-null
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dtypes: float64(1), int64(2), object(9)
memory usage: 2.3+ MB
```



Checking for duplicate values.

False 25480

dtype: int64



Statistical summary of the data.

	no_of_employees	yr_of_estab	prevailing_wage
count	25480.000000	25480.000000	25480.000000
mean	5667.043210	1979.409929	74455.814592
std	22877.928848	42.366929	52815.942327
min	-26.000000	1800.000000	2.136700
25%	1022.000000	1976.000000	34015.480000
50%	2109.000000	1997.000000	70308.210000
75%	3504.000000	2005.000000	107735.512500
max	602069.000000	2016.000000	319210.270000



Checking for negative values in the employee column.

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Checking the count of each unique category in each of the the categorical variables.



```
EZYV01
  EZYV16995
  EZYV16993
                                                            Northeast
                                                                          7195
  EZYV16992
                                                            South
                                                                          7017
  EZYV16991
                                                            West
                                                                          6586
  EZYV8492
                                                            Midwest
                                                                          4307
  EZYV8491
  EZYV8490
                                                            Island
                                                                           375
  EZYV8489
                                                            Name: region of employment, dtype: int64
  EZYV25480
  Name: case id, Length: 25480, dtype: int64
                                                                      22962
                                                            Year
  Asia
                  16861
  Europe
                   3732
                                                                       2157
                                                            Hour
  North America
                   3292
  South America
                                                                        272
                    852
                                                            Week
  Africa
                    551
                                                            Month
  Oceania
                    192
  Name: continent, dtype: int64
                                                            Name: unit of wage, dtype: int64
  Bachelor's
                10234
  Master's
                 9634
                                                                  22773
  High School
                 3420
                                                                   2707
  Doctorate
                 2192
  Name: education of employee, dtype: int64
                                                            Name: full time position, dtype: int64
      14802
      10678
                                                            Certified
                                                                          17018
  Name: has job experience, dtype: int64
                                                                            8462
                                                            Denied
       22525
                                                            Name: case status, dtype: int64
        2955
  Name: requires job training, dtype: int64
```



Checking unique values in the mentioned column.

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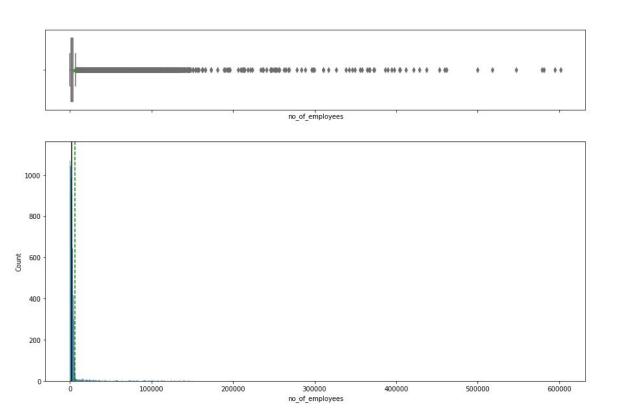
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Observations on number of employees

- The distribution of the number of employees is right-skewed.
- The boxplot shows that there are lots of outliers to the right.





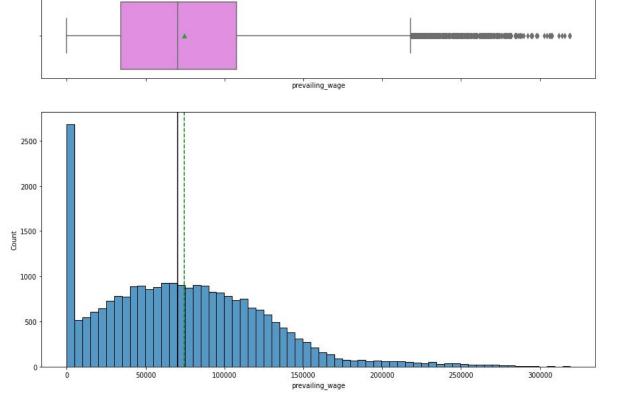
Univariate Analysis

Observations on prevailing wage

Visual analysis of both distributions shows

- right-skewed.
- the mean is around USD 70.000.
