



Yes, the virus only kills a small percentage of those afflicted. Yes, the flu kills 10s of thousands of people annually. Yes, 80% of people will experience lightweight symptoms with COVID19. Yes the mortality rate of COVID19 is relatively low (1–2%). All of this true, but is immaterial. They are the wrong numbers to focus on...

-- Jason S Warner

#BuildForSDG Cohort-1 Assessment

This is an eligibility assessment for the [#BuildforSDG](#) program

The assessment empowers me to **attempt** helping society and leaders prepare for the **real rig problem** of COVID-19, which is **its impact on lives, health systems, supply chains, and the economy**:

1. Too many patients, not enough hospitals and beds. A serious shortage of ventilators, masks and other PPE - if we *don't practice social distancing*.
2. Job losses or freezes, low cash flow and low production (even for essentials like food).
These and more from too many people being sick, a sizable number dying (including some

of the best people in many fields), and many others affected by the impact of losing loved ones or a world operating in slow motion

Project Setup & Submission Process

See this [Google Drive](#) for guides, including videos on how to setup your project, take the challenges, and submit your work.

Challenges

You will be building a **novelty** COVID-19 infections ~~predictor~~ estimator following guidelines outlined in the challenges.

Your estimator will receive input data structured as:

```
{
  region: {
    name: "Africa",
    avgAge: 19.7,
    avgDailyIncomeInUSD: 5,
    avgDailyIncomePopulation: 0.71
  },
  periodType: "days",
  timeToElapse: 58,
  reportedCases: 674,
  population: 66622705,
  totalHospitalBeds: 1380614
}
```

and the output will be required to be an impact estimation having the data structure specified as :

```
{
  data: {},           // the input data you got
  impact: {},         // your best case estimation
  severeImpact: {}    // your severe case estimation
}
```

This assessment is broken down into several challenges, incrementally helping you build out your COVID-19 impact estimator.

Depending on your language of choice for this assessment, locate the `src/estimator.js`, `src/estimator.php`, or `src/estimator.py` file. This is where you will be writing all of your code. Feel free to create your own additional functions within this file (or in other files, which you then import into this file) to get the work done, but make sure to not alter the definition of the main function being exported out of this file.

Your computations should be saved into the `impact` and `severeImpact` objects of the return output data structure.

Challenge 1

Given the `reportedCases` property in the input data to your `covid19ImpactEstimator` function, estimate the number of **currently infected** people as `reportedCases * 10`. This figure will be part of your output estimate, saved as the `currentlyInfected` property (i.e `impact.currentlyInfected` is `reportedCases * 10`).

According to Harvard Medical School / Massachusetts General Hospital (see the references at the end of this guide), there are likely up to **50x more people infected** than known reported cases. Based on this, compute `currentlyInfected` for the `severeImpact` output as `reportedCases * 50` (i.e `severeImpact.currentlyInfected` is `reportedCases * 50`)

To estimate the number of infected people **28 days** from now, note that `currentlyInfected` doubles every **3 days**, so you'd have to multiply it by a factor of 2.

E.g: `currentlyInfected x (2 to the power of *factor*)` where factor is 9 for a 28 day duration (there are 9 sets of 3 days in a period of 28 days). Note that we are **not rounding the factor** figure, we are actually **discarding** the decimal point and only using the integer portion.

Effectively, the projected number of infections after a 28 day period is

```
currentlyInfected x (2 to the power of 9)
```

OR, simply

```
currentlyInfected x 512
```

This computation should be saved as `infectionsByRequestedTime`, and should be done both for `impact` and `severeImpact`, using their respective `currentlyInfected` values.

For the rest of this assessment, just like you have done for `currentlyInfected` and `infectionsByRequestedTime`, you will be doing all required computations in two fold. One for `impact`, and the other for `severeImpact`

PS: Your estimator will be required to make estimations over periods in **days, weeks** and **months**. We recommend you make an effort to normalise the duration input to days, and then do your computation based on that. Also, when working with the **months** duration, expect that there are always **30 days** in a month.

Challenge 2

Determine **15%** of **infectionsByRequestedTime**. This is the estimated number of **severe** positive cases that will require hospitalization to recover. Represent this as **severeCasesByRequestedTime** and make it a part of your estimation output

Given **severeCasesByRequestedTime**, determine the number of available beds. On average, 65% of hospital beds are already occupied by patients and many hospitals usually are at 90% or 95% capacity. We want to expect only a **35%** bed availability in hospitals for severe COVID-19 positive patients.

Based on the above, the **totalHospitalBeds** input data, and your **severeCasesByRequestedTime**, estimate the number of available hospital beds for severe COVID-19 positive patients. E.g **23** (meaning only 23 hospital beds will be available), or **-350** (meaning there'll be a shortage of 350 beds for severe patients after hospitals are full to capacity)

Represent your beds computation as **hospitalBedsByRequestedTime** and make it a part of your estimation output.

