I. Cleaning the data set

Read the October CSV file into a DataFrame

At first, we tried to make do with the given data set without any modifications. However, due to the different date formats that were found in the data sets there were discrepancies that had to be addressed. So, we decided to use a simple python script to make all the months of the data sets uniform. We followed the format of the January and February data sets and applied the same format for every other data set. The changes were made in DATE_BOOKED columns and DEPARTURE_DATE columns. This is the script that we used with Python:

```
import pandas as pd
# Function to convert D/M/YYYY to M/D/YYYY (Swap day and month)
def swap_day_month(date_str):
 try:
   # Split the date by '/'
   day, month, year = date_str.split('/')
   # Return in M/D/YYYY format
   return f"{month}/{day}/{year}"
 except Exception as e:
   return None # Return None if there is any issue with the date format
# Path for the October CSV file
input_file_path = r"C:\ProgramData\MySQL\MySQL Server 8.0\Uploads\January-2024.csv"
output\_file\_path = r"C:\Users\labva\OneDrive\Desktop\DE\ Simulation\January-
2024_clean.csv"
```

```
df = pd.read_csv(input_file_path)
# Check if 'DATE_BOOKED' and 'DEPARTURE_DATE' columns exist and apply the
conversion
if 'DateBooked' in df.columns:
 # Apply the swap function to the 'DATE_BOOKED' column
 df['DateBooked'] = df['DateBooked'].apply(swap day month)
if 'DepartureDate' in df.columns:
 # Apply the swap function to the 'DEPARTURE_DATE' column
 df['DepartureDate'] = df['DepartureDate'].apply(swap_day_month)
# Save the cleaned data into the output folder
df.to_csv(output_file_path, index=False)
print(f"Cleaned file saved at: {output file path}")
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             Creating the tables
We need to create the necessary tables to load our data into and assign the proper data
type. This SQL script features a DROP IF TABLE EXISTS so it can be executed without any
problem by our automated batch file ran by windows task scheduler later. This is the SQL
script:
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS source_table;
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS staging_table;
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS analytical_business_table;
CREATE TABLE source table (
```

DATE_BOOKED VARCHAR(255),

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ORIGIN VARCHAR(255),
 DESTINATION VARCHAR(255),
 ORDER_REF VARCHAR(255),
 TICKET_NO VARCHAR(255),
 SEATNO VARCHAR(255),
 DATE_REDEEMED VARCHAR(255),
 EMAIL VARCHAR(255),
 MOBILENO VARCHAR(255),
 FARE VARCHAR(255),
 CONVENIENCE_FEE VARCHAR(255),
 DISCOUNT VARCHAR(255),
 DEPARTURE_DATE VARCHAR(255),
 DEPARTURE_TIME VARCHAR(255),
 BUS_TYPE VARCHAR(255),
 NUMBER_OF_VOUCHERS_BOOKED VARCHAR(255)
);
CREATE TABLE Analytical_Business_Table (
 DATE_BOOKED VARCHAR(255),
 ORIGIN VARCHAR(255),
 DESTINATION VARCHAR(255),
 ORDER_REF VARCHAR(255),
 TICKET_NO VARCHAR(255),
 SEATNO DECIMAL(10, 2),
 DATE_REDEEMED VARCHAR(255),
 EMAIL VARCHAR(255),
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```
MOBILENO VARCHAR(255),
 FARE DECIMAL(10, 2),
 CONVENIENCE_FEE DECIMAL(10, 2),
 DISCOUNT VARCHAR(255),
 DEPARTURE_DATE VARCHAR(255),
 DEPARTURE_TIME TIME,
 BUS_TYPE VARCHAR(255),
 NUMBER_OF_VOUCHERS_BOOKED VARCHAR(255),
 BOOK_DT DATE,
 BOOK_TM TIME,
 DEPARTURE_DAY VARCHAR(255),
 BOOKING_INFO VARCHAR(255),
 VOUCHER VARCHAR(255),
 ROUTE VARCHAR(255),
 TRIP_ID VARCHAR(255),
 TRIP_ID_DAY VARCHAR(255),
 REDEEMED_FLAG VARCHAR(255)
);
CREATE TABLE staging_table (
 DATE_BOOKED VARCHAR(255),
 ORIGIN VARCHAR(255),
 DESTINATION VARCHAR(255),
 ORDER_REF VARCHAR(255),
 TICKET_NO VARCHAR(255),
 SEATNO DECIMAL(10, 2),
```

