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Chapter 1 INTRODUCTION

The US Consumer Finance Complaints dataset, published by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, is a comprehensive collection of consumer grievances related to various financial products and services, including loans, credit cards, mortgages, and banking. This dataset offers a unique opportunity to analyze trends, patterns, and behaviors in consumer interactions with financial institutions, shedding light on common issues and areas requiring improvement. The goal of this Big Data Analysis project is to extract actionable insights from this large and complex dataset, enabling stakeholders to better understand customer concerns and enhance service quality. Using Hadoop's distributed storage (HDFS) and processing capabilities (MapReduce), the dataset is managed and analyzed efficiently. This analysis not only highlights systemic issues in the financial industry but also provides recommendations to companies for improving customer satisfaction and regulatory compliance.

Chapter 2 DATASET DESCRIPTION

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6					e Attempted		wrong amo	Resurgent	GA	30106			Web	08/30/201	Closed wi	Yes	Yes	511067
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8	08/30/201	Credit care	1	Credit line	e increase/d	ecrease		Wells Farg	AZ	85730			Postal mai	########	Closed wi	Yes	No	511062
9	08/30/201	Bank acco	Checking a	Deposits	and withdra	wals		Bank of Ar	IL	60660			Referral	########	Closed wi	Yes	No	511116
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24	09/24/201	Mortgage	FHA mortg	Loan mod	dification,co	llection,for	reclosure	Carrington	AR	72113			Web	09/25/201	Closed wi	Yes	No	54035
25	#######	Debt colle	Credit card	Communi	ic Called out	side of 8an	n-9pm	Wells Farg	GA	30132			Web	09/14/201	Closed wi	Yes	No	521354
26	#######	Mortgage	Conventio	Loan mod	dification,co	llection,for	reclosure	HSBC Nort	IL	62034			Web	########	Closed wi	Yes	No	521350
27	09/24/201	Bank acco	Other bank	Making/re	eceiving pay	ments, sen	ding money	Enova Inte	AL	35473			Web	09/26/201	Closed wi	Yes	No	540359
89	09/24/201	Bank acco	Checking a	Deposits a	and withdra	wals		Wells Farg	NC	28753			Web	09/25/201	Closed wi	Yes	No	540360
29	#######	Credit care	1	Rewards				Bank of Ar	NJ	8512			Web	09/19/201	Closed wi	Yes	No	521360

The **US Consumer Finance Complaints Dataset**, maintained by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), contains detailed information about consumer complaints related to financial products and services. Below are its key characteristics:

- **Source**: Collected and published by the CFPB, ensuring high reliability and relevance to consumer finance issues.
- **Time Span**: Includes complaints recorded over several years, providing longitudinal data for trend analysis.
- Volume: Comprises millions of records, making it ideal for Big Data processing and analysis.

Key Fields in the Dataset

- **Complaint ID**: Unique identifier for each consumer complaint.
- **Product**: The type of financial product or service (e.g., credit card, mortgage, student loan).
- **Issue**: Description of the specific problem faced by the consumer (e.g., billing errors, fraud).
- **Sub-Product**: Further classification of the product (e.g., FHA mortgage, private student loan).

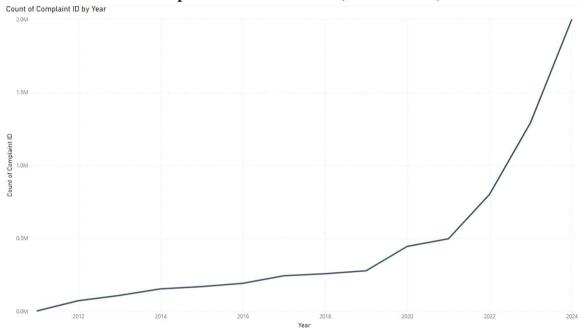
- **Company**: The financial institution or service provider associated with the complaint.
- Consumer Complaint Narrative: A free-text description of the consumer's issue (optional, as not all consumers provide narratives).
- State and Zip Code: Location details of the consumer.
- **Submission Method**: How the complaint was submitted (e.g., web, phone, email).
- **Company Response**: The company's resolution or action taken regarding the complaint.
- **Timeliness**: Whether the company provided a timely response to the complaint.

