











# **BUSINESS PROBLEM**

Despite the immense potential in the Indian aviation sector, establishing a new airline faces the challenge of setting an **optimal entry price point** amidst fierce competition.

The absence of a **data-driven pricing strategy** hinders effective market penetration and sustainable growth.



# **OBJECTIVE**

To address this, our objective is to develop comprehensive pricing recommendation utilizing advanced SQL analytics.



We aim to devise a versatile pricing framework tailored to diverse traveler profiles and journey patterns.

This initiative seeks to equip the new airline with a competitive advantage during its market introduction.

# **DATA SET**

## Flights Booking & Fares

Number of Records 452,088

Number of Columns

13

## **Airports in India**

Number of Records 344 Number of Columns 20

## **Indian Cities Demographics**

Number of Records 493 Number of Columns 22

## Data Cleaning Feature Selection Normalization



## Airlines

Number of Records 1,405 Number of Columns 2

## Airports

Number of Records 41
Number of Columns 11

#### Place

Number of Records 493 Number of Columns 10

## Travel\_Info

Number of Records 10,106 Number of Columns 12

# NORMALIZATION PROCESS

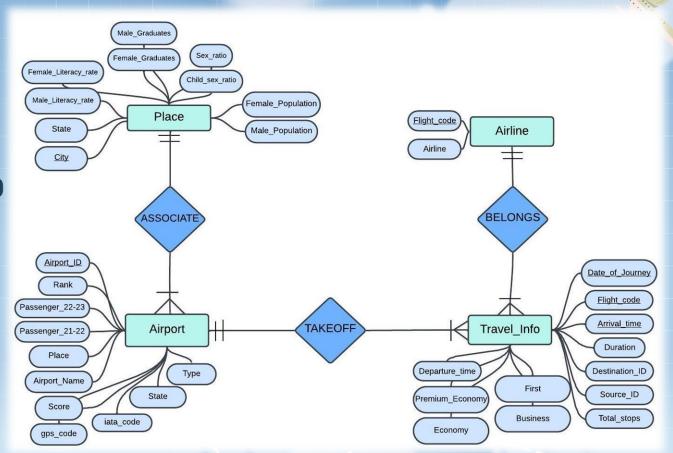
## O NF FORM

Date_of_journey	Journey_day	Airline	Flight_code	Class	Source	Departure	Total_stops	Arrival	Destination	Duration_in Days_left _hours	Fare	Departure Time	Arrival Time	Duration
1/16/2023	Monday	SpiceJet	SG-8169	Economy	Delhi	After 6 PM	non-stop	After 6 PM	Mumbai	2.0833	1	5335 20:00	22:05	02h 05m
1/16/2023	Monday	Indigo	6E-2519	Economy	Delhi	After 6 PM	non-stop	Before 6 AM	Mumbai	2.3333	1	5899 23:00	01:20	02h 20m
1/16/2023	Monday	GO FIRST	G8-354	Economy	Delhi	After 6 PM	non-stop	Before 6 AM	Mumbai	2.1667	1	5801 22:30	00:40	02h 10m
1/16/2023	Monday	SpiceJet	SG-8709	Economy	Delhi	After 6 PM	non-stop	After 6 PM	Mumbai	2.0833	1	5794 18:50	20:55	02h 05m
1/16/2023	Monday	Air India	AI-805	Economy	Delhi	After 6 PM	non-stop	After 6 PM	Mumbai	2.1667	1	5955 20:00	22:10	02h 10m

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# ENTITY RELATIONSHIP DIAGRAM



## **RELATIONAL DATA MODEL**

Airline (Airline, Flight code)

**Travel\_Info** (<u>Date of Journey</u>, <u>Flight code</u>, Source ID, <u>Destination ID</u>, Total\_stops, Departure\_Time, <u>Arrival\_Time</u>, <u>Duration\_in\_rnins</u>, <u>Business</u>, <u>Economy</u>, <u>First</u>, Premium\_Economy)

Airports (<u>Airport ID</u>, Airport\_name, <u>Place</u>, State, lata\_code, GPS\_code, Score, Type, Rank, Passengers\_2022\_23, Passengers\_2021\_22)