- outliers in the income bracket between USD 200,000 to USD 300,000







Rows with less than 100 prevailing wage

	continent	education_of_employee	has_job_experience	requires_job_training	no_of_employees	yr_of_estab	region_of_employment	prevailing_wage	unit_of_wage	full_time_position	case_status
338	Asia	Bachelor's	Υ	N	2114	2012	Northeast	15.7716	Hour	Υ	Certified
634	Asia	Master's	N	N	834	1977	Northeast	3.3188	Hour	Υ	Denied
839	Asia	High School	Υ	N	4537	1999	West	61.1329	Hour	Υ	Denied
876	South America	Bachelor's	Υ	N	731	2004	Northeast	82.0029	Hour	Υ	Denied
995	Asia	Master's	N	N	302	2000	South	47.4872	Hour	Υ	Certified
	***	***	277		http://		m		***	377	***
25023	Asia	Bachelor's	N	Υ	3200	1994	South	94.1546	Hour	Υ	Denied
25258	Asia	Bachelor's	Υ	N	3659	1997	South	79.1099	Hour	Υ	Denied
25308	North America	Master's	N	N	82953	1977	Northeast	42.7705	Hour	Υ	Denied
25329	Africa	Bachelor's	N	N	2172	1993	Northeast	32.9286	Hour	Υ	Denied
25461	Asia	Master's	Υ	N	2861	2004	West	54.9196	Hour	Υ	Denied

176 rows x 11 columns



Count of the values in the mentioned column

Hour 176

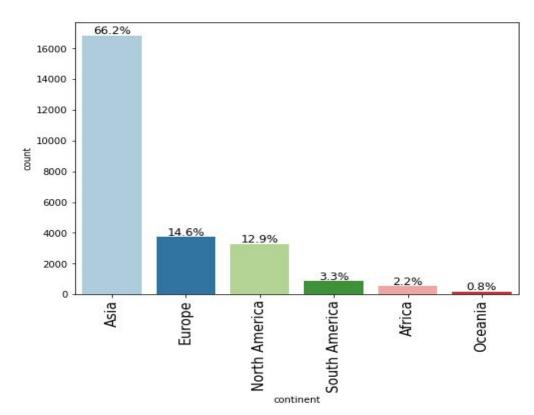
Name: unit_of_wage, dtype: int64



Observations on continent

Visual analysis of bar plot shows

- Majority of the employees come from the the continent Asia.



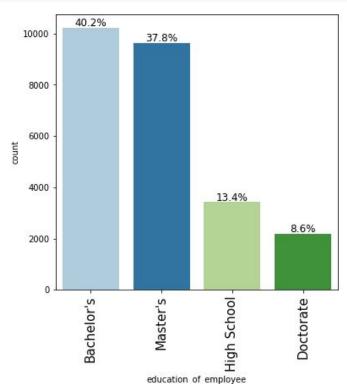




Observations on education of employee

Visual analysis of bar plot shows

- Majority of the employee have Bachelor's degree.



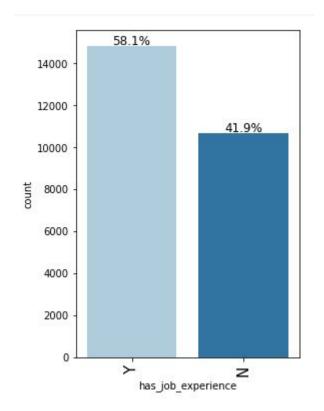


Observations on job experience

Visual analysis of the bar plot shows

- About 58% have job experience and 42% have No job experience.

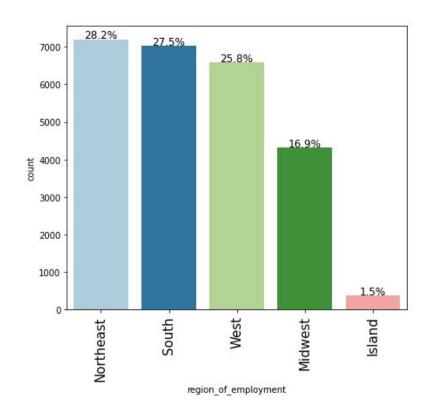






Observations on region of employment

Visual analysis of the bar plot shows
- More foreign workers intend applying
For jobs in the Northeast region (28%)
followed by South (28%) and West (26%)
regions.



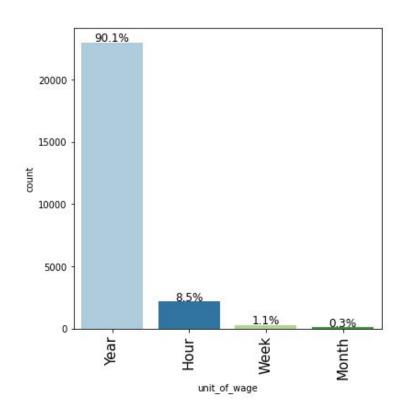




Observations on unit wage

Visual analysis of the bar plot shows

- 90% Unit prevailing wage falls under Yearly, 9% falls under Hourly.



