

Data Science Internship

Individual Weekly Task Documentation

Week #4:

Smart Warehousing & Inventory Management

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I. My Summarized Log

Encompasses five weekdays from Monday to Friday with 8-hours spent per day

DAY 16 Week 4 Monday 08/04/2025

[08:00 AM - 05:00 PM]

- Reviewed new tasks for the week in 5-week Data Science Interns Document
- Updated my local repository for documentation of previous weeks' tasks
- Created a schedule to allocate days and hours for all tasks required in Week 4
- Started watching first batch of Week 4 Lectures:
 - o RFID Smart Warehousing Cloud Helps You Make a Smart Inventory Decision
 - What is Real-Time Data Analytics
 - Real Time Analytics in IoT Scenarios
 - o The Role of Al and IoT in Modern Retail
- Created a Week 4 Individual Weekly Task Documentation file
- Wrote lecture report e.g. what I took or learned from the video lectures
- Met with Dats Team on discord to have recalibration with team task distribution

DAY 17 Week 4 Tuesday 08/05/2025

[08:00 AM - 05:00 PM]

- Continued the second batch of Week 4 Lectures:
 - Supply Chain Optimization: Leveraging Data and Emerging Technologies,
 - o Can Inventory Optimization Improve Order Preparation Processes in Warehouses?,
 - Inventory Optimization
- Wrote lecture report e.g. what I took or learned from the video lectures
- Met with my Insights team mate to discuss our distribution of tasks for future team tasks.
- Read the individual guide files for Week 3 Team Task and Week 4 Individual Hands-on Activity

DAY 18 Week 4 Wednesday 08/06/2025

[08:00 AM - 05:00 PM]

- Started on Week 4 Individual Hands-on Activity Smart Warehouse & Inventory Management with Barcode Scanning, Visualization via Metabase & Chart.js
- Prepared Mock Inventory dataset through Al generation
- Set up PostgreSQL database using given schema
- Set up full architecture and secured communication between all components
 - o Built flask microservice
 - o Integrated Laravel API with flask
 - o Tested POST on localhost:500/rfid-scan route using POSTMAN
 - o Attempted Chart.js visualization but faced errors
 - o Synced inventory database in Metabase
 - o Created Metabase dashboards
- Compiled screensnaps of each step taken to build the system
- Wrote the documentation document for Week 4 Hands-on activity

DAY 19 Week 4 Thursday 08/07/2025

[08:00 AM - 05:00 PM]

- Started on Week 3 Team Task Forecasting Delivery Time with Proximity-Based Notifications
- Set up full architecture and secured communication between all components
 - Cleaned and prepared historical delivery dataset
 - Created util.py to train and ETA prediction model using Random Forest and saved the trained model as delivery_eta_model.pkl
 - Created index.html file to have a web view of real-time distance calculation. It takes in coordinates and will display the ETA with its respective Status
 - o Created a flask API to return ETA predictions in index.html
- Met with the Data Science Team to realignment
- Worked on BONUS tasks for Week 3 Team Task
 - o Created worker.py for redis queue function to handle GPS data poling
 - o Created new version of files for Traccar integration to replace manual GPS assignment
 - Set up Traccar Client on my phone device and Traccar UI in my desktop to have connection
 - Created get_gps.py to get live location from traccar api
 - Created new app.py with /live_eta routing that imports get_latest_position function
 - Created new index.html to fetch from the /live_eta route
 - Worked on Metabase integration of the database
 - Created delivery_db in pgAdmin
 - Import historical_deliveries.csv
 - Created new column travel_time_minutes
 - Converted time columns in time date format and updated content of travel_time_minutes column
 - Connected to Metabase and created dashboard
- Compiled screensnaps of each step taken to build the system
- Wrote the documentation document for Week 4 Hands-on activity

DAY 20 Week 4 Friday 08/08/2025

[08:00 AM - 05:00 PM]

- Worked on compiling all activity logs for the past days
- Compiled all documentations in the Weekly Documentation file
- Worked on the notarization of my Internship Requirements
- Updated MyHours to log all hours for Week 4
- Collected all the links to lecture videos I watched
- Collected all the links to the deliverables
- Organized all the deliverable files
- Submitted all the deliverables to the drive folder.

II. Lecture Report

Week 4 Lectures

RFID Smart Warehousing Cloud Helps you Make a Smart Inventory Decision

This lecture talked about what happens after checking raw materials. Once they pass quality control, they're sent to the warehouse. Warehousing involves three main things: **storing, tracking inventory, and distributing.** With smart warehousing using CFM's cloud system, everything becomes more efficient. RFID labels let the system register and track items in real time without manual work. There's no need for scanning or stock taking by hand. Machines handle tracking and calculations, so decisions can be made faster. The data helps improve how fast goods move through the system and lowers costs.

