Section 1 : **Theory supported by code samples**

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1a) Python threads

Threads in python provide a convenient way[1] to run tasks that would otherwise be waiting on other resources. One specific part of the app that could benefit[2] from the use of python threads would be the data manipulation section, which could achieve faster computing by taking advantage of concurrency[3]. This would require the extraction of all UK airports from the given dataset that would then be split into small, medium and large and merged with their respective frequencies. The results could be then used to generate the mean, median and mode[4] for frequencies of large airports and for all frequencies over 100 MHz notwithstanding of airport size. Coding each of these tasks as separate functions would allow to execute these operations under different threads during different stages[5].

A preliminary stage would involve importing the data from MongoDB[6] and parsing all the airports into subcategories of small, medium and large.

An important variable to consider in this scenario is that the Python interpreter does not support true multithreading due to the Global Interpreter Lock (GIL)[7].

GIL imposes that only one thread can be in a state of execution at any point in time. Yet in the event of data input/output, or network bound tasks when the python interpreter is idle waiting for the result of a given execution in one thread, a second thread could be used to read data from another source or file[8]. This characteristic, combined with MongoDB's ability to access multiple files at the same time[9] would potentially enable the application to fetch data concurrently with the use of the threading library. The use of threading would allow for separate and concurrent processes to be executed, thus taking advantage of multi-core properties in modern CPU's[10] to reorder the original raw data into four distinct datasets for small, medium and large airports. For this purpose a filter function could be created to parse the original dataset and produce separate sets for small, medium and large airports. Taking advantage of the "append()" function[11], new records could be added after checking for duplicates in the original dataset. In a successive stage, three processes would work concurrently to merge the small, medium and large datasets with their respective frequencies matching them on attributes "id" and "airport ref".

1b) GUI

User interface design focuses on anticipating end users needs and requires developers to consider different variables such as learnability, efficiency, visibility and satisfaction[12].

The field of UI design draws from numerous studies related to cognitive theory and human-computer interaction[13] with a main goal of providing human-oriented access to the structures being processed by the computer program[14] [Appendix 2 – App. Diagram].

Fundamentally, the process focuses on creating interfaces that are both easy and enjoyable to use[15], by keeping user interaction as straightforward and efficient as possible.

As per client requirements the application created is not meant to be generic and therefore has limited functionalities.

The user interface was designed following principles from Peter Morville's User Experience Honeycomb[16] to resolve various challenges in creating an enjoyable user experience.

The most important aspect of an interface is to assist users to accomplish a given task (usability), and at the same time allow the user to be constantly aware of what is happening within the system (visibility) [17]. A disorderly and overly flashy interface can prove to be not only detrimental to the user, but also be both cumbersome in terms of development as well as inferior in terms of users' aesthetic perception[18].

Additionally, operability and robustness, which are also essential properties of an effective interface, are negatively impacted[19]. Based on these considerations the design of the application has been kept minimalist by categorizing the user requirement into three distinct sections. A landing window enables the user to select an initial action: selecting available CSV files, importing files from a database or exiting the program[Fig.1]. The Data Preparation window assists users in importing, converting, cleaning and saving data into a database[Fig.2,3,4]. Finally, the Data manipulation and visualization windows provide a means to view the data in graphic form[Fig.6,7].

In order to enhance efficiency and assist users in recognizing patterns as well as quickly familiarize themselves with the system[20], the design of each window has been kept identical with buttons being the only element utilized in different sizes and various activation states.

Buttons are strategically placed to draw user's attention and visibility is further improved by the flow-structure, which is kept linear, presenting the output of different actions within the same window[Fig.1-12]. UI elements such as buttons are designed to be active, inactive or highlighted according to the state that the application is in at any given moment. As an example, the save button is visible only when data manipulation tasks are complete, while the exit button materializes only after the data has been saved. Colors and texture are an exceptional medium for drawing attention to a certain element[21].

