CIDM-5310 – Summary

This <u>particular project</u> covers the ability to pull in multiple data sources. The data sources accessed ended up being the following (I removed a few from the original list):

- Commercial Aviation Involuntary Denied Boarding
- Commercial Aviation Mishandled Baggage and Mishandled Wheelchairs
- Airline Quarterly Financial Review Majors
- Contiguous State City-Pair Markets That Average At Least 10 Passengers Per Day
- Consumer Airfare Report: Detailed Fare Information For Highest and Lowest Fare Markets Under 750 Miles

I was a little ambitious when it came to the last two items. I created the database structures for them and pulled the data in; however, I didn't get a chance to incorporate them as much as wanted to. For each of the items listed, I did pull the data in for a single year. Then I cross-loaded them into tables (in some cases, I normalized the data, such as airliner names and airports). I also added a table that will track the last time the data was pulled; if it was today, then it won't pull again. This way, we're not constantly pulling in data from the source.

I used several pandas data frame functions to accomplish this project. Specifically, I used grouping and massaging before inserting the data for "Mishandled Baggage and Mishandled Wheelchairs" and "Involuntary Denied Boarding." I also used some merging and column manipulation in different area's to facilitate the data analysis.

I also used the SQL functionality of the pandas to read and insert data into the database. I used SQL Alchemy to structure the data as well as models that I used to transform the raw data from the API. This allowed me to more efficiently fit the data into a consumable format.

In the Analysis notebook, I created several scenarios to display the data that was queried from the tables. The primary work in the notebook was some merging and grouping that I applied to attempt to see if my points hypothesis that poor customer support leads to lower profits. I found some very interesting results. Specifically, Delta had the largest profit per customer but also the highest incidents of passenger mishandling. On the flip side, lost baggage didn't seem to follow this as starkly, and the data was shaped very similarly to the one for involuntary boarding. The graphs for these can be found in the Appendix.

When loading the project onto my production system, I did have some issues. When running it locally, I simply ran a SQL lite server in memory only. When I introduced it to MySQL (MariaDB, actually), I did run into some difficulties. I was unaware of some adapters that needed to be set up just to get Python and the DB to communicate with each other. After a bit of Googling, I got things up and running successfully. I could also cross-validate that the data was getting inserted into the database via phpMyAdmin (see the Appendix for screenshots).

I believe this was a fairly good use of pandas as it allowed for multi-level data analysis that led to some interesting results. I believe it demonstrates a lot of the power of the platform as well. I did very little manipulation of the data via SQL; the majority of it was handled within data frames. The VPS setup also

helped me dust off some skills that had been fallow for a while (took me a bit of time to get the key-based authentication setup on my machine for example).					

Appendix