Place (<u>City</u>, State, Population\_male, Population\_female, Literates\_male, Literates\_female, Sex\_ratio, Child\_sex\_ratio, Male\_graduates, Female\_graduates)



# **ECONOMY CLASS PRICING ANALYSIS**

**DELIMITER &&** 

CREATE PROCEDURE GetAvgEconomyPrice (IN Flight Code VARCHAR(10), IN Source ID INT)

**BEGIN** 

SELECT a.Airline AS Airline Name, ap.Airport name AS Source Airport Name, ap.Place AS Source Place Name,

AVG(ti.Economy) AS Average Economy Price

FROM travel info ti

INNER JOIN airlines a ON ti. Flight code = a.Flight code INNER JOIN airports ap ON ti. Source ID = ap. Airport ID

WHERE ti.Flight\_code = Flight\_Code AND ti.Source ID = Source ID

GROUP BY a.Airline, ap.Airport name, ap.Place;

**END && DELIMITER;** 

CALL GetAvgEconomyPrice('9I-894', 26618);

To determine the average price of economy class tickets for a specific competitor airline, broken down by source location

-		Source_Airport_Name		Average_Economy_Price
i	AllianceAir	Chennai International Airport	Chennai	4006.2000

# **COMPETITOR FARE ANALYSIS FOR DIFFERENT LOCATIONS**

#### **DELIMITER &&**

CREATE PROCEDURE GetAirlinesWithPlacesAveragePrice(IN Source ID INT, IN Destination ID INT)

BEGIN SELECT a.Airline AS Airline\_Name, src\_ap.Airport\_name AS Source\_Airport\_Name, src\_ap.Place AS Source\_Place\_Name,

dest\_ap.Airport\_name AS Destination\_Airport\_Name, dest\_ap.Place AS Destination\_Place\_Name, AVG(ti.Economy) AS

Average\_Economy\_Price

FROM travel\_info ti

INNER JOIN airlines a ON ti.Flight\_code = a.Flight\_code

INNER JOIN airports src ap ON ti. Source ID = src ap. Airport ID

INNER JOIN airports dest\_ap ON ti.Destination\_ID = dest\_ap.Airport\_ID

WHERE ti.Source ID = Source ID AND ti.Destination ID = Destination ID

GROUP BY a.Airline, src\_ap.Airport\_name, src\_ap.Place, dest\_ap.Airport\_name, dest\_ap.Place;

**END && DELIMITER;** 

CALL GetAirlinesWithPlacesAveragePrice('35145', '35141');

To analyze and compare the average ticket prices of competitive airlines based on various factors: source place, source airport, destination place, and destination airport

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Airline_Name	Source_Airport_Name	Source_Place_Name	Destination_Airport_Name	Destination_Place_Name	Average_Economy_Price
AirAsia	Kempegowda International Airport	Bangalore	Rajiv Gandhi International Airport	Hyderabad	4351.0654
AkasaAir	Kempegowda International Airport	Bangalore	Rajiv Gandhi International Airport	Hyderabad	2336.6667
AllianceAir	Kempegowda International Airport	Bangalore	Rajiv Gandhi International Airport	Hyderabad	3505.0556
GO FIRST	Kempegowda International Airport	Bangalore	Rajiv Gandhi International Airport	Hyderabad	10846.3529

# POPULAR DESTINATIONS FROM SOURCE AIRPORT

**DELIMITER &&** 

CREATE PROCEDURE TopDestinationFromSource(IN SourceAirportID INT)

**BEGIN** 

SELECT dest\_ap.Airport\_name AS Destination\_Airport\_Name, dest\_ap.Place AS Destination\_place,

COUNT(ti.Flight\_code) AS NumberOfFlights

FROM travel info ti

INNER JOIN airports dest\_ap ON ti.Destination\_ID = dest\_ap.Airport\_ID

WHERE ti.Source ID = SourceAirportID

GROUP BY ti.Destination ID, dest ap.Airport name, dest ap.Place

ORDER BY NumberOfFlights DESC

LIMIT 5;

**END && DELIMITER;** 

CALL TopDestinationFromSource('26434');

ļ	Destination_Airport_Name	Destination_place	NumberOfFlights
i	Indira Gandhi International Airport	Delhi	689
i	Kempegowda International Airport	Bangalore	364
į	Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airp	Kolkata	231
ı	Rajiv Gandhi International Airport	Hyderabad	214
ļ	Chennai International Airport	Chennai	136