For this reason, windows have been kept neutral in color while buttons indicating either activation or deactivation have been designed with contrasting colors[Fig.4,7].

Potential errors such as "files not found" or wrong formatting are identified by the application using exception handling[22] and appropriate messages are then displayed to the user whom is kept informed throughout the process. User needs have been anticipated by setting default names to be used for storage and also files to be selected in the presence or absence of prepared data[Fig.6].

1c) Java VS Python

Python is widely considered the optimal language for development of tools within the data science industry and is also ranked first in numerous popularity indices[23]. Python provides many advantages over other languages[24] including a concise syntax[25], higher code readability[26] and a comparatively shallow learning curve ,which in turn allows junior developers to achieve an adequate level of proficiency much faster[27]. Since python is dynamically typed, programs can be written with relatively fewer lines of code[28], and it is also simpler to prototype with.

Open source web application platforms such as Jupyter Notebook[29] have increased the popularity of Python, since they allow for testing of a single cell of code at a time and facilitate the debugging process. When speaking about the role of Python as one of the premier languages for data science, we should mention its outstanding memory management capabilities[30] particularly garbage collection[31] which makes it a perfect fit for managing large volumes of data. Comparing Python to other popular languages such as Java[32] the former offers an abundance of specialized libraries[33] which can support scientists in data wrangling and manipulation. Within the client's Application, Python Pandas[34] have been used to filter[35], clean[36], load[37] convert and save data[38] as well as supply a rapid and reliable way to analyze and convert both small and large data sets. Java is another popular language among data scientists[39], as many Big Data frameworks have strong foundations in Java, which provides higher speed and productivity in large scale systems. Java also includes many specialized libraries, which can be effectively used for data analysis[40] and given that types in Java are immutable[41], a program doesn't waste time rechecking variable types during execution, which in turn boosts performance. Since Java code is compiled and then run all at once[42], with each change the entire program must run again, while in scripting languages like Python programmers can manipulate an individual line at a time[43] and then single out components that need testing which is advantageous for quick prototyping and evaluating models and hyper-parameters. As can be seen, despite Java

providing raw performance advantages, particularly in big data analysis[44], there is a necessary tradeoff between the time it takes to run the code and the time necessary to write the program, which ultimately makes Python the preferred language within the industry[45]. Choosing one over the other will depend upon specific project requirements, if speed is the main criterion Java may provide some benefits[46] however overall Python offers more advantages in terms of flexibility and ease of deployment.

Section 2 : Design decisions supported by code samples

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2 a)

JSON[47] was selected as the optimal data format in the development of the application for a number of reasons[48]. Apart from offering a high level of intelligibility[49] for human readers JSON is also easy to parse for computers[50] and is well integrated with Python which provides great support with the JSON library[51]. We have the ability to convert lists and dictionaries to JSON, and also convert strings to lists and dictionaries[52] as JSON data is very similar to a dictionary in Python, with keys and values stored[53]. In the client's prototype application, CSV files are initially transformed into Panda data frames[54], [Code 1] which are successively converted into JSON files[55][Code 2] and finally, loaded into a database[56][Code-3]. An important benefit of using databases with JSON models is the dynamic and flexible schema they provide when compared to the tabular data models used by relational databases[57]. This has in turn made the choice to use MongoDB a natural one, since JSON is well integrated within MongoDB[58]. MongoDB in fact utilizes a modified JSON format called BSON[59]. BSON is essentially a binary representation of the former that encodes type and length information, thereby allowing data to be parsed much faster. Anything you can represent in JSON can be natively stored in MongoDB[60], and retrieved just as easily when using BSON. From the client's perspective, JSON grants many benefits such as a simpler syntax[61], which contributes in reducing overhead in data transfers[62], and offers a wide range of browser compatibility across different operating systems[63]. In terms of pure performance, JSON is quite fast and consumes less memory space[64], which makes it a suitable choice for large object graphs and systems[65].

