



Final Presentation



Zillowbnb
Zestimate for Airbnb Listings



Background

People rely on Zillow's Zestimate to estimate the market price of houses. The Zestimate predicts a home's value using publicly available housing data. It serves as a starting point for homeowners who are looking to sell their property and enables buyers to gain a better understanding of the market.

Such a feature would be useful to predict the market rental price for a unit on Airbnb. Guests could use the tool to determine whether listings are fairly priced and hosts could determine a good listing price.

Data Used

Inside Airbnb (<http://insideairbnb.com/get-the-data.html>) uses the publicly available data from Airbnb. The data has been released under a [Creative Commons CC0 1.0 Universal \(CC0 1.0\) "Public Domain Dedication"](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/). This site includes multiple csv files for many cities compiled by Airbnb.

Listings.csv.gz: Detailed listing data. Some variables of interest include neighborhood, latitude, longitude, room_type, price, minimum_nights, maximum_nights, bathrooms, bedrooms, beds, and specific amenities such as air conditioning, indoor fireplace, washer, drier, and many more.

Calendar.csv.gz: Detailed calendar data for each listings

Reviews.csv.gz: Detailed reviews data for each listing

Use Cases

1. Host wants to get a recommended listing price.
 - a. User clicks “Host”. Form is displayed
 - b. User fills out form about unit specifications, clicks submit
 - c. Specifications are inputted into model
 - d. Page shows an interval with the predicted rental price of the unit

2. Guest wants to determine if a listing is overpriced
 - a. User clicks “Guest”, city buttons are displayed
 - b. User clicks the city the listing is in, map displays
 - c. User enters address into search bar, map zooms in to address
 - d. Map displays estimated rental price. A colour indicating the value of the actual listing (good, average, poor) is displayed

Demo



Design - Visualization

Description: The visualization is the interface the user uses when deciding if they are using the Guest Visualization or the Host Visualization. Uses a bash command to run and open

Interactions: The visualization uses a dataframe that is constructed by the data gathering and cleaning modules, and the results of the price prediction model.

Design - Price Prediction Models

Description: Machine Learning model used to predict listing prices of Airbnb listings

Interactions: Requires a cleaned dataset that is created from running the data cleaning modules

Design - Data Gathering and Cleaning

Description: A group of modules used to read in data from Inside Airbnb and clean and aggregate the data into forms that the machine learning model can use.

Interactions: These modules are used to create a cleaned dataframe that can be used by the machine learning model and the visualization/user interface

Project Structure:

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Zillowbnb/  
|- data/  
|  |- Seattle.joblib.dat  
|  |- Seattle_low.joblib.dat  
|  |- calendar_price_averages.csv  
|  |- clean_listings.csv  
|  |- clean_predicted.csv  
|  |- reviews_sa_summarized.csv  
|  |- seattle_merged.csv  
|- docs/  
|  |- Component_Specification.pdf  
|  |- Final_Presentation.pdf  
|  |- Functional_Specification.pdf  
|  |- Technology_Review.pdf  
|  |- zillowbnb.jpg  
|- examples/  
|  |- User_Guide.pdf  
|- zillowbnb/  
|  |- submodule/  
|  |  |- __init__.py  
|  |  |- constants.py  
|  |  |- convert_to_matrix.py  
|  |  |- detect_outliers.py  
|  |  |- example.py  
|  |  |- get_calendar_summary.py  
|  |  |- get_cleaned_listings.py  
|  |  |- get_data.py  
|  |  |- host_predict.py  
|  |  |- price_prediction.py  
|  |  |- sentiment.py  
|  |  |- train_model.py  
|- test/  
|  |- __init__.py  
|  |- submodule_path.py  
|  |- test_convert_to_matrix.py  
|  |- test_detect_outliers.py  
|  |- test_get_calendar_summary.py  
|  |- test_get_cleaned_listings.py  
|  |- test_get_data.py  
|  |- test_host_predict.py  
|  |- test_price_prediction.py  
|  |- test_sentiment.py  
|  |- test_train_model.py  
|- __init__.py  
|- zillowbnb.py  
|- .coveragerc  
|- .travis.yml  
|- LICENSE  
|- README.md  
|- requirements.txt  
|- setup.py
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Lessons Learned and Future Work

Lessons Learned

- Bokeh UI
- XGBoost

Future Work

- Explore more cities
- Merge with buildings data
- Determine weights of amenities