Link: https://catalog.data.gov/dataset/consumer-complaint-database

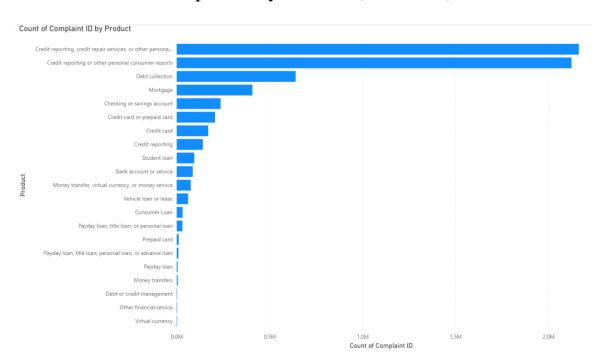
Chapter 3

INPUT DATA ANALYSIS USING BIG DATA SANDBOX TOOL

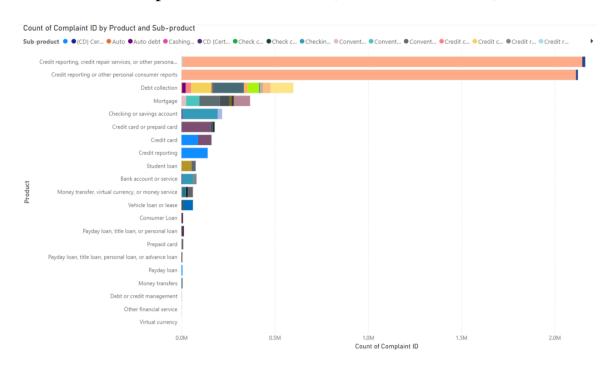
Complaints Over Time (Line Chart)



Complaints by Product (Bar Chart)



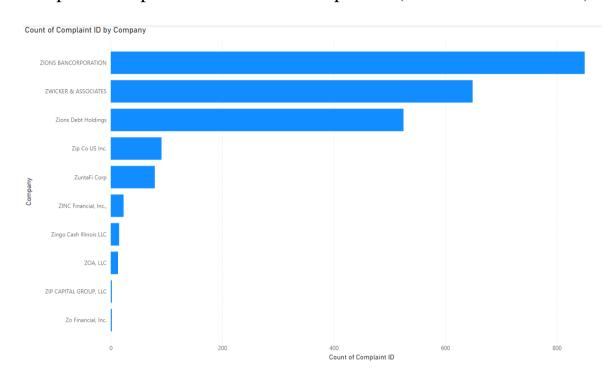
Sub-product Breakdown (Stacked Bar Chart)



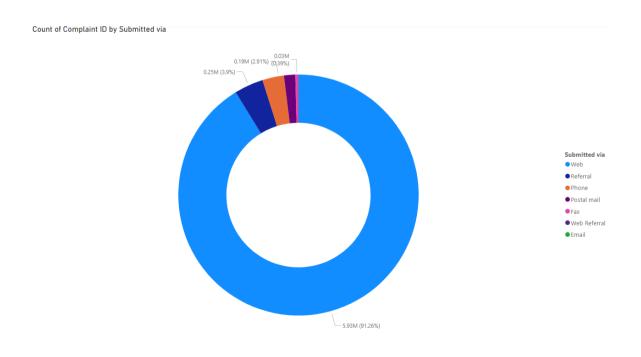
Timely Responses by Company (Matrix)