2 b)

The data cleaning process starts with the "cleaned_df", function which removes null values from the dataset and preserves both the "type" and "iso_country" columns that will subsequently be necessary for further data manipulation[Code-4]. Python if statements and for loops are used to iterate the process of removing null values from the "type" and "iso_country" attributes[Code-4]. There are two distinct functions created with the purpose of manipulating data to generate mean median and mode. The "summary_Large" function[Code-5] calculates and displays the mean, median , and mode of the input dataframe[66], with the "np.round"[67] function used to round an array to the given number of decimals and "np.mean"[68] calculating the arithmetic mean. Similarly, the "summary_Freq_100" function[Code-6] calculates the mean, median and mode for frequencies lesser than 100 MHz, first creating a text widget with Tkinter, merging all pandaframes[69] to obtain frequencies lower than 100 MHz and operating statistical analysis[70] on all large UK airports[Code-6]. The mean provides a general description of the data and how well or poorly the mean describes a sample depends on how spread the data is[71]. Within the available dataset for large UK airports, the mean, median and mode are comprised between values of 120.01 and 122.1 [screenshot] while mean and median across all airports are reported to be slightly higher with the former having a frequency of 149.4 and the latter of 124.4.

The visualization tab at the top of the screen presents two buttons to display histograms for either "small UK airports" or "all airports" [Fig.11]. The choice of histograms over other charting tools was dictated by a number of factors[72]. Histograms are one of the most popular and commonly used devices for charting continuous frequency distribution[73]. A single glance at a histogram gives us some idea about the shape and spread of the data. Specifically, in the case of frequencies for small airports, we can see that the vast majority are between 100-150 MHz with only a few outliers[Fig.11]. Python offers a handful of different options for building and plotting histograms[74]. Theoretically, it is perfectly acceptable to create a histogram in python by providing an array of values and using a "for loop" to plot the output in histogram form with the standard "collection.counter()" subclass[75]. Despite being fairly straightforward, there are numerous libraries that can streamline this process further. Choosing a specific approach depends on the nature of the data to be analyzed. For large arrays of data where there is a need to compute a mathematical histogram that represents bins and their corresponding frequencies ,Numpy's "np.histogram()" and "np.bincount()"[76] can be viable options to compute the histogram values numerically and their corresponding bin edges[Code-7]. Due to the fact that the application works directly using Pandaframes, "pyplot.hist()"[77] was chosen as a histogram plotting function that uses "np.histogram()"[78] and is the basis for Pandas' plotting functions[Code-8]. Matplotlib also provides the functionality to visualize Python histograms out of the box with a versatile wrapper around NumPy's "histogram()" function[79]. The "plotFreqSmall" function plots communication frequencies used by small UK airports, by first defining a figure that will hold the plot, adding a subplot and subsequently plotting the graph with the ".hist()" function[80] [Code-8].

2 d)

The "plotCorrAll" function[Code 9] makes use of "matplotlib.figure"[81] in conjunction with the ".hist()"[82] functions to create histograms. A figure to frame the plot and a subplot are created using Tkinter[83], graphics are intentionally kept simple and linear to provide the user with a more immediate representation of the data. The hist() function uses an array of numbers to create a histogram where the array is sent into the function as an argument[84]. Individual labels for "small" "large" and "medium" airports are set with an alpha value of 0.5 to specify the transparency of each histogram[Code 9]. The histogram for all airports offers the users a more complete view of the dataset[Fig.12], again we can see that the greatest majority across all airports will have frequencies within a given range[Fig.12], with a smaller section displaying higher values[Fig.13-I and II]. It is noteworthy to note that almost exclusively medium airports report higher frequencies in ranges higher than 200 mhz[Fig.13-II].

