

IBM Data Science Capstone Final Presentation

Slide 1: Title Slide

Project Title: SpaceX Launch Data Analysis & Prediction\ **Presented by:** Syed Faizan Ali\ **Date:** 7/29/2025\
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Slide 2: Executive Summary

- Collected and cleaned SpaceX launch data from API and Wikipedia
 - Performed EDA, SQL analysis, geospatial mapping, and predictive modeling
 - Created an interactive dashboard using Plotly Dash
 - Key Insight: Payload and launch site influence success rates
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Slide 3: Introduction

- **Objective:** Analyze SpaceX launches and predict success
 - **Why:** Support mission planning and reliability improvements
 - **Tools Used:** Python, Pandas, SQL, Folium, Dash, Plotly, Scikit-learn
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Slide 4: Data Collection

- REST API: SpaceX Launches (v4 endpoint)
 - Web Scraping: Wikipedia Falcon 9 page
 - Local files for dashboard (CSV)
 - SQLite database for structured queries
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Slide 5: Data Wrangling

- JSON flattened using `pd.json_normalize`
 - Mapped rocket IDs to rocket names
 - Filled missing values, formatted date columns
 - Loaded into SQLite table: `SPACEXTBL`
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Slide 6: EDA & Visual Analytics Methodology

- Used Seaborn & Matplotlib for static visuals
- Plotly Express for interactive graphs
- Grouped by site, outcome, and payload range

Slide 7: SQL Methodology

- Connected via `%sql` magic in Jupyter
 - Queried launches per site, payload stats, mission outcomes
 - Used subqueries and aggregations
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Slide 8: Pie Chart - Successful Launches by Site

Graph: Pie chart showing proportion of successful launches across all sites

Slide 9: Scatter Plot - Payload vs Success

Graph: Payload Mass vs Outcome, color-coded by booster version

- Insight: Mid-range payloads had highest success
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Slide 10: Success Over Time

Graph: Line chart showing increase in success rate over years

- Insight: Launches became more reliable post-2017
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Slide 11: SQL Results - Total Launches per Site

Query:

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SELECT Launch_Site, COUNT(*) FROM SPACEXTBL GROUP BY Launch_Site;
```

Output Table:

Launch Site	Total Launches
CCAFS SLC 40	55
KSC LC 39A	30
VAFB SLC 4E	15

Slide 12: SQL Results - Min/Max Payload

Query:

```
SELECT MIN(payload_mass__kg_), MAX(payload_mass__kg_) FROM SPACEXTBL;
```

Result:

- Min: 0 kg
 - Max: 9600 kg
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Slide 13: SQL Results - Mission Outcomes

Query:

```
SELECT Launch_Site, Mission_Outcome, COUNT(*) FROM SPACEXTBL GROUP BY Launch_Site, Mission_Outcome;
```

Insight: KSC LC 39A has highest success ratio

Slide 14: Folium Map - Launch Sites

- Used `folium.Marker()` and `MarkerCluster`
 - Marked: CCAFS, KSC LC-39A, VAFB SLC 4E **Screenshot:** Map image with all sites
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Slide 15: Folium Map - Success/Failure Markers

- Colored markers for outcome (green = success, red = failure)
 - Distance to coast/city calculated using Haversine formula
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Slide 16: Dash Dashboard - Pie Chart

Screenshot: App section showing dropdown and pie chart for site selection

Slide 17: Dash Dashboard - Scatter Plot

Screenshot: Scatter showing Payload vs Outcome filtered by site & slider

Slide 18: ML Models & Evaluation

- Models: Logistic Regression, SVM, Decision Tree
 - Best Accuracy: **83.33%** using Decision Tree
 - Features used: Payload, Site, Booster Version
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Slide 19: Confusion Matrix

Chart: Visualizing true positives, false positives, etc.

- Model validated with holdout test set (18 samples)
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Slide 20: Conclusion

- High payload reduces success probability
 - Most reliable site: KSC LC-39A
 - Reusable boosters improve outcomes
 - Dashboard & maps offer intuitive insight
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Slide 21: Creativity / Insights

- Correlated booster version with reusability and success
 - Filtered data using widgets
 - Map animations (optional GIF)
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Slide 22: Thank You!

GitHub Repo: <https://github.com/SyedFaizanAlii> **Questions?**