

# Machine Learning: Real Estate Prediction Model

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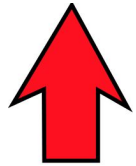
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# Overview

The median sale price of a home in central Phoenix:

\$425,000



27.6%

since May 5, 2021

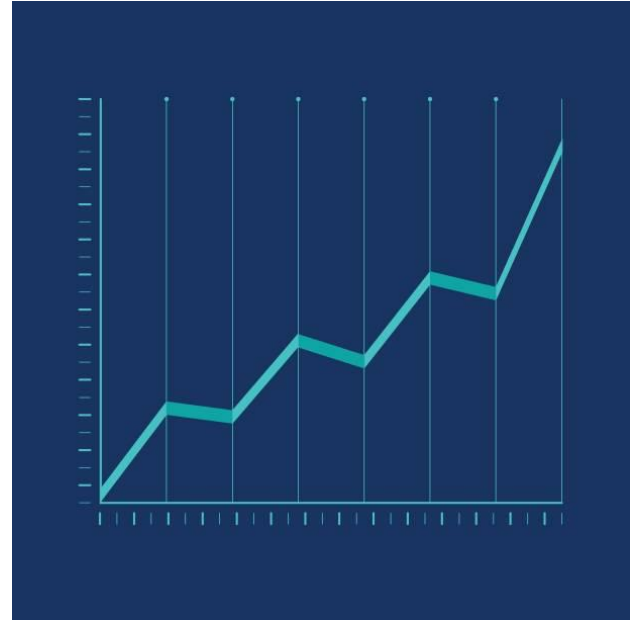


# Overview

There are, of course, numerous features that factor into the listing price for any realty listing. On one end of the spectrum, **large data-driven companies like Zillow are able to utilize their algorithms to price homes very accurately.** According to Zillow's website,<sup>2</sup> their nationwide median error rate for an on-market home "Zestimate" is 1.9%. On the other end of the spectrum, **independent realtors utilize a mix of experiential intuition and "comps"** - hyper local comparable house listings. According to Brian Houle, a local Phoenix Realtor, finding six to ten homes within a two-mile radius with a similar square footage and similar housing condition / quality is a good starting place for finding accurate pricing. What independent Realtors have internalized as intuition, data-driven Realtors have made explicit in their algorithms, the features of which are typically not publicly available.

# Overview

The primary purpose of this analysis is to create a machine learning model that can predict housing prices for single-family detached homes in the central Phoenix area utilizing features that are publicly available.



# Data Sourcing: FlexMLS Realty Portal

- Search conducted on May 6 and 7, 2022
  - Central Phoenix
  - Asking price of \$1,300,000 or less
- More than 2,300 houses for sale or recently sold