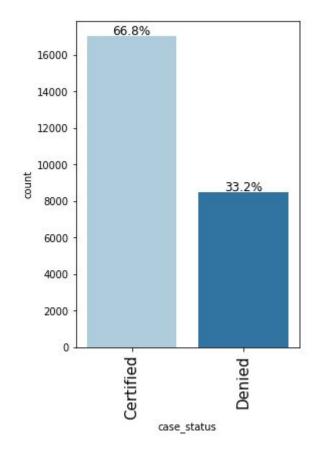


Observations on case status

Visual analysis of the bar plot shows

- About 67% of cases are certified or approved and 33% are denied.







Observations on correlation heat map

Visual analysis of the heatmap shows

- There is positive correlation between no_of_employees, yr_of_estab and Prevailing_wage.

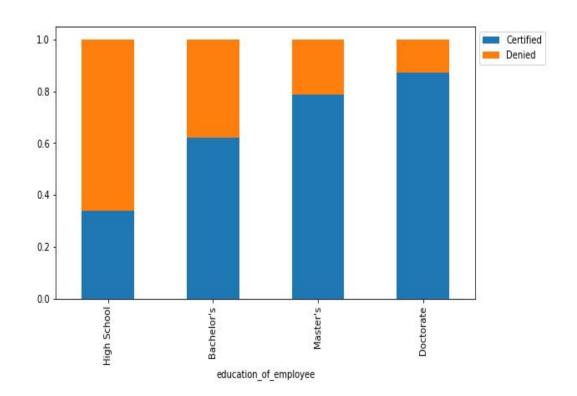




Observations on education impact on visa certification

Visual analysis of the barplot shows

- employee with High School are most denied and employee with Doctorate degrees are most certified or offered visa.





Observations on educational background requirement for different regions

Visual analysis of the heatmap shows

- The requirement for Bachelors in more in the South, requirement for Doctorate is more in the West, requirement for High School is more in the South and Requirement for Master's is more in the Northeast region.

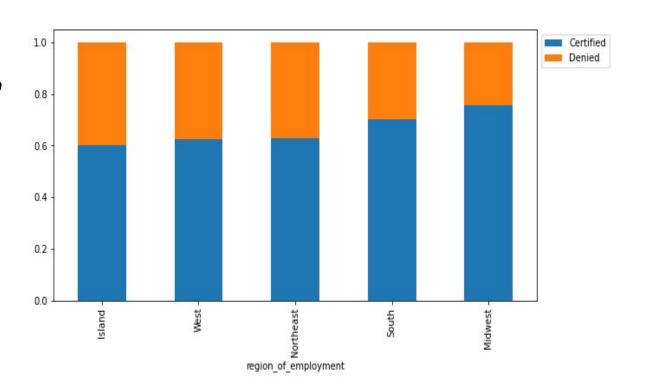




Observations on percentage of visa certifications across each region

Visual analysis of the stacked barplot shows

- Midwest region have the highest visa certifications, Island and Northeast have the lowest.

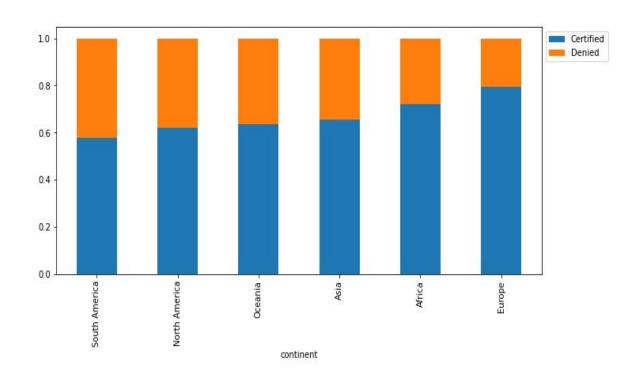




Observations on how visa status vary across different continents.

Visual analysis of the barplot shows

- Europe and Africa leads getting their visa certified compared to other continents.

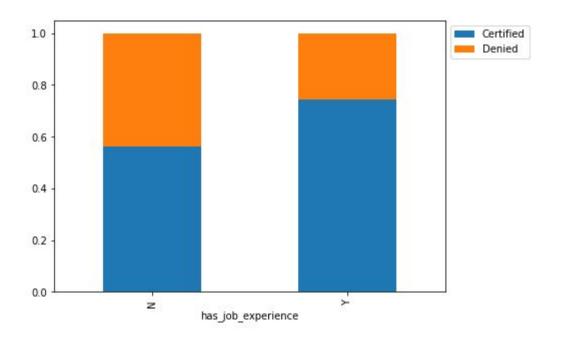




Observations on job experience and case status

Visual analysis of the barplot shows

- applicants who have job experience are more likely to get visa certified. About 80% of those who have job experience got certified.