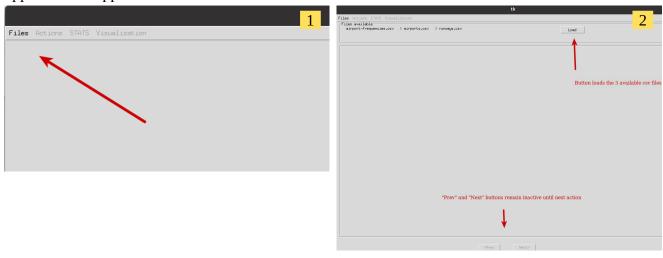
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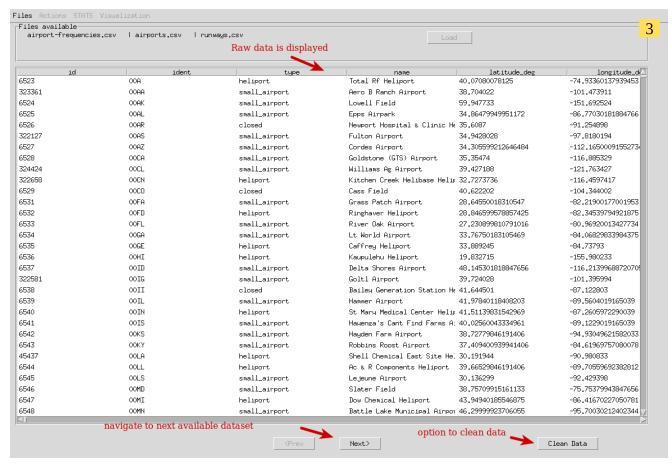
1 a)

The use of software has become pervasive in modern societies and is an integral part of our daily lives[85], this in turn has motivated software developers to start pondering ethical aspects of their craft[86]. In this day and age software development cannot prescind from both moral and ethical considerations[87]. From the way private corporations handle user log files and personal data[88] to the importance of data protection and encryption[89] the industry had largely ignored such issues until very recently when a number of international scandals brought these questions to the public's attention[90]. An example of this the 2015 so-called "Dieselgate"[91] controversy in which the German automobile giants Volkswagen and Audi cheated on clean air regulations through the use of software which made