```
DATE_REDEEMED VARCHAR(255),
 EMAIL VARCHAR(255),
 MOBILENO VARCHAR(255),
 FARE DECIMAL(10, 2),
 CONVENIENCE_FEE DECIMAL(10, 2),
 DISCOUNT VARCHAR(255),
 DEPARTURE_DATE VARCHAR(255),
 DEPARTURE_TIME TIME,
 BUS_TYPE VARCHAR(255),
 NUMBER_OF_VOUCHERS_BOOKED VARCHAR(255),
 BOOK_DT DATE,
 BOOK_TM TIME,
 DEPARTURE_DAY VARCHAR(255),
 BOOKING_INFO VARCHAR(255),
 VOUCHER VARCHAR(255),
 ROUTE VARCHAR(255),
 TRIP_ID VARCHAR(255),
 TRIP_ID_DAY VARCHAR(255),
 REDEEMED_FLAG VARCHAR(255)
);
```

B. Loading the data into MySQL

In order to import the data into the MySQL workbench we made a SQL script to load the data into their respective table and columns. This is the SQL query script:

LOAD DATA INFILE 'C:\\ProgramData\\MySQL\\MySQL Server 8.0\\Uploads\\Data\\January-2023.csv'

```
INTO TABLE source_table
FIELDS TERMINATED BY ",
ENCLOSED BY ""
LINES TERMINATED BY '\n'
IGNORE 1 ROWS;
LOAD DATA INFILE 'C:\\ProgramData\\MySQL\\MySQL Server
8.0\\Uploads\\Data\\February-2023.csv'
INTO TABLE source_table
FIELDS TERMINATED BY ",
ENCLOSED BY ""
LINES TERMINATED BY '\n'
IGNORE 1 ROWS;
LOAD DATA INFILE 'C:\\ProgramData\\MySQL\MySQL Server 8.0\\Uploads\\Data\\March-
2023_clean.csv'
INTO TABLE source_table
FIELDS TERMINATED BY ",
ENCLOSED BY ""
LINES TERMINATED BY '\n'
IGNORE 1 ROWS;
LOAD DATA INFILE 'C:\\ProgramData\\MySQL\MySQL Server 8.0\\Uploads\\Data\\April-
2023_clean.csv'
INTO TABLE source_table
FIELDS TERMINATED BY ",
```

```
ENCLOSED BY ""
LINES TERMINATED BY '\n'
IGNORE 1 ROWS;
LOAD DATA INFILE 'C:\\ProgramData\\MySQL\MySQL Server 8.0\\Uploads\\Data\\May-
2023_clean.csv'
INTO TABLE source_table
FIELDS TERMINATED BY ",
ENCLOSED BY '"'
LINES TERMINATED BY '\n'
IGNORE 1 ROWS;
LOAD DATA INFILE 'C:\\ProgramData\\MySQL\MySQL Server 8.0\\Uploads\\Data\\June-
2023_clean.csv'
INTO TABLE source_table
FIELDS TERMINATED BY ",
ENCLOSED BY ""
LINES TERMINATED BY '\n'
IGNORE 1 ROWS;
LOAD DATA INFILE 'C:\\ProgramData\\MySQL\\MySQL Server 8.0\\Uploads\\Data\\July-
2023 clean.csv'
INTO TABLE source_table
FIELDS TERMINATED BY ",
ENCLOSED BY ""
LINES TERMINATED BY '\n'
IGNORE 1 ROWS;
```

LOAD DATA INFILE 'C:\\ProgramData\\MySQL\MySQL Server 8.0\\Uploads\\Data\\August-2023 clean.csv' INTO TABLE source_table FIELDS TERMINATED BY ", **ENCLOSED BY ""** LINES TERMINATED BY '\n' IGNORE 1 ROWS; LOAD DATA INFILE 'C:\\ProgramData\\MySQL\\MySQL Server 8.0\\Uploads\\Data\\September-2023_clean.csv' INTO TABLE source_table FIELDS TERMINATED BY ", **ENCLOSED BY ""** LINES TERMINATED BY '\n' IGNORE 1 ROWS; LOAD DATA INFILE 'C:\\ProgramData\\MySQL\MySQL Server 8.0\\Uploads\\Data\\October-2023_clean.csv' INTO TABLE source_table FIELDS TERMINATED BY ", **ENCLOSED BY ""** LINES TERMINATED BY '\n' IGNORE 1 ROWS;