Company	No	Yes	Total
(Former)Shapiro, Swertfeger & Hasty, LLP	12		12
1 Auto Finance, Inc.	3		3
1 STOP MONEY CENTERS, LLC	2	7	9
10 Cent Title Pawn Inc		2	2
16 Hands LLC. dba Fiducius		2	2
1803 Capital, LLC	1	25	26
1ST 2ND MORTGAGE CO. OF NJ INC	1	2	3
1ST ALLIANCE LENDING, LLC	8	16	24
1st Capital Finance of South Carolina, Inc.		4	4
1st Capital Mortgage, LLC		1	1
1ST CHOICE LOANS, LLC.		1	1
1st Fidelity Loan Servicing	2	3	5
1ST FINANCIAL, INC.	2	7	9
1st Florida Lending CORP	1	1	2
1st Franklin Financial Corporation	136	294	430
1ST IBERIA CREDIT, INC.		1	1
1st Look Mortgage, LLC	1		1
1st Maryland Mortgage Corporation	1	1	2
1st Midwest Mortgage Corp		2	2
1st Money Center, Inc., Hurst, TX Branch	2	2	4
1st Portfolio Holding Corporation		1	1
1ST PREFERENCE MORTGAGE CORP		3	3
1ST RESULTS BILLINGS & COLLECTIONS, INC.		7	7
1st United Funding, LLC		1	1
208 Capital Holdings LLC		1	1
21ST MORTGAGE CORP.	3	782	785
2233 Paradise Road LLC	19	8	27
2288984 Ontario Inc.	1	227	228
24 Asset Management Corp		5	5
245 Holdings LLC		1	1
360 Credit Consulting		3	3
360 MORTGAGE GROUP LLC	2	104	106
360 Mortgage Inc.	1		1
Total	62058	6440519	6502577

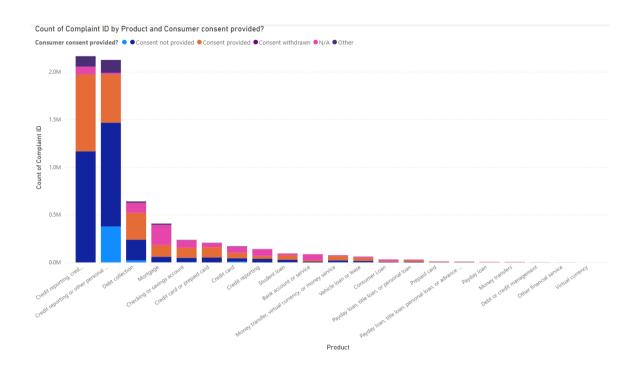
Top 10 Companies with Most Complaints (Horizontal Bar Chart)



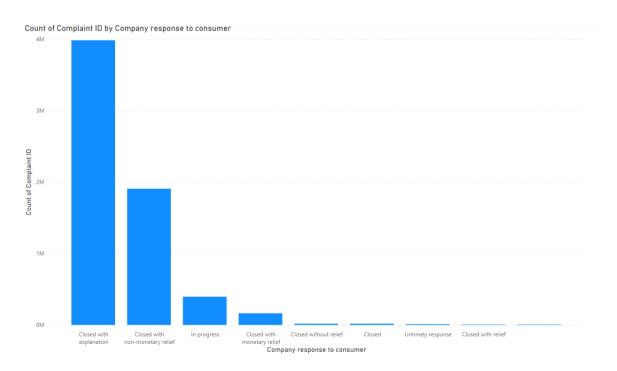
Submission methods(Pie/Donut Chart)



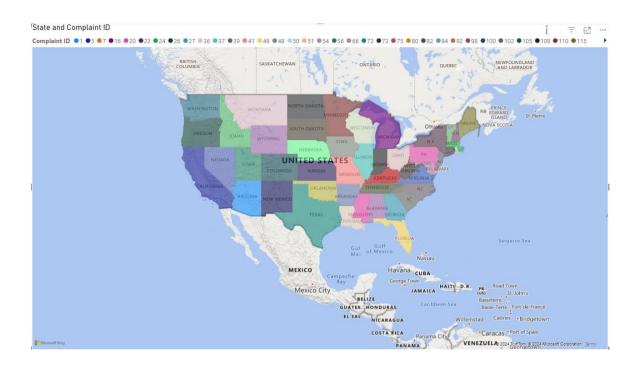
Consumer Consent Analysis (Stacked Column Chart)



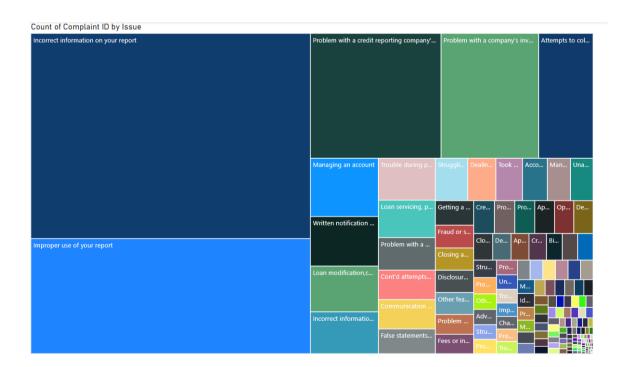
Complaints by State (Map)



Company Responses (Clustered Column Chart)



Complaint Issues Breakdown (Tree Map)



Chapter 4 MODEL SELECTION

Selected Model: Logistic Regression

Model Selection Explanation:

Logistic Regression is a suitable choice for this project due to its effectiveness in handling classification tasks, such as predicting whether complaints are resolved on time or categorizing complaint severity. The model's interpretability allows us to understand the influence of various features like product type, company, and submission method on outcomes.

