



Covid-19's Lingering in the Air

DSE 241 - Data Visualization - Final Project Proposal - Adelle, Bo, Yuan



DATA



MOTIVATION: Many global industries were heavily impacted due to the pandemic, the airline industry being one of them

SOURCE: "Crowdsourced air traffic data from The OpenSky Network" - public

DESCRIPTION:

- **callsign**: the identifier of the flight displayed on ATC screens (usually the first three letters are reserved for an airline: AFR for Air France, DLH for Lufthansa, etc.)
- **number**: the commercial number of the flight, when available (the matching with the callsign comes from public open API)
- **icao24**: the transponder unique identification number;
- **registration**: the aircraft tail number (when available);
- **typecode**: the aircraft model type (when available);
- **origin**: a four letter code for the origin airport of the flight (when available);
- **destination**: a four letter code for the destination airport of the flight (when available);
- **firstseen**: the UTC timestamp of the first message received by the OpenSky Network;
- **lastseen**: the UTC timestamp of the last message received by the OpenSky Network;
- **day**: the UTC day of the last message received by the OpenSky Network;
- **latitude_1, longitude_1, altitude_1**: the first detected position of the aircraft;
- **latitude_2, longitude_2, altitude_2**: the last detected position of the aircraft.

TASKS



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What's the trend in number of departing aircrafts from top 5 airports in United States during pandemic?

Solution: *Time Series Spaghetti Plot* - data exploration

2

What are the different reactions made by United States, European and Asian airline companies?

Solution: *Time Series Spaghetti Plot* - data exploration

3

Was there "Covid-19 Revengeful Travel Recovery" in 2021 Summer?

Solution: *Density Histogram* - hypothesis confirmation

4

Monitor the change in number of departing aircrafts weekly/monthly from Jan, 2020.

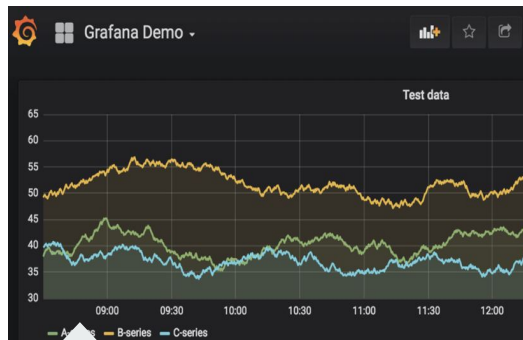
Solution: *Heat-Map Animation with timeline* - presentation

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Can we visualize the daily (a specific day during Covid-19) aircrafts "Network" in United States?

Solution: *Network Graph* - presentation

SOLUTION DETAILS - 1



1. What's the trend in number of departing aircrafts from top 5 airports in United States?

IMPLEMENTATION: influxDB/grafana with zoom in, mouse hover, field selection and filtering

DATA TRANSFORMATION: processing time-series, data aggregation by airports along a timeline, importing to influxDB database

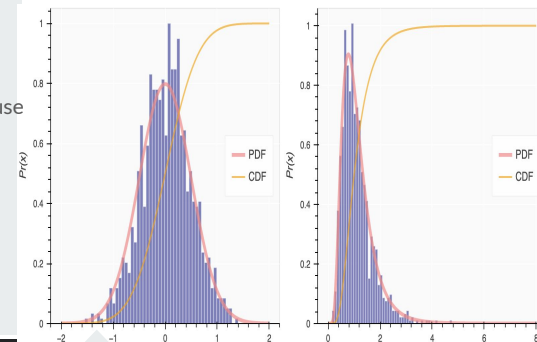
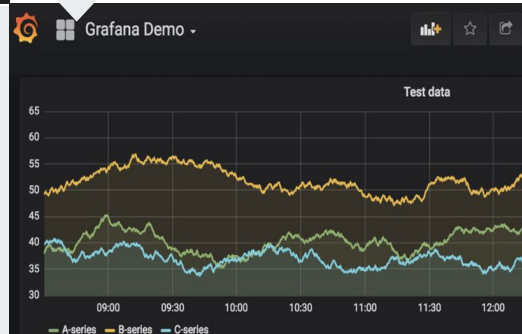
USE CASES: identify air traffic trend and spikes