```
LOAD DATA INFILE 'C:\\ProgramData\\MySQL\\MySQL Server 8.0\\Uploads\\Data\\November-2023_clean.csv'
INTO TABLE source_table
FIELDS TERMINATED BY ','
ENCLOSED BY ''''
LINES TERMINATED BY '\n'
IGNORE 1 ROWS;

LOAD DATA INFILE 'C:\\ProgramData\\MySQL\\MySQL Server 8.0\\Uploads\\\Data\December-2023_clean.csv'
INTO TABLE source_table
FIELDS TERMINATED BY ','
ENCLOSED BY ''''
LINES TERMINATED BY '\n'
IGNORE 1 ROWS;
```

C. Transform Staging_table

This SQL script is used to change the data types of certain columns to appeal to their proper formats. This is the SQL script I used:

```
INSERT INTO staging_table (

DATE_BOOKED, ORIGIN, DESTINATION, ORDER_REF, TICKET_NO, SEATNO,

DATE_REDEEMED, EMAIL, MOBILENO, FARE, CONVENIENCE_FEE, DISCOUNT,

DEPARTURE_DATE, DEPARTURE_TIME, BUS_TYPE, NUMBER_OF_VOUCHERS_BOOKED,

BOOK_DT, BOOK_TM, DEPARTURE_DAY, BOOKING_INFO, VOUCHER, ROUTE,

TRIP_ID, TRIP_ID_DAY, REDEEMED_FLAG
```

```
SELECT
```

DATE_BOOKED, ORIGIN, DESTINATION, ORDER_REF, TICKET_NO, SEATNO, DATE REDEEMED, EMAIL, MOBILENO, NULLIF(FARE, ") AS FARE, NULLIF(CONVENIENCE_FEE, ") AS CONVENIENCE_FEE, DISCOUNT, DEPARTURE DATE, -- Direct extraction of DEPARTURE_TIME from DEPARTURE_DATE CASE WHEN DEPARTURE_TIME LIKE '%PM' OR DEPARTURE_TIME LIKE '%AM' THEN TIME_FORMAT(STR_TO_DATE(DEPARTURE_TIME, '%r'), '%H:%i:%s') WHEN LENGTH(DEPARTURE_TIME) = 8 AND DEPARTURE_TIME LIKE '%:%:%' THEN TIME FORMAT(STR TO DATE(DEPARTURE TIME, '%H:%i:%s'), '%H:%i:%s') WHEN LENGTH(DEPARTURE_TIME) = 7 AND DEPARTURE_TIME LIKE '%:%:%' THEN TIME_FORMAT(STR_TO_DATE(DEPARTURE_TIME, '%H:%i:%s'), '%H:%i:%s') WHEN LENGTH(DEPARTURE TIME) = 5 AND DEPARTURE TIME LIKE '%:%' THEN TIME FORMAT(STR TO DATE(CONCAT(DEPARTURE TIME, ':00'), '%H:%i:%s'), '%H:%i:%s') **ELSE NULL** END AS DEPARTURE_TIME, BUS_TYPE, NUMBER_OF_VOUCHERS_BOOKED, NULL AS BOOK DT, NULL AS BOOK TM, NULL AS DEPARTURE_DAY, NULL AS BOOKING INFO,

```
NULL AS VOUCHER,

NULL AS ROUTE,

NULL AS TRIP_ID,

NULL AS TRIP_ID_DAY,

NULL AS REDEEMED_FLAG

FROM source_table;
```

D. Transform Analytical_business_table

Now, after adding the columns in the staging table, we transform it again to apply any necessary calculations or formula that appeals to the business needs/requirements. This SQL script oversees making the format of the data uniform. This is the SQL script:

```
INSERT INTO Analytical_Business_Table
(

DATE_BOOKED,
ORIGIN,
DESTINATION,
ORDER_REF,
TICKET_NO,
SEATNO,
DATE_REDEEMED,
EMAIL,
MOBILENO,
FARE,
CONVENIENCE_FEE,
DISCOUNT,
```