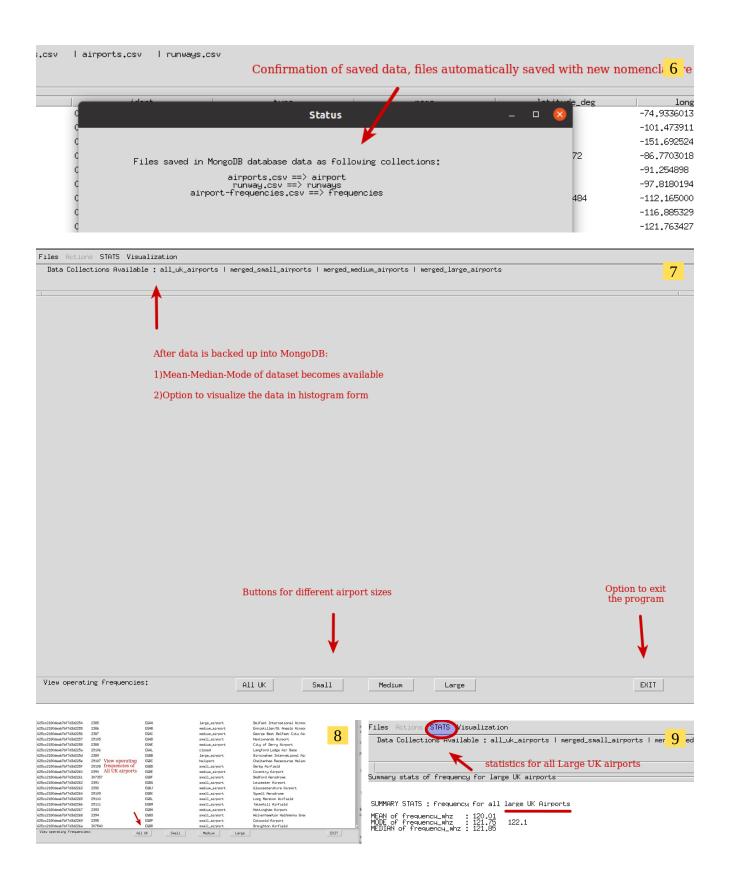
the vehicle's emissions seem cleaner then they were in reality, thereby proving the point that alterations to a single line of code can have catastrophic effects both in financial and environmental terms[92]. The advent of AI-based, truly self-driving cars poses numerous ethical challenges to the developers responsible for creating systems that not only need to be reliable and efficient, but also replicate ethical and moral considerations undertaken by human drivers[93]. Hans Moravec[94] was one of the first scientist to postulate that it is comparatively easier to have computers exhibit near-human levels of intelligence in strategic games like checkers, but nearly impossible to provide them with the perception and mobility skills of a one-year-old toddler. Devising ways to artificially engineer conscience is indeed one of the most monumental tasks facing software development[95]. One might argue that humans are capable of unethical or even nefarious choices when driving and that AI-powered vehicles might in fact be safer[96], but most people are still reluctant to hand over their capacity for decision making to a piece of software, especially in consideration of the fact this might entail life and death choices[97]. Finding effective ways to combat algorithm bias[98] is another key issue; software is written by people and personal bias will almost always filter through to a certain extent. One way to address this might be to remove variables associated with gender, race and sexual orientation or even creating ad-hoc programs[99] that target biased variables from a given data-set, despite the fact both approaches might have a negative effect on performance[100]. In time, the software development community will have to resolve these issues and devise better practices and standards to do so[101]. Developers are often reluctant to embrace a cooperative approach and are averse to any form of centralized oversight[102], citing the need for independence as essential to successful operations[103]. Micromanaging single developers and adding unnecessary bureaucracy can certainly have a negative effect[104], but nonetheless a certain level of coordination and oversight is necessary to guarantee product quality and curtail security risks[105]. A less formal management style based on agile software development practices[106] and the adoption of distributed version control systems such as GIT[107] could provide developers with more independence while maintaining management's control over the project.