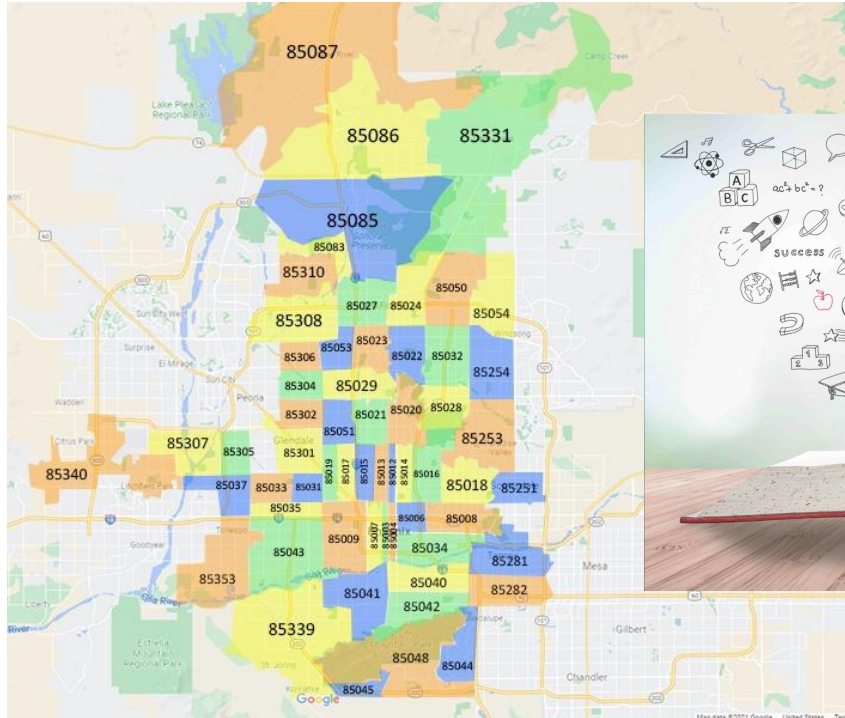


# Data Sourcing: FlexMLS Realty Portal

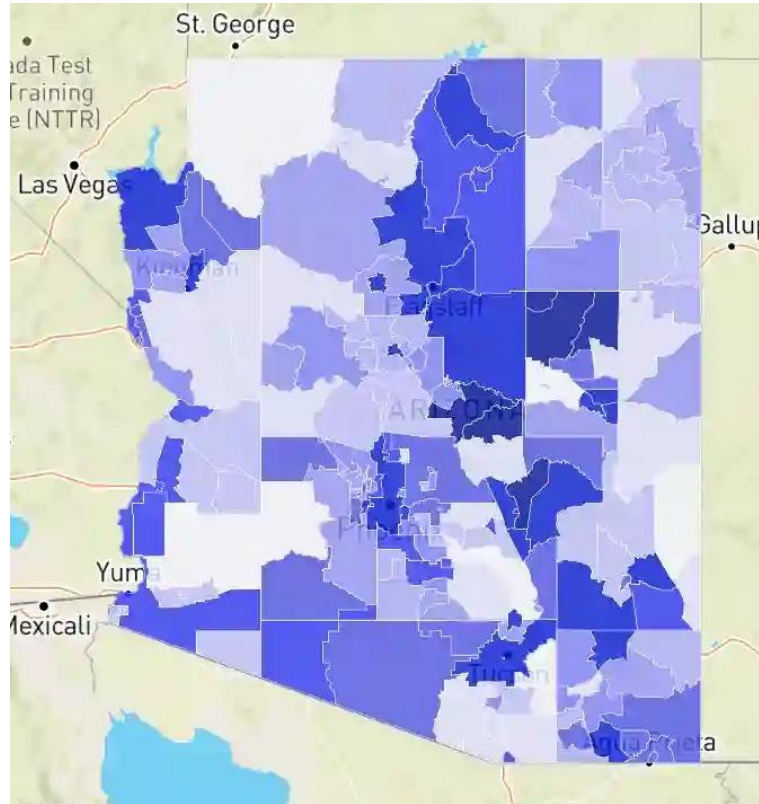
The features of each data point include:

- Price (Asking Price / Sale Price)
- Zip
- Year built
- Bedrooms
- Bathrooms
- Approximate Square Footage

# Data Sourcing: Arizona Department of Education



# Data Sourcing: Phoenix.gov Crime

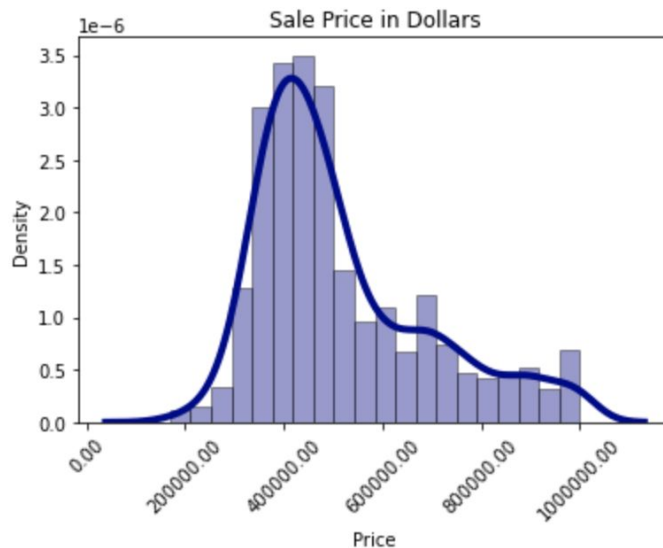




# Data Exploration: Descriptive Statistics

A density plot for price:

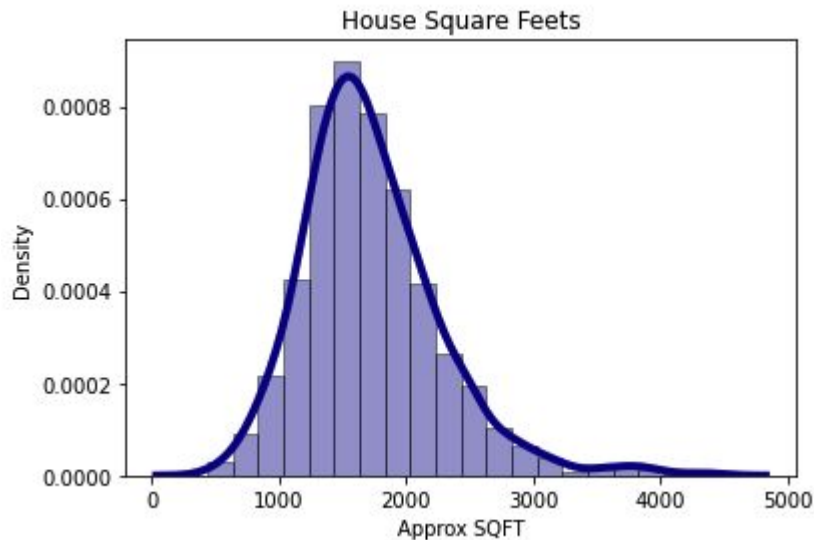
Min: 169000.000  
Q1: 390000.000  
Median: 462320.000  
Q3: 600000.000  
Max: 1000000.000  
Mean: 515795.279  
Mode: 450000.000