To identify and rank the top five most popular destination airports based on the number of flights departing for each

# AIRPORT RANK HIERARCHICAL STRUCTURE

WITH RECURSIVE AirportHierarchy AS

SELECT Airport\_ID, Airport\_name, Place, Ranking

FROM airports

WHERE Ranking = (SELECT MIN(Ranking) FROM airports)

UNION ALL

SELECT a.Airport\_ID, a.Airport\_name, a.Place, a.Ranking

FROM airports a

INNER JOIN AirportHierarchy ah

ON a.Ranking = ah.Ranking + 1

SELECT \* FROM AirportHierarchy limit 8;

To establish a hierarchy of airports based on their popularity

Airport_ID	Airport_name	Place	Ranking
26555	Indira Gandhi International Airport	Delhi	1
26434	Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport	Mumbai	2
35145	Kempegowda International Airport	Bangalore	3
35141	Rajiv Gandhi International Airport	Hyderabad	4
26618	Chennai International Airport	Chennai	5
26496	Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airp	Kolkata	6
26431	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport	Ahmedabad	7
26609	Cochin International Airport	Kochi	8

# AIRPORT RANKING BASED ON LITERACY RATES

SELECT a.Airport\_ID, a.Airport\_name, a.Place, a.ranking,
(SELECT b.literates\_male FROM place b WHERE a.Place = b.city) AS
literates\_male,
(SELECT b.literates\_female FROM place b WHERE a.Place = b.city) AS
literates\_female
FROM airports a
ORDER BY literates\_male DESC, literates\_female DESC
LIMIT 10;

To identify and rank the top 10 airports based on the literacy rates of males and females in their respective locations

Airport_ID	Airport_name	Place	ranking	literates_male	literates_female
26434	Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport	Mumbai	2	5727774	4509812
26555	Indira Gandhi International Airport	Delhi	1	4776490	3806615
35145	Kempegowda International Airport	Bangalore	3	3664959	3110983
35141	Rajiv Gandhi International Airport	Hyderabad	4	2688111	2359594
26431	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport	Ahmedabad	7	2459823	2004480
26461	Surat Airport	Surat	38	2082588	1416640
26618	Chennai International Airport	Chennai	5	2004498	1845974
26496	Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airp	Kolkata	6	1966122	1682088
26455	Pune Airport	Pune	10	1361257	1195486
26563	Jaipur International Airport	Jaipur	13	1282140	990584

# **AIRPORT TRAFFIC ANALYSIS**

#### **SELECT**

a.Airport\_ID, a.Airport\_name, a.Place, a.Passengers\_2022\_23 as passengertraffic\_2022\_23, (SELECT b.population\_male FROM place b WHERE a.Place = b.city) AS population\_male, (SELECT b.population\_female FROM place b WHERE a.Place = b.city) AS population\_female FROM airports a

ORDER BY population\_male DESC, population\_female DESC

LIMIT 10;

To ascertain and rank the top 10 airports based on their passenger traffic

Airport_ID	Airport_name	Place	passengertraffic_2022_23	population_male	population_female
26434	Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport	Mumbai	4,39,30,298	6736815	5741632
26555	Indira Gandhi International Airport	Delhi	6,53,27,833	5871362	5136473
35145	Kempegowda International Airport	Bangalore	3, 19, 11, 429	4401299	4024671
35141	Rajiv Gandhi International Airport	Hyderabad	2,09,96,027	3500802	3309168
26431	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport	Ahmedabad	1,01,37,001	2935869	2634716
26461	Surat Airport	Surat	12,39,913	2538243	1923759
26496	Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airp	Kolkata	1,77,68,862	2362662	2124017
26618	Chennai International Airport	Chennai	1,85,71,393	2357633	2323454
26563	Jaipur International Airport	Jaipur	47,64,382	1619280	1454070
26455	Pune Airport	Pune	80,07,160	1602137	1513294