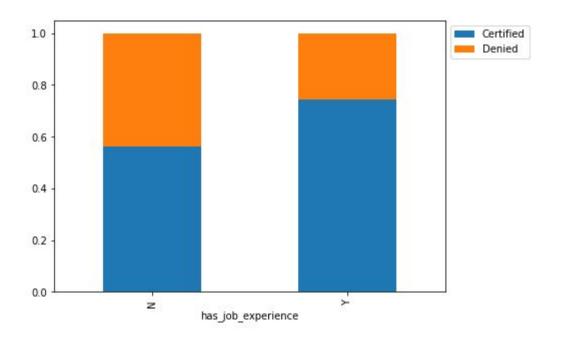




Observations on job experience and require job training

Visual analysis of the barplot shows

- applicants who have job experience requires less job training.

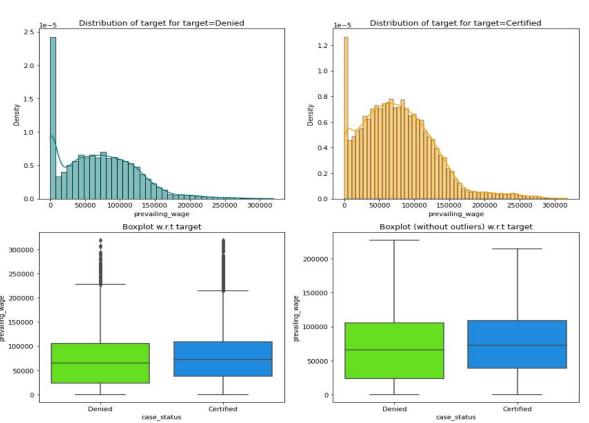




Observations on distribution of prevailing wage and case status

Visual analysis of the distribution plot shows

- the median prevailing wage for certified applications is slightly higher compared to the denied applications.



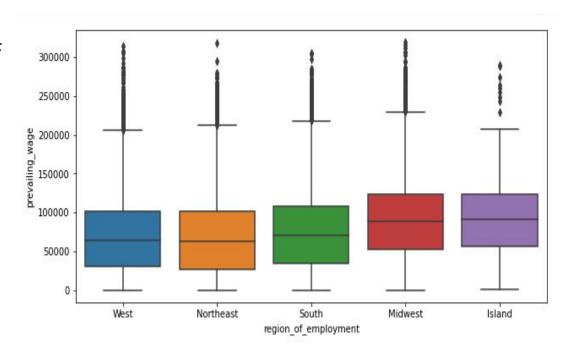
LINK to Appendix sude on data packground check



Observations on region of employment and prevailing wage

Visual analysis of the distribution plot shows

- Midwest and Island have slightly higher prevailing wages compared to rest.

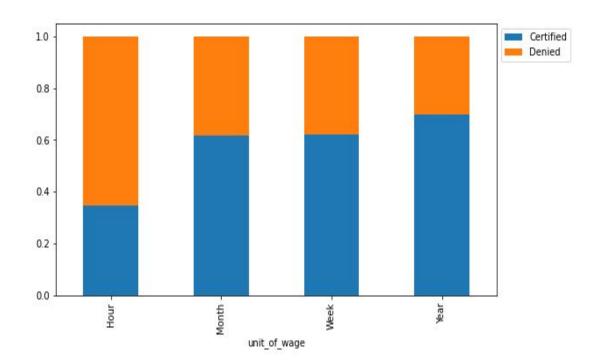




Observations on unit wage and case status

Visual analysis of the barplot shows

 applicant with yearly unit wage have high chance of getting certified followed by applicants with weekly and monthly unit wage. Hourly unit wage applicants have the lowest chance of getting certified.

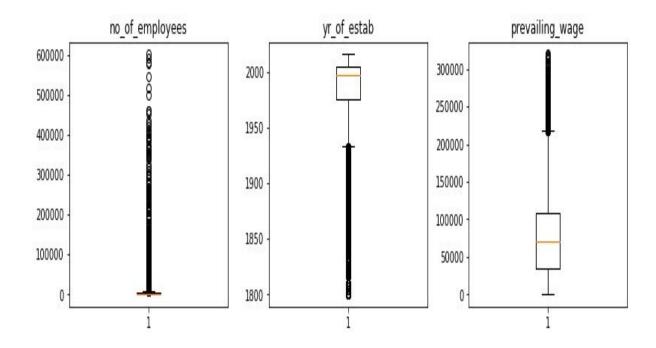


Data Preprocessing



Check for outliers in the data

Visual analysis of the boxplot shows - few outliers are present in the data.

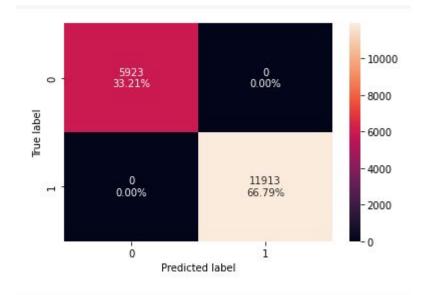


Model Performance Summary



Checking model performance on training set

Visual analysis of the confusion matrix for train data shows zero errors 0% on training set and overfitting.



