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# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Outline

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# Executive Summary

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- In order to determine the probability of the first stage of a rocket landing back successfully data was obtained from SpaceX REST API. Exploratory Data analysis was done with visualizations in Python as well as SQL queries.
- An interactive Map was made with Folium to gain geographical insights of the Launch Site / Success rate relationship.
- A dashboard was created to visualize the success rate of each launch site (and in relation to each other) as well as the relationship between payload mass and success rate.
- A classification model was created and trained to determine the probability of a launch having a successful landing with an accuracy score of 83%

# Introduction

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- The space industry is thriving with many companies rising to meet the demand for rocket launches. One of the main players is SpaceX, who is able to launch rockets for \$62 Million which is over \$100 Million cheaper than the closest competitor. SpaceX is able to achieve this costs because they reuse the first stage of their rockets.
- If we can determine the probability of reusing the first stage in a rocket launch, we can determine the cost of a launch. This information can help a competing Space firm bid for contracts in this industry.



Section 1

# Methodology

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## Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
  - SpaceX flight Data was collected using their public API, as well as webscraping their Wikipedia page.
- Perform data wrangling
  - All relevant data from various SpaceX APIs was collected and then processed using Python Pandas. Data was filtered for Falcon 9 rocket and missing values were replaced with their column means.
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - How to build, tune, evaluate classification models

# Data Collection

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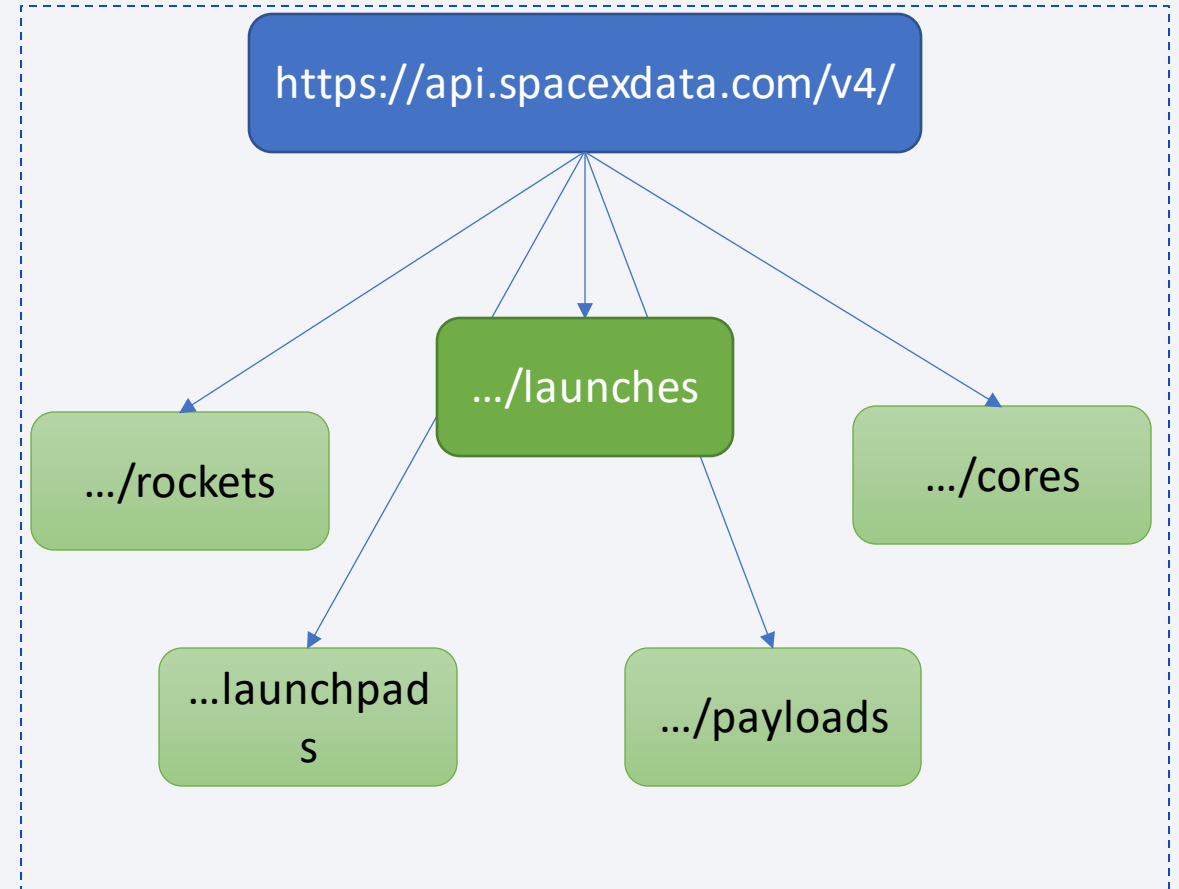
- Data sets were collected from the SpaceX REST API as well as web scraping related wiki pages using BeautifulSoup. Details about the specific flow of each Data Collection pipeline is described in the following slides.

# Data Collection – SpaceX API

- Data was collected through various databases from the SpaceX REST API

- Data Collection Code

<https://github.com/patorobles/Course-ra-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/Collecting%20the%20DataAPI.ipynb>