It is computationally efficient, scalable for large datasets, and works well with features derived from distributed systems like Hadoop and Hive. Logistic Regression balances simplicity and performance, making it ideal for deriving actionable insights from the dataset while aligning with the project's goals.

Chapter 5 HADOOP MAP REDUCE IMPLEMENTATION IN JAVA

Query 1: Complaints per Product

```
import org.apache.hadoop.io.IntWritable;
import org.apache.hadoop.io.Text;
import org.apache.hadoop.mapreduce.Mapper;
import java.io.IOException;
public class ProductMapper extends Mapper<Object, Text, Text, IntWritable> {
   private final static IntWritable one = new IntWritable(1);
   private Text product = new Text();
    public void map(Object key, Text value, Context context) throws IOException, InterruptedException {
        // Split the input line into fields using a comma as the delimiter
        String[] fields = value.toString().split(",", -1);
        // Check if the record has the expected number of fields and is not a header
        if (fields.length > 1 && !fields[1].equalsIgnoreCase("product")) {
           String productName = fields[1].trim(); // Extract the "product" field
            if (!productName.isEmpty()) {
               product.set(productName);
               context.write(product, one);
    }
```

```
import org.apache.hadoop.io.IntWritable;
import org.apache.hadoop.io.Text;
import org.apache.hadoop.mapreduce.Reducer;

import java.io.IOException;

public class ProductReducer extends Reducer<Text, IntWritable, Text, IntWritable> {
    private IntWritable result = new IntWritable();

    public void reduce(Text key, Iterable<IntWritable> values, Context context) throws IOException,
InterruptedException {
        int sum = 0;
        for (IntWritable val : values) {
            sum += val.get(); // Sum all values for each product
        }
        result.set(sum);
        context.write(key, result); // Emit (Product, Total Complaints)
    }
}
```

Query 2: Complaints per State

```
import org.apache.hadoop.io.IntWritable;
import org.apache.hadoop.io.Text;
import org.apache.hadoop.mapreduce.Mapper;
import java.io.IOException;
public class StateMapper extends Mapper<Object, Text, Text, IntWritable> {
    private final static IntWritable one = new IntWritable(1);
    private Text state = new Text();
    public void map(Object key, Text value, Context context) throws IOException, InterruptedException {
        // Split the input line into fields using a comma as the delimiter
        String[] fields = value.toString().split(",", -1);
        // Check if the record has the expected number of fields and is not a header
        if (fields.length > 9 && !fields[9].equalsIgnoreCase("state")) {
            String stateName = fields[9].trim(); // Extract the "state" field
            if (!stateName.isEmpty()) {
                state.set(stateName);
               context.write(state, one);
```

```
import org.apache.hadoop.io.IntWritable;
import org.apache.hadoop.io.Text;
import org.apache.hadoop.mapreduce.Reducer;
import java.io.IOException;

public class StateReducer extends Reducer<Text, IntWritable, Text, IntWritable> {
    private IntWritable result = new IntWritable();
    @Override
    public void reduce(Text key, Iterable<IntWritable> values, Context context) throws IOException,
InterruptedException {
        int sum = 0;
        // Sum all values for the given key (state)
        for (IntWritable val : values) {
            sum += val.get();
        }
        result.set(sum);
        context.write(key, result);
    }
}
```

```
≡ output_state.txt
         "A & O Recovery Solutions 1
         "A & S Collection Associates
         "A.C.S. Companies 1
"A.R.M. Solutions 30
"A/R CONCEPTS 5
         "ACCELERATED COLLECTION SERVICE 3
         "ACG Funding 1
         "ALEXANDER-ROSE ASSOC 8
112
         "AM Systems 1
"AMCOL Systems 5
         "APEX Asset Management 5
         "APPLE RECOVERY 2
117
         "AR Resources
         "ARC Management Group
         "ARS National Services 13
         "ATG Credit 27
"AUTOMATED RECOVERY SYSTEMS 1
         "Aargon Agency 49
"Ability Recovery Services 45
         "Absolute Recovery Services 1
"Accelerated Creditors Services 1
         "Accelerated Financial Solutions
```