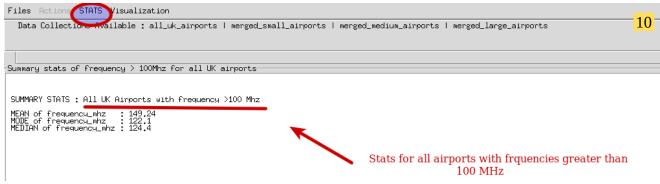
Appendix 1 – Application screenshots

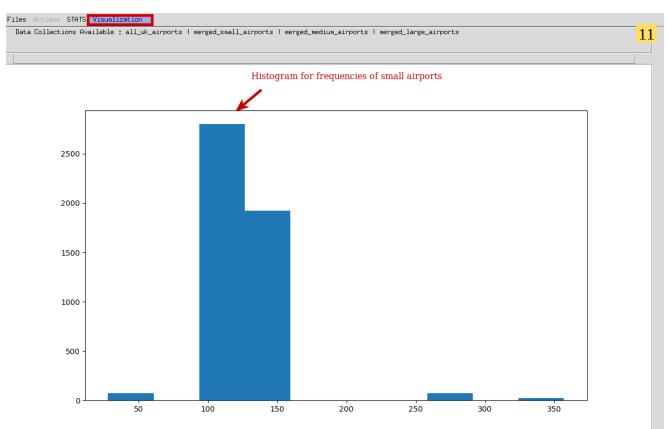


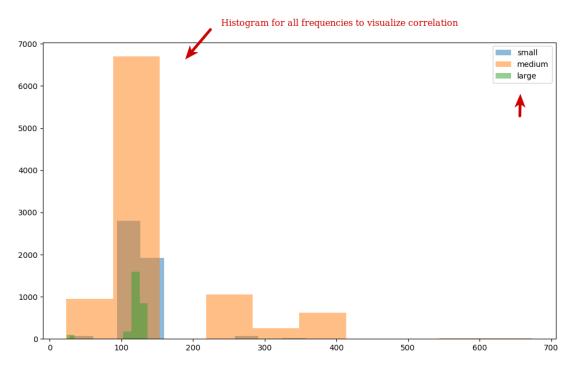


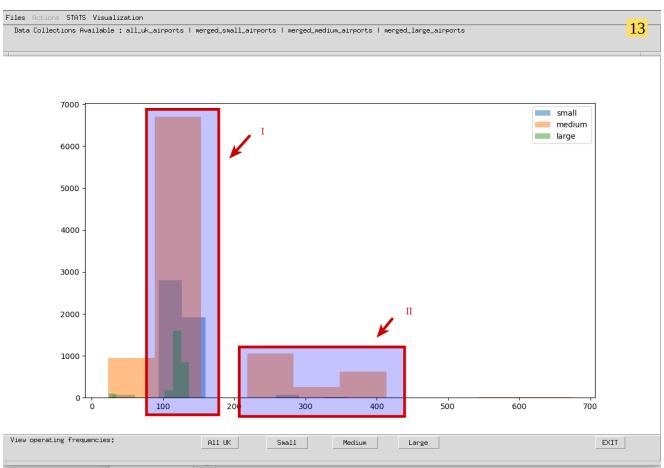




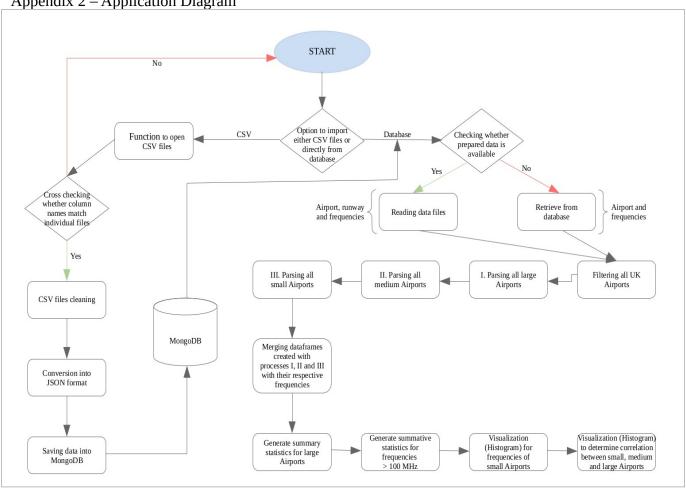








Appendix 2 – Application Diagram



Appendix 3 – Code Samples

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#Converting pandaframes to JSON format

all_uk_json = self.df_airport.to_json(default_handler = str, orient = 'records', indent = 4)

large_json = self.df_airport_large.to_json(default_handler = str, orient = 'records', indent = 4)

medium_json = self.df_airport_medium.to_json(default_handler = str, orient = 'records', indent = 4)