Challenge 3

Determine **5%** of **infectionsByRequestedTime**. This is the estimated number of severe positive cases that will require **ICU care**. Represent this as **casesForICUByRequestedTime** and make it a part of your estimation output.

Also, determine **2%** of **infectionsByRequestedTime**. This is the estimated number of severe positive cases that will require **ventilators**. Represent this as **casesForVentilatorsByRequestedTime** and make it a part of your estimation output.

Finally, given the estimated number of infected people by the requested time and the AVG daily income of the region, estimate how much money the economy is likely to lose over the said period. Save this as **dollarsInFlight** in your output data structure. E.g if **65%** of the region (the majority) earn **\$1.5** a day, you can compute **dollarsInFlight** over a **30 day period** as:

```
infectionsByRequestedTime x 0.65 x 1.5 x 30;
```

PS: At this point, you've now completed the first part of building your estimator. Did you notice that it is not accounting for deaths or recoveries over time? This is a novelty estimator, but we hope it gives you ideas of how you can use technology, open source, and research to attempt providing advocacy and advisory to any cause, including the COVID-19 pandemic.

Role-Specific Challenges - Choose One!

From here, you are **only required** to do **one of the challenges** below. Ideally, you should choose the frontend or backend challenge based on your skill and preference, which should also be in alignment with the data you submitted while applying into the ~#BuildforSDG~ program. Finally, once you make it into the program, the challenge you completed here will strongly influence the role you will play in your team.

If you feel up to it, try completing both the frontend and backend challenges, especially if you want to function as fullstack developer in the program.

Challenge 4 - For Frontend Developers

Build a simple single page web app that can allow the data passed to your estimator function to be inputted from a UI. Your goal is to build a simple UI that

1. Scores a **minimum of 75** for performance, best practices, SEO, and accessibility, as measured by [Chrome's Lighthouse tool](#). Host your web app with GitHub pages (or Netlify). Locate the **app.properties** file at the root of your project folder and set the value of **frontend.url** to the URL of your hosted and running UI app. E.g:

```
frontend.url = http://example.com
```

2. Allows a user enter data with some input fields, and then click on a button which passes the data to the estimation function you built from challenge 1 to 3. In the UI, designate each input field with a HTML attribute as follows:
 - input for **population** data has attribute of **data-population**
 - input for **timeToElapse** data has attribute of **data-time-to-elapse**
 - input for **reportedCases** data has attribute of **data-reported-cases**
 - input for **totalHospitalBeds** data has attribute of **data-total-hospital-beds**
 - input for **periodType** data has attribute of **data-period-type** and should be a SELECT field with values limited to **days**, **weeks**, or **months**
 - the button for submitting the data from the UI should have an attribute of **data-go-estimate**.

Feel free to handle submission with the **data-go-estimate** button and pass the data from the input fields to your estimation function. Though this is not required (we won't even check), doing it helps you have a functional UI you can show off!

Challenge 5 - For Backend Developers

Build a simple REST API around your estimator function and host it on Heroku or any other free service. Your REST API should allow a user make a HTTP POST request to your endpoint, providing the data normally passed to your estimator function, and get back the estimation data produced by your estimator function. Specifically, your API should :

1. Have a **/api/v1/on-covid-19** endpoint that can take the input data and return the estimation for it. Sure you can handle the response using the function you built from challenge 1 to 3. Also, have the default response format be **JSON**, but allow the user specify a response format by terminating the request URL with **/json** for JSON and **/xml** for XML. E.g: If your API is hosted on <http://example.com>, the endpoint will be <http://example.com/api/v1/on-covid-19/> and <http://example.com/api/v1/on-covid-19/xml> will produce the response in XML format and with the right **HTTP response headers** for XML content. Locate the **app.properties** file at the root

of your project folder and set the value of `backend.rest` to the URL of your hosted and running REST API. E.g:

```
backend.rest = https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/todos
```

3. Maintain a request / response time difference log that is accessible via `/api/v1/on-covid-19/logs`. The logs endpoint should produce a **newline-separated** list of entries for each request / response cycle. For every request you get and for which you served a response, log an entry into the logs. Your logs can be saved to a database, a JSON file or whatever you decide is best for persistence, but after calling your API 3 times, there should be 3 additional entries in the logs. A valid response from the `/logs` endpoint can be **text data** with entries containing the HTTP method, the request path, the HTTP status, and how long it took to handle the request. You can separate each of these data points with 2 tab spaces (i.e `\t\t`), but recall that each record needs to be on a new line. See below for an example

```
GET    /api/v1/on-covid-19           200    30 ms
GET    /api/v1/on-covid-19/json      200    45 ms
GET    /api/v1/on-covid-19/xml       200    28 ms
```

References

- 19.7 years is the AVG age in Africa - worldometers.info
- AVG daily income is ~\$5 for 85% of Africans - blogs.worldbank.org
- COVID-19 infections doubles every 3 days. Expect 50x (at least 10x) reported cases to be actual number of infected people - [Jason S. Warner](#)
- Several stats from Harvard Medical School / Massachusetts General Hospital - [move to 00:09:42 of this video](#)