Query 3: Number of Complaints with Timely Response

```
import org.apache.hadoop.io.IntWritable;
import org.apache.hadoop.io.Text;
import org.apache.hadoop.mapreduce.Reducer;
import java.io.IOException;

public class TimelyResponseReducer extends Reducer<Text, IntWritable, Text, IntWritable> {
    private IntWritable result = new IntWritable();
    @Override
    public void reduce(Text key, Iterable<IntWritable> values, Context context) throws IOException,
InterruptedException {
        int sum = 0;

        // Sum all values for the given key (Timely or Not Timely)
        for (IntWritable val : values) {
                  sum += val.get();
        }

            result.set(sum);
            context.write(key, result);
        }
}
```

```
output_timely_response.txt
Timely Response 109139
```

Query 4: Complaints by Tags

```
import org.apache.hadoop.io.IntWritable;
import org.apache.hadoop.io.Text;
import org.apache.hadoop.mapreduce.Mapper;
import java.io.IOException;
public class TagsMapper extends Mapper<Object, Text, Text, IntWritable> {
    private final static IntWritable one = new IntWritable(1);
   private Text tag = new Text();
    public void map(Object key, Text value, Context context) throws IOException, InterruptedException {
        // Split the input line into fields using a comma as the delimiter
        String[] fields = value.toString().split(",", -1);
        // Check if the record has the expected number of fields and is not a header
        if (fields.length > 10 && !fields[10].equalsIgnoreCase("tags")) {
            String tagValue = fields[10].trim(); // Extract the "tags" field
            if (!tagValue.isEmpty()) {
               tag.set(tagValue);
               context.write(tag, one);
        }
    }
```

```
import org.apache.hadoop.io.IntWritable;
import org.apache.hadoop.io.Text;
import org.apache.hadoop.mapreduce.Reducer;
import java.io.IOException;

public class TagsReducer extends Reducer<Text, IntWritable, Text, IntWritable> {
    private IntWritable result = new IntWritable();
    @Override
    public void reduce(Text key, Iterable<IntWritable> values, Context context) throws IOException,
InterruptedException {
        int sum = 0;

        // Sum all values for the given key (Tag)
        for (IntWritable val : values) {
            sum += val.get();
        }

        result.set(sum);
        context.write(key, result);
    }
}
```

```
    ≡ output_tags.txt

220
       00011 1
221
       00457
       00601
222
223
       00602
       00603
224
       00604
225
       00605
226
       00610
227
228
       00612
229
       00614
       00616
230
231
       00622
       00623
232
233
       00624
234
       00627
```

