

# customer segmentation for XYZ AIRLINES

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# BUSINESS PROBLEM

- XYZ Airline is directly rivaled by large national airline companies and competitive pricing alone is not sufficient to stay afloat.
- Not enough time or resources have been invested in validating and developing customer profiles.
- Lack of customer knowledge significantly hampers XYZ's digital marketing and advertising efforts.
- Brand loyalty is low, small proportion of customers have enrolled in the UFly Rewards Program.



# WHY CLUSTERING

- Historical data on XYZ's customers can be harnessed to get a better understanding on the clientele.
- A better understanding of the customers will help XYZ refine its marketing and expansion strategies.
- Through clustering, we want to identify clear, distinguishable segments of customers and use their characteristics to provide insights and recommendations

# BLUEPTINT



# **DATA CLEANING**



**Data Filtering:** Filtering for only relative data



**Null values:** "NA" values in will be replaced by 0 for int and 'none' for strings



**Anomalies**: Replacing anomalies in data like 15k entries having ages out of normal range with the mean



**Modification of data types**: Data types modified wherever required for eg. date columns



# **CLUSTERING APPROACHES**



**K-Means** 



**Gaussian Mixture Model** 



**K-Prototypes** 



**K-Medoids** 

We preferred Gaussian Mixture Model because it is computationally efficient and captures most information among all clustering models.





**Cluster 0: Average Customers** 

Cohort size: 48%

- Book 2 months in advance on average

- 20% of them are members
- No multi city trips
- 50% of trips are from/to Vegas



Cluster	Itinerary		
0	JFK-MSP	43,689	
	LAS-MSP		66,585
	MSP-JFK	43,077	
	MSP-LAS		66,055
	SFO-MSP	46,166	

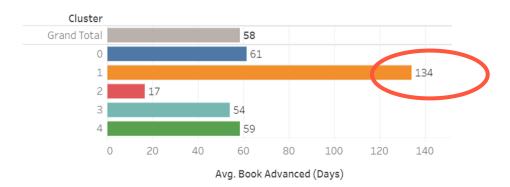


**Cluster 1: Advance Bookers** 

Cohort size: 1%

- Book well in advance (4-5 months)
- Book through reservation booking
- Book the most tickets (62%) between July to December but to fly between Jan to March





The number of days the customers in Clusters booked tickets in advance. Cluster 1 has the maximum number of 134 days.

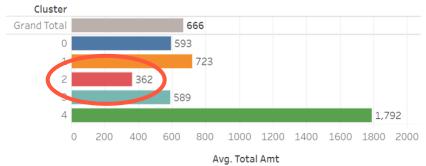


**Cluster 2: Last-minute bookers:** 

Cohort size: 0.4%

- Book tickets spontaneously
- Book only at airports
- Per person expenditure is the lowest (\$362)





The average amount of dollars spent by a person in the cluster through the 2 years



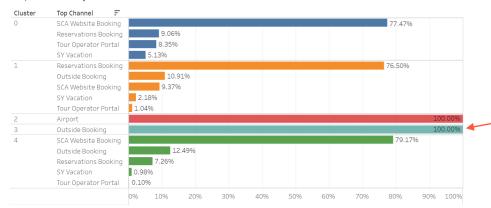
Cluster 3: Price Sensitive Bookers
Cohort size: 44.4%

Mostly Non-members (93%)

Book through external websites only



### Top Channel by Cluster



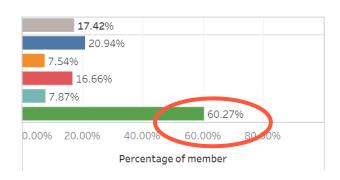
All bookings in Cluster 3 are from external websites



### **Cluster 4: Frequent travellers:**

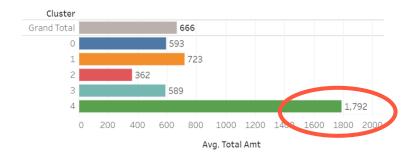
Cohort size: 6.2%

- Members & card holders
- Highest frequency of trips among all clusters
- Book only through SCA website
- Per person expenditure is the highest (-\$1800).



60% of customers in Cluster 4 are members



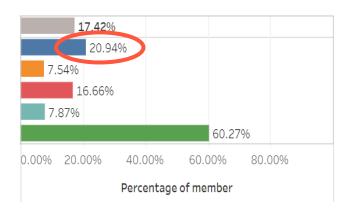


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## **Cluster 0: Average Customers**

### Top Channel by Cluster

Cluster	Top Channel		
0	SCA Website Booking		77.47%
	Reservations Booking	9.06%	
	Tour Operator Portal	8.35%	
	SY Vacation	5.13%	



Since almost 80% of people book through XYZ website but just 20% of them are members, we can incentivize converting to UFly Membership by offering sign up discounts during checkout.

The XYZ website should have advertisement banners promoting its rewards programs.

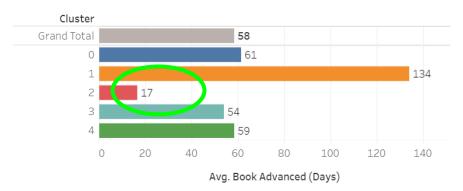
### **Cluster 1: Advance Bookers**



Create a sense of urgency, these customers like to research and a time constraint might drive their decision.

### **Cluster 2: Last-minute bookers:**

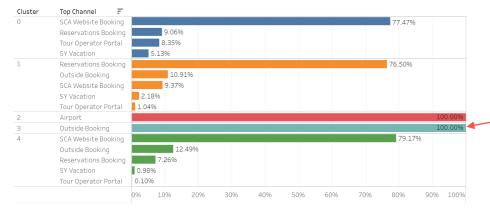
### Avg Book Advanced by Cluster



Due to time constraints of booking tickets at the airport these customers have low bargaining power. Prices at the airport can be marked up and discounts should not be offered.

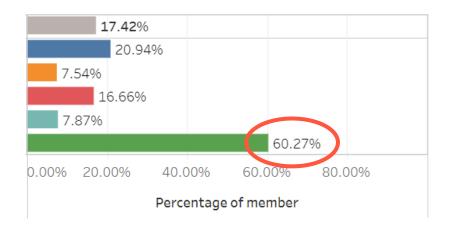
### **Cluster 3: Price Sensitive Bookers**

### Top Channel by Cluster



These customers who book via external websites, should be offered benefits upon enrolling in the UFly program. They can be targeted through e-mail communication; benefits could involve receiving discounted rates in the long term.

# **Cluster 4: Frequent Flyers**



Offer seat upgrades and rewards for frequently flying customers to increase overall satisfaction and cement their loyalty to XYZ Airlines.

Use their loyalty to increase reach by giving **referral bonuses** when they tell friends and family about XYZ.

# **GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Points received from booking via SCA website should be higher than if booked through external websites.
- The sign up process for the UFIy rewards program should be simplified.
   Customers that book through external channels should be notified of the existence and benefits of the rewards program through emails.
- UFly Rewards program should have different membership tiers, customers in a higher tier should receive more points. This would encourage even price sensitive customers to stay loyal to SCA.
- Points can be redeemed to get benefits such as upgrades, free seat selection and move bookings.

# THANK YOU