

Fire up the Grill?

Using Classification Modeling
to Predict Weather Outcomes

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https://www.tripadvisor.ie/LocationPhotoDirectLink-g294009-d5874450-i354005338-The_Seasons_Restaurant-Doha.html

Overview

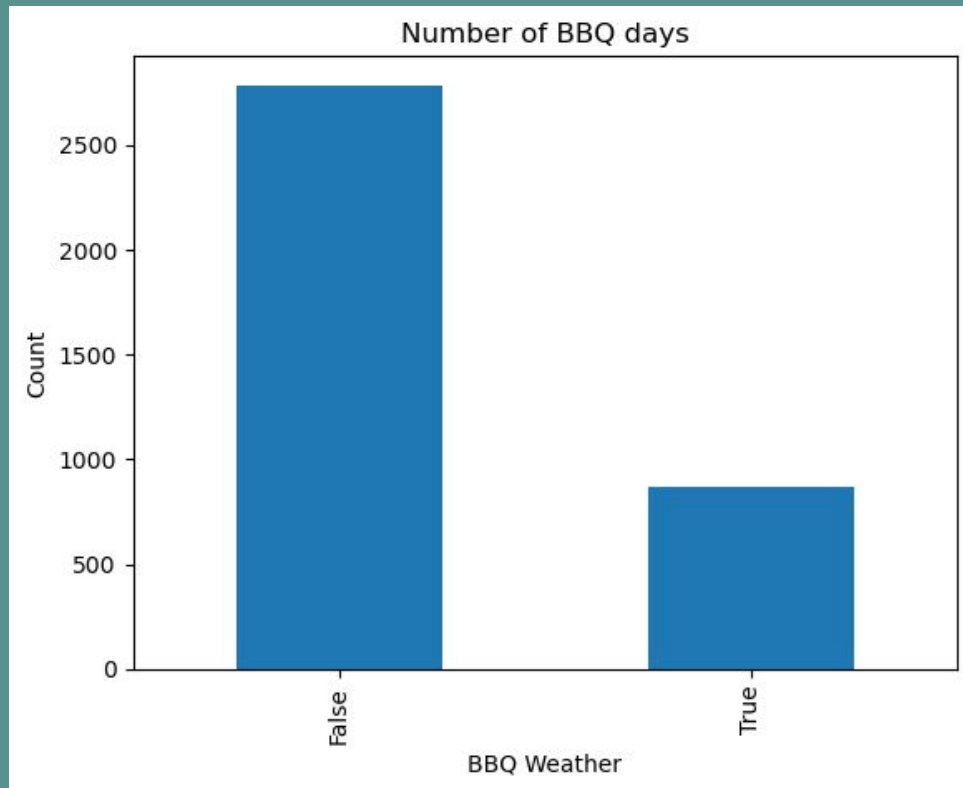
- Find the best classification model for predicting BBQ weather
- Determine most important weather factors