```
DEPARTURE_DATE,
 DEPARTURE_TIME,
 BUS_TYPE,
 NUMBER_OF_VOUCHERS_BOOKED,
 BOOK_DT,
 BOOK_TM,
 DEPARTURE_DAY,
 BOOKING_INFO,
 VOUCHER,
 ROUTE,
 TRIP_ID,
 TRIP_ID_DAY,
 REDEEMED_FLAG
)
SELECT
     DATE_BOOKED,
 ORIGIN,
 DESTINATION,
 ORDER_REF,
 TICKET_NO,
 SEATNO,
 DATE_REDEEMED,
 EMAIL,
 MOBILENO,
 FARE,
 CONVENIENCE_FEE,
```

```
DISCOUNT,
      DEPARTURE_DATE,
 DEPARTURE_TIME,
 BUS TYPE,
 NUMBER_OF_VOUCHERS_BOOKED,
 -- Extract only the date part from DATE_BOOKED
 DATE(
   CASE
    WHEN DATE_BOOKED REGEXP '^[0-9]{1,2}/[0-9]{1,2}/[0-9]{4} [0-9]{1,2}:[0-9]{1,2}$'
THEN
      STR_TO_DATE(DATE_BOOKED, '%m/%d/%Y %H:%i')
    WHEN DATE_BOOKED REGEXP '^[0-9]{1,2}/[0-9]{1,2}/[0-9]{4} [0-9]{1,2}:[0-9]{1,2}$'
THEN
      STR_TO_DATE(DATE_BOOKED, '%d/%m/%Y %H:%i')
    WHEN DATE_BOOKED REGEXP '^[0-9]{4}-[0-9]{2}-[0-9]{2} [0-9]{2}:[0-9]{2}:[0-9]{2}$'
THEN
      STR_TO_DATE(DATE_BOOKED, '%Y-%m-%d %H:%i:%s')
    ELSE NULL
   END
 ) AS BOOK_DT,
 -- Extract only the time part
 TIME(
   CASE
    WHEN DATE_BOOKED REGEXP '^[0-9]{1,2}/[0-9]{1,2}/[0-9]{4} [0-9]{1,2}:[0-9]{1,2}$'
THEN
      STR TO DATE(DATE BOOKED, '%m/%d/%Y %H:%i')
```

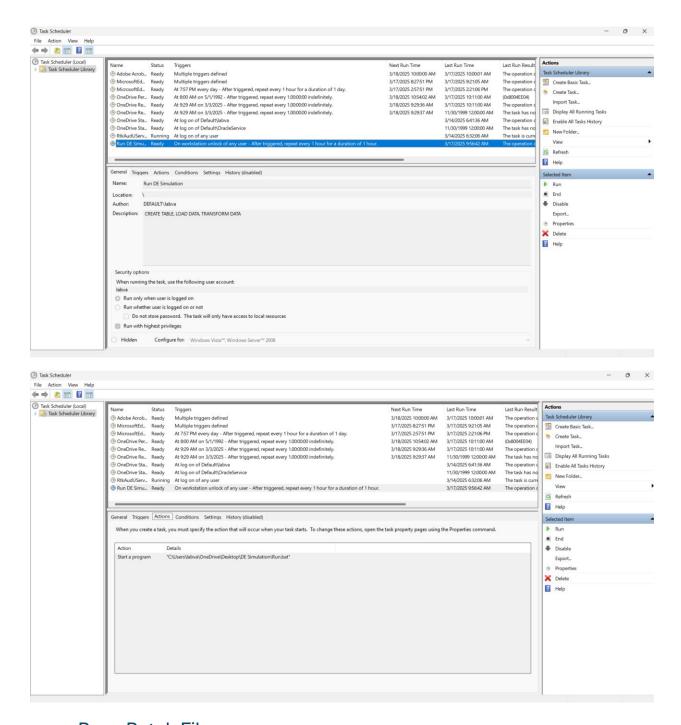
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WHEN DATE_BOOKED REGEXP '^[0-9]{1,2}/[0-9]{1,2}/[0-9]{4} [0-9]{1,2}:[0-9]{1,2}$'
THEN
      STR_TO_DATE(DATE_BOOKED, '%d/%m/%Y %H:%i')
    WHEN DATE_BOOKED REGEXP '^[0-9]{4}-[0-9]{2}-[0-9]{2}:[0-9]{2}:[0-9]{2}:[0-9]{2}$'
THEN
      STR_TO_DATE(DATE_BOOKED, '%Y-%m-%d %H:%i:%s')
    ELSE NULL
   END
 ) AS BOOK_TM,
 LEFT(DAYNAME(DEPARTURE_DATE), 3) AS DEPARTURE_DAY,
 CASE
   WHEN ORDER_REF LIKE '%OFF%' THEN 'Offline'
   ELSE 'Online'
 END AS BOOKING_INFO,
 CASE
   WHEN LEFT(NUMBER_OF_VOUCHERS_BOOKED, 1) = '1' THEN 'Individual'
   WHEN LEFT(NUMBER_OF_VOUCHERS_BOOKED, 1) = '2' THEN 'Pair'
   WHEN CAST(LEFT(NUMBER_OF_VOUCHERS_BOOKED, 1) AS UNSIGNED) >= 3 THEN
'Group'
   ELSE NULL
 END AS VOUCHER,
 CONCAT(ORIGIN, 'to', DESTINATION) AS ROUTE,
 CONCAT(
   UPPER(LEFT(ORIGIN, 3)),
   '-',
   UPPER(LEFT(DESTINATION, 3)),
   '-',
```

```
UPPER(LEFT(DAYNAME(DEPARTURE_DATE), 3)),
   '-',
   IFNULL(LEFT(DEPARTURE_TIME, 2), '00')
 ) AS TRIP_ID,
 CONCAT(
   UPPER(LEFT(ORIGIN, 3)),
   '-',
   UPPER(LEFT(DESTINATION, 3)),
   '-',
   UPPER(LEFT(DAYNAME(DEPARTURE_DATE), 3))
 ) AS TRIP_ID_DAY,
 CASE
   WHEN DATE_REDEEMED IS NULL OR DATE_REDEEMED = 'Unredeemed' THEN 'N'
   ELSE 'Y'
 END AS REDEEMED_FLAG
FROM staging_table;
```