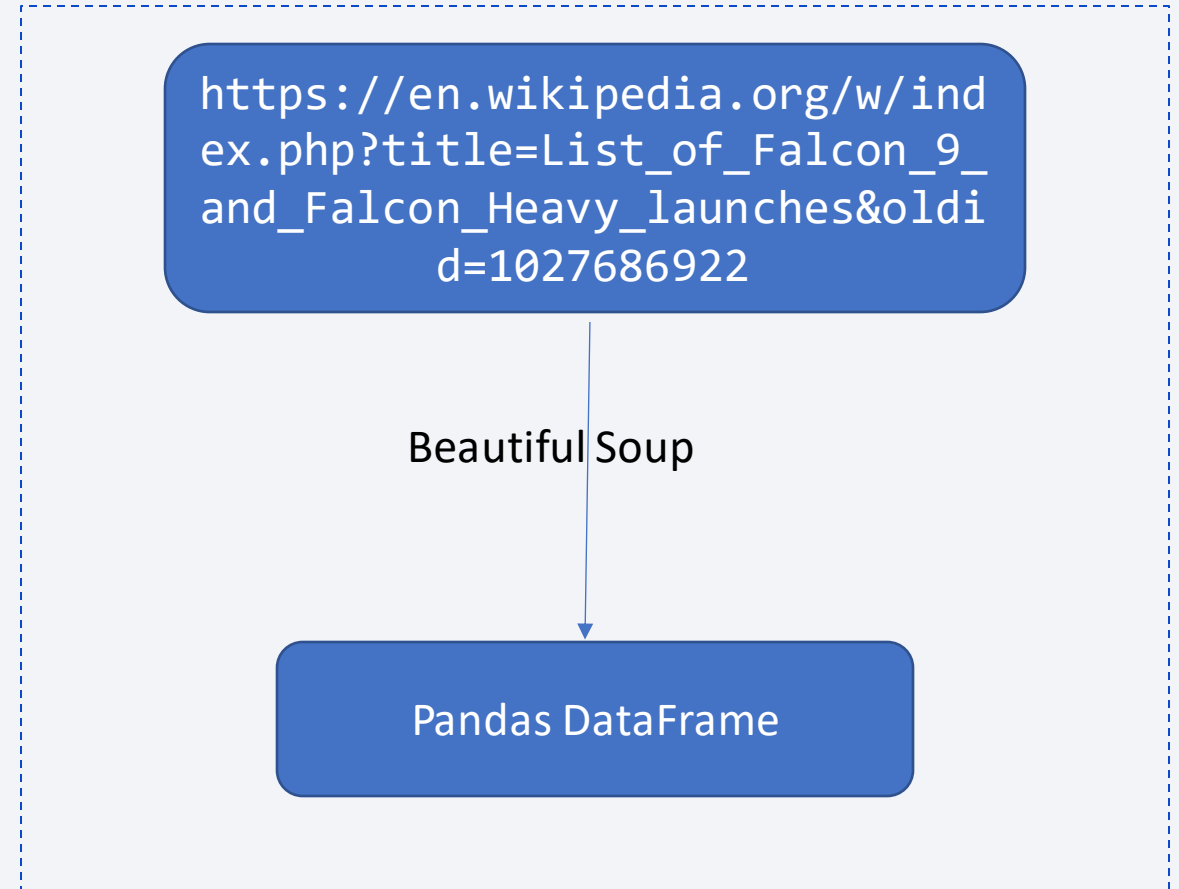
# Data Collection - Scraping

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- Data was also scraped from Falcon 9 related wiki pages using the beautiful Soup libraries

- Web Scraping code

<https://github.com/patorobles/Coursera-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/jupyter-labs-webscraping.ipynb>



# Data Wrangling

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- Data was first retrieved from an API and then processed in the following way.
  - 1) ID references in /launches Data were imported from other API calls to complete the Dataset
  - 2) Data was filtered to only include desired launched (Falcon 9 Rockets)
  - 3) Missing data was replaced for its mean value
  - 4) One hot encoding was used to work with categorical variables in our Dataset
- <https://github.com/patorobles/Coursera-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/Data%20Wrangling.ipynb>

# EDA with Data Visualization

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- The relationship between **Flight Number and Launch Site** was visualized. Through it it was determined that the **CCAFS LC-40** Launch Site was the only one used for the first ~20 launches, after which other sites with higher success rates were used too.
- The relationship between **Payload Mass and Launch Site** was visualized and we found the VAFB-SLC site has no launches for a mass greater than 10,000 kg
- The relationship between the **success rate of each orbit** was visualized and it was found that ES-L1, GEO, HEO and SSO orbits have the best success rates
- The relationship between **Flight Number and Orbit type** was visualized but no conclusive relationships appeared
- The relationship between **Payload and Orbit Type** was visualized and it was determined that heavier landings were more successful on the Polar, Leo and ISS orbits.
- The **yearly launch success trend** was visualized which showed that over time, the likelihood of landings being successful has increased dramatically

- <https://github.com/patorobles/Coursera-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/ML%20Prediction%20Models.ipynb>

# EDA with SQL

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- Using bullet point format, summarize the SQL queries you performed
  - Names of unique launch sites
  - 5 records of launch site beginning with 'CCA'
  - Total Payload Mass carried by boosters launched by NASA
  - Average payload mass carried by Falcon 9 booster
  - Date of first successful landing in ground pad
  - Names of Boosters with successful drone ship landings and payload mass between 4000 and 6000
  - Total number of successful and failed missions
  - Names of Boosters that have carried the maximum payload mass
  - Failed outcomes in droneship in 2015
  - Landing outcomes by type between 2010 and 2017
- <https://github.com/patorobles/Coursera-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/EDA%20with%20SQL.ipynb>

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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- An interactive Map using Folium was created to facilitate visualization of all launch sites, their success/failed attempts as well as proximity to nearby objects. For this a Map object was created and Markers, Circles, Marker Clusters and Lines were used to show the desired information.
- <https://github.com/patorobles/Coursera-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/Visual%20Analytics%20with%20Folium.ipynb>



# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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- A Plotly Dash dashboard was created to show the relationship between Successful launches and Launch sites, as well as the correlation between payload mass and success with launch sites.
- The interactive dashboard lets stakeholders explore these relationships by individual launch site (or all of them) as well as by a range of payload mass. This interactivity gives freedom to the stakeholder to support his findings.
- [https://github.com/patorobles/Coursera-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/spacex\\_dash\\_app.py](https://github.com/patorobles/Coursera-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/spacex_dash_app.py)

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

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- Data was standardized and divided into a training and testing set in order to create ML models to predict whether the landing is successful or not.
- A GridSearchCV object was fit and scored on each of the following **model types** to determine its best parameters
  - Logistic Regression      83% accuracy
  - Support Vector Machine   83% accuracy
  - Decision Tree              83% accuracy
  - K Nearest Neighbors      83% accuracy

It was determined that for the small sample size all models had the same accuracy rates

- <https://github.com/patorobles/Coursera-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/ML%20Prediction%20Models.ipynb>

# Results

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- The following slides will share the results obtained in these phases of the project
- Exploratory data analysis results
- Interactive analytics demo in screenshots
- Predictive analysis results



