Food Delivery Time Predictor

AI-Powered Logistics Solution

Solving Real-World Logistics with AI

The Unpalatable Truth: Food Delivery's Core Challenges

"Where is my food? This '30-50 minute' estimate is useless, and now I'm just anxious."

Delivery Isn't Just Late, It's Lacking

Customer Frustration & Lost Trust

Vague delivery windows leave customers frustrated and anxious, leading to cancelled orders and eroded loyalty. They crave certainty, not broad guesses.

Operational Blind Spots & Inefficiency

Restaurants and delivery partners operate reactively without predictive data. This results in wasted resources, inefficient routing, and burning fuel during peak hours.

Static Models in a Dynamic World

Current algorithms ignore critical real-time variables like traffic, weather, and vehicle type. Delivery promises frequently fail when reality hits the road.

The Game-Changing Solution: Intelligent Delivery Prediction & Analytics

Precision Engine: The AI Brain

Problem Solved: Transform vague delivery estimates into pinpoint-accurate ETAs.

Innovation: Leveraging a powerful Random Forest Regressor, trained on over **45,000 real-world records**, our engine dynamically analyzes factors like distance, driver ratings, vehicle type, and real-time traffic.

Breakthrough: A remarkable ~5.67 minutes Mean Absolute Error (MAE), setting a new industry standard for accuracy.

Operational Clarity: The Real-Time Eyes

Problem Solved: Eliminate blind logistics with immediate, data-driven insights.

Innovation: Our interactive dashboard provides **6+ real-time visualizations** (heatmaps, trends, distributions), empowering operations managers to identify and resolve bottlenecks instantly. Understand performance at a glance, from vehicle inefficiencies to peak-hour delays.

Impact: Optimize routes, reduce fuel costs, and ensure efficient resource allocation.

Seamless Accessibility: The Universal Interface

Problem Solved: Move beyond static tools to dynamic, accessible decision-making.

Innovation: A fully responsive web app, meticulously optimized for **mobile, tablet, and desktop**, ensures an intuitive experience for all users. Critical predictions are available instantly, with **<100ms prediction latency**.

Impact: Empower on-the-go teams with instant data, fostering swift, informed decisions in the field.

PROJECT WORKFLOW ARCHITECTURE

Step 1: Data & Training Pipeline

Step 2: Application Usage Flow

Data Cleaning Workflow

To improve prediction accuracy, the dataset underwent thorough cleaning and validation before model training.

Duplicate Removal

Eliminated repeated delivery records to prevent model bias.

Invalid Value Handling

Filtered unrealistic ages and ensured ratings were within valid ranges (1-5).

Target Validation

Checked delivery time values to remove incorrect or extreme entries.

Categorical Text Cleaning

Trimmed extra spaces in order and vehicle type categories.

Outcome: A reliable, consistent dataset suitable for machine learning regression models.

Preprocessing & Feature Engineering

After thorough cleaning, the dataset underwent several transformations to make it ready for machine learning models and improve prediction accuracy.

Distance Feature Creation

We calculated the actual travel distance (in km) between the restaurant and delivery location using the **Haversine formula**. This is crucial because distance is one of the strongest factors affecting delivery time.

Categorical Encoding

Machine learning models work best with numbers. We converted text categories like vehicle type ("Bicycle", "Motorcycle") and order type ("Snack", "Meal") into numeric labels (e.g., Bicycle → 0, Electric Scooter → 1) so the model could process them.

Noise Reduction

We removed unnecessary identifier columns that don't contribute to predicting delivery times, ensuring the model focuses on relevant data.

Final Result: An optimized dataset, perfectly primed for accurate delivery time prediction with advanced models like XGBoost.

Technology Stack: Building for Performance

Frontend (User Interface)

We leverage **HTML5 & CSS3** for a custom, responsive design with modern aesthetics, and **JavaScript (Vanilla)** for lightweight interactivity. **Font Awesome** provides a professional iconography system, ensuring a sleek and efficient user experience.

Backend (Server & Logic)

Our backend is built with **Python 3.x**, providing a robust core programming language for complex logic. **Flask** serves as a lightweight web framework, efficiently handling API requests and routing to ensure scalable performance.

