



airbnb

kaggle challenge

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# AirBnB

- Provides a platform for connecting hosts and travelers
- A cheaper “bed and breakfast” experience
- Book a place to stay in 34,000+ cities across 190+ countries



**Where will a new guest book their  
first travel experience?**

# Goals

- Decrease the average time to first booking
- Better forecast demand
- Share more personalized content





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Data**

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**Model  
and  
Predict**

# Input

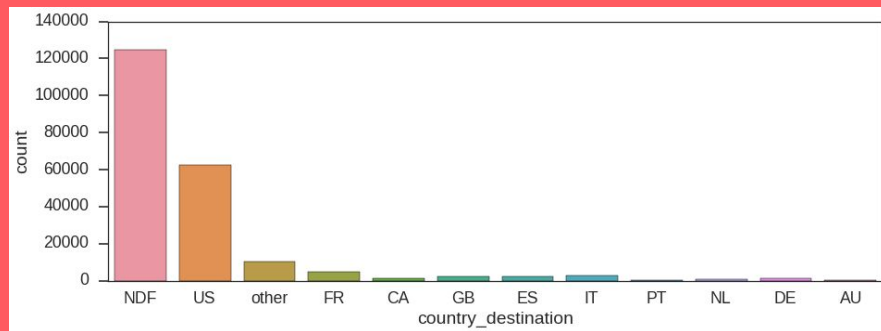
Attributes:

- User activity (web and )
- User info (gender, language)

'first advertisement tracked',  
'advertisement', 'browser'  
'page before signup',  
'gender',  
'signup method',  
'language',  
'ad source',  
'signup app',  
'device type',

# Output

- Predict the country of destination





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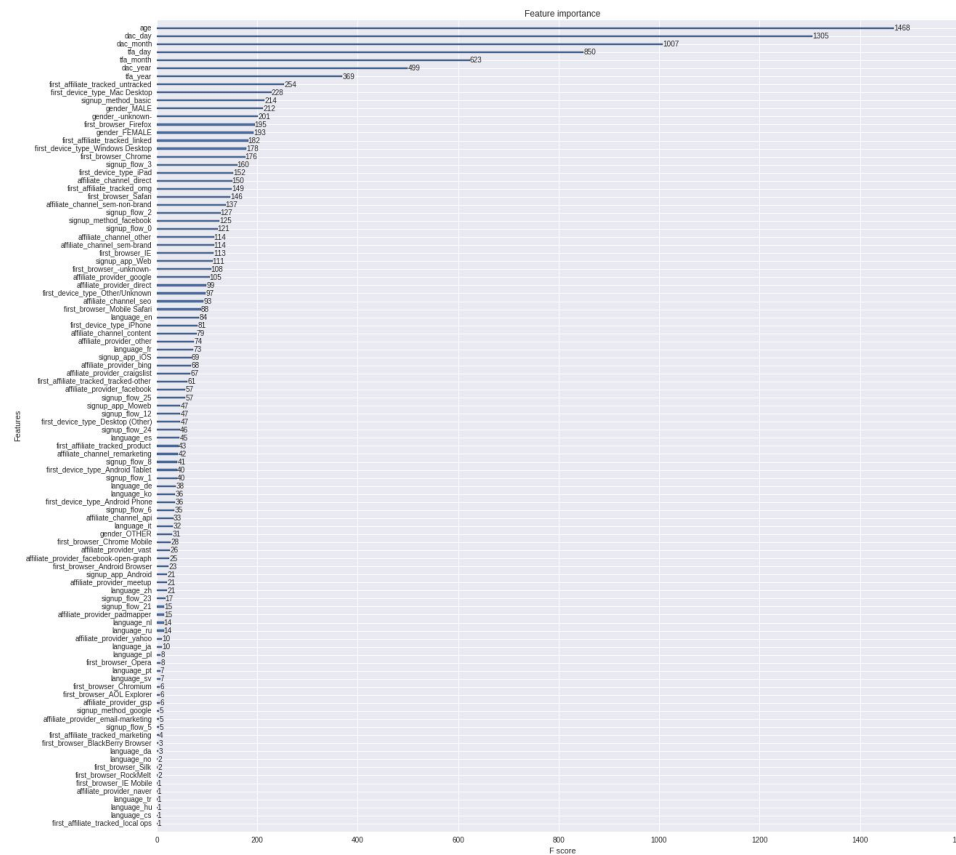
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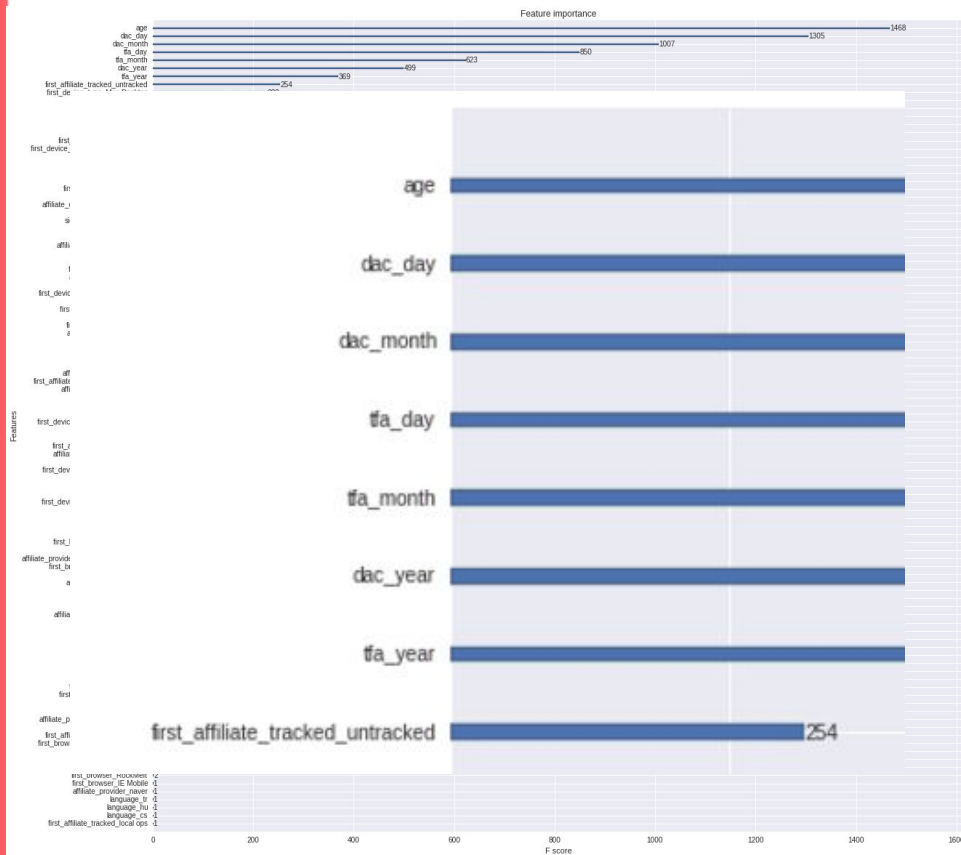
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# Interesting Insights

- 2345 users over 100 years old
- More females than males use Airbnb





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**Thank You**