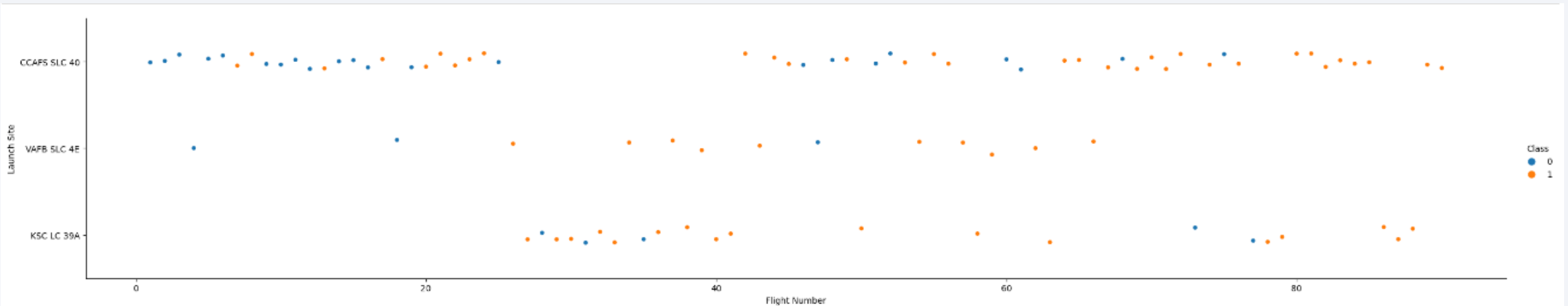
The background of the slide is an abstract composition. It features a dark blue base color. Overlaid on this are numerous diagonal streaks in shades of blue and red, creating a sense of motion or data flow. A faint, light blue grid pattern is also visible, particularly in the lower-left quadrant. The overall effect is high-tech and digital.

Section 2

# Insights drawn from EDA



# Flight Number vs. Launch Site



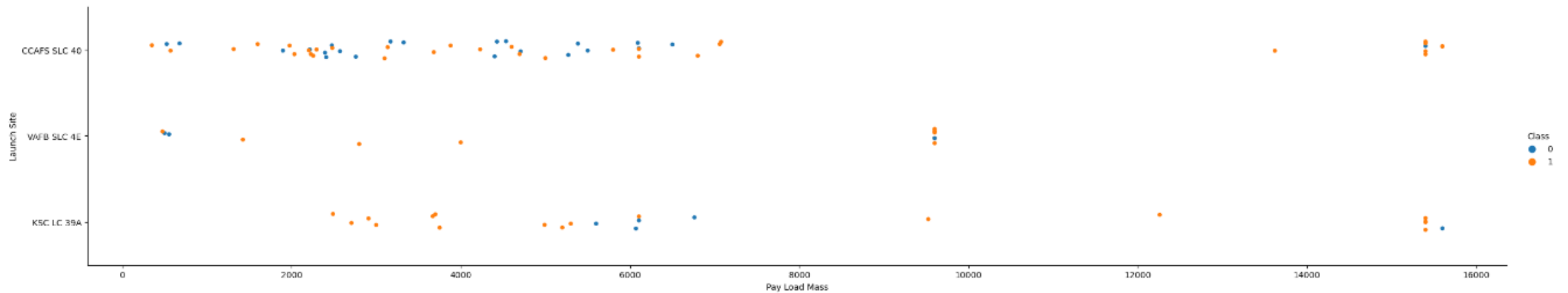
Now try to explain the patterns you found in the Flight Number vs. Launch Site scatter point plots.

Most of the early launches were from CCAFS and it was more common to have a failed than successful landing. KSC starts being used as a launch site around the 25~ flight and after that launches are sent from all sites with a much more succesful rate.



# Payload vs. Launch Site

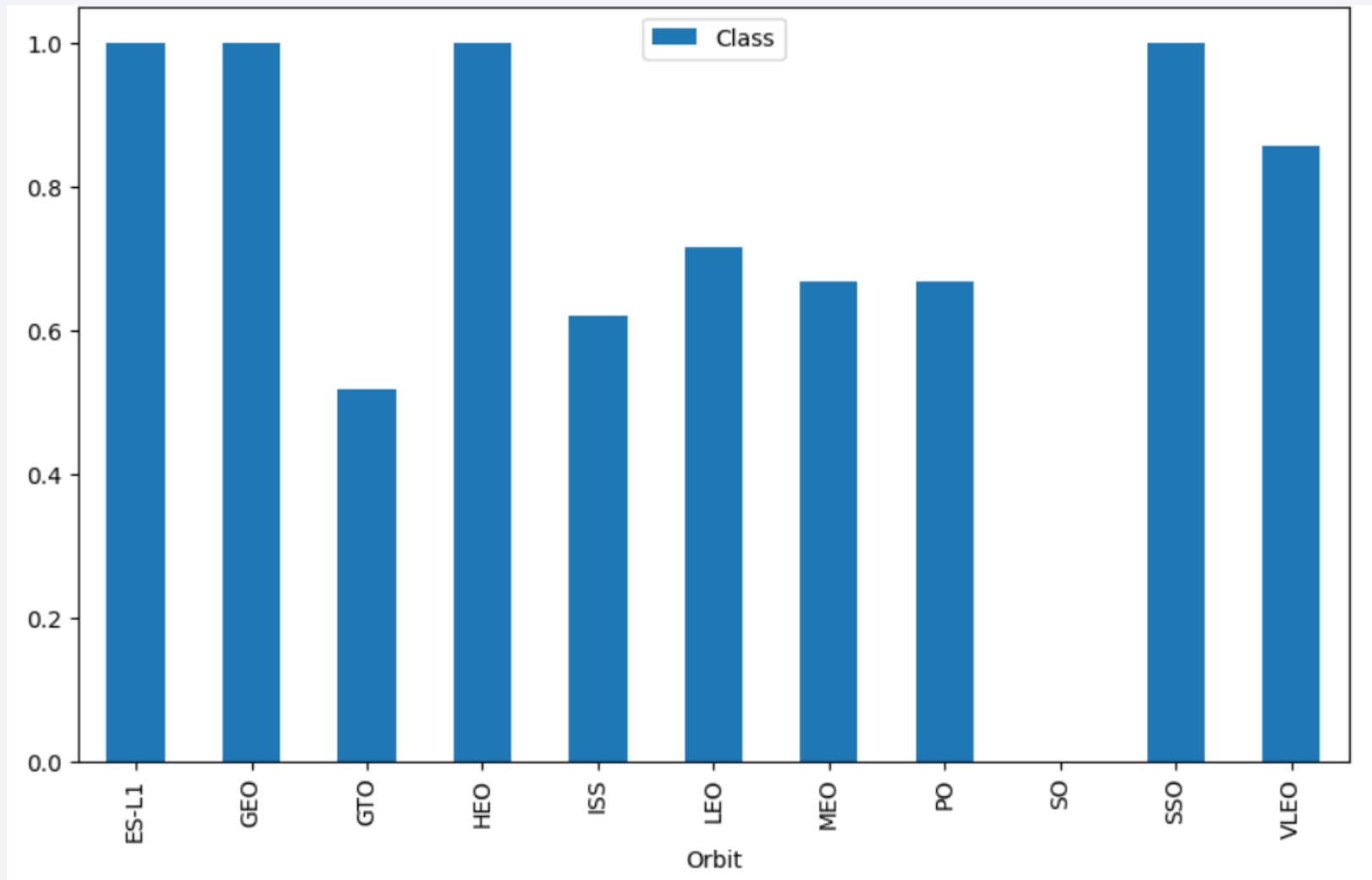
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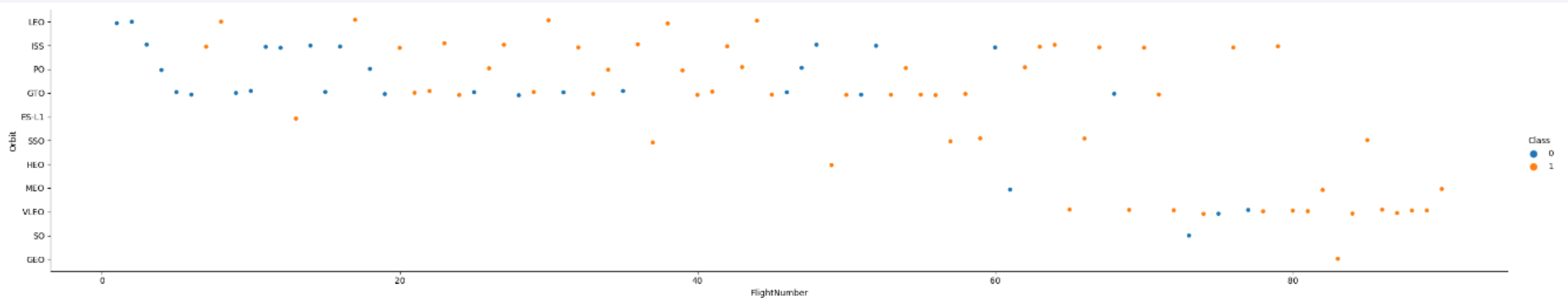
Now if you observe Payload Vs. Launch Site scatter point chart you will find for the VAFB-SLC launchsite there are no rockets launched for heavypayload mass(greater than 10000).

# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

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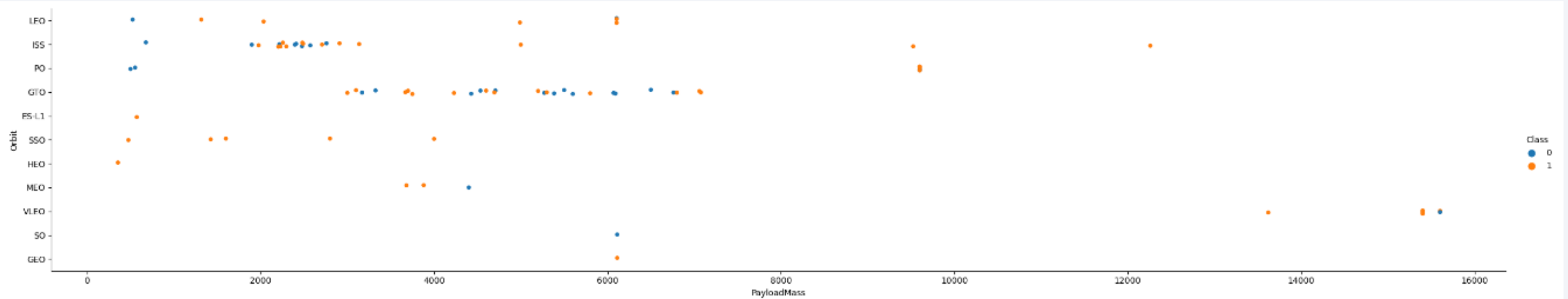


# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



You should see that in the LEO orbit the Success appears related to the number of flights; on the other hand, there seems to be no relationship between flight number when in GTO orbit.

