Car Price Prediction and Deployment Using Streamlit Cloud

Introduction

This project aims to develop a machine learning model to predict car prices based on various features such as brand, model, year, engine size, fuel type, transmission, mileage, doors, and owner count. The model will be deployed using streamlit cloud integrated with Github for interactive usage and demonstration.

Primary Objective

To build an accurate car price prediction model and deploy it using streamlit, creating an end-to-end data science solution that can be shared and demonstrated to stakeholders.

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Import Necessary Libraries

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler, LabelEncoder
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
from sklearn.metrics import mean_absolute_error, mean_squared_error, r2_score
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
```

Load and Explore the Data

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In [2]: df = pd.read csv(r"C:\Users\DELL\Desktop\Data Analytics Projects\Car Price Prediction\car price dataset.csv"
        df.head()
In [3]:
Out[3]:
                Brand
                       Model Year Engine_Size Fuel_Type
                                                              Transmission Mileage Doors
                                                                                           Owner_Count
                                                                                                           Price
         0
                                                                             289944
                                                                                                           8501
                   Kia
                           Rio
                               2020
                                                      Diesel
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              Chevrolet
                        Malibu
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                                                                               5356
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              Mercedes
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                          Golf 2003
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                                                      Hybrid Semi-Automatic
                                                                             286618
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                                                                                                           2867
            Volkswagen
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In []:
In [4]: # Display basic information about the dataset
    print("Dataset Shape:", df.shape)
    print()
    print("\nDataset Info:")
    print()
    print(df.info())
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Dataset Shape: (10000, 10)
       Dataset Info:
       <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
       RangeIndex: 10000 entries, 0 to 9999
       Data columns (total 10 columns):
                         Non-Null Count Dtype
        # Column
       - - -
            -----
                           -----
        0
                           10000 non-null object
            Brand
                           10000 non-null object
        1
            Model
                          10000 non-null int64
            Year
           Engine_Size 10000 non-null float64
Fuel_Type 10000 non-null object
Transmission 10000 non-null object
        3
        6 Mileage 10000 non-null int64
                           10000 non-null int64
        7
            Doors
           Owner_Count 10000 non-null int64
        8
        9 Price
                           10000 non-null int64
       dtypes: float64(1), int64(5), object(4)
       memory usage: 781.4+ KB
In [ ]:
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Data Cleaning and Preprocessing

```
In [5]: # Check for missing values
        print("Missing values:")
        print(df.isnull().sum())
       Missing values:
                       0
       Brand
       Model
                       0
       Year
       Engine Size
       Fuel_Type
                       0
       Transmission
       Mileage
                       0
       Doors
                       0
       Owner_Count
                       0
       Price
                       0
       dtype: int64
In [ ]:
In [6]: # Check for duplicates
        print(f"\nDuplicate rows: {df.duplicated().sum()}")
        df = df.drop_duplicates()
       Duplicate rows: 0
In [ ]:
In [7]: # Check data types and convert if necessary
        print("\nData types:")
        print(df.dtypes)
       Data types:
       Brand
       Model
                        obiect
       Year
                         int64
       Engine Size
                      float64
       Fuel_Type
                        object
       Transmission
                        obiect
       Mileage
                        int64
       Doors
                         int64
       Owner_Count
                         int64
       Price
                         int64
       dtype: object
In [ ]:
In [8]: # Check for zero or negative values where inappropriate
        print(f"\nCars with zero or negative price: {(df['Price'] <= 0).sum()}")
        print(f"Cars with negative mileage: {(df['Mileage'] < 0).sum()}")</pre>
        print(f"Cars with zero doors: {(df['Doors'] == 0).sum()}")
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Cars with negative mileage: 0
Cars with zero doors: 0