II. Automation – Windows Task Scheduler & Batch File

A. Windows Task Scheduler Configuration

Upon user logon, the windows task scheduler will automatically execute the batch file with admin privileges (required for MySQL). The batch file will be ran again after 1 hour and every time a user logs in.



B. Batch File

This batch file has the necessary user requirements to access MySQL. This batch file will run each query one by one. It will start with dropping existing tables, then creating new tables and populating them and, finally, transforming them according to the business requirements. Additionally, it provides a user interface to alert the user if it's done executing each task.

```
@echo off
set MYSQL_CMD="C:\Program Files\MySQL\MySQL Server 8.0\bin\mysql.exe"
set USER="root"
set PASSWORD="Jian1234"
set DATABASE="simul"
echo Running CREATE_TABLES.sql...
%MYSQL CMD% -u %USER% -p%PASSWORD% %DATABASE% <
"C:\Users\labva\OneDrive\Desktop\DE Simulation\CREATE TABLES.sql" >> "C:\Program
Files\MySQL\MySQL Server 8.0\bin\log.txt" 2>&1
IF %ERRORLEVEL% NEQ 0 (
 echo Error executing CREATE_TABLES.sql. Exiting.
 pause
 exit/b
)
echo Running LOAD_MONTHS.sql...
%MYSQL_CMD% -u %USER% -p%PASSWORD% %DATABASE% <
"C:\Users\labva\OneDrive\Desktop\DE Simulation\LOAD_MONTHS.sql" >> "C:\Program
Files\MySQL\MySQL Server 8.0\bin\log.txt" 2>&1
IF %ERRORLEVEL% NEQ 0 (
 echo Error executing LOAD_MONTHS.sql. Exiting.
 pause
 exit/b
)
echo Running TRANSFORM_STAGINGTABLE.sql...
```

```
%MYSQL_CMD% -u %USER% -p%PASSWORD% %DATABASE% <
"C:\Users\labva\OneDrive\Desktop\DE Simulation\TRANSFORM_STAGINGTABLE.sql" >>
"C:\Program Files\MySQL\MySQL Server 8.0\bin\log.txt" 2>&1
IF %ERRORLEVEL% NEQ 0 (
 echo Error executing TRANSFORM_STAGINGTABLE.sql. Exiting.
 pause
 exit/b
)
echo Running TRANSFORM_ANALYTICALBUSINESSTABLE.sql...
%MYSQL_CMD% -u %USER% -p%PASSWORD% %DATABASE% <
"C:\Users\labva\OneDrive\Desktop\DE
Simulation\TRANSFORM_ANALYTICALBUSINESSTABLE.sql" >> "C:\Program
Files\MySQL\MySQL Server 8.0\bin\log.txt" 2>&1
IF %ERRORLEVEL% NEQ 0 (
 echo Error executing TRANSFORM ANALYTICALBUSINESSTABLE.sql. Exiting.
 pause
 exit/b
)
echo All SQL scripts executed successfully.
pause
```