• What is Real-Time Data Analytics

This lecture explained what real-time analytics is and why it's important. Real-time data means using and analyzing information as soon as it's available. It discusses how companies are now realizing that data loses value quickly, so acting fast is key. Real-time analytics helps businesses make faster decisions, improve services, and automate processes. One example is how banks detect fraud by monitoring card activity instantly. Apps also use real-time data to show users the right ads at the right moment, like offering travel insurance when someone's at the airport. It's also the tech behind things like self-driving cars and autonomous ships, which rely on constant sensors and camera data. To use this, companies need live data feeds and the systems to process it right away. The good part is that services like AWS, Microsoft, and IBM make this tech available even for smaller businesses.

• Real Time Analytics in IoT Scenarios

In this talk, the speaker discusses how IoT, edge computing, and Azure services work together in real-world scenarios. What stood out to me was how everything is connected: traffic cameras, edge devices, cloud storage, and analytics, all streaming and processing data in real time. He showed how traffic data (like license plates and car speeds) can be captured at the edge, processed locally, then sent to the cloud for deeper analysis or automation, like issuing speeding tickets. He explained the difference between edge and cloud: edge is for fast, local processing (like recognizing a license plate), and cloud is for storage, analysis, and long-term actions. Tools like IoT Hub, Azure Stream Analytics, and Logic Apps all play a role, and surprisingly, most of it requires little or no code just setting up configurations and queries. I liked how stream analytics queries were used to detect speeding by measuring time between two cameras, and how the data triggered workflows automatically. Also, Databricks was used for more complex data analysis, like spotting suspicious vehicles. My takeaway is that IoT's real power is in the data and how it's used, not just the devices.

• The Role of Al and IoT in Modern Retail

This lecture focused on why companies struggle with data. The main idea was that businesses often collect too much data without knowing how to use it. A lot of it ends up sitting unused, or gets analyzed too late to be useful. What companies really need is to make decisions fast, based on up-to-date data, not old reports from months ago.

He also pointed out that dashboards and reports don't really help people take action unless there's a clear signal in all the noise. Just throwing more data at people doesn't work. Instead, companies should focus on outcomes, figuring out what actions to take based on data, not just staring at charts. He gave the example of a factory where workers see a graph but don't know what it means or what to do. The big takeaway is that real-time, actionable insights are way more useful than just collecting and reporting data.

• Supply Chain Optimization: Leveraging Data and Emerging Technologies

In this video, Lorenza's team worked on optimizing inventory for small fair trade shops. These shops have little space and limited management tools, so restocking is tough. They built a two-step system: one part tracks stock levels, the other suggests when and what to restock. To predict demand, they used different forecasting models and picked the most accurate. For the optimization, they used linear programming because it's fast, transparent, and works even with small datasets. The goal was to boost profits while keeping stock low.

Can Inventory Optimization Improve Order Preparation Processes in Warehouses?

This lecture explained how inventory optimization can make order preparation in warehouses much more efficient. By reducing both stock shortages and overstocking, it ensures that the right items are always available when needed. This helps workers prepare orders faster and with fewer delays. Organized inventory systems, especially when using SKUs, also speed up item retrieval and improve overall workflow. Another key point was that inventory optimization improves accuracy. With better visibility and fewer manual errors, there are fewer returns and happier customers. Tools like real-time analytics and warehouse management systems help managers plan better and optimize picking methods. Techniques like wave picking or multi-order processing reduce walking time and boost efficiency. In the end, aligning inventory levels with warehouse layout and smart planning leads to faster, more reliable, and more cost-effective order fulfillment.

Inventory Optimization

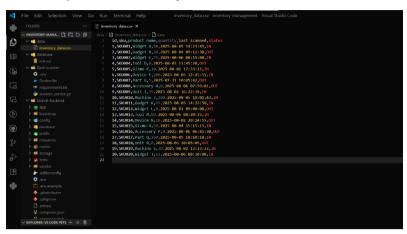
This lecture helped me really understand how complex inventory optimization can get, especially in large businesses. Before this, I mostly thought of inventory as just making sure there's enough product in stock. But now I see it's about finding a balance between having enough to meet demand, keeping costs down, and managing all the uncertainty that comes with supply and demand. What stood out to me was how inventory isn't something you look at on its own it has to fit into the bigger picture with demand planning, supply planning, and overall business goals. One of the many things I found really interesting was how they talked about modeling uncertainty. I hadn't really thought about using things like demand variability or supply delays in such a structured way. The idea of safety stock being calculated based on service levels and data made it feel less like guessing and more like something strategic. The MEIO (multi-echelon inventory optimization) concept was new to me too managing inventory across different parts of the supply chain, not just in one warehouse. It made me realize how much coordination is actually required behind the scenes. I also liked the part about the Enterprise Knowledge Graph and the Graph Cube. I wasn't familiar with those before, but they made sense once explained. Basically, it's a way to map out how everything is connected in the supply chain, products, locations, timelines, and then use that to plan smarter. It sounded like a way to make better, faster decisions with real data, not just gut feeling or rough estimates.