2. What are the different reactions made by United States, European and Asian airline companies?

IMPLEMENTATION: influxDB/grafana with zoom in, mouse hover, field selection and filtering

DATA TRANSFORMATION: processing time-series, data aggregation by airline companies along a timeline, importing to influxDB database

USE CASES: make marketing decisions



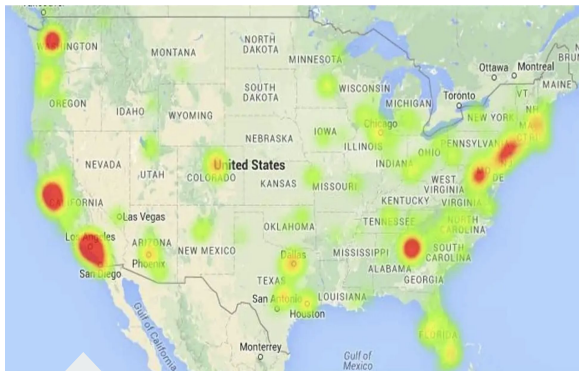
3. Was there "Revengeful Travel Recovery" in 2021 Summer?

IMPLEMENTATION: plotly/bokeh with zoom in, mouse hover

DATA TRANSFORMATION: processing time-series, data aggregation from different period of time

USE CASES: hypothesis testing, statistical analysis

SOLUTION DETAILS - 2



4. Monitor the change in number of departing aircrafts weekly/monthly from Jan 2020.

IMPLEMENTATION: python folium heatmap with animated timeline, zoom in features

DATA TRANSFORMATION: processing spatio-temporal information, data aggregation by airports, mapping out geo-location

USE CASES: identify the trend with geospatial and timestamp indicators

5. Visualize daily aircraft "Network" of United States?

IMPLEMENTATION: tableau/gephi/NetworkX with zoom in, mouse hover

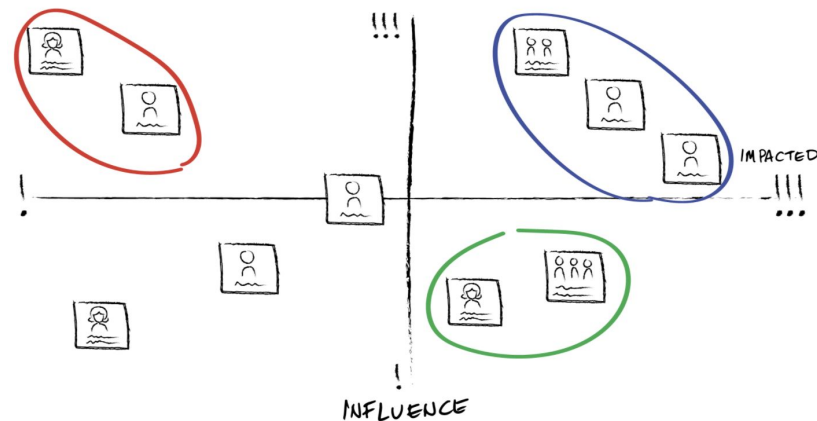
DATA TRANSFORMATION: airports as nodes, trajectory as links, mapping out geo-locations

USE CASES: monitor the current air traffic under specific regulations or conditions



TARGET STAKEHOLDERS

- 01 | Internal - Data Analysis Team & Managers
- 02 | Internal - Modeling/Algorithms/Scientific Team
- 03 | External - Public Media
- 04 | External - Airline Industry Companies, Travel Agencies
- 05 | External - Government Regulators



Data Reference: Martin Strohmeier, Xavier Olive, Jannis Lübke, Matthias Schäfer, and Vincent Lenders
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