

DATA MASTERCLASS

# GROUP PROJECT AIRBNB CASE STUDY

TEAM 04



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## A CASE STUDY FOR CREATING A SERVICE FOR AIRBNB HOSTS IN ATHENS

# PROJECT OVERVIEW

We are employed as Data Scientists at Airbnb. Airbnb wants to create a service for hosts with top-rated undervalued listings that will suggest they increase their prices. Our team is tasked with building a POC for this service.

# EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS

A first glance in our data:

**9582** samples and **67** features

**56123** missing values

**9582** rows affected

**29** columns affected

**6928** identified hosts



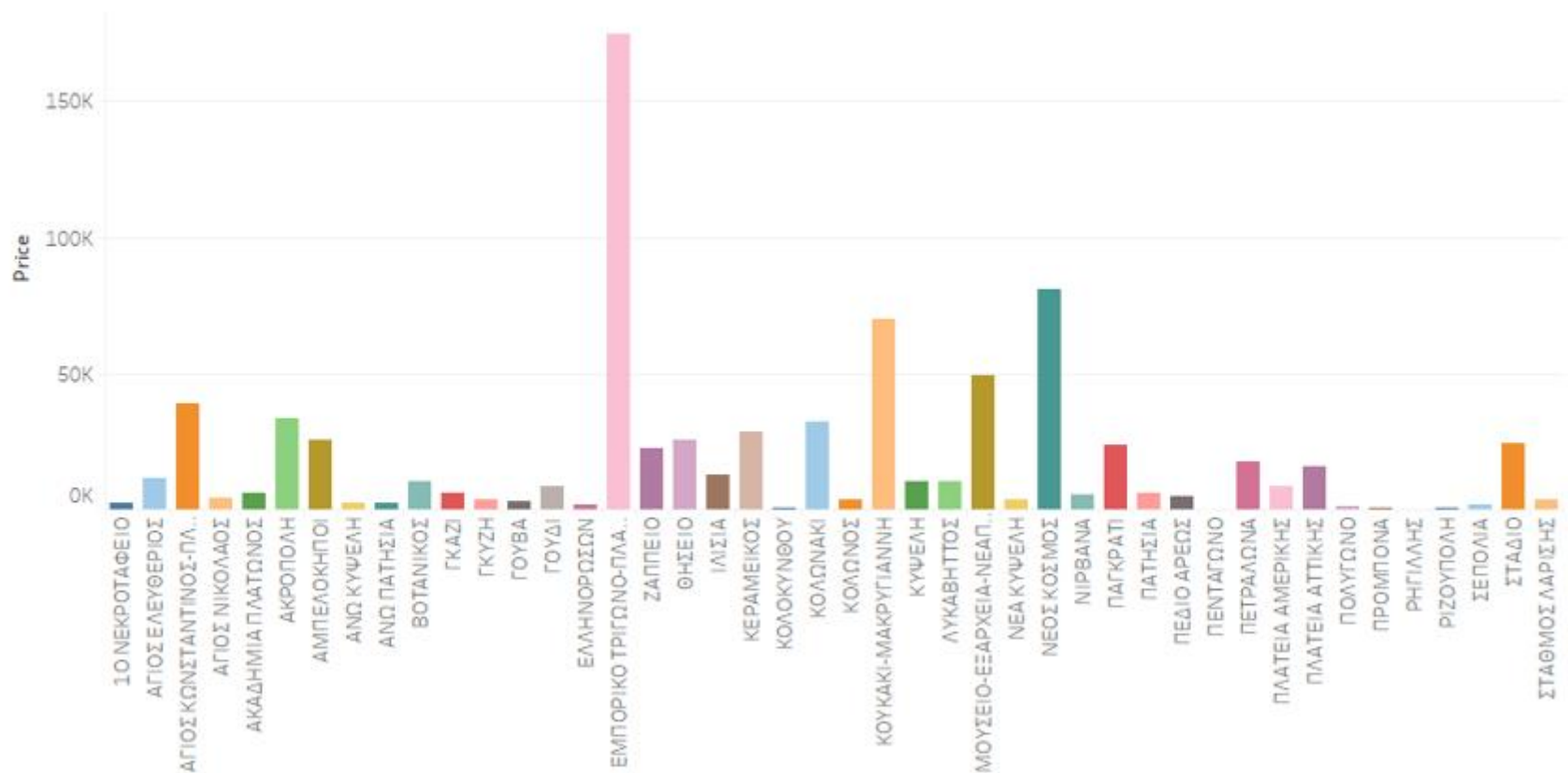
# FURTHER EXPLORATION

## "TOP 20" AMENITIES

Essentials  
Wifi  
Air conditioning  
Long term stays allowed  
Hangers  
Hair dryer  
Iron  
Shampoo  
Kitchen  
Heating  
Hot water  
TV  
Dishes and silverware  
Cooking basics  
Refrigerator  
Coffee maker  
Dedicated workspace  
Bed linens  
Washer  
Elevator