# Payload vs. Orbit Type

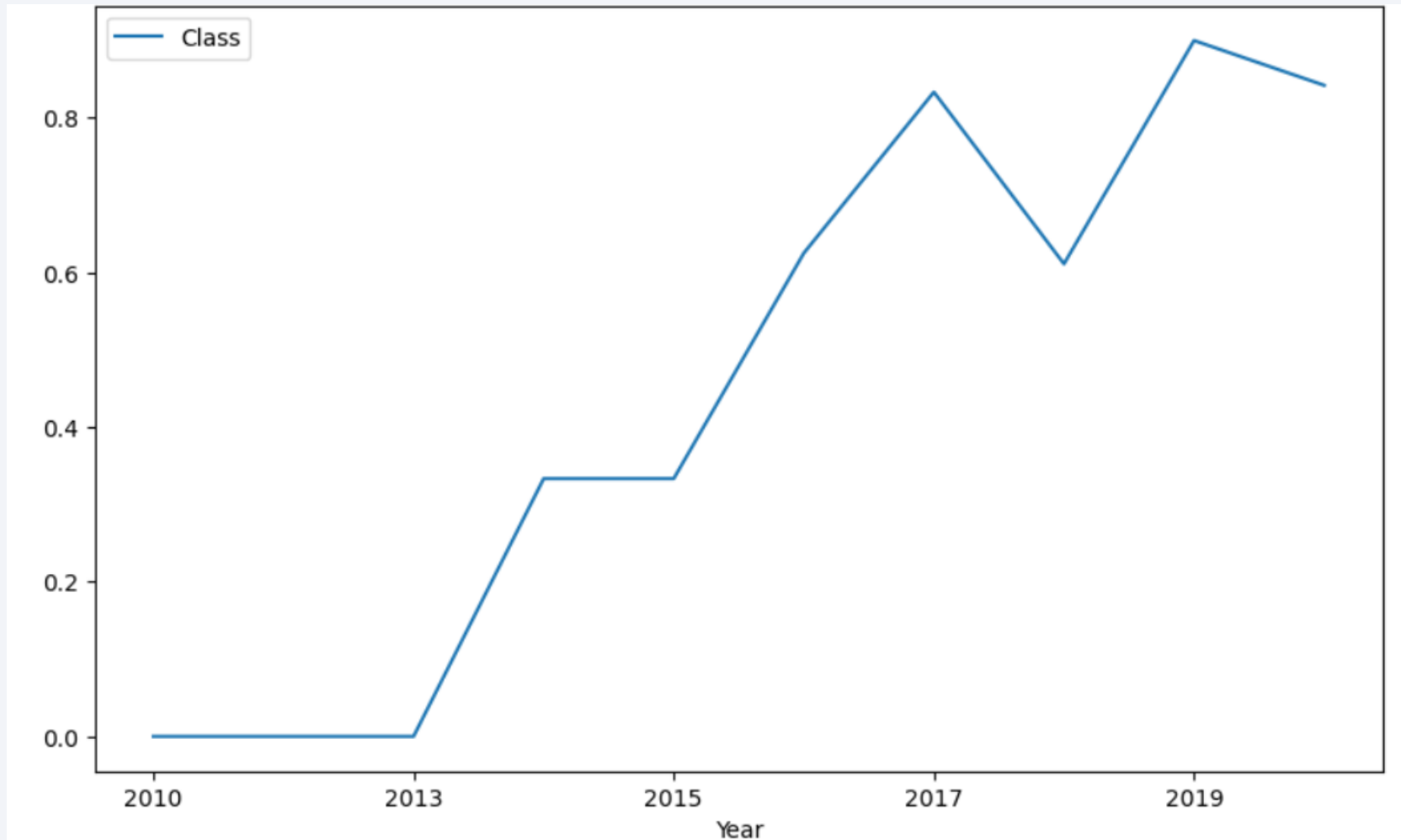


With heavy payloads the successful landing or positive landing rate are more for Polar,LEO and ISS.

However for GTO we cannot distinguish this well as both positive landing rate and negative landing(unsuccesful mission) are both there here.

# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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you can observe that the sucess rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2020



# All Launch Site Names

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- Find the names of the unique launch sites
- Present your query result with a short explanation here

Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission

```
%sql select distinct(launch_site) from space
```

```
* ibm_db_sa://tnt93877:***@b1bc1829-6f45-4cd4-bef4-10cf081900bf.c1ogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32304/bludb  
Done.
```

**launch\_site**

CCAFS LC-40

CCAFS SLC-40

KSC LC-39A

VAFB SLC-4E

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

- Find 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`
- Present your query result with a short explanation here

Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'

```
%sql select * from space where launch_site like 'CCA%' limit 5
```

```
* ibm_db_sa://tnt93877:***@b1bc1829-6f45-4cd4-bef4-10cf081900bf.c1ogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.apdomain.cloud:32304/bludb
Done.
```

DATE	time_utc_	booster_version	launch_site	payload	payload_mass_kg_	orbit	customer	mission_outcome	landing_outcome
2010-04-06	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
2010-08-12	15:43:00	F9 v1.0 B0004	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of Brouere cheese	0	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS) NRO	Success	Failure (parachute)
2012-08-10	00:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
2013-01-03	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
2013-03-12	22:41:00	F9 v1.1	CCAFS LC-40	SES-8	3170	GTO	SES	Success	No attempt

# Total Payload Mass

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- Calculate the total payload carried by boosters from NASA
- Present your query result with a short explanation here

Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)

```
%sql select sum(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) from Space where customer= 'NASA (CRS)'
```

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Done.
```

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1
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22007
```

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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- Calculate the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- Present your query result with a short explanation here

Display average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1

```
%sql select sum(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) from Space where booster_version= 'F9 v1.1'
```

```
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Done.
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1
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11030
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# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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- Find the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad
- Present your query result with a short explanation here

List the date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved.

*Hint: Use min function*

```
%sql select min(date) from space where landing__outcome='Success (ground pad)'
```

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Done.
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2017-01-05



## Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

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- List the names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
- Present your query result with a short explanation here

List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

```
%sql select booster_version from space where landing__outcome='Success (drone ship)' AND payload_mass__kg_ between 4000 and 6000
```

```
* ibm_db_sa://tnt93877:***@b1bc1829-6f45-4cd4-bef4-10cf081900bf.c1ogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32304/bludb  
Done.
```

**booster\_version**

F9 FT B1022

F9 FT B1031.2

# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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- Calculate the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- Present your query result with a short explanation here

List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

```
%sql select count(mission_outcome), mission_outcome from space group by mission_outcome
```

```
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Done.
```

1	mission_outcome
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44	Success
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1	Success (payload status unclear)
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# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

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- List the names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass
- Present your query result with a short explanation here

List the names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery

```
%sql select booster_version, payload_mass__kg_ from space \
where payload_mass__kg_ = (select max(payload_mass__kg_) from space)
```

```
* ibm_db_sa://tnt93877:***@b1bc1829-6f45-4cd4-bef4-10cf081900bf.c1ogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32304/blddb
Done.
```

booster_version	payload_mass__kg_
F9 B5 B1048.4	15600
F9 B5 B1049.4	15600
F9 B5 B1049.5	15600
F9 B5 B1060.2	15600
F9 B5 B1058.3	15600

# 2015 Launch Records

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- List the failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015
- Present your query result with a short explanation here

List the failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015

```
%sql select booster_version, launch_site, LANDING__OUTCOME, date from space where LANDING__OUTCOME = 'Failure (drone ship)' and year(date) = 2015
```

```
* ibm_db_sa://tnt93877:***@b1bc1829-6f45-4cd4-bef4-10cf081900bf.c1ogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32304/bludb  
Done.
```

booster_version	launch_site	landing_outcome	DATE
F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)	2015-10-01

# Rank Landing Outcomes Between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20

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- Rank the count of landing outcomes (such as Failure (drone ship) or Success (ground pad)) between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20, in descending order

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```
%sql select count(landing__outcome), landing__outcome from space \
where date between '2010-06-04' and '2017-03-20' \
group by landing__outcome \
order by count(landing__outcome) desc
```

```
* ibm_db_sa://tnt93877:***@b1bc1829-6f45-4cd4-bef4-10cf081900bf.c1ogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32304/bludb
Done.
```