The platform demo was helpful in showing how this all works in practice. I liked seeing how users could set service level goals, simulate different stocking strategies, and actually see the impact on cost and availability. The case study at the end was a nice touch too as it showed that these tools aren't just for show, but actually lead to big improvements, like cutting working capital by 20%. This session really changed how I look at inventory management. It's not just about keeping shelves full, it's about using data and smart systems to plan better, respond faster, and run things more efficiently. I'll definitely keep this perspective in mind moving forward.

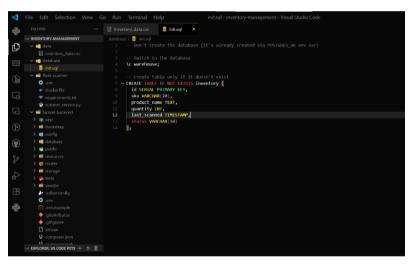
III. Individual Hands-on Activity

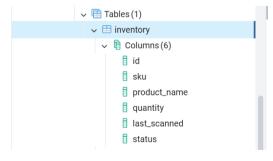
Smart Warehouse & Inventory Management with Barcode Scanning, Visualization via Metabase & Chart.js

• STEP 1: Prepare Mock Inventory Dataset

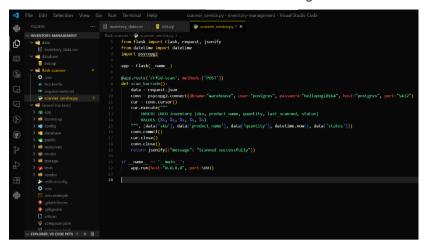


STEP 2: Set Up PostgreSQL Database

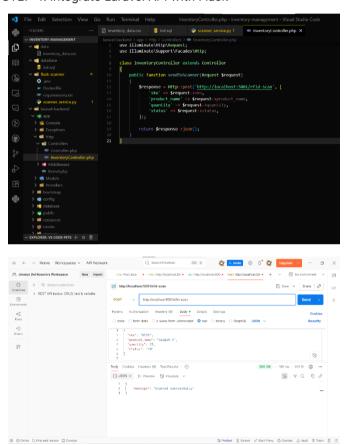




STEP 3: Build Flask Microservice for Barcode Scanning



• STEP 4: Integrate Laravel API with Flask



• STEP 5: Visualize with Chart.js (Frontend)

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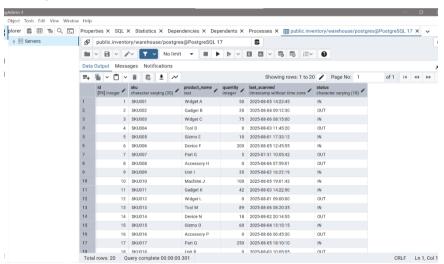
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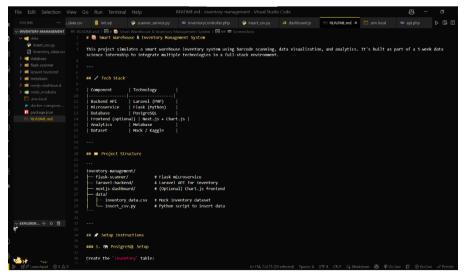
STEP 6: Set Up Metabase Dashboard



Inventory Dataset



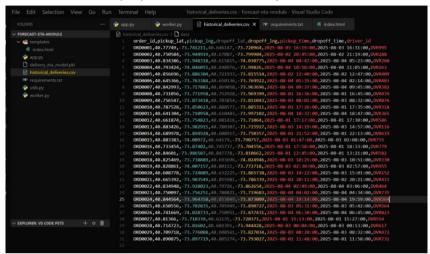
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IV. Team Task Progress Report

This is for Week 3: Forecasting Delivery Time with Proximity-Based Notifications

- Predicts delivery ETA based on historical data,
- Sends notifications to users based on proximity,
- Uses geolocation tracking with Haversine/geopy.
- STEP 1: Clean and prepare historical delivery datasets.