III. Visualization and Insights Generation (PowerBI)

A. Visualization

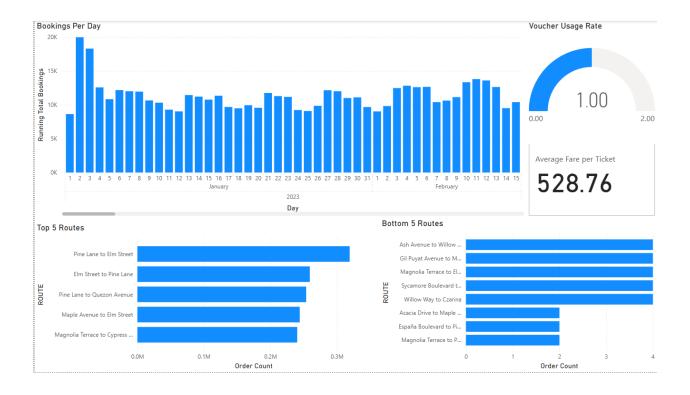
- 1. Executive Summary Dashboard
 - Required KPI's:

- Total Sales (Card)
- Total Tickets Sold (Card)
- Monthly Sales (Line Chart)
- Added Elements
 - Revenue Vs. Tickets Sold (Line and Clustered Column Chart)
 - Total Discount by Month & Type of discount (Stacked Column Chart)



2. Trips Dashboard

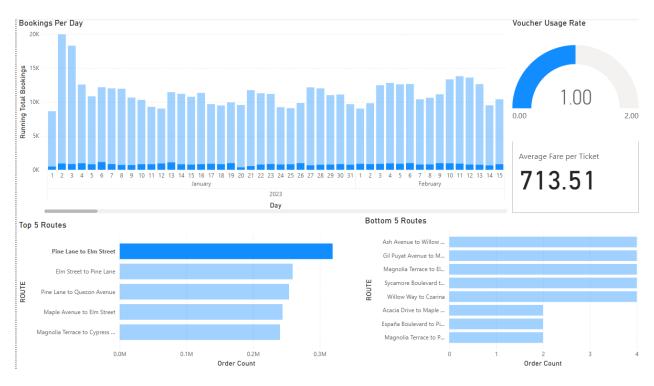
- Required KPI's:
 - Top 5 Routes (Clustered Bar Chart)
 - Bottom 5 Routes (Clustered Bar Chart)
- Added Elements
 - Bookings Per Day (Stacked Column Chart)
 - Voucher Usage Rate (Gauge)
 - Average Fare Per Ticket (Card)



Clicking a certain bar will show you statistics associated with that bar. Here, I clicked January 19, 2023. It shows which route was taken and how much the average fair was for all the bookings made that day.



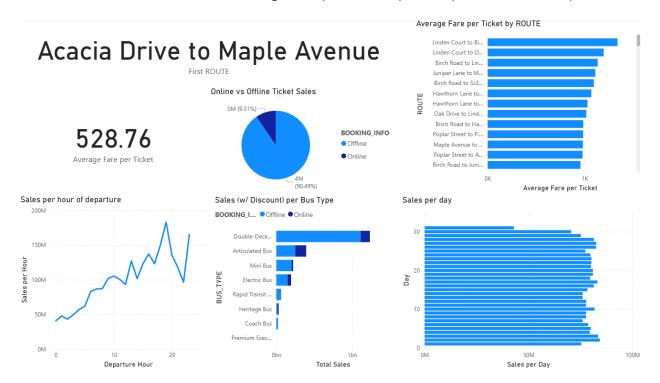
Here I selected the top 1 route, it shows how many bookings were made to this route in that particular day.