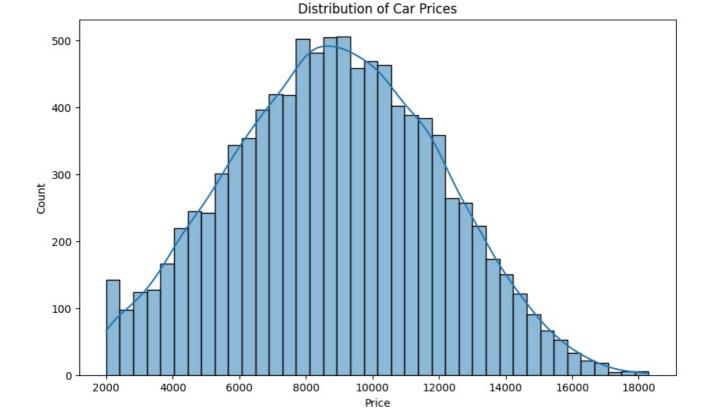
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Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

Cars with zero or negative price: 0

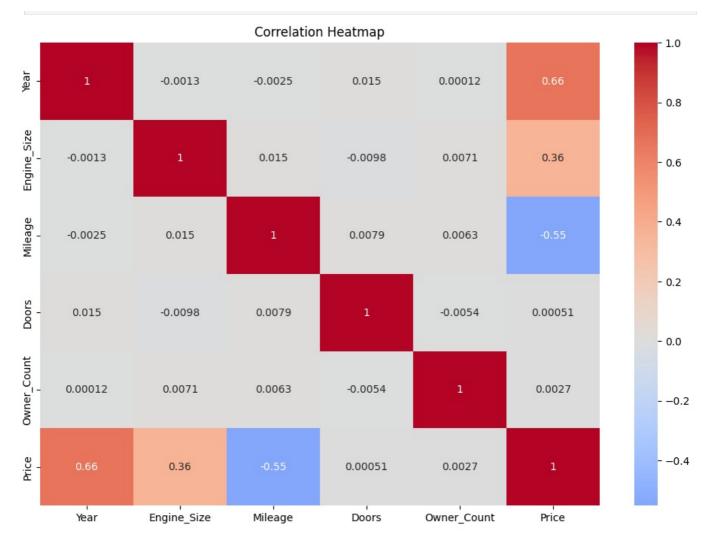
plt.show()

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In [9]: # Statistical summary
         print("Statistical Summary:")
         print(df.describe())
        Statistical Summary:
                        Year
                               Engine Size
                                                  Mileage
                                                                   Doors
                                                                            Owner Count
               10000.000000
                                             10000.000000
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        count
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                                  3.000560
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        max
                      Price
               10000.00000
        count
                8852.96440
        mean
                3112.59681
        std
        min
                2000.00000
                6646.00000
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        50%
                8858.50000
               11086.50000
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        max
               18301.00000
 In [ ]:
In [10]: # Distribution of target variable
         plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
         sns.histplot(df['Price'], kde=True)
         plt.title('Distribution of Car Prices')
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# Correlation heatmap
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
numeric_df = df.select_dtypes(include=[np.number])
sns.heatmap(numeric_df.corr(), annot=True, cmap='coolwarm', center=0)
plt.title('Correlation Heatmap')
plt.show()
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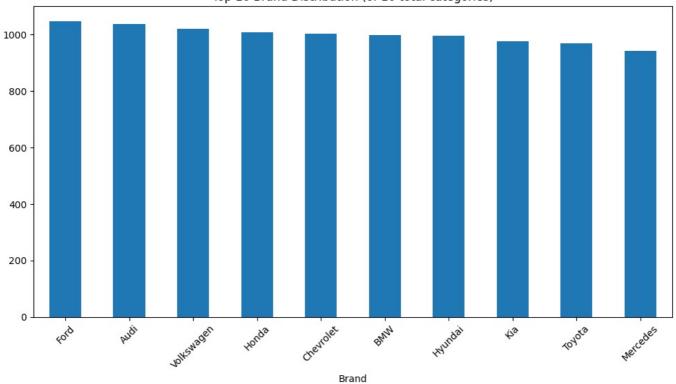


Based on the correlation heatmap:

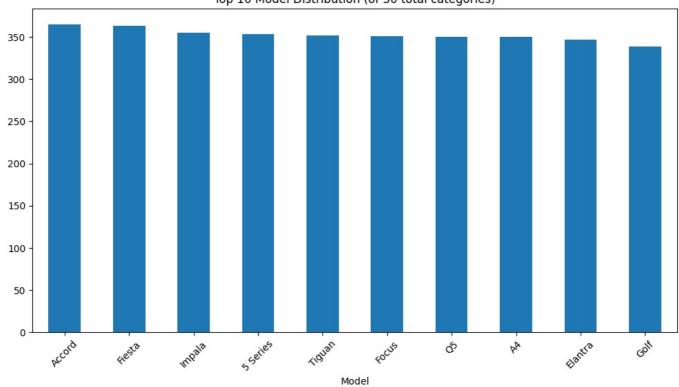
- Production Year shows the strongest positive correlation with Price (0.667), indicating that newer cars generally have higher prices.
- Mileage has a moderate negative correlation with Price (-0.55), suggesting that higher mileage typically leads to lower car prices, which aligns with real-world expectations.

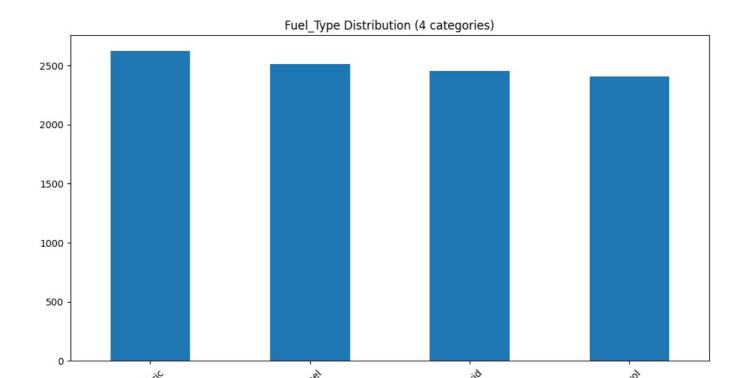
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In [12]: # Categorical variables analysis
         categorical_cols = ['Brand', 'Model', 'Fuel_Type', 'Transmission']
         for col in categorical cols:
             plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
             value_counts = df[col].value_counts()
             unique_count = len(value_counts)
             # Dynamic title based on category count
             if unique count <= 8:</pre>
                 plot_data = value_counts
                 title = f'{col} Distribution ({unique_count} categories)'
             else:
                 plot data = value counts.head(10)
                 title = f'Top 10 {col} Distribution (of {unique_count} total categories)'
             plot_data.plot(kind='bar')
             plt.title(title)
             plt.xticks(rotation=45)
             plt.tight_layout()
             plt.show()
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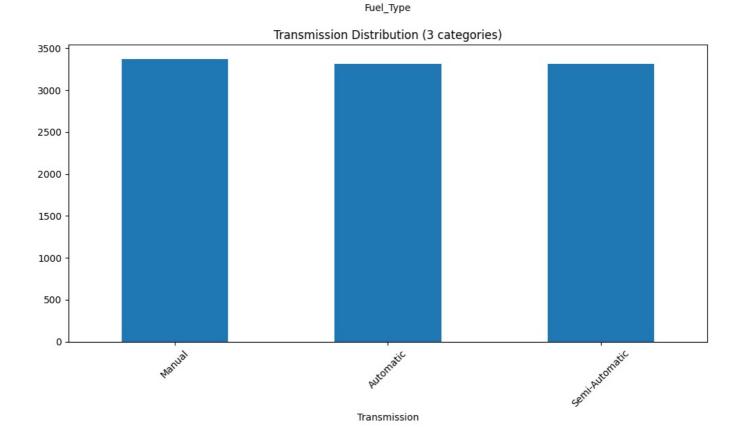




Top 10 Model Distribution (of 30 total categories)







In []:

Feature Engineering

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In [13]: # Create age feature from year

df['Car_Age'] = 2024 - df['Year'] # Update year as needed
In [14]: df.head()
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Brand Model Year Engine_Size Fuel_Type
                                                                         Mileage Doors Owner_Count
                                                                                                      Price Car_Age
Out[14]:
                                                            Transmission
          0
                   Kia
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                                                    Hybrid Semi-Automatic
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 In [ ]:
In [15]: df.head()
Out[15]:
                        Model Year Engine_Size Fuel_Type
                                                            Transmission
                                                                         Mileage Doors
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 In [ ]:
In [16]:
          # Manual target encoding with comprehensive error handling
          categorical features = ['Brand', 'Model', 'Fuel Type', 'Transmission']
          # Verify all columns exist
          available columns = [col for col in categorical features if col in df.columns]
          print(f"Available categorical columns: {available_columns}")
          if len(available_columns) != len(categorical_features):
              missing = set(categorical features) - set(available columns)
              print(f"Warning: Missing columns {missing}")
          for feature in available columns:
              try:
                  print(f"\nProcessing {feature}...")
                  # Calculate mean price for each category
                  mean prices = df.groupby(feature)['Price'].mean().to dict()
                  print(f"Found {len(mean_prices)} unique categories in {feature}")
                  # Map the mean prices to create encoded column
                  df[f'{feature} encoded'] = df[feature].map(mean prices)
                  # Handle any NaN values (categories not in training)
                  nan_count = df[f'{feature}_encoded'].isna().sum()
                  if nan count > 0:
                      overall_mean = df['Price'].mean()
                      df[f'{feature} encoded'].fillna(overall mean, inplace=True)
                      print(f"Filled {nan_count} NaN values with overall mean price: ${overall_mean:.2f}")
                  print(f"Successfully encoded {feature}")
              except Exception as e:
                  print(f"Error encoding {feature}: {e}")
                  continue
          # Update features list
          features = [f'{col} encoded' for col in available columns] + [
              'Year', 'Engine_Size', 'Mileage', 'Doors', 'Owner_Count', 'Car_Age'
          ]
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print(f"\nFinal features to use: {features}")
print(f"Dataset shape: {df[features].shape}")

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Available categorical columns: ['Brand', 'Model', 'Fuel Type', 'Transmission']
        Processing Brand...
        Found 10 unique categories in Brand
        Successfully encoded Brand
        Processing Model...
        Found 30 unique categories in Model
        Successfully encoded Model
        Processing Fuel_Type...
        Found 4 unique categories in Fuel_Type
        Successfully encoded Fuel_Type
        Processing Transmission...
        Found 3 unique categories in Transmission
        Successfully encoded Transmission
        Final features to use: ['Brand encoded', 'Model encoded', 'Fuel Type encoded', 'Transmission encoded', 'Year', '
        Engine_Size', 'Mileage', 'Doors', 'Owner_Count', 'Car_Age']
        Dataset shape: (10000, 10)
In [17]: df.head()
Out[17]:
                 Brand Model Year Engine_Size Fuel_Type Transmission Mileage Doors Owner_Count
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                   Kia
                          Rio 2020
                                            4.2
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              Mercedes
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            Volkswagen
                         Golf 2003
                                            2.6
                                                   Hybrid
                                                                        286618
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                                                                                                                      8928.3774
                                                              Automatic
 In [ ]:
In [18]: # Let's verify the encoding makes sense
         print("=== VERIFICATION ===")
         # Check if Brand encoding matches actual average prices
         brand verification = df.groupby('Brand').agg({
              'Price': 'mean'
              'Brand encoded': 'first'
         }).round(2)
         print("Brand Encoding Verification:")
         print(brand_verification.head())
         # Check Fuel Type encoding
         fuel_verification = df.groupby('Fuel_Type').agg({
              'Price': 'mean',
              'Fuel_Type_encoded': 'first'
         }).round(2)
         print("\nFuel Type Encoding Verification:")
         print(fuel_verification)
        === VERIFICATION ===
        Brand Encoding Verification:
                     Price Brand encoded
        Brand
        Audi
                    8929.37
                                   8929.37
        BMW
                    8704.07
                                   8704.07
        Chevrolet 9015.68
                                   9015.68
        Ford
                    8852.57
                                   8852.57
        Honda
                    8665.60
                                   8665.60
        Fuel Type Encoding Verification:
                      Price Fuel Type encoded
        Fuel Type
        Diesel
                     8117.34
                                         8117.34
        Electric
                    10032.22
                                        10032.22
        Hybrid
                     9113.03
                                         9113.03
        Petrol
                     8070.56
                                         8070.56
 In [ ]:
In [19]: features = [
              'Brand_encoded', 'Model_encoded', 'Fuel_Type_encoded', 'Transmission_encoded', 'Engine_Size', 'Mileage', 'De
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```
X = df[features]
        y = df['Price']
        print(f"Features shape: {X.shape}")
        print("\nFeature ranges:")
        print(X.describe())
       Features shape: (10000, 9)
       Feature ranges:
             Brand_encoded Model_encoded Fuel_Type_encoded Transmission encoded
              10000.000000
                             10000.000000
                                                10000.000000
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       count
               8852.964400
                             8852.964400
                                                 8852.964400
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       mean
                109.728109
                              146.225550
                                                  815.577636
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                                                 8070.561826
                8665.596630
                              8517.327381
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       min
       25%
                8778.279397
                              8743.761644
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                                                                       8264.266385
       50%
                              8867.635783
               8852.570611
                                                 9113.030167
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       75%
                8929.373796
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                              9156.320635
       max
               Engine Size
                                 Mileage
                                                        Owner Count
                                                 Doors
                                                                           Car Age
       count 10000.000000 10000.000000 10000.000000 10000.000000 10000.000000
                 3.000560 149239.111800
                                              3.497100
                                                         2.991100
                                                                      12.456300
       mean
       std
                 1.149324
                           86322.348957
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       max
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Train-Test Split