# **ANALYSIS OF AIRPORT PEAK DEPARTURE TIMES**

WITH DepartureArrivalTimes AS

(SELECT a.Airport\_name, EXTRACT(HOUR FROM t.Departure\_Time) AS DepartureHour,

COUNT(\*) OVER (PARTITION BY a.Airport\_ID, EXTRACT(HOUR FROM t.Departure\_Time)) AS DepartureCount, COUNT(\*) OVER (PARTITION BY a.Airport\_ID, EXTRACT(HOUR FROM t.Arrival\_Time)) AS ArrivalCount FROM travel info t

JOIN Airports a ON t.Source\_ID = a.Airport\_ID OR t.Destination\_ID =
a.Airport\_ID ),

RankedDepartureTimes AS

(SELECT Airport name, DepartureHour, DepartureCount,

RANK() OVER (PARTITION BY Airport\_name ORDER BY DepartureCount DESC)

AS DepartureRank

FROM DepartureArrivalTimes)

SELECT DISTINCT d.Airport name, CONCAT(d.DepartureHour,":00") AS

BestDepartureHour

FROM RankedDepartureTimes d

WHERE d.DepartureRank = 1

ORDER BY d.Airport\_name;

To identify the busiest departure times at various airports

Airport_name	BestDepartureHour
Chennai International Airport	6:00
Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport	20:00
Indira Gandhi International Airport	5:00
Kempegowda International Airport	16:00
Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airp	16:00
Rajiv Gandhi International Airport	11:00
Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport	9:00

# **WEEKDAY FLIGHT FREQUENCY ANALYSIS**

WITH DailyFlights AS (SELECT DAYNAME(STR\_TO\_DATE(t.Date\_of\_journey, '%d-%m-%Y')) AS Weekday, s.Airport name AS SourceAirport, d.Airport name AS DestinationAirport, COUNT(\*) AS FlightsOnDay FROM travel info t JOIN airports s ON t.Source ID = s.Airport ID JOIN airports d ON t.Destination ID = d.Airport ID GROUP BY Weekday, SourceAirport, DestinationAirport), RankedFlights AS ( SELECT Weekday, SourceAirport, DestinationAirport, AVG(FlightsOnDay) AS AvgFlights, RANK() OVER (PARTITION BY Weekday ORDER BY AVG(FlightsOnDay) DESC) AS Day Rank FROM DailyFlights GROUP BY Weekday, SourceAirport, DestinationAirport) SELECT Weekday, SourceAirport, DestinationAirport, AvgFlights FROM RankedFlights WHERE Day Rank <= 3 ORDER BY Weekday, Day Rank;

To determine the average number of flights operating from a specific source to a destination airport on a given weekday

Weekday	SourceAirport	DestinationAirport	AvgFlight:
Friday	Kempegowda International Airport	Indira Gandhi International Airport	173.0000
Friday	Indira Gandhi International Airport	Kempegowda International Airport	158.0000
Friday	Indira Gandhi International Airport	Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport	128.0000
Monday	Kempegowda International Airport	Indira Gandhi International Airport	175.0000
Monday	Indira Gandhi International Airport	Kempegowda International Airport	157.0000
Monday	Indira Gandhi International Airport	Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport	132.0000
Saturday	Kempegowda International Airport	Indira Gandhi International Airport	176.0000
Saturday	Indira Gandhi International Airport	Kempegowda International Airport	158.0000
Saturday	Indira Gandhi International Airport	Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport	131.0000
Sunday	Kempegowda International Airport	Indira Gandhi International Airport	116.0000
Sunday	Indira Gandhi International Airport	Kempegowda International Airport	108.0000
Sunday	Indira Gandhi International Airport	Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport	96.0000
Thursday	Kempegowda International Airport	Indira Gandhi International Airport	178.0000
Thursday	Indira Gandhi International Airport	Kempegowda International Airport	157.0000
Thursday	Indira Gandhi International Airport	Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport	141.0000
Tuesday	Kempegowda International Airport	Indira Gandhi International Airport	116.0000
Tuesday	Indira Gandhi International Airport	Kempegowda International Airport	104.0000
Tuesday	Chhatrapati Shivaji International	Indira Gandhi International Airport	89.0000
Wednes	Kempegowda International Airport	Indira Gandhi International Airport	117.0000
Wednes	Indira Gandhi International Airport	Kempegowda International Airport	104.0000
Wednes	Chhatrapati Shivaji International	Indira Gandhi International Airport	89.0000