1	landing__outcome
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7	No attempt
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2	Failure (drone ship)
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2	Success (drone ship)
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2	Success (ground pad)
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1	Controlled (ocean)
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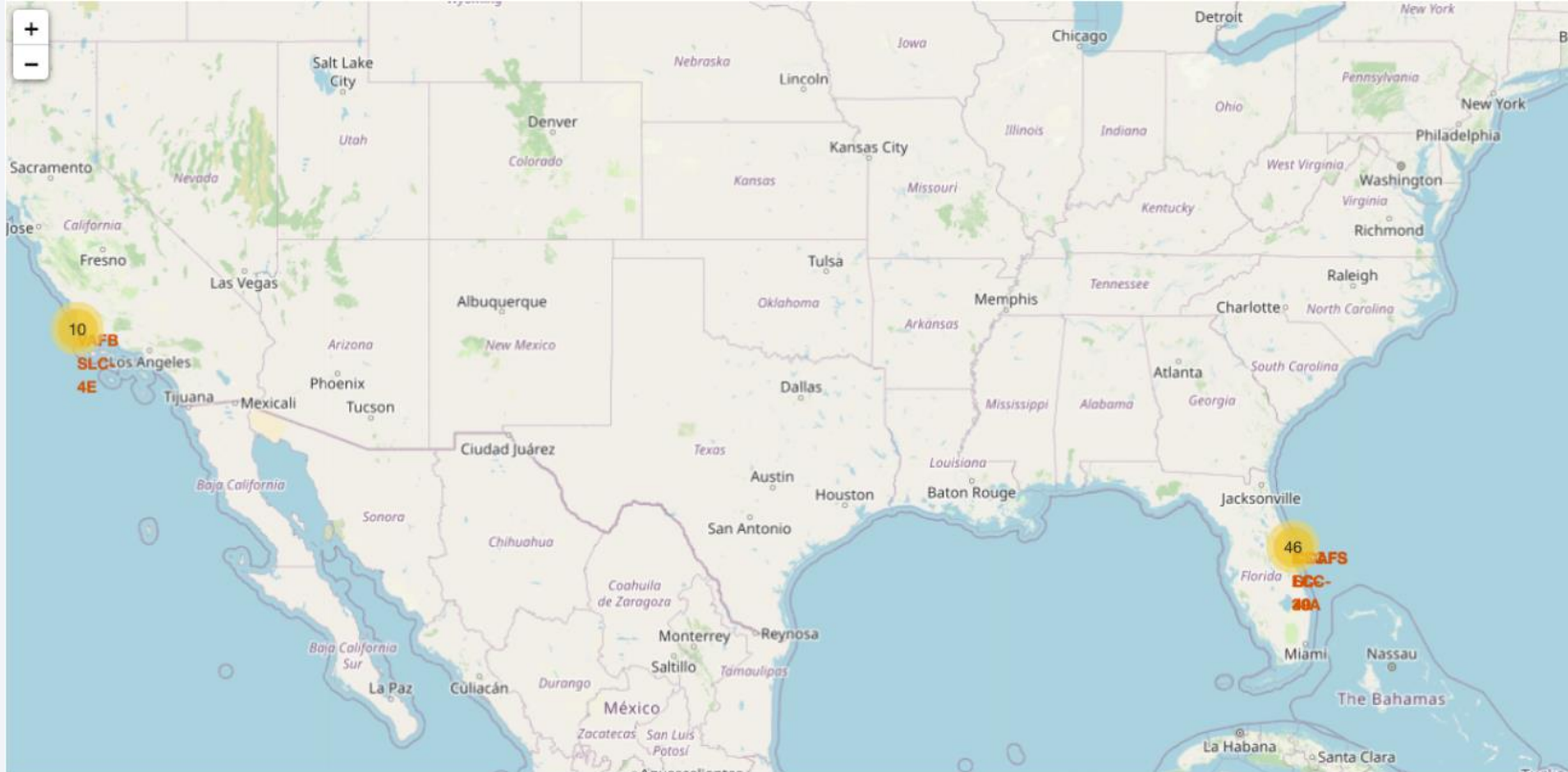
1	Failure (parachute)
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A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and city lights at night. The background is a deep blue gradient.

