

Project Specification:

Bus companies produce schedules which contain generic travel times. For example, in the Dublin Bus Schedule, the estimated travel time from Dun Laoghaire to the Phoenix Park is 61 minutes (<http://dublinbus.ie/Your-Journey1/Timetables/All-Timetables/46a-1/>). Of course, there are many variables which determine how long the actual journey will take. Traffic conditions which are affected by the time of day, day of the week, month of the year and the weather play an important role in determining how long the journey will take.

These factors along with the dynamic nature of the events on the road network make it difficult to efficiently plan trips on public transport modes which interact with other traffic. This project involves analysing historic Dublin Bus GPS data [1] and weather data [2] in order to create dynamic travel time estimates.

Based on data analysis of historic Dublin bus GPS data, a system which when presented with any bus route, departure time, day of the week, current weather condition, produces an accurate estimate of travel time for the complete route.

Users should be able to interact with the system via a web-based interface which is optimised for mobile devices.

When presented with any bus route, an origin stop and a destination stop, a time, a day of the week, current weather, the system should produce and display via the interface an accurate estimate of travel time for the selected journey.

Reading:

[1] <https://data.dubllinked.ie/dataset/dublin-bus-gps-sample-data-from-dublin-city-council-insight-project>

[2] <http://www.met.ie/climate-request/>