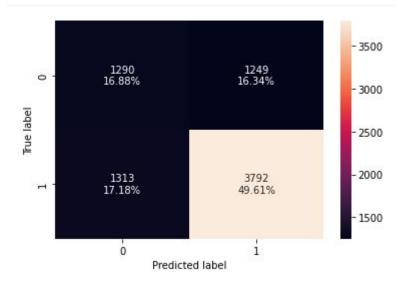
	Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

Link to Appendix slide on model assumptions



Checking model performance on test set

Visual analysis of the confusion matrix for test data shows overfitting. Needs improvement.

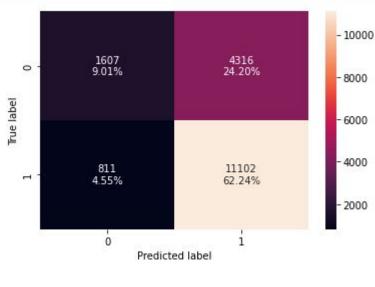


	Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0	0.664835	0.742801	0.752232	0.747487



Hyperparameter Tuning - Decision Tree

Visual analysis of the confusion matrix for training data on tuned estimator.

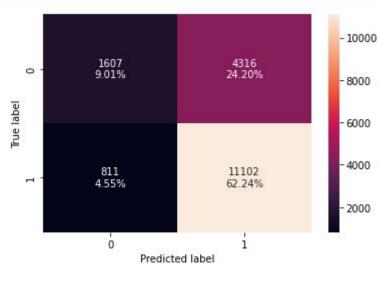


	Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0	0.706567	0.930852	0.715447	0.809058



Checking model performance on test set

Visual analysis of the confusion matrix for test data on tuned estimator shows reduction in overfitting, F1 score for both training and test set is 0.80.

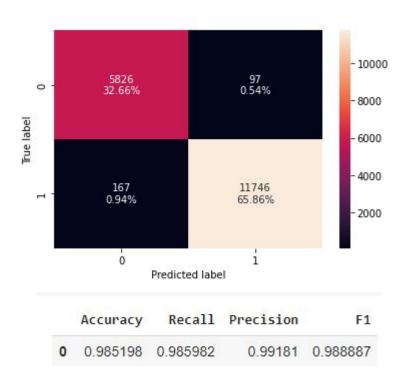


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Bagging - Model Building and Hyperparameter

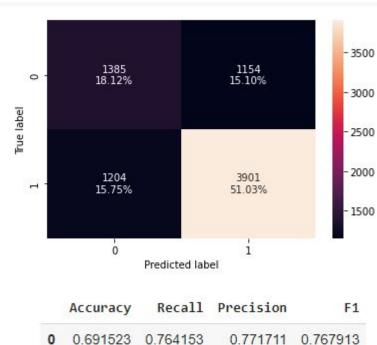
Visual analysis of the confusion matrix for training data shows overfitting.





Checking model performance on test set

Visual analysis of the confusion matrix for test data on bagging classifier shows reduction in overfitting, F1 score for both training and test set is 0.80

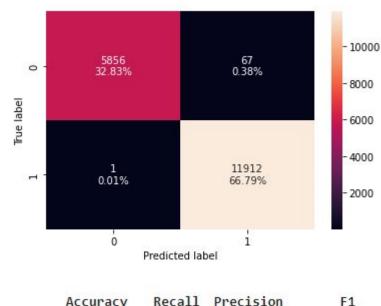


	Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0	0.691523	0.764153	0.771711	0.767913



Hyperparameter Tuning - Bagging Classifier

Visual analysis of the confusion matrix for training data shows overfitting.

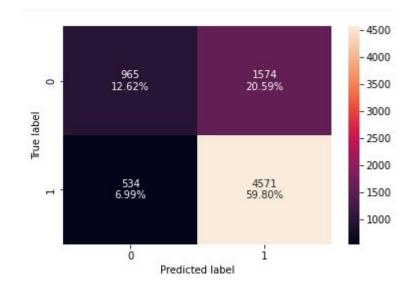


	Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0	0.996187	0.999916	0.994407	0.997154



Checking model performance on test set

Visual analysis of the confusion matrix for test data on bagging classifier shows big difference between training and test data.