small_json = self.df_airport_small.to_json(default_handler = str, orient = 'records', indent = 4)
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```
118
         #Function to convert available CSV files into JSON format
                                                                                                                    2
119
         def csvtoJson(self):
120
121
             #Construct a top window to input Database name, collection names for MongoDB
             self.cleanbtn.configure(state = DISABLED)
122
123
             self.top = tk.Toplevel(self.root)
             self.top.geometry("700x400")
self.top.title("Status")
124
125
127
128
             #Converting CSV files into JSON format
             self.airport_json = self.df[0].to_json(orient = 'records', indent = 4)
129
             self.runway_json = self.df[1].to_json(orient = 'records', indent = 4)
131
             self.freq_json = self.df[2].to_json(orient = 'records', indent = 4)
132
133
             self.label =tk.Label(self.top, text = "
                                                                          CSV files coverted to JSON ")
134
             self.label.place(relx = 0.2, rely = 0.4)
135
136
             self.savebtn = tk.Button(self.top, text = " SAVE to MongoDB ", command = self.save csv to mongoDB)
137
             self.savebtn.place( relx = 0.4, rely = 0.7)
138
             self.cleanbtn.place forget()
140
141
             self.top.grab set()
142
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```
144
         #Window that designates the names under which converted csv files will be saved into the database
145
         def save_csv_to_mongoDB(self):
                                                                                                                           3
146
147
148
             self.database = self.client["data"]
149
150
             self.savebtn.place forget()
             self.label.place forget()
152
153
             #Generating collections
154
             self.collection airport = self.database["airports"]
155
             self.collection runway = self.database["runways"]
self.collection_freq = self.database["frequencies"]
156
157
159
160
             #placing data into individual collections
161
             self.collection_airport.insert_many(json.loads(self.airport_json))
             self.collection runway.insert many(json.loads(self.runway json))
163
164
             self.collection_freq.insert_many(json.loads(self.freq_json))
165
             #Redirectiong to the CSV to JSON function
167
             self.label =tk.Label(self.top, text = " Files saved in MongoDB database data as following collections: \r
168
169
             self.label.place( relx = 0.1, rely = 0.1)
170
171
172
             okbtn = tk.Button(self.top, text = " OK ", command = self.manipulation frame)
173
             okbtn.place( relx = 0.5, rely = 0.8)
174
             self.top.grab_set() # Deactivate the main window in the background
175
176
177
```

```
506
          #The function below parses and cleans columns with null values and at the same time
         #retains columns 'type' and 'iso_country' which will be needed for data manipulation tasks
#Also deletes rows with null values in 'type' and 'iso country' attributes
                                                                                                                       4
507
508
509
         def cleaned_df(self):
510
511
              for arg in self.df:
512
                   #Driving out columns with missing values
513
                   delete_columns=arg.columns[arg.isnull().any()].tolist()
514
                   #Removing preexisting columns 'type' and ' iso_country' from the list
if 'type' in delete_columns:
515
516
517
                        delete columns.remove('type')
518
519
                   if 'iso country' in delete columns:
520
                        delete_columns.remove('iso country')
521
522
                   #Dropping columns with null values
523
                   arg.drop(delete columns,axis=1,inplace=True)
524
525
                   #Dropping rows where column iso country is null
526
                   arg.dropna(inplace=True)
527
```

```
def summary_Large(self): #This function calculates and displays the mean/median/mode of the input dataframe

self.task2_display_frame_blank.place_forget()
    self.task2_display_frame_allUK.place_forget()
    self.task2_display_frame_small.place_forget()
    self.task2_display_frame_large.place_forget()
    self.task2_display_frame_large.place_forget()
    self.task2_display_frame_visual.place_forget()
    self.task2_display_frame_visual.place_forget()

self.task2_display_frame_stats.configure(text = "Summary stats of frequency for large UK airports")
    self.task2_display_frame_stats.place( height = 700, width = 1199, relx = 0.0, rely = 0.07 )

#Generates and places the Tkinter text widget on task2_display_frame
    self.display_text = tk.Text(self.task2_display_frame_stats)
    self.display_text.place(relwidth = 1, relheight = 1)