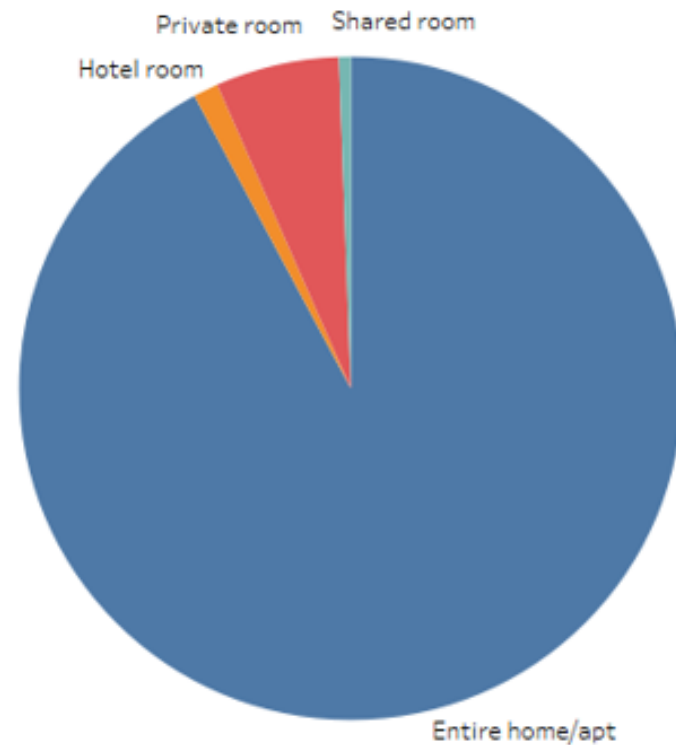
# FURTHER EXPLORATION

Sum of listings' prices per neighborhood



# FURTHER EXPLORATION

Listings' room types



# PREPROCESSING

BRING THE DATASET IN  
A FORMAT  
UNDERSTANDABLE BY  
ML ALGORITHMS

WHICH DATA DO WE  
REALLY NEED?

- **COMMON LOGIC**  
FROM OUR OWN  
EXPERIENCE
- **MATHEMATICS**  
(PEARSON)





# PREPROCESSING

- Bathrooms
- Bedrooms
- Amenities
- Superhost
- Neighborhoods
- Number of reviews
- Accommodates
- Room Type
- Minimum Nights

# PREPROCESSING

- **Missing values** were either dropped or replaced with the median.
- **Categorical features** were turned to numerical with "one-hot" encoding method.
- **New columns** were made by combining data such as neighborhoods' total value and "Top 20" amenities score.

# PREPROCESSING

These methods were implemented during the modelling part in order to improve our model.

## FEATURE SCALING

- STANDARDIZATION

## HANDLING OUTLIERS

- IQR ALGORITHM WITH USE OF THE MEDIAN VALUE

# MODELLING

## ML MODELS TESTED

Dummy Regressor

Linear Regression

KNN Regression

Random Forest

SVM

Gradient Boosting

Ada Boosting

# BEST MODELS

1. RANDOM FOREST

2. GRADIENT  
BOOSTING

MAE

17.02

MAPE

0.34

MAE

17.42

MAPE

0.35



# THE WORK AMONG TEAM MEMBERS

## EXPLORATION



## PREPROCESSING



## MODELLING



## API



## WEB APP



**LET US SHOW YOU OUR WEB  
APPLICATION**

## Team 04



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My name is Melina Zikou! I am a Computer Science student, specializing in Data Sciences and Artificial Intelligence, eager to explore the world of data.



**Kyriaki Christodoulidou**

My name is Kyriaki Christodoulidou but feel free to call me Kiki! I am a Mathematician in the making and an aspiring Data Scientist getting ready to serve the magic of Data.