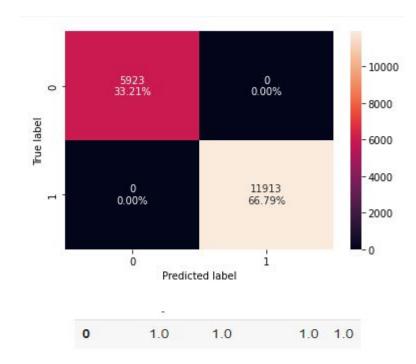


	Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0	0.724228	0.895397	0.743857	0.812622



Random Forest

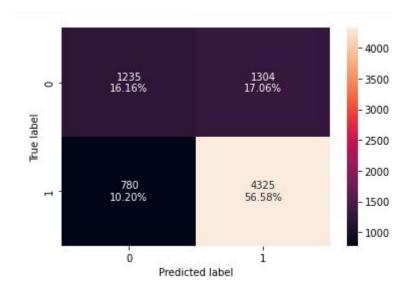
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Random Forest

Visual analysis of the confusion matrix for test data on bagging classifier showing F1 as 0.80

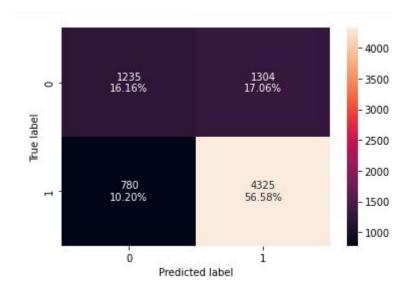


	Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0	0.727368	0.847209	0.768343	0.805851



Random Forest

Visual analysis of the confusion matrix for test data on bagging classifier showing F1 as 0.80

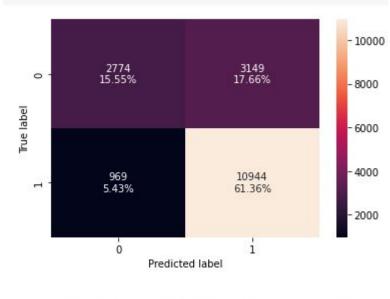


	Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
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Hyperparameter Tuning - Random Forest

Visual analysis of the confusion matrix for training data shows it has generalized.

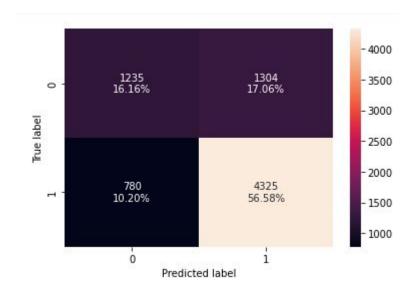


	Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
)	0.769119	0.91866	0.776556	0.841652



Hyperparameter Tuning - Random Forest

Visual analysis of the confusion matrix for test data shows good precision. F1 scores are 0.84 and 0.82 on training and test data. No overfitting.

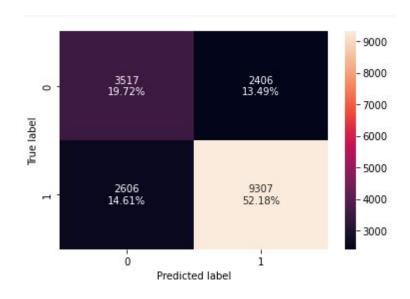


	Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
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Hyperparameter Tuning - AdaBoost Classifier

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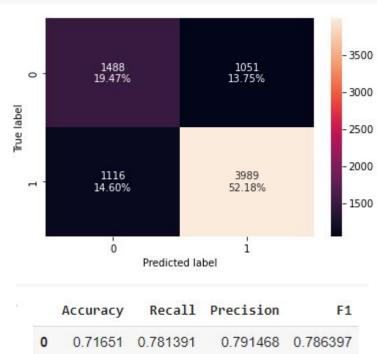


	Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0	0.718995	0.781247	0.794587	0.787861



Hyperparameter Tuning - AdaBoost Classifier

Visual analysis of the confusion matrix for test data shows good precision. F1 scores are 0.78 and 0.78 on training and test data. Model has good precision and high recall.

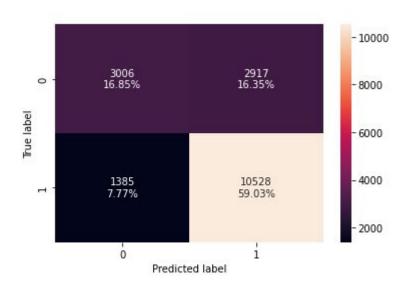


	Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0	0.71651	0.781391	0.791468	0.786397



Gradient Boosting Classifier

Visual analysis of the confusion matrix for training data shows it has generalized.

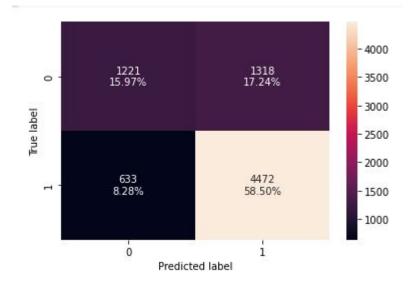


	Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0	0.758802	0.88374	0.783042	0.830349



Gradient Boosting Classifier

Visual analysis of the confusion matrix for test data shows model has generalized performance, with F1 score 0.83 and 0.82 for training and test set.