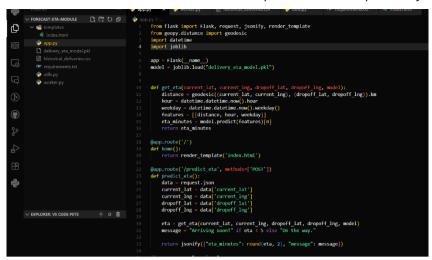


• STEP 2: Train an ETA prediction model using linear regression or random forest.

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• STEP 3: Calculate real-time distance using coordinates.

• STEP 4: Create a Flask API to return ETA predictions and proximity notifications.

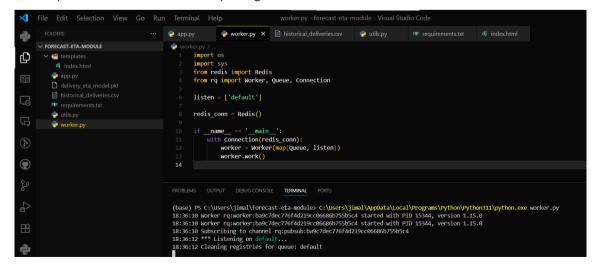


• STEP 5: Display live delivery updates and ETA on a basic frontend.

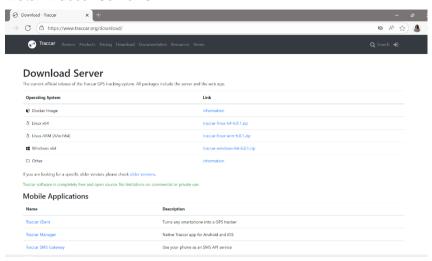


BONUS: Extensions

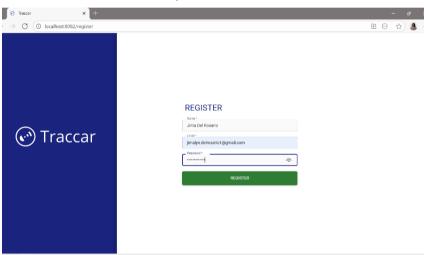
Redis queue to handle GPS data polling



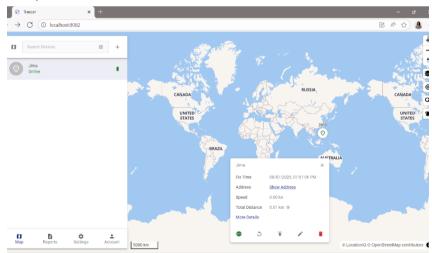
- Traccar or Postrack integration to replace manual GPS
 - o Install Traccar Server UI



Download Traccar Client on phone device

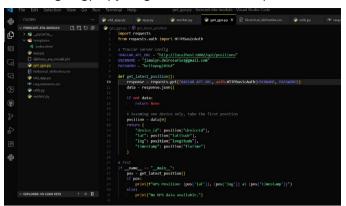


o Set up connection: Device ID and IPv4 Address



o Temporarily disable Windows Defender

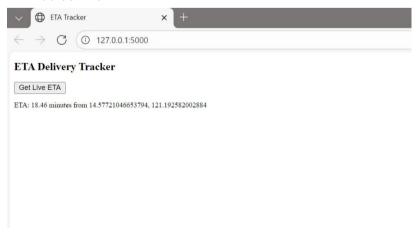
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Created new app.py with /live_eta routing that imports get_latest_position function

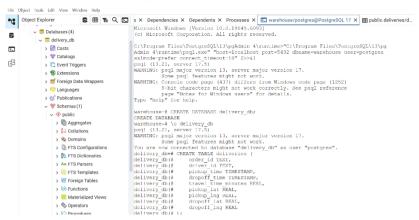
o Created new index.html to fetch from the /live_eta route

Run app.py to predict based on live data

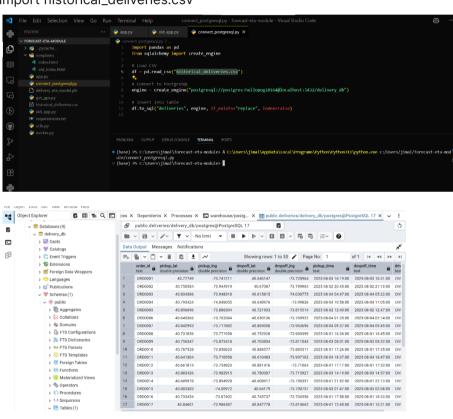


• Metabase dashboard for average delivery time per driver or location

Create delivery_db in pgAdmin



Import historical_deliveries.csv



- Created new column travel_time_minutes
- o Converted time columns in time date format and updated content of travel_time_minutes column

o Connected to Metabase and created dashboard

■ Our analytics

DeliveryTime