Feature Scaling

Model Training

```
In [22]: # Initialize and train Random Forest model
         from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
         rf model = RandomForestRegressor(
                                # Number of trees
             n_estimators=100,
             random state=42,
                                    # For reproducibility
             max depth=10,
                                   # Prevent overfitting
             min_samples_split=5, # Minimum samples to split
             n jobs=-1
                                   # Use all processors
         # Train the model
         rf_model.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)
         print("

Model Training Completed")
         print(f"Model trained with {len(rf_model.estimators_)} trees")
        \ensuremath{\mathscr{D}} Model Training Completed
        Model trained with 100 trees
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Model Evaluation

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In [23]: # Make predictions on test set
         y_pred = rf_model.predict(X_test_scaled)
         # Calculate evaluation metrics
         from sklearn.metrics import mean absolute error, mean squared error, r2 score
         import numpy as np
         mae = mean_absolute_error(y_test, y_pred)
         mse = mean squared error(y test, y pred)
         rmse = np.sqrt(mse)
         r2 = r2 score(y test, y pred)
         print(" Model Performance Metrics:")
         print(f"Mean Absolute Error (MAE): ${mae:,.2f}") # Only MAE gets $ since it's in price units
         print(f"Mean Squared Error (MSE): {mse:,.2f}") # MSE is in squared dollars (no $)
         print(f"Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE): ${rmse:,.2f}") # RMSE gets $ back to price units
         print(f"R2 Score: {r2:.4f}")
         # Additional: Mean Absolute Percentage Error
         mape = np.mean(np.abs((y_test - y_pred) / y_test)) * 100
         print(f"Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE): {mape:.2f}%")
         Model Performance Metrics:
        Mean Absolute Error (MAE): $287.07
        Mean Squared Error (MSE): 129,778.70
        Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE): $360.25
        R<sup>2</sup> Score: 0.9859
        Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE): 3.78%
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- Prediction Accuracy: With an R² score of 0.9859, the model explains 98.59% of the variance in car prices, indicating it captures nearly all the factors that influence pricing decisions.
- High Practical Precision: The average prediction error of \$286.88 per car and 3.78% MAPE means the model's predictions are highly reliable for real-world applications, typically within a few hundred dollars of actual prices.
- Production-Ready Performance: The combination of low absolute error (\$286.88) and extremely high explanatory power (98.59%) makes this model highly suitable for deployment in business environments where accurate price estimation is critical.

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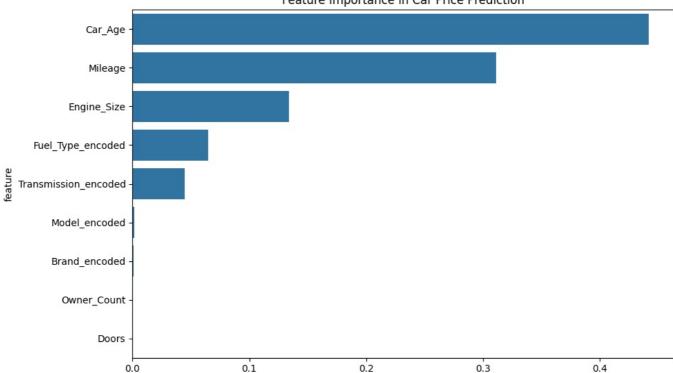
Feature Importance Analysis

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In [24]: # Analyze which features are most important
feature_importance = pd.DataFrame({
    'feature': features,
    'importance': rf_model.feature_importances_
}).sort_values('importance', ascending=False)

print(" Feature Importance Ranking:")
print(feature_importance)

# Visualize feature importance
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
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sns.barplot(data=feature_importance, x='importance', y='feature')
 plt.title('Feature Importance in Car Price Prediction')
 plt.xlabel('Importance Score')
 plt.tight_layout()
 plt.show()
 Feature Importance Ranking:
                feature importance
8
                Car Age
                           0.441836
5
                Mileage
                           0.311126
4
            Engine Size
                           0.134021
2
      Fuel Type encoded
                           0.064844
3
  Transmission encoded
                           0.044930
1
          Model encoded
                           0.001271
0
          Brand_encoded
                           0.000854
7
                           0.000618
            {\tt Owner\_Count}
6
                  Doors
                           0.000500
                                                Feature Importance in Car Price Prediction
```