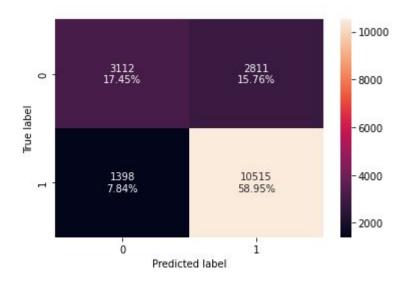


	Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0	0.744767	0.876004	0.772366	0.820927



Hyperparameter Tuning - Gradient Boosting Classifier

Visual analysis of the confusion matrix for train data

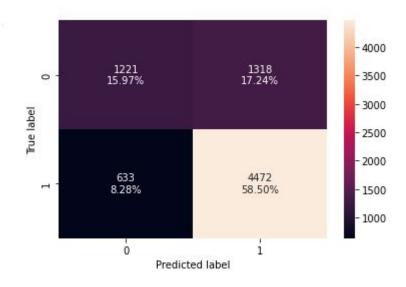


	Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0	0.764017	0.882649	0.789059	0.833234



Hyperparameter Tuning - Gradient Boosting Classifier

Visual analysis of the confusion matrix for test data shows no much difference after hyperparameter tuning.

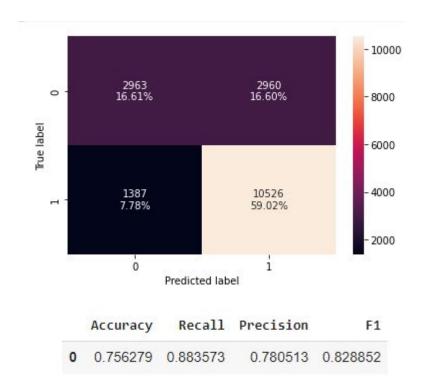


	Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0	0.744767	0.876004	0.772366	0.820927



XGBoost Classifier

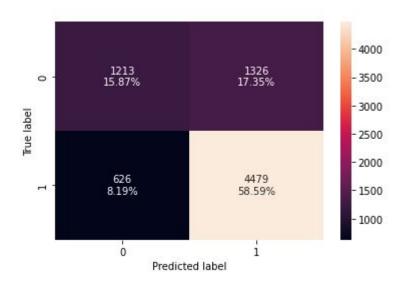
Visual analysis of the confusion matrix for train data





XGBoost Classifier

Visual analysis of the confusion matrix for test data shows generalized performance, but will further tune the hyperparameters to see if any further improvement.

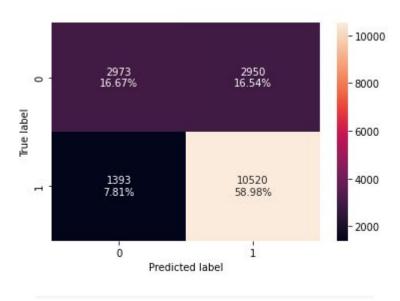


	Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0	0.744636	0.877375	0.771576	0.821082



Hyperparameter Tuning - XGBoost Classifier

Visual analysis of the confusion matrix for train data

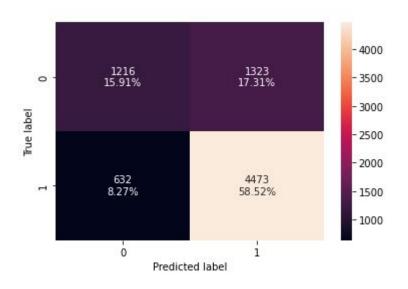


	Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0	0.756504	0.883069	0.780995	0.828901



Hyperparameter Tuning - XGBoost Classifier

Visual analysis of the confusion matrix for test data shows generalized performance, with F1 score of 0.82 for both training and test set.

