

Unveiling the Pakistani Used Car Market

I've just completed an in-depth analysis of the used cars listed for sale on [PakWheels.com](https://www.pakwheels.com) and train multiple models to predict the best asking price for car on sale. This dataset was sourced from [Kaggle](https://www.kaggle.com), providing valuable insights into the Pakistani used car market. Following is some of the interesting findings from the dataset.

- The majority of the cars listed on PakWheels are from capital cities, with over 50% of them coming from the Punjab region.
- There are twice as many locally assembled cars as there are imported ones.
- Locally assembled cars are cheaper than imported ones.
- Sedan, hatchback and SUV are the most popular body types.
- Toyota, Suzuki, and Honda collectively dominate the market, accounting for 84% of the cars listed for sale on PakWheels
- There is a positive correlation between the manufacturing year and the number of ads. Fewer cars listed on PakWheels have older manufacturing years.
- People show a preference for automatic hybrid cars over manual hybrid cars.
- White remains the most popular car colour followed by silver, black and grey.
- More than 75% car have values under 5 million PKR. The count of cars decrease as the price goes up.
- It appears that the price is directly proportional to the car's manufacturing year, with newer cars having higher prices.
- The majority of cars have engines ranging from 600 CC to 2000 CC.
- the most recent years, i.e., 2020-2024, have the lowest mileage whereas years before 2010 have significantly higher mileage. Therefore, it implies that old cars have more mileage than new ones.
- Engine capacity impacts the most on car price followed by manufacturing year
- I employed a range of models, including regression and tree-based models, to predict best ask prices. In this specific scenario, Random Forest emerged as the top performers, delivering the highest R-squared (R^2) score of 94.22, with XGBoost closely following with 93.5. Polynomial regression exhibits really bad performance.

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