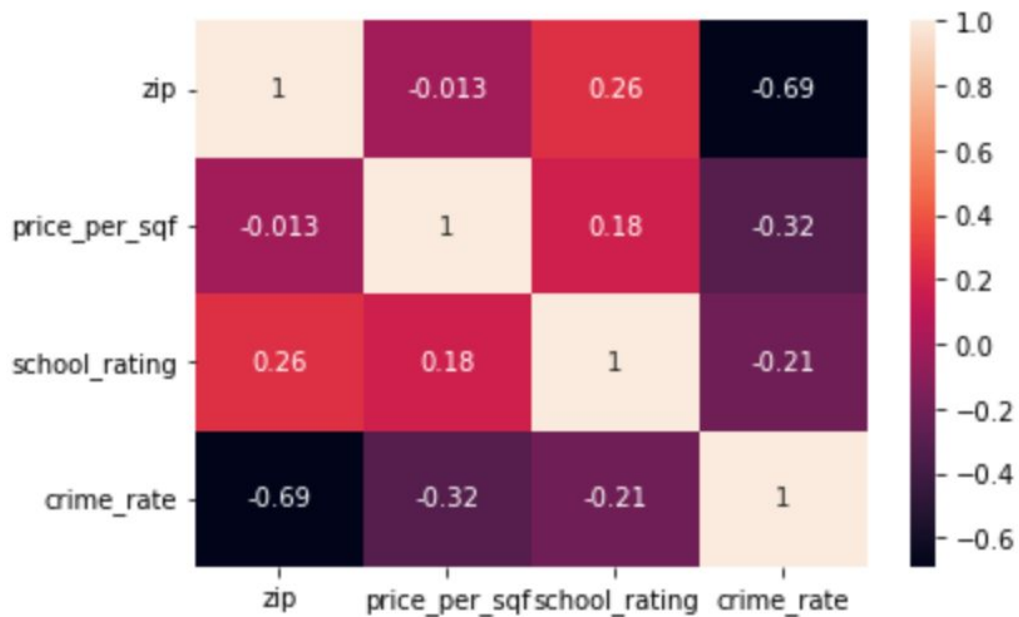
# Data Exploration: Descriptive Statistics

A density plot for square footage:

Min: 442.000  
Q1: 1372.000  
Median: 1651.000  
Q3: 2002.000  
Max: 4423.000  
Mean: 1726.404  
Mode: 1260.000



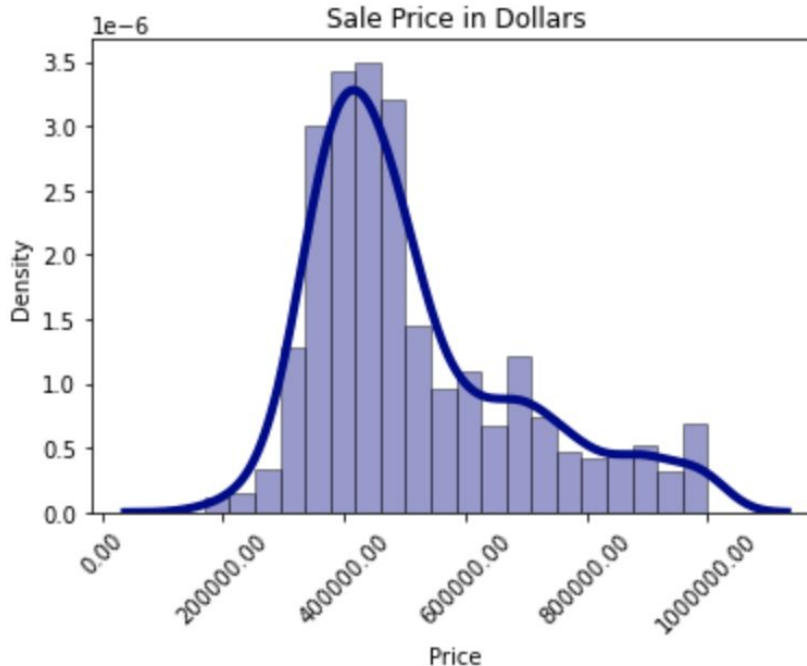
# Data Exploration: Descriptive Statistics