**Giannis Lazaridis**

My name is Ioannis Lazaridis and I am an enthusiastic, highly-motivated Electrical Engineering graduate passionate about data and computer engineering with MSc in Medical Informatics.



**Christos - Spyridon Moschofidis**

My name is Christos Moschofidis. I am an Economist who turned to IT via the MSc in Business Intelligence and Data Science and works as a BI Engineer. My interests lie in the world of Data Engineering and the entire Data Management ecosystem.

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## Complete the Form

No. of accommodates:

No. of Bedrooms:

No. of Beds:

No. of Reviews:

Minimum Nights:

Type of Airbnb:

No. of Bathrooms:

Bathroom Type:

Amenities:

Neighbourhood:

Superhost: ☒

Superhost: ☒

Reset

Submit

Price

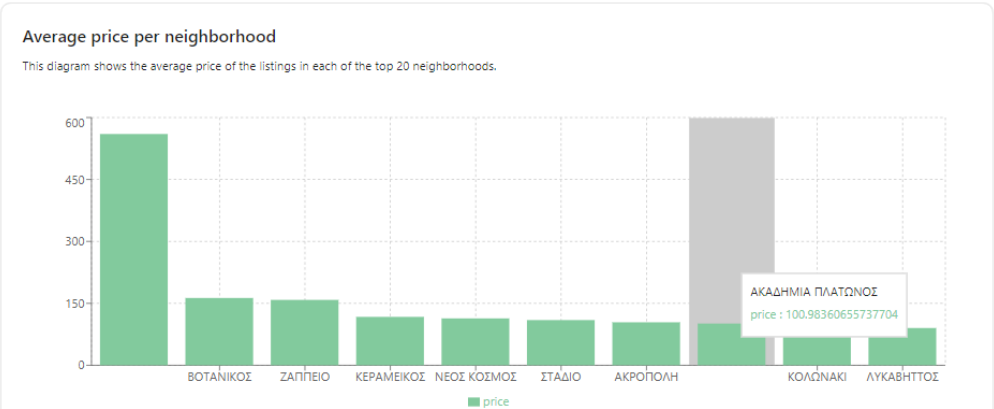
The price prediction for one night in dollars (\$) for the above listing according to our machine learning model is:

[60.17241122]\$

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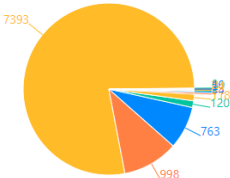


# Stats page



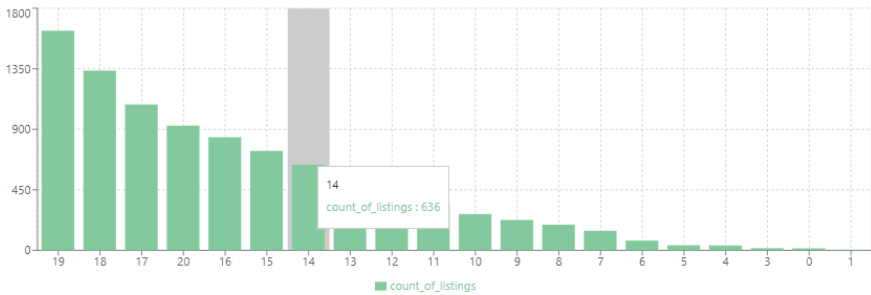
Bathroom Type

This pie diagram shows how many listings there are for each type of bathroom.



Number of amenities in each listing

This diagram shows how many listings there are, in correlation to the top 20 amenities extracted from the dataset.



**PLEASE ENJOY OUR LIVE DEMO**



"My model for business is The Beatles. They were four guys who kept each other's kind of negative tendencies in check. They balanced each other and the total was greater than the sum of its parts. That's how I see business: great things in business are never done by one person. They're done by a team of people."

Steve Jobs

## IF WE HAD THE TIME...

- Descriptive statistics for better understanding.
- Testing different ways of preprocessing to see how the model responds to them.
- Deeper research in the models used.
- More appealing and more interactive Back and Front End Architecture.

## WHAT WE COULD DO FURTHER

**LET US TAKE A MINUTE AND TAKE  
YOU A TRIP TO OUR FUTURE ...**



# THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION



**TEAM 04** IS READY  
FOR A QNA ...