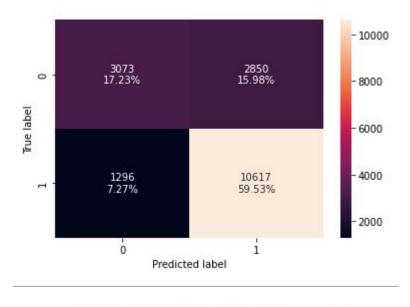


	Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0	0.744244	0.8762	0.771739	0.820659



Stacking Classifier

Visual analysis of the confusion matrix for train data

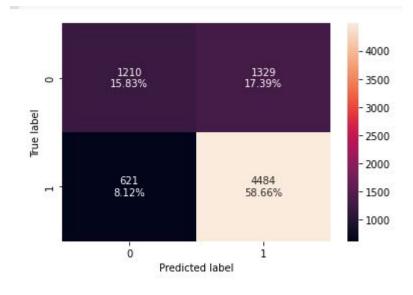


	Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0	0.744244	0.8762	0.771739	0.820659



Hyperparameter Tuning - XGBoost Classifier

Visual analysis of the confusion matrix for test data shows generalized performance, with F1 score of 0.82 for both training and test set, as we have in XGBoost model (no difference)



	Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0	0.744898	0.878355	0.771375	0.821396



Model Performance Comparison and Final Model Selection

Training performance comparison

Training performance comparison:

	Decision Tree	Tuned Decision Tree	Bagging Classifier	Tuned Bagging Classifier	Random Forest	Tuned Random Forest	Adaboost Classifier	Tuned Adaboost Classifier	Gradient Boost Classifier	Tuned Gradient Boost Classifier	XGBoost Classifier	XGBoost Classifier Tuned	Stacking Classifier
Accuracy	1.0	0.706567	0.985198	0.996187	1.0	0.769119	0.738226	0.718995	0.758802	0.764017	0.756279	0.756504	0.744244
Recall	1.0	0.930852	0.985982	0.999916	1.0	0.918660	0.887182	0.781247	0.883740	0.882649	0.883573	0.883069	0.876200
Precision	1.0	0.715447	0.991810	0.994407	1.0	0.776556	0.760688	0.794587	0.783042	0.789059	0.780513	0.780995	0.771739
F1	1.0	0.809058	0.988887	0.997154	1.0	0.841652	0.819080	0.787861	0.830349	0.833234	0.828852	0.828901	0.820659



Model Performance Comparison and Final Model Selection Test performance comparison

- Findings shows Decision Tree, Bagging Classifier (Default and Tuned), Random Forest (Default and Tuned) were found to overfit the training set.
- Decision Tree (Tuned), Random Forest (Tuned), AdaBoost Default), Gradient Boost (Default and Tuned), XGBoost (Default and Tuned) and Stacking (Default) gave a generalized performance on both training and testing datasets.
- Stacking Classifier has the highest F1 score.

Testing performance comparison:

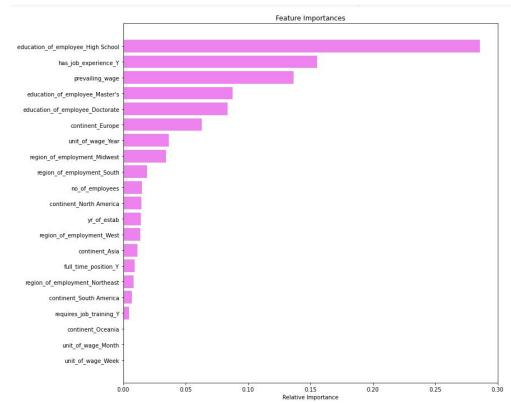
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accuracy	0.706567	0.706567	0.691523	0.724228	0.727368	0.738095	0.734301	0.716510	0.744767	0.744767	0.744636	0.744244	0.744898
Recall	0.930852	0.930852	0.764153	0.895397	0.847209	0.898923	0.885015	0.781391	0.876004	0.876004	0.877375	0.876200	0.878355
Precision	0.715447	0.715447	0.771711	0.743857	0.768343	0.755391	0.757799	0.791468	0.772366	0.772366	0.771576	0.771739	0.771375
F1	0.809058	0.809058	0.767913	0.812622	0.805851	0.820930	0.816481	0.786397	0.820927	0.820927	0.821082	0.820659	0.821396



Important features of the final model

The findings shows education of employee is the most important attribute having an influence on visa certifications.

Other important attributes are; employee having a prior job experience, prevailing wage and continent of the employee.



Actionable Insights and Recommendations



Based on the EDA and Stacking Classifier model, the following were observed as important factor for visas to get certified or get denied;

- Education of employee employee with a doctorate degree have 65% chance of getting visa certified, and employee with high school certification has over 65% of getting visa denied.
- Unit of wage employee with non-hourly pay has 70% chance of getting visa certified, and employee with hourly pay has 65% of getting visa denied.
- Continent employee with work experience and from Europe has 75% and 80% chance of getting visa certified compared to
 employee with no work experience have 50% chance of getting visa denied.
- Region of employment employees from Midwest and South have 70% chances of getting visa certified.

Attributes such as; full time or part time position, require job training, prevailing wage and year of establishment do not have much impact for visas to get certified or denied.

We built a model that can capture over 80% of the information while making predictions, the findings can help build a suitable profile of candidates to facilitate the process of visa.



Happy Learning!