#Calculates the mean, median and mode on all large UK airports sets
    mean_df = np.round(self.df_airport_large['frequency_mhz'].mean(),2)
    median_df = np.round(self.df_airport_large['frequency_mhz'].mean(),2)
    mode_df = self.df_airport_large['frequency_mhz'].median(),2)
    self.display_text.insert(END, " \n\n\n SUMMARY STATS : frequency for all large UK Airports \n\n MEAN of tself.display_text.configure(state = DISABLED) #Read-only setting for the text widget
```

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804
          def summary Freq 100(self): # Calculates and displays the mean , mode and median of the input dataframe
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806
               self.task2_display_frame_blank.place_forget()
               self.task2_display_frame_allUK.place_forget()
self.task2_display_frame_small.place_forget()
807
808
               self.task2_display_frame_large.place_forget()
self.task2_display_frame_medium.place_forget()
self.task2_display_frame_visual.place_forget()
809
810
811
812
               self.task2_display_frame_stats.configure(text = "Summary stats of frequency > 100Mhz for all UK airports
813
814
               self.task2_display_frame_stats.place( height = 700, width = 1199, relx = 0.0, rely = 0.07 )
815
816
               #Generates and places the Tkinter text widget on task2 display frame
               self.display_text = tk.Text(self.task2_display_frame_stats)
817
818
               self.display text.place(relwidth = 1, relheight = 1)
819
820
               #Merges all small, medium and large pandaframes to obtain all frequencies > 100
821
               temp_df = pd.concat([self.df_airport_small, self.df_airport_medium, self.df_airport_large])
822
               temp_df = temp_df[temp_df['frequency_mhz']>100]
823
               #Calculates the mean, median and mode on all large UK airports
mean_df = np.round(temp_df['frequency_mhz'].mean(),2)
824
825
               median_df = np.round(temp_df['frequency_mhz'].median(),2)
826
827
               mode_df = temp_df['frequency_mhz'].mode()
828
829
               self.display text.insert(END, " \n\n\n SUMMARY STATS : All UK Airports with frequency >100 Mhz \n\n MEAN
               self.display_text.configure(state = DISABLED) #Read-only setting for the text widget
830
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               #plot
                                                                                                                                         7
               self.plot1.hist(self.df_airport_small['frequency_mhz'], label = 'small', alpha = 0.5)
self.plot1.hist(self.df_airport_medium['frequency_mhz'], label = 'medium', alpha = 0.5)
846
847
               self.plot1.hist(self.df_airport_large['frequency_mhz'], label = 'large', alpha = 0.5)
848
849
               self.plot1.legend()
850
                messagebox.showinfo(" Saving into MongoDB ", "Complete", parent = self.root)
 479
 480
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 481
           #Function to plot communication frequencies of small UK airports
           def plotSmallFreq(self):
 482
                self.task2_display_frame_visual.place( height = 700, width = 1199, relx = 0.0, rely = 0.07 )
self.task2_display_frame_visual.configure(text = "")
self.fig = Figure(figsize = (20,20), dpi = 100) #Defining geometry of figure that will hold the plot
 483
 484
 485
 486
                self.plot1 = self.fig.add_subplot(111)
                                                                # Adding a subplot
 487
 488
                #Creating a canvas using Tkinter
 489
 490
                self.canvas = FigureCanvasTkAqq(self.fig, master = self.task2 display frame visual)
 491
                self.plot1.hist(self.df_airport_small['frequency_mhz']) #Plotting the graph
 492
 493
 494
                self.canvas.draw()
 495
                self.canvas.get tk widget().place(relheight = 1, relwidth = 1)
 496
 497
834
           #This function is used to determine correlation
                                                                                                                                          9
835
           def plotCorrelation(self):
               self.task2_display_frame_visual.place( height = 700, width = 1199, relx = 0.0, rely = 0.07 )
self.task2_display_frame_visual.configure(text = "")
836
837
                self.fig = Figure(figsize = (20,20), dpi = 100) #Defines the figure that will hold the plot
838
839
                self.plot1 = self.fig.add subplot(111)
                                                                #Adding a subplot
840
841
                #Generating a canvas using Tkinter
842
843
               self.canvas = FigureCanvasTkAgg(self.fig, master = self.task2 display frame visual)
844
845
               self.plot1.hist(self.df_airport_small['frequency_mhz'], label = 'small', alpha = 0.5)
self.plot1.hist(self.df_airport_medium['frequency_mhz'], label = 'medium', alpha = 0.5)
846
847
                self.plot1.hist(self.df_airport_large['frequency_mhz'], label = 'large', alpha = 0.5)
848
849
                self.plot1.legend()
850
851
                self.canvas.draw()
852
                self.canvas.get tk widget().place(relheight = 1, relwidth = 1)
853
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