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A density plot for bedrooms:

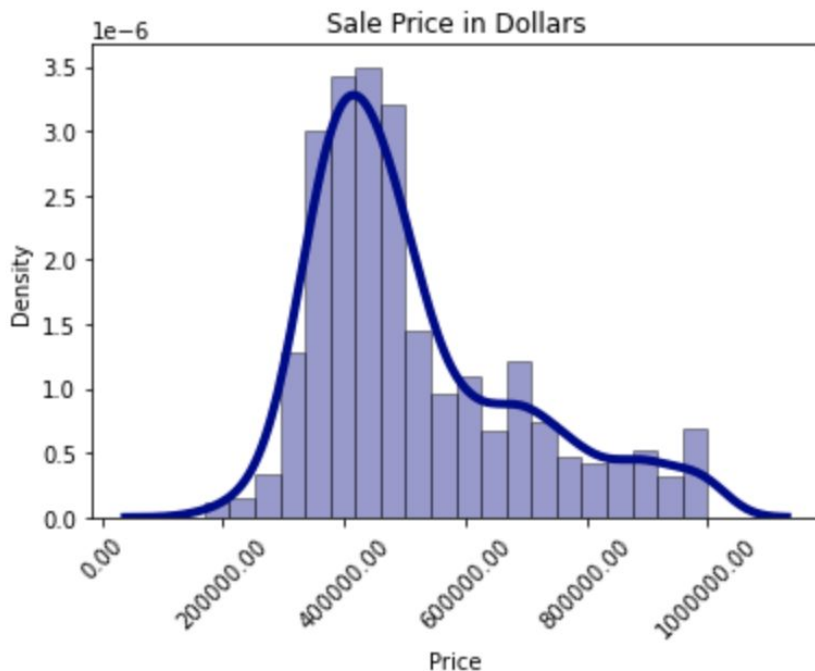
Min: 0.000  
Q1: 3.000  
Median: 3.000  
Q3: 4.000  
Max: 12.000  
Mean: 3.381  
Mode: 3.000



# Data Exploration: Descriptive Statistics

A density plot for bathrooms:

Min: 0.000  
Q1: 2.000  
Median: 2.000  
Q3: 2.000  
Max: 6.000  
Mean: 2.110  
Mode: 2.000



# Data Exploration: Exploring Models

## Multiple linear regression using R:

```
60 ## statistical tests
61 ggplot(prop_filter, aes(x=Price)) + geom_density() # visualize distribution using density plot
62 shapiro.test(prop_filter$Price) # pvalue much less than 0.05, so NOT normal distribution
63 # note: strong right skew
64
65 # anova - considering all features are actually categorical even though they're numbers (sqft is exception)
66 summary(aov(Price ~ zip, data=prop_filter))
67 summary(aov(Price ~ zip + sqft, data = prop_filter))
68 summary(aov(Price ~ zip + sqft + year_built + Bedrooms + Bathrooms, data = prop_filter))
69
70 # multiple linear regression
71 # using only numerical values - that is, not year_built or zip
72 summary(lm(Price ~ sqft + Bedrooms + Bathrooms, data = prop_filter))
73 summary(lm(Price ~ sqft + Bedrooms + Bathrooms + age, data = prop_filter))
74 summary(lm(Price ~ sqft + Bedrooms + Bathrooms + age + ppsf, data = prop_filter)) # is ppsf redundant?
75
76 summary(lm(Price ~ sqft + Bedrooms + Bathrooms + age + zip, data = prop_filter))
```