Section 3

# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

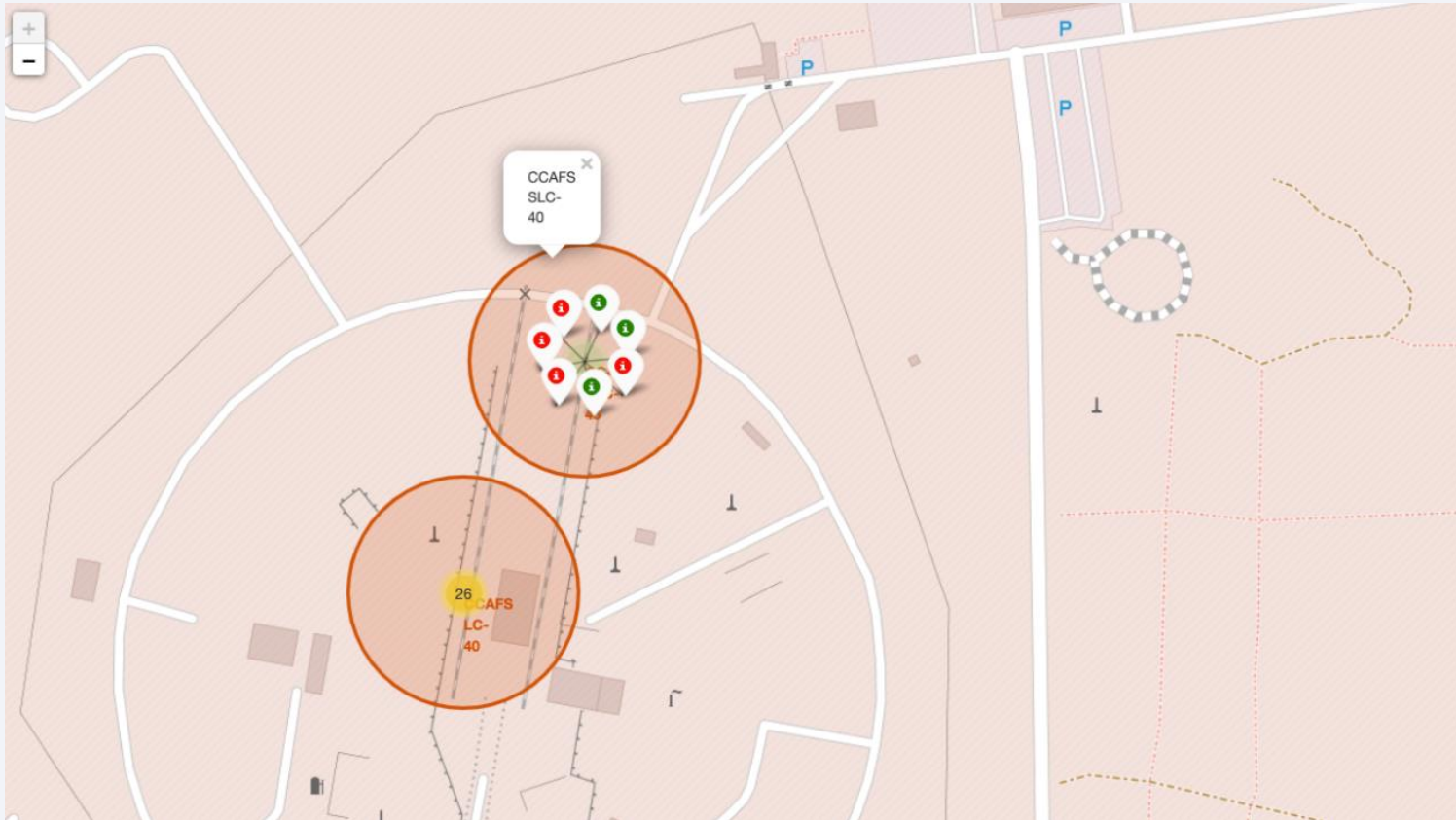
# Launch Sites Map



- We can observe the location of the Launch sites as well as the number of launches at each location. It is important to note how the sites are always near the coast and tropics.

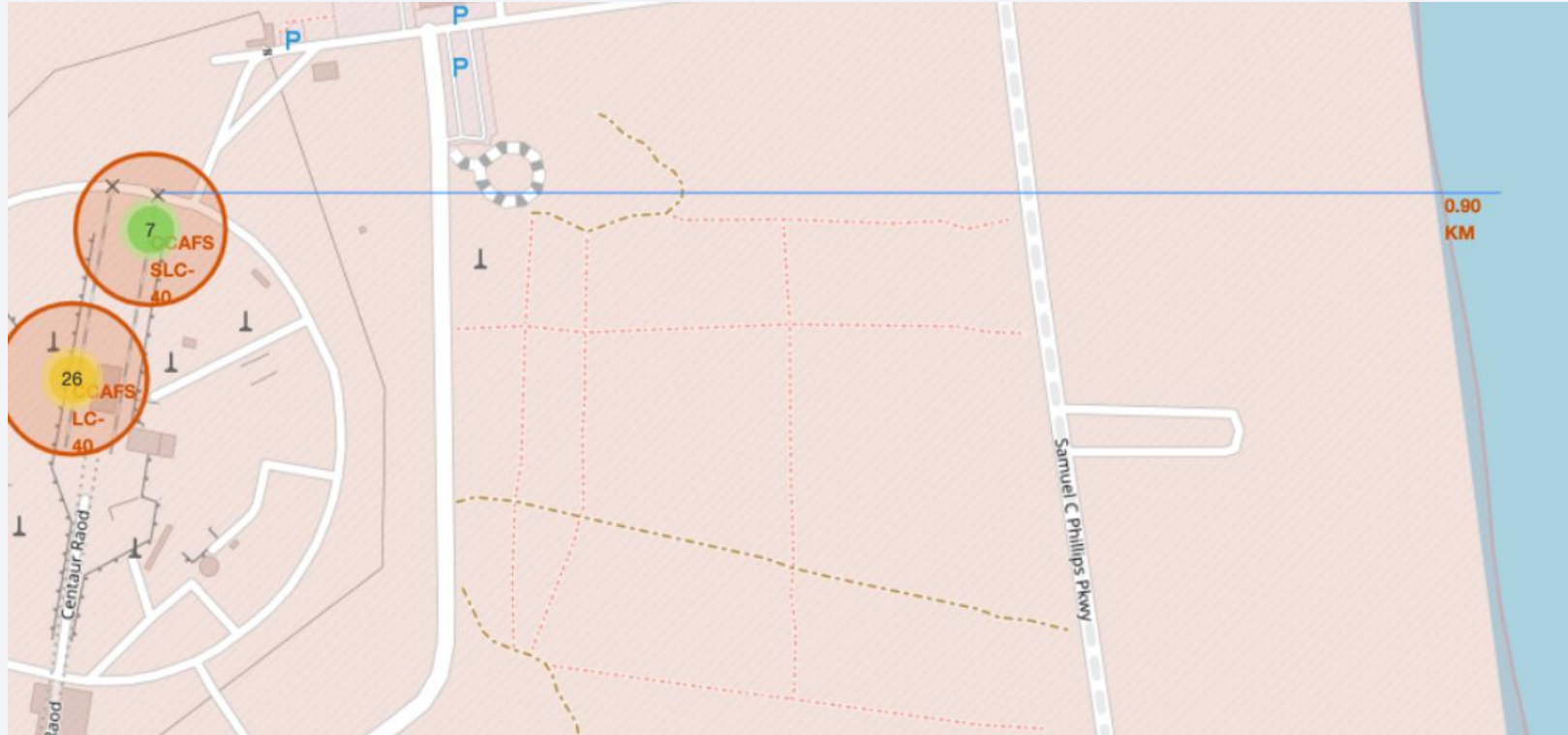


# Launch Outcomes



- The following screenshot shows us the detailed launch outcomes for the CCAFS SLC Site

# Distance to Coastline



- This map screenshot shows the distance from the CCAFS SLC Site and its nearest coastline





Section 4

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

# Success Count for all Sites

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Total Success launches by Site



- We can see the success rate of each site as a fraction of all sites. With this we can easily see which site is more likely to have a successful landing