<https://www.amazon.com/HIZLJJ-Firepit-Outdoor-Griddle-Restaurant/dp/B08JTQ6RGH>

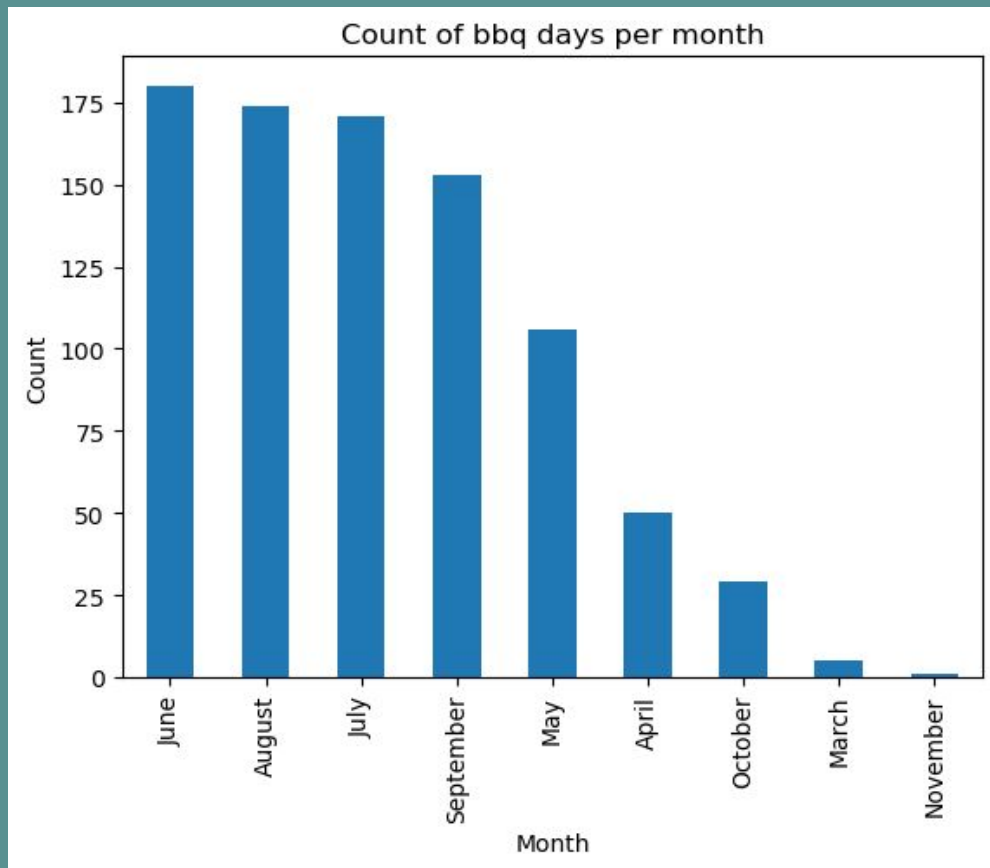
Business Understanding

- All Fired Up- barbeque restaurant in London, UK.
- New outdoor grill
- Weather seems to be a huge factor in business
- Setting up the outdoor charcoal grills takes a lot of time and resources



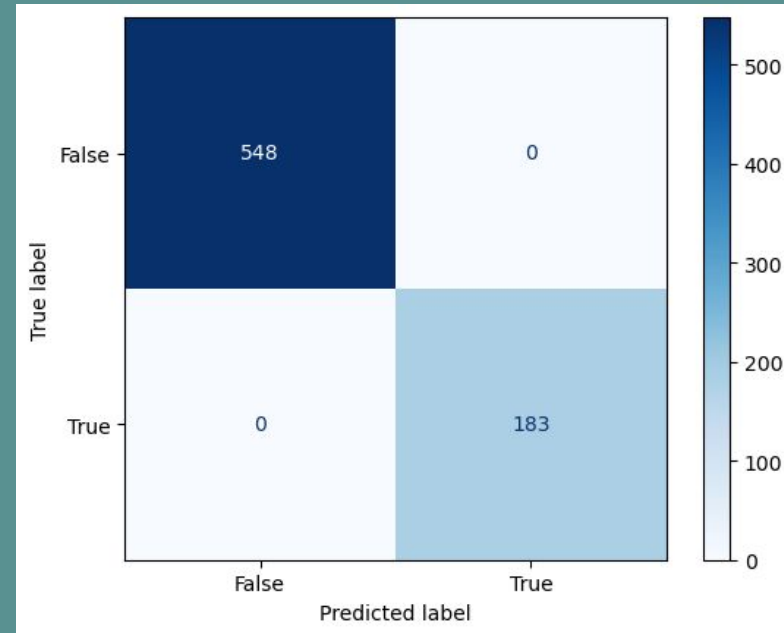
Data

- Heathrow meteorological station
- 3,654 records
- Weather factors
- 2000 - 2010
- 2,785 False
- 869 True