# Data Exploration: Exploring Models

## Neural Network using Python's TensorFlow in a Jupyter Notebook

```
In [36]: # Create a method that creates a new Sequential model with hyperparameter options
def create_model(hp):
    nn_model = tf.keras.models.Sequential()

    # Allow kerastuner to decide which activation function to use in hidden layers
    activation = hp.Choice('activation', ['relu', 'tanh'])

    # Allow kerastuner to decide number of neurons in first layer
    nn_model.add(tf.keras.layers.Dense(units=hp.Int('first_units',
        min_value=1,
        max_value=30,
        step=5), activation=activation, input_dim=len(X_train[0])))

    # Allow kerastuner to decide number of hidden layers and neurons in hidden layers
    for i in range(hp.Int('num_layers', 1, 5)):
        nn_model.add(tf.keras.layers.Dense(units=hp.Int('units_' + str(i),
            min_value=1,
            max_value=30,
            step=5),
            activation=activation))

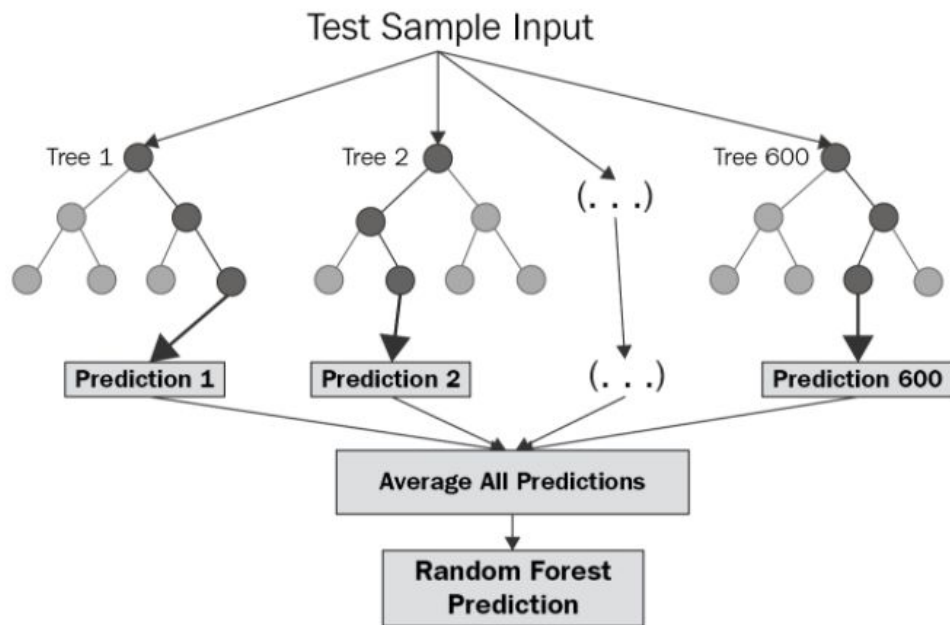
    nn_model.add(tf.keras.layers.Dense(units=1, activation="relu"))

    # Compile the model
    nn_model.compile(loss="binary_crossentropy", optimizer='adam', metrics=["accuracy"])

    return nn_model
```

# Data Exploration: Exploring Models

Given the dataset, which contains both numerical and categorical data, and the purpose of the project, which seeks to predict a house's price given various features, we landed on a Random Forest Regressor Model as most appropriate for this project.



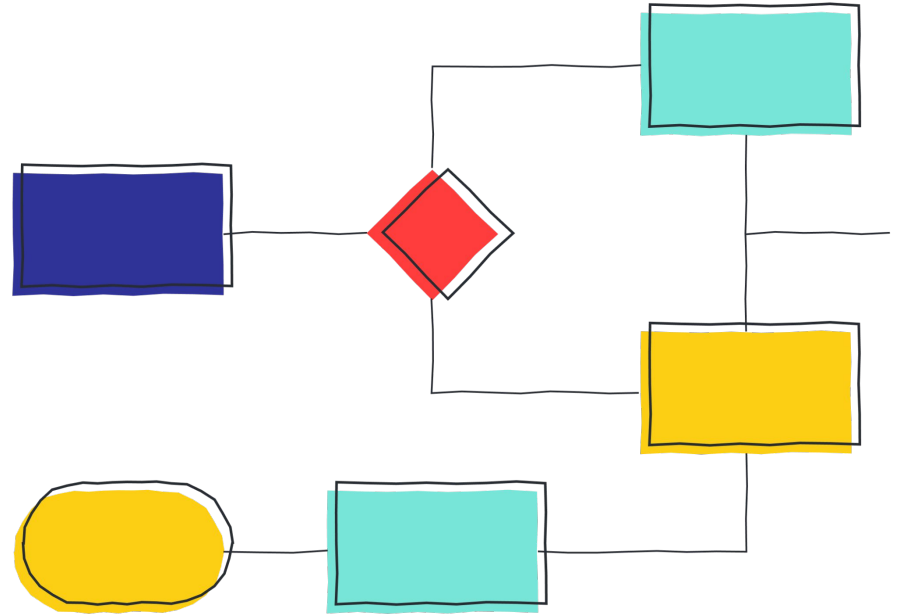


## Tools Used



# Workflow

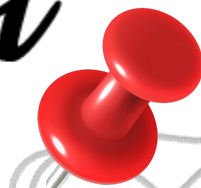
1. Import Dependencies
2. Import Data
3. Data Cleaning
4. Finding Best Parameters
5. Database - SQLite
6. Random Forest Model Creation
7. Export necessary information for storyboard / dashboard