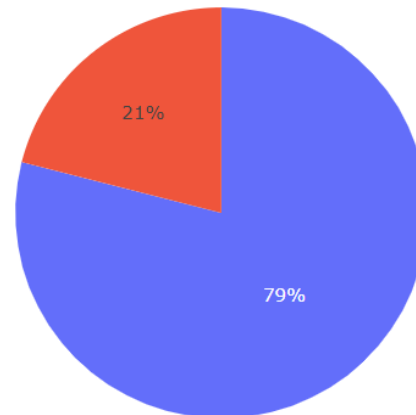
# Success Rate from KSC LC-39A Site

## SpaceX Launch Records Dashboard

KSC LC-39A

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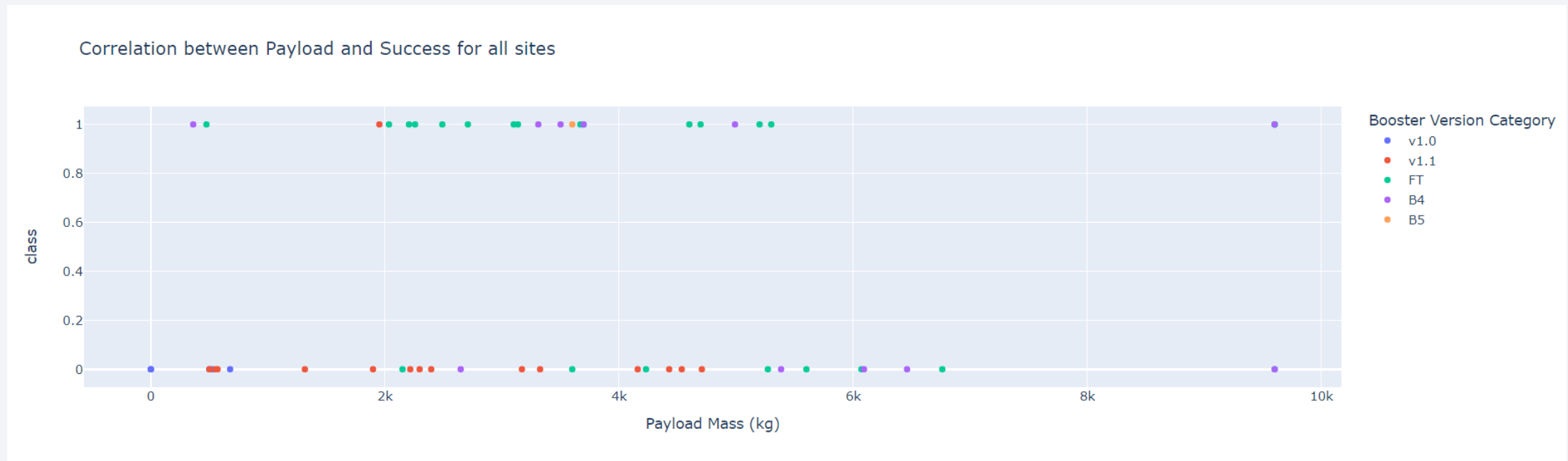
Success rate from KSC LC-39A Site



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- This chart shows the success rate of the most successful launch site

# Payload Mass vs launch outcome



- We can observe that launches with a Payload Mass Greater than 6000kg are more likely to be unsuccessful



Section 5

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)



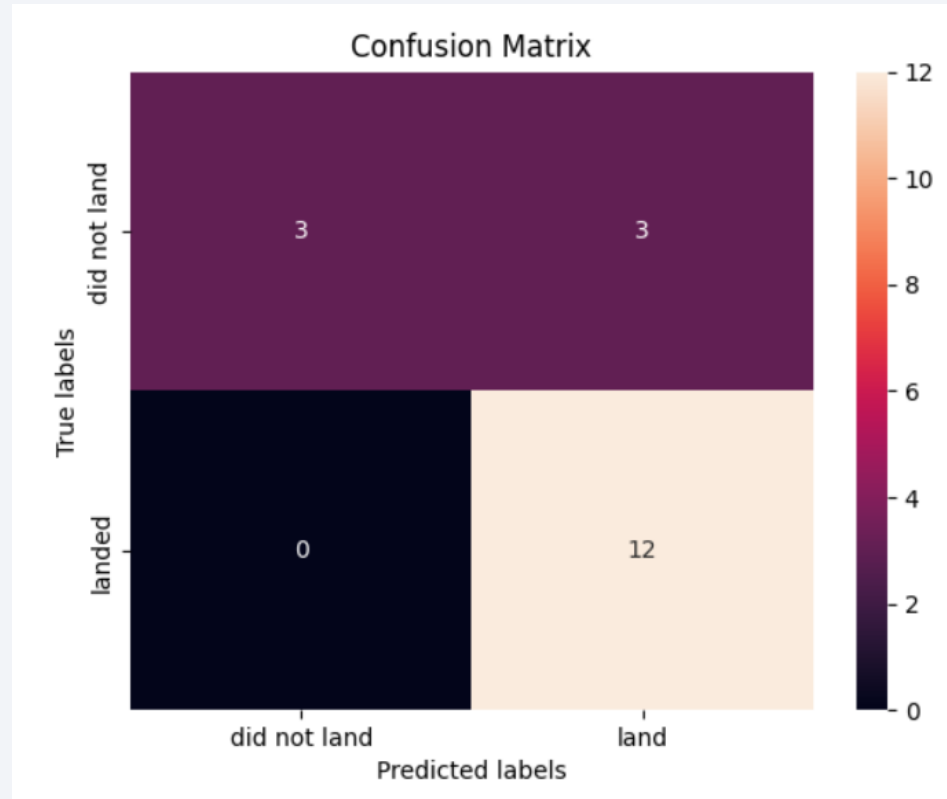
# Classification Accuracy

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- Visualize the built model accuracy for all built classification models, in a bar chart
- Find which model has the highest classification accuracy

# Confusion Matrix

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- The same confusion matrix was obtained on all models, predicting 15/18 test values correctly for an accuracy of 83%. The only error was a 17% chance of false positives.

# Conclusions

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- All of the models analyzed (Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine, Decision Tree and KNN) had the same 83% accuracy score
- It is believed all models have the same score because the test and train samples are quite small.
- An analysis of the full dataset would provide larger differences between the models
- The Logistic Regression model is preferred because of its simplicity and equal accuracy to more complex models.

# Appendix

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- Include any relevant assets like Python code snippets, SQL queries, charts, Notebook outputs, or data sets that you may have created during this project

Thank you!