3. Sales Dashboard

Required KPI's:

- Online vs Offline Ticket Sales (Pie Chart)
- Sales per hour of departure (Line Chart)
- Sales per day (Clustered Bar Chart)
- Added Elements
 - Sales per Bus Type (Stacked Bar Chart)
 - Average Fare per Ticket (Card)
 - Route Name (Card)
 - Average Fare per Ticket by Route (Stacked Bar Chart)



B. Insights

1. Visualization Insights

a) Executive Summary Dashboard

1. Total Sales (Card)

Displays the total revenue generated from ticket sales, helping gauge overall business performance.

2. Total Tickets Sold (Card)

Shows the total number of tickets sold, providing a measure of customer demand.

3. Monthly Sales (Line Chart)

Highlights revenue trends over time, identifying peak and off-peak months for ticket sales.

4. Revenue vs. Tickets Sold (Line & Clustered Column Chart)

Helps compare sales volume vs. revenue, revealing whether higher ticket sales always result in higher revenue or if pricing variations affect earnings.

5. Total Discount by Month & Type of Discount (Stacked Column Chart)

Shows how discounts (PWD, student, senior citizen) impact revenue monthly, helping assess promotional effectiveness.

b) Trips Dashboard

1. Top 5 Routes (Clustered Bar Chart)

Identifies the most popular routes, allowing optimization of fleet allocation and marketing strategies.

2. Bottom 5 Routes (Clustered Bar Chart)

Reveals underperforming routes, indicating possible service adjustments or targeted promotions.

3. Bookings Per Day (Stacked Column Chart)

Shows daily demand fluctuations, helping optimize scheduling and staffing.

4. Voucher Usage Rate (Gauge)

Measures the proportion of bookings using vouchers, indicating customer reliance on promotional offers.

5. Average Fare Per Ticket (Card)

Provides a quick reference for average pricing, helping monitor pricing strategies and customer affordability.

c) Sales Dashboard

1. Online vs Offline Ticket Sales (Pie Chart)

Compares digital and physical sales, helping assess the effectiveness of online ticketing channels.

2. Sales Per Hour of Departure (Line Chart)

Identifies peak departure hours, allowing better pricing and scheduling adjustments.

3. Sales Per Day (Clustered Bar Chart)

Shows daily revenue trends, helping plan promotions or operational improvements.

4. Sales Per Bus Type (Stacked Bar Chart)

Compares revenue across different bus types, supporting pricing decisions and fleet utilization strategies.

5. Average Fare Per Ticket (Card)

Helps track average ticket price changes and their effect on sales.

6. Route Name (Card)

Displays route-specific data when a user selects a specific date or booking.

7. Average Fare Per Ticket by Route (Stacked Bar Chart)

Compares ticket pricing across different routes, helping optimize fare structures.

2. Solution

The world that we currently live in now has easy access to AI through services like ChatGPT. When utilizing these services it may lead to a boost in sales. Here are some of the benefits that AI may be able to give us.

1. Al-Powered Dynamic Pricing

• Use AI to adjust fares based on demand, offering discounts during off-peak times and increasing prices during high demand.

2. Personalized Promotions

 Offer targeted discounts to specific customers based on their booking history instead of across-the-board reductions.

3. Al Chatbots & Virtual Assistants

 Improve customer engagement and sales by integrating AI-powered ticket booking chatbots.

4. Loyalty & Referral Programs

• Instead of reducing discounts, introduce reward points for repeat customers to maintain customer retention.

However, integrating AI with our systems may take some time and proper application. So, an alternative immediate way we can propose is lowering the discount rates by 5%.

Discount Type	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Regular	10	5
Student	15	10
PWD	20	15
Senior	25	20

This would give us more revenue per ticket and potentially increase total sales by around 5% more. Moreover, since regular fares make up majority of the sales it would mean that total sales will increase. However, sales volume might drop due to some of the passengers relying on the discount and there might be backlash and some customers might prefer other competitors.