Query 5: Complaints per Company

```
import org.apache.hadoop.io.IntWritable;
import org.apache.hadoop.io.LongWritable;
import org.apache.hadoop.io.Text;
import org.apache.hadoop.mapreduce.Mapper;
import java.io.IOException;
public class ComplaintsMapper extends Mapper<LongWritable, Text, Text, IntWritable> {
    private Text company = new Text();
   private final static IntWritable one = new IntWritable(1);
   @Override
    protected void map(LongWritable key, Text value, Context context) throws IOException,
InterruptedException {
        String[] fields = value.toString().split(",", -1); // Split by comma
        if (fields.length > 7) { // Ensure enough fields exist
            String companyName = fields[7].trim(); // Assuming the 8th column is 'company'
            if (!companyName.isEmpty() && !companyName.equals("company")) { // Skip header row
                company.set(companyName);
               context.write(company, one);
        }
    }
```

```
import org.apache.hadoop.io.IntWritable;
import org.apache.hadoop.io.Text;
import org.apache.hadoop.mapreduce.Reducer;
import java.io.IOException;

public class ComplaintsReducer extends Reducer<Text, IntWritable, Text, IntWritable> {

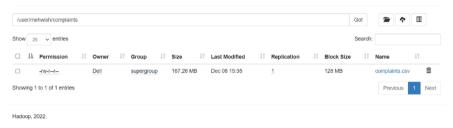
    @Override
    protected void reduce(Text key, Iterable<IntWritable> values, Context context) throws IOException,
InterruptedException {
        int sum = 0;
        for (IntWritable value : values) {
            sum += value.get();
        }
        context.write(key, new IntWritable(sum));
    }
}
```

```
■ output_complaints.txt

3087
        "Finance System of Green Bay
3088
        "Finance System of Richmond 2
3089
        "Finance System of Toledo
3090
        "Financial Asset Management 10
3091
        "Financial Asset Management Systems 59
3092
        "Financial Asset Resolution 19
        "Financial Credit Service
3093
3094
        "Financial Filing & Reporting
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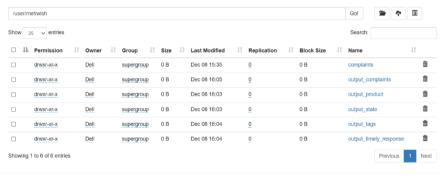
Input Directory:

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Output Directory:

Browse Directory



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Chapter 6 RESULT ANALYSIS IN HADOOP

Common Trends in Consumer Complaints

1. Frequent Financial Products Complained About:

- Debt collection is often the most complained-about category.
- Mortgages come next, primarily due to foreclosure issues, payment disputes, and escrow problems.
- **Credit reports** are also heavily reported, with inaccuracies being a recurring issue.

2. Geographical Distribution:

- Larger states like California, Texas, and New York often have the highest number of complaints.
- Smaller states or rural regions report fewer complaints, partly due to population differences and access to reporting systems.

3. Submission Methods:

- Most complaints are submitted **online**, showing how accessible digital platforms have become for consumers.
- Fewer complaints are submitted via phone or postal mail, particularly in recent years.

4. Response Timeliness:

- Many companies respond in a "timely" manner as indicated by the timely_response field.
- However, complaints with narratives or escalations to federal regulators often take longer to resolve.

Potential Insights from Analysis

1. Consumer Demographics:

 Tags like "Older Americans" and "Servicemember" reveal targeted consumer populations who might face unique financial challenges.

2. Trends in Company Behavior:

- Certain companies consistently appear in complaints, often due to systemic issues (e.g., poor customer service, hidden fees, or inadequate dispute resolution).
- Companies with the highest complaint counts often face legal and reputational risks.

3. Regional Financial Issues:

- Foreclosure complaints are higher in regions with housing crises (e.g., after the 2008 housing crash).
- Payday lending complaints are higher in states where such practices are prevalent.

Key Analytical Results

1. Product Analysis:

- **Debt Collection** (top complaint): Consumers frequently report harassment and failure to validate debts.
- **Mortgage** (second-highest): Escrow management and improper foreclosure proceedings dominate.
- **Credit Reporting**: Disputes related to errors in credit scores and identity theft are common.

2. Company Analysis:

- Major financial institutions, such as Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion, often top complaint lists for credit reporting issues.
- Bank of America, Wells Fargo, and similar institutions are commonly reported for banking and mortgage issues.

3. State Analysis:

- States with larger populations (California, Texas) often see higher complaints.
- Financial literacy and local financial practices also play a role in the volume and type of complaints.

4. Timeliness:

• Most complaints get timely responses, but escalated or narrative-heavy complaints take longer to resolve.

Chapter 7 CONCLUSION

The analysis of the US Consumer Complaints Dataset highlights key trends and challenges within the financial sector, notably the rise in credit card complaints since 2011, reflecting growing consumer dissatisfaction. Addressing home loan objections requires regular audits of bank records by regulatory authorities and increased transparency through activity reports while safeguarding consumer privacy. Verifying documents and improving customer support systems can further reduce dissatisfaction.

This project enhanced our analytical skills through the use of Hadoop Distributed File System, Hive Query Language, and Power BI for visualizing trends. We found California had the highest number of complaints, with credit card issues being the most frequent. Most complaints were submitted online, and companies generally provided timely responses. These insights emphasize the need to address recurring complaints and implement corrective actions to improve customer satisfaction, offering valuable learnings for better service delivery in the financial sector.

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