# POPULARITY RANKING OF AIRLINES BY DESTINATION

WITH FlightCounts AS (
SELECT a.Airline AS airline, ti.destination\_id AS destination,
ap.Place, COUNT(\*) AS flights\_count
FROM travel\_Info ti
JOIN airlines a ON ti.flight\_code = a.flight\_code
JOIN airports ap ON ap.airport ID = ti.destination id

RankedAirlines AS
(SELECT airline, destination, Place, flights\_count,
RANK() OVER(PARTITION BY destination ORDER BY
flights\_count DESC) AS rank\_destination
FROM FlightCounts)

GROUP BY a.Airline, ti.destination id, ap.Place),

SELECT destination, Place, airline, flights\_count, rank\_destination
FROM RankedAirlines
WHERE rank\_destination <= 3;

To rank airlines based on their popularity for specific destinations

destination	Place	airline	flights_count	rank_destination
26431	Ahmedabad	GO FIRST	291	1
26431	Ahmedabad	AkasaAir	89	2
26431	Ahmedabad	AllianceAir	18	3
26434	Mumbai	GO FIRST	809	1
26434	Mumbai	AirAsia	770	2
26434	Mumbai	AkasaAir	221	3
26496	Kolkata	AirAsia	659	1
26496	Kolkata	GO FIRST	439	2
26555	Delhi	GO FIRST	1286	1
26555	Delhi	AirAsia	1131	2
26555	Delhi	AkasaAir	51	3
26618	Chennai	AirAsia	549	1
26618	Chennai	GO FIRST	162	2
26618	Chennai	AkasaAir	122	3
35141	Hyderabad	AirAsia	895	1
35141	Hyderabad	GO FIRST	136	2
35141	Hyderabad	AllianceAir	57	3
35145	Bangalore	AirAsia	1301	1
35145	Bangalore	GO FIRST	732	2
35145	Bangalore	AkasaAir	296	3

# POPULAR AIRLINES BASED ON FLIGHT FREQ. FROM A SOURCE

WITH AirlineFlightCounts AS (SELECT ti.Source ID, a.Airline, COUNT(ti.Flight code) AS FlightCount, AVG(ti.Economy) AS AvgEconomyPrice FROM travel info ti JOIN airlines a ON ti.Flight code = a.Flight code GROUP BY ti.Source ID, a.Airline), RankedAirlines AS (SELECT Source ID, Airline, FlightCount, AvgEconomyPrice, RANK() OVER (PARTITION BY Source ID ORDER BY FlightCount DESC) AS rank airline FROM AirlineFlightCounts) SELECT ra. Source ID, ap. Airport name AS Airport Name, ra.Airline, ra.FlightCount, ra.AvgEconomyPrice, ra.rank airline FROM RankedAirlines ra JOIN airports ap ON ra. Source ID = ap. Airport ID ORDER BY ra. Source ID, ra. rank airline;

To rank airlines based on the average number of flights they operate from a given source airport

Source_ID	Airport_Name	Airline	FlightCount	AvgEconomyPrice	rank_airline
26431	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport	GO FIRST	496	6230.6089	1
26431	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport	AkasaAir	105	4192.8095	2
26431	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport	AllianceAir	17	4642.0000	3
26434	Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport	GO FIRST	810	6725.7481	1
26434	Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport	AirAsia	732	5768.0779	2
26434	Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport	AkasaAir	219	3112.5023	3
26434	Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport	AllianceAir	6	3773.0000	4
26496	Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airp	AirAsia	890	7698.3011	1
26496	Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airp	GO FIRST	541	9423.8447	2
26555	Indira Gandhi International Airport	AirAsia	1509	7425.2876	1
26555	Indira Gandhi International Airport	GO FIRST	1085	7769.2866	2
26555	Indira Gandhi International Airport	AkasaAir	54	4848.7778	3
26555	Indira Gandhi International Airport	AllianceAir	18	4695.0000	4
26618	Chennai International Airport	AirAsia	269	4529.2900	1
26618	Chennai International Airport	AkasaAir	124	2583.8790	2
26618	Chennai International Airport	GO FIRST	123	7642.6098	3
26618	Chennai International Airport	AllianceAir	15	4006.2000	4
35141	Rajiv Gandhi International Airport	AirAsia	707	5427.5530	1
35141	Rajiv Gandhi International Airport	GO FIRST	73	5761.1781	2
35141	Rajiv Gandhi International Airport	AllianceAir	57	3899.1053	3
35141	Rajiv Gandhi International Airport	AkasaAir	17	2690.8235	4
35145	Kempegowda International Airport	AirAsia	1198	6533.0551	1
35145	Kempegowda International Airport	GO FIRST	727	7354.0316	2
35145	Kempegowda International Airport	AkasaAir	278	3110.8094	3
35145	Kempegowda International Airport	AllianceAir	36	3505.0556	4