# Random Forest Model



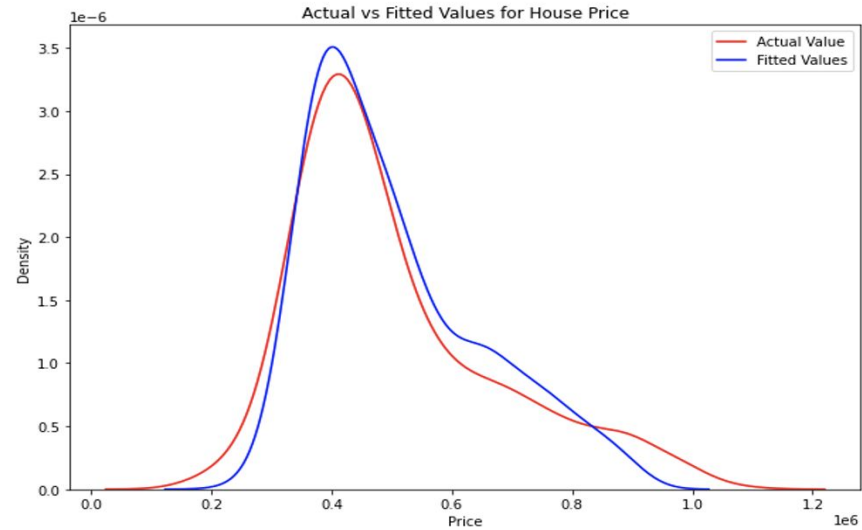
# Random Forest



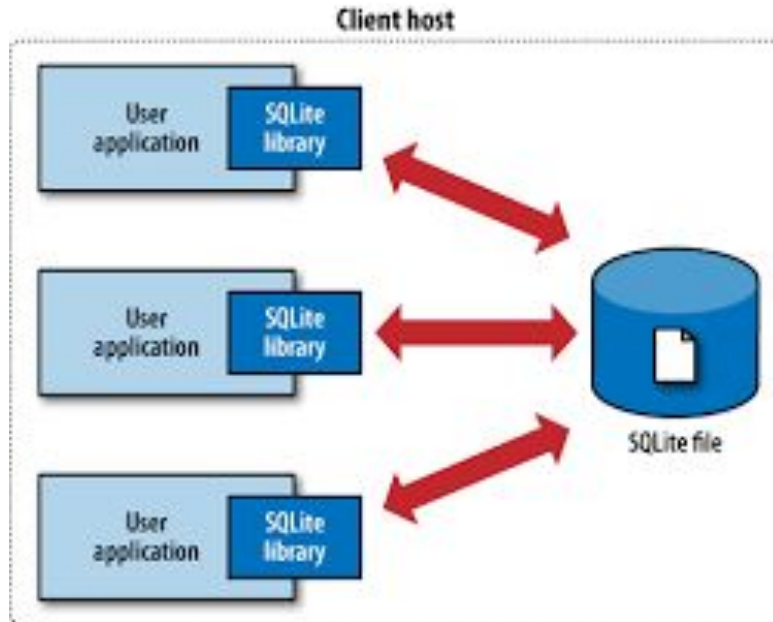
Simplicity

Accuracy

# Random Forest Model

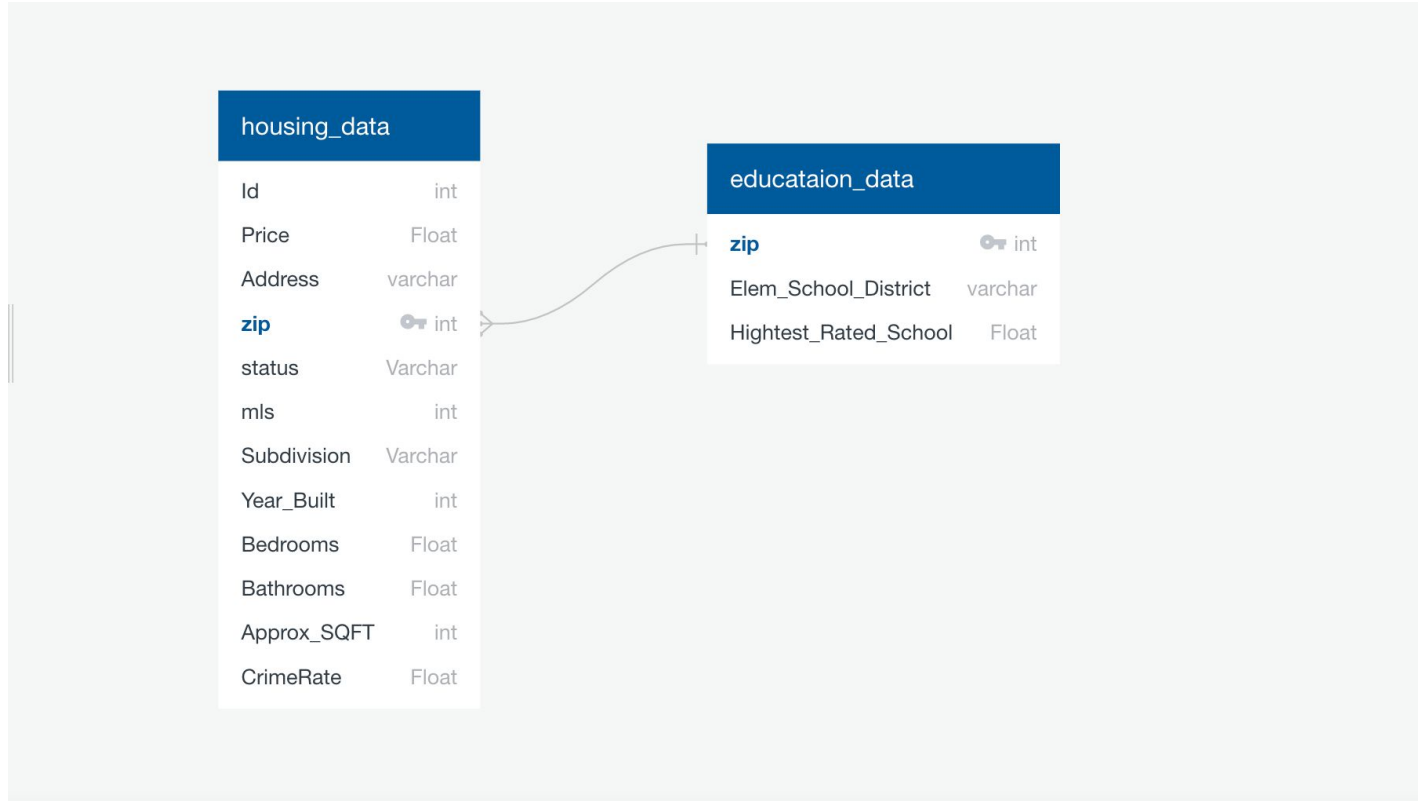


# SQLite



For this project, SQLite will serve to hold our final combined dataset in order to provide the data for visualizations on the dashboard in conjunction with the primary purpose - a predicted home price.

# Entity Relationship Diagram



# Dashboard

The screenshot shows a web browser window with a URL bar displaying "127.0.0.1:5000". The page features a header image of a lawn and path. The main content area includes a form with five input fields: "1302", "Bedrooms", "Bathrooms", "Year Built", and "85017". A "SUBMIT" button is located below these fields. To the right of the form is a grey box labeled "Your Estimated price:". The footer contains the text "Copyright © 2022".

A diagram on the left side of the image highlights the input fields. A box labeled "Input boxes" has five red arrows pointing to each of the five input fields in the form.

1302

Bedrooms

Bathrooms

Year Built

85017


SUBMIT

Your Estimated price:

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# Dashboard

← → ↻ 127.0.0.1:5000/predict 🔍 📄 ☆ 🗨️ ⓘ



Real Estate Predictions

Square Feet

Bedrooms

Bathrooms

Year Built

Zipcode

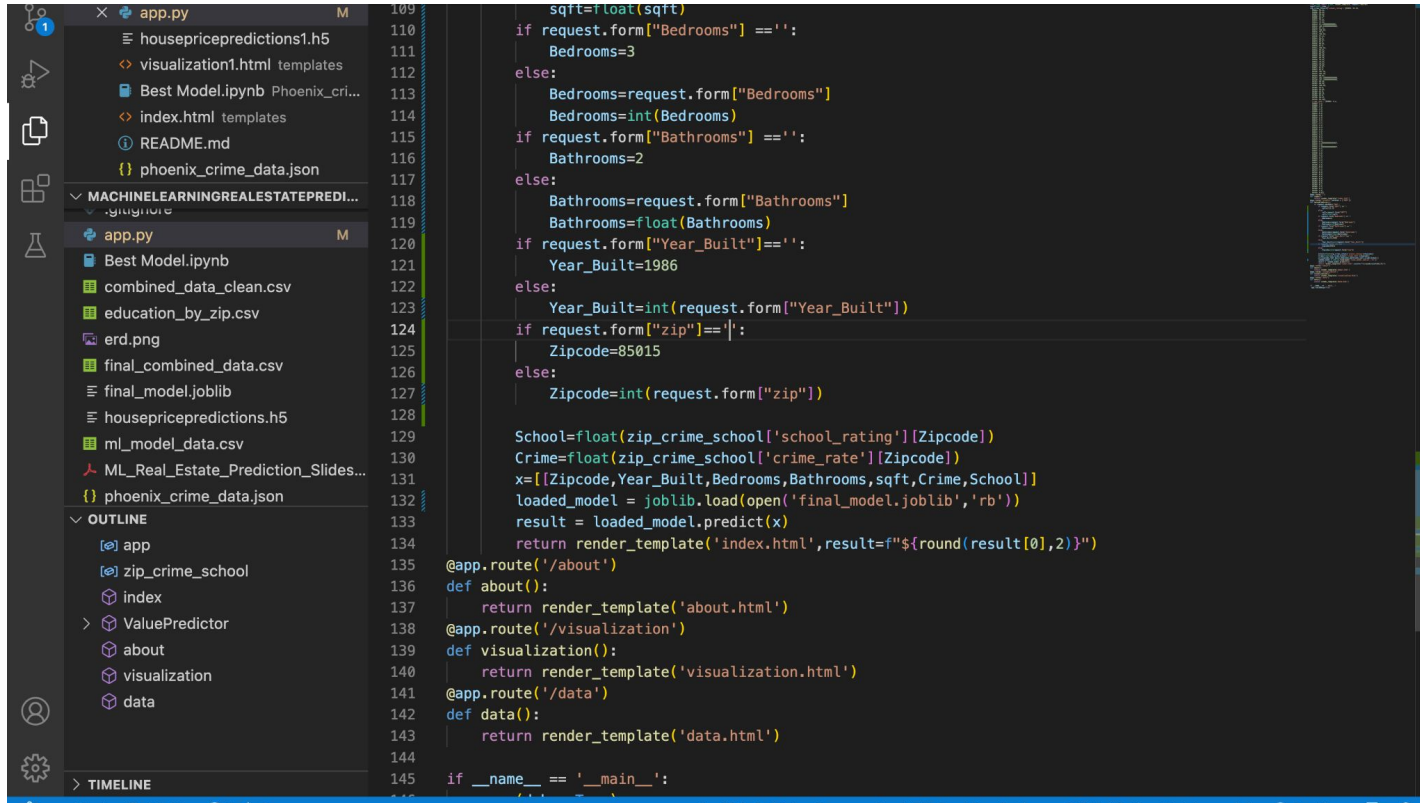
**SUBMIT**

**Your Estimated price: \$390113.66**

Predicted price output



# Dashboard



```
109     sqft=float(sqft)
110     if request.form["Bedrooms"] == '':
111         Bedrooms=3
112     else:
113         Bedrooms=request.form["Bedrooms"]
114         Bedrooms=int(Bedrooms)
115     if request.form["Bathrooms"] == '':
116         Bathrooms=2
117     else:
118         Bathrooms=request.form["Bathrooms"]
119         Bathrooms=float(Bathrooms)
120     if request.form["Year_Built"] == '':
121         Year_Built=1986
122     else:
123         Year_Built=int(request.form["Year_Built"])
124     if request.form["zip"] == '':
125         Zipcode=85015
126     else:
127         Zipcode=int(request.form["zip"])
128
129     School=float(zip_crime_school['school_rating'][Zipcode])
130     Crime=float(zip_crime_school['crime_rate'][Zipcode])
131     x=[[Zipcode,Year_Built,Bedrooms,Bathrooms,sqft,Crime,School]]
132     loaded_model = joblib.load(open('final_model.joblib','rb'))
133     result = loaded_model.predict(x)
134     return render_template('index.html',result=f"${round(result[0],2)}")
135
136 @app.route('/about')
137 def about():
138     return render_template('about.html')
139
140 @app.route('/visualization')
141 def visualization():
142     return render_template('visualization.html')
143
144 @app.route('/data')
145 def data():
146     return render_template('data.html')
147
148 if __name__ == '__main__':
149     app.run()
```

The screenshot shows a JupyterLab interface. On the left is a file explorer with a sidebar containing icons for home, search, and other functions. The file explorer shows a project structure with files like `app.py`, `housepricepredictions1.h5`, `visualization1.html`, `Best Model.ipynb`, `index.html`, `README.md`, `phoenix_crime_data.json`, `MACHINELEARNINGREALESTATEPREDI...`, `.gitignore`, `combined_data_clean.csv`, `education_by_zip.csv`, `erd.png`, `final_combined_data.csv`, `final_model.joblib`, `housepricepredictions.h5`, `ml_model_data.csv`, `ML_Real_Estate_Prediction_Slides...`, `phoenix_crime_data.json`, `OUTLINE`, `app`, `zip_crime_school`, `index`, `ValuePredictor`, `about`, `visualization`, `data`, and `TIMELINE`. The main area is a code editor showing a Python script. The script uses Flask for web routing and joblib for loading a pre-trained model. It handles form data for Bedrooms, Bathrooms, Year\_Built, and zip code, and uses these to predict a result from a loaded model. The script also defines routes for /about, /visualization, and /data, each returning a specific HTML template. The script ends with a standard Flask app run command.