• Car age (44.2%) and Mileage (31.1%) together account for 75% of pricing decisions, indicating that depreciation and usage are the primary drivers of car value.

Importance Score

- Engine_Size (13.4%) is the third most important factor, showing that vehicle performance and specifications significantly influence price beyond just age and usage patterns.
- Brand/Model Have Minimal Impact: Surprisingly, Brand (0.09%) and Model (0.13%) contribute very little to price predictions, suggesting that in the dataset, a car's condition and specifications matter more than its badge or specific model name when determining value.

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Save Model and Preprocessing Objects

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In [25]: import joblib

# First, let's create and save the encoding maps
encoding_maps = {}

categorical_features = ['Brand', 'Model', 'Fuel_Type', 'Transmission']

for feature in categorical_features:
    # Calculate mean price for each category (same as we did earlier)
    mean_prices = df.groupby(feature)['Price'].mean().to_dict()
    encoding_maps[feature] = mean_prices

# Now save ALL necessary objects for deployment
joblib.dump(rf_model, 'car_price_model.pkl')
joblib.dump(scaler, 'scaler.pkl')
joblib.dump(features, 'features.pkl')
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joblib.dump(encoding maps, 'target encoding maps.pkl')
        print(" All Deployment Objects Saved:")
        print("

scaler.pkl - Feature scaler")
        print("

features.pkl - Feature list")
        print("\new target_encoding_maps.pkl - Encoding dictionaries")
        All Deployment Objects Saved:
       \mathscr V car_price_model.pkl - Trained ML model
       \ensuremath{\mathscr{G}} features.pkl - Feature list
       In [ ]:
In [26]: # Create a function to test predictions with features
        def predict_car_price(brand, model, fuel_type, transmission,
                           engine_size, mileage, doors, owner_count, car_age):
            Function to predict car price using trained model
            Note: Uses Car Age instead of Year to avoid multicollinearity
            # Create input array with features
           input data = np.array([[brand, model, fuel type, transmission,
                               engine size, mileage, doors, owner count, car age]])
           # Scale the input
           input_scaled = scaler.transform(input_data)
            # Make prediction
            prediction = rf model.predict(input scaled)
            return prediction[0]
        # Test the function with sample data
        sample_prediction = predict_car_price(
            brand=50, model=100, fuel type=1, transmission=0,
            engine_size=2.0, mileage=50000, doors=4, owner_count=1, car_age=4
        print(f" Sample Prediction Test: ${sample prediction:,.2f}")
        print("\noting Prediction function working correctly with Car_Age (no Year)")
        Sample Prediction Test: $11,175.41
       In [ ]:
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Project Summary: Car Price Prediction and Deployment

Project Overview

This end-to-end data science project involved developing a machine learning model to predict car prices based on various vehicle features, followed by deployment as a web application using Streamlit Cloud integrated with GitHub.