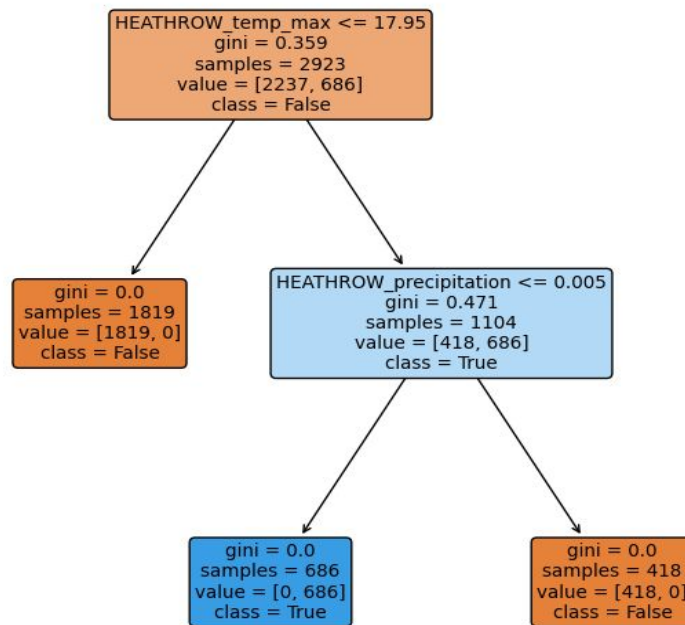
Modeling

- Various classification models were explored
- Experimented with altering hyperparameters
- Minimize false positives
- F1 score primary metric for evaluation



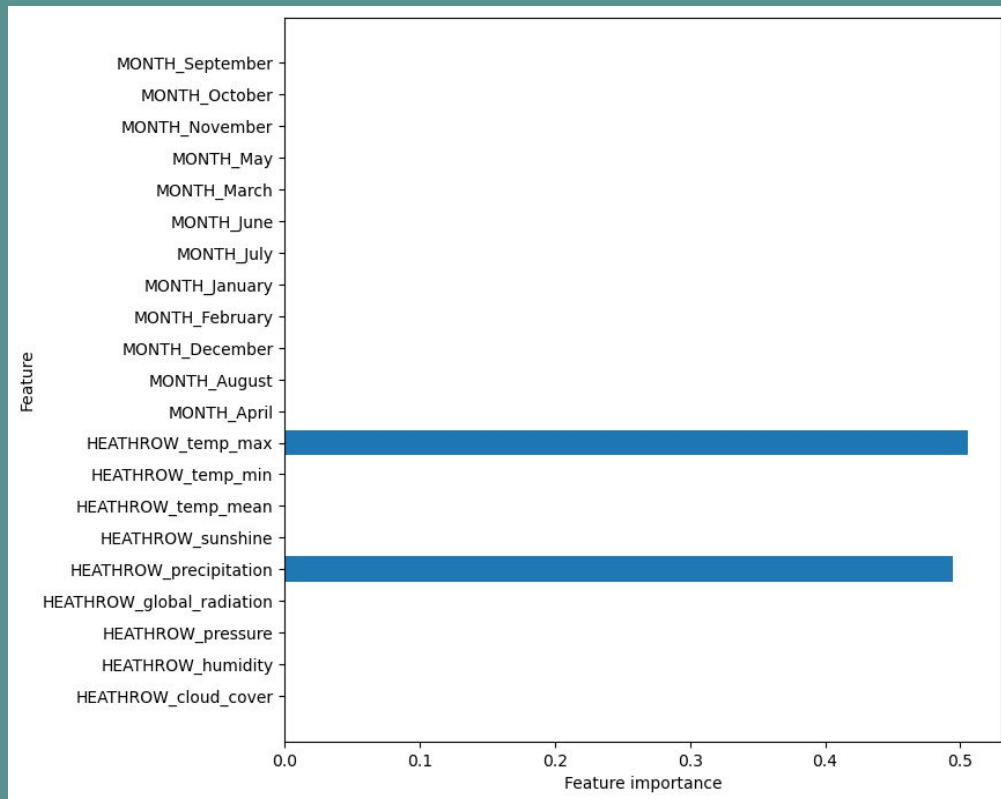
Evaluation

- Decision tree models performed best
- F1 score of 100
- Basic decision tree less computationally expensive



Conclusions

- Max temperature and precipitation are the most important factors
- Consider closing the outdoor area in Winter



Limitations and Next Steps

- Determine relationship between "percent chance of precipitation" and outcome
- Wind is likely a factor
- Data is from a decade ago
- Climate change



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