# FLIGHT DURATION AND PRICING CORRELATION ANALYSIS

CREATE VIEW DurationPricing AS
SELECT
ti.destination\_ID,
AVG(ti.economy) AS average\_price,
AVG(duration\_in\_mins) AS average\_duration
FROM travel\_Info ti
GROUP BY ti.destination\_ID;

#### **SELECT**

dp.destination\_ID AS Destination\_ID,
 ap.place AS Destination,
 dp.average\_price,
 dp.average\_duration
FROM DurationPricing dp
JOIN airports ap ON ap.airport\_ID = dp.destination\_id
ORDER BY average\_duration DESC;

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Destination_ID	Destination	average_price	average_duration
26496	Kolkata	7870.3825	549.3989
26555	Delhi	7508.3602	536.6036
35141	Hyderabad	6047.0416	519.7604
26618	Chennai	5226.8988	510.7765
26434	Mumbai	6355.3300	466.6999
35145	Bangalore	6421.5899	427.8142
26431	Ahmedabad	5176.8945	251.6206

To examine the relationship between flight duration and ticket pricing across different airlines

# ANALYSIS OF TRAFFIC BY AIRPORT CATEGORY AND SIZE

**SELECT** 

CASE

WHEN Airport\_name REGEXP '[Ii]nternational'

THEN 'International'

ELSE 'Domestic'

END AS Airport\_Category, type AS Size\_Category,

SUM(Passengers\_2022\_23) AS Total\_Passengers\_2022\_23,

SUM(Passengers 2021 22) AS Total Passengers 2021 22

FROM airports

GROUP BY Airport\_Category, Size\_Category

ORDER BY Airport\_Category, Size\_Category;

To evaluate the scalability of airports by analyzing passenger counts for domestic and international flights in relation to airport size.

Airport_Category	Size_Category	Total_Passengers_2022_23	Total_Passengers_2021_22	Percentage_Growth
Domestic	medium_airport	44095752	28524152	54.59
Domestic	small_airport	5671919	3640981	55.78
International	large_airport	213312958	118129479	80.58
International	medium_airport	34513994	20466637	68.64

# **SUMMARY OF SQL TECHNIQUES UTILIZED**

Advanced Joins Aggregations Subqueries Partition Window Functions

CTEs Recursive CTEs Time Functions Case When REGEXP

## **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

Utilized advanced SQL analytics to process comprehensive flight itinerary and airport data, augmented by demographic insights

Devised a strategic entry price point for a new airline in the Indian aviation sector

Delivered a multifaceted pricing framework, route analysis, and airport ranking based on various parameters for informed decision-making

# **CHALLENGES ALONG THE WAY**



## **Data Preprocessing**

Ensuring data cleanliness and relevance from diverse sources for accurate analysis



## **SQL Limitations**

Managing complex queries and optimizing performance for large datasets



## **Market Dynamics**

Navigating highly competitive and price-sensitive Indian aviation sector

## **LEARNINGS**

- Importance of data integrity and the impact of data quality on analytical outcomes
- Advanced SQL techniques (e.g., CTEs, window functions, aggregations) for deep market insights
- The significance of understanding market dynamics and consumer behavior in pricing strategies
- Role of data-driven decision-making in establishing competitive advantages in challenging markets



## **DATABASE IMPLEMENTATION**

We imported our Excel-based research database into MySQL using the Import Data Wizard:

- Access the wizard in MySQL Workbench under the "Server" menu > "Data Import" > "Import from Self-Contained File."
- Select the Excel file from the Airlines directory.
- Specify the target schema and database or create new ones.
- Map columns and configure options like data type alignment.
- Begin the data import process.