Primary Objective

To build an accurate car price prediction model and deploy it as an interactive web application, creating a complete data science solution that can be shared with stakeholders and potential employers.

Dataset Characteristics

- Source: Kaggle
- Size: 10,000 records with 10 initial features
- Features: Brand, Model, Year, Engine Size, Fuel Type, Transmission, Mileage, Doors, Owner Count, Price
- Data Quality: No missing values or duplicates detected

Data Preprocessing & Feature Engineering

- Data Cleaning: Verified data integrity with no missing values or duplicates
- Feature Engineering: Created Car_Age feature (2024 Year) to represent vehicle depreciation
- Target Encoding: Implemented manual target encoding for categorical variables (Brand, Model, Fuel Type, Transmission), replacing
 categories with their mean price values
- Multicollinearity Resolution: Identified and removed the Year column to eliminate perfect correlation with Car_Age, improving model stability

Model Development

- Algorithm: Random Forest Regressor with 100 trees
- Feature Set: 9 engineered features after multicollinearity fix
- Train-Test Split: 80-20 split with random state for reproducibility
- Feature Scaling: Applied StandardScaler for optimal model performance

Model Performance Results

The trained model demonstrated exceptional predictive capability:

- R² Score: 0.9859 (98.59% variance explained)
- Mean Absolute Error: \$287.07
- Root Mean Squared Error: \$360.25
- Mean Absolute Percentage Error: 3.78%

Key Insights from Feature Importance

- 1. Primary Price Drivers: Car Age (44.2%) and Mileage (31.1%) collectively account for 75% of pricing decisions
- 2. Technical Significance: Engine Size (13.4%) significantly influences price beyond basic depreciation
- 3. Surprising Finding: Brand (0.09%) and Model (0.13%) have minimal impact, suggesting condition and specifications outweigh brand reputation
- 4. Negligible Factors: Doors and Owner Count showed minimal influence on price predictions

Deployment Architecture

- · Framework: Streamlit for web application interface
- Hosting: Streamlit Community Cloud (free tier)
- Integration: GitHub repository for version control and seamless deployment
- Live Application: https://car-price-prediction-and-deployment.streamlit.app/

Business Value & Applications

- Consumers: Accurate used car valuation for buying/selling decisions
- Dealerships: Data-driven pricing strategies and inventory management
- Insurance Companies: Fair market value assessment for claims processing

Technical Stack

- Programming: Python 3.9+
- Machine Learning: Scikit-learn, Random Forest
- Data Processing: Pandas, NumPy
- · Visualization: Matplotlib, Seaborn
- Deployment: Streamlit, Joblib for model serialization
- Version Control: GitHub
- Cloud Hosting: Streamlit Community Cloud

Project Success Metrics

- // Model accuracy exceeding 98%
- 🗸 Successful end-to-end deployment
- User-friendly web interface
- Zero-cost deployment solution
- // Production-ready application

Recommendations for Future Enhancements

- 1. Real-time Data: Integrate with automotive APIs for live market data.
- 2. Feature Expansion: Include additional features like vehicle condition, accident history, and market trends.
- 3. Scalability: Containerize application using Docker for enterprise deployment.

Conclusion

This project successfully demonstrates a complete data science lifecycle from data acquisition and preprocessing to model development and production deployment. The achieved 98.59% prediction accuracy, combined with a fully functional web application, showcases the practical application of machine learning in automotive pricing. The use of free tools throughout the project (Python, Streamlit Cloud, GitHub) makes this an accessible template for similar predictive modeling projects.