Machine Learning (Intelligence)

For predictive intelligence, we use **Scikit-Learn**, specifically the Random Forest Regressor. **Pandas & NumPy** enable high-performance data manipulation and cleaning, while **Joblib** ensures efficient model serialization for fast loading and optimal prediction speed.

Visualization (Analytics)

Plotly powers our analytics dashboard, providing interactive and responsive charts that allow for clear and engaging data exploration, turning complex data into actionable insights.

Key Insights from Phase 1: Delivery Prediction Model

Our initial model, leveraging **Distance_km** as the sole independent variable, established a foundational R^2 of approximately 40%. This early analysis provided crucial insights into the intrinsic complexity of delivery time prediction, laying a clear roadmap for future enhancements.

We learned that real-world delivery times are influenced by a multitude of factors beyond just distance. Integrating these variables will be key to improving accuracy in subsequent phases. Critical factors identified for future consideration include:

- Traffic conditions
- Weather conditions
- Road type
- Delivery person speed
- Restaurant preparation delay
- Time of day (peak vs non-peak hours)

This comprehensive understanding guides our next steps, enabling us to build a more robust and accurate predictive model in future iterations.

Model Performance

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FOOD DELIVERY TIME PREDICTION - XGBOOST MODEL
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Fitting 5 folds for each of 15 candidates, totalling 75 fits
Best Parameters Found:
{'subsample': 0.9, 'n_estimators': 500, 'max_depth': 6, 'learning_rate': 0.01, 'colsample_bytree': 1}

Training R2: 0.4315667152404785
Testing R2: 0.4004936218261719
Accuracy: 40.04936218261719 %

MAE: 5.6380743980407715
RMSE: 7.136572558112

MODEL TRAINED SUCCESSFULLY 🚀
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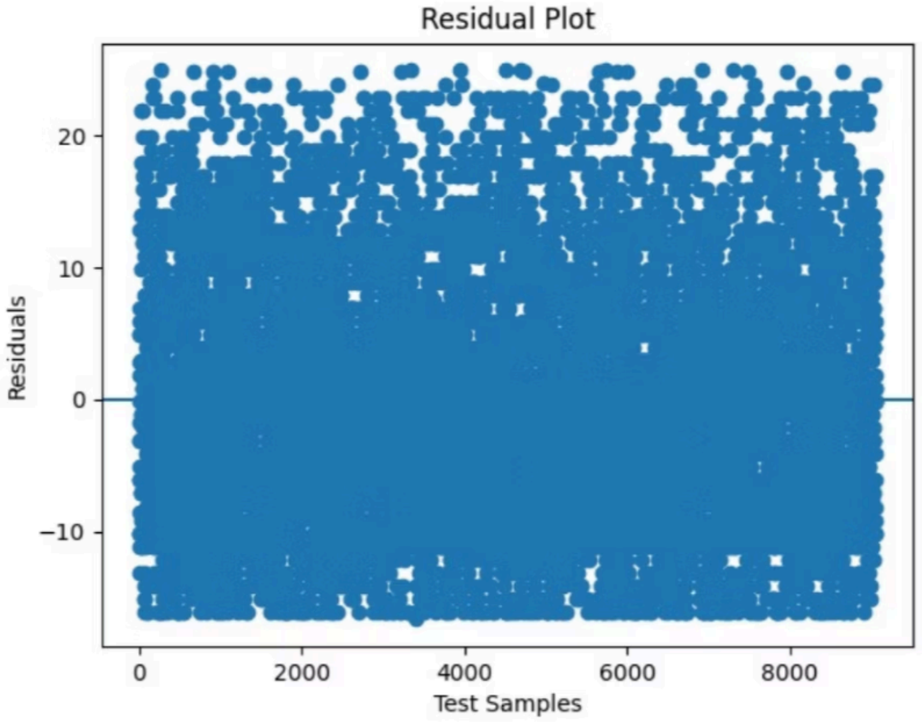
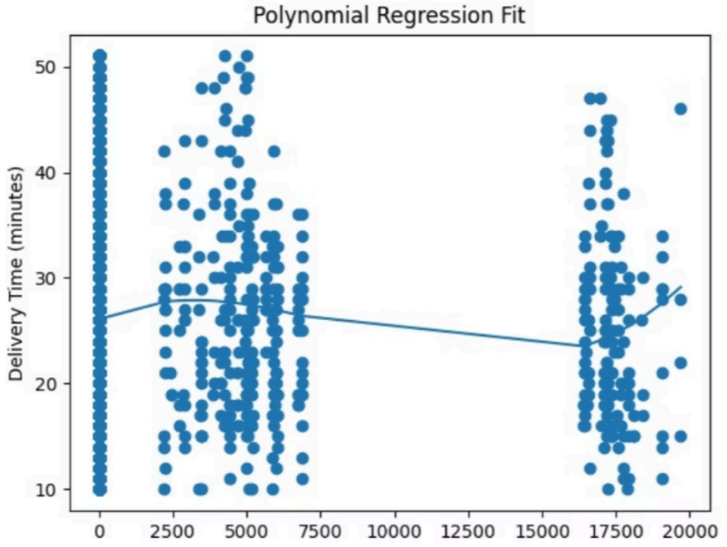
- The absence of these key variables limits the model's ability to accurately explain and capture real-world variations in delivery time.

Model Performance





Analytics & Insights

Route Optimization for Predictable ETAs

Our analysis confirms a strong correlation between distance and delivery time. Leveraging this, we can enhance route optimization algorithms to provide more accurate Estimated Time of Arrivals (ETAs), significantly improving customer satisfaction and operational planning.

High Ratings Drive Delivery Efficiency

There's a clear link: delivery partners with higher customer ratings consistently achieve faster delivery times. This insight allows us to incentivize top-performing partners and prioritize them for time-sensitive orders, directly boosting customer loyalty and service quality.

Value of Experienced Partners

Experienced delivery partners demonstrate greater consistency in their service, leading to more reliable delivery outcomes. Focusing on retention programs for these partners ensures a stable, high-quality delivery network and reduces operational variability.

Strategic Vehicle Dispatch for Urban Efficiency

Motorcycles prove significantly faster in dense urban traffic conditions. By strategically dispatching motorcycle partners for city-center deliveries during peak hours, we can maintain high delivery speeds and improve service reliability in congested areas.

Accelerating Our Future: The Intelligent Delivery Roadmap

Our roadmap focuses on scaling intelligence to redefine delivery efficiency and customer satisfaction. Here’s how we'll get there, starting with high-impact initiatives.

Immediate Impact: Hackathon & Sprint Focus

These initiatives are designed for rapid development and quick wins, enhancing our core delivery operations and customer experience in the immediate future.

Real-Time Environmental Data

- Integrate Google Maps/TomTom API for live traffic and road closures.
- Incorporate Weather API to factor in impacts of rain, snow, or heatwaves on delivery speeds.

Impact: Significantly more accurate ETAs and proactive operational adjustments.

Customer Live Tracking Experience

- Develop a real-time order tracking map within the customer app.

Impact: Boosts customer satisfaction and reduces support inquiries.

Driver Performance Insights

- Implement basic personalized efficiency scores for each driver to optimize assignment decisions.

Impact: Improved allocation of deliveries, leveraging individual driver strengths.

Strategic Initiatives: Next Phases

These are foundational projects that will build our long-term competitive advantage, requiring deeper development and integration over subsequent phases.

Advanced AI/ML Capabilities

- Transition to LSTM/Neural Networks for sophisticated time-series forecasting.
- Develop advanced demand forecasting models to predict order surges and pre-position fleets.

Impact: Superior predictive power for operational efficiency and resource management.

Comprehensive Driver Mobile App

- Build a native iOS/Android app for drivers with robust GPS tracking and push notifications.

Impact: Streamlined driver workflow, enhanced communication, and improved data capture.

Sustainable Logistics

- Develop green routing algorithms to prioritize fuel-efficient paths.
- Optimize management for electric vehicle range and charging infrastructure.

Impact: Reduced carbon footprint, lower operational costs, and future-proofed fleet.

The Future of Intelligent Delivery

End-to-End Solution

From raw data ingestion to intuitive web applications, we provide a complete, intelligent delivery ecosystem.

User-Centric Innovation

Our solutions directly address and solve real-world problems for drivers, businesses, and customers.

Scalable & Robust

Built on cutting-edge technology, our platform is designed for rapid expansion and long-term reliability.

Our Intelligent Delivery roadmap has the potential to boost operational efficiency by over 25% and significantly enhance customer satisfaction.

> Join us in transforming logistics: innovate, optimize, and deliver a smarter future, together.

Thank You!