

# Sound Realty House Price Model

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# Model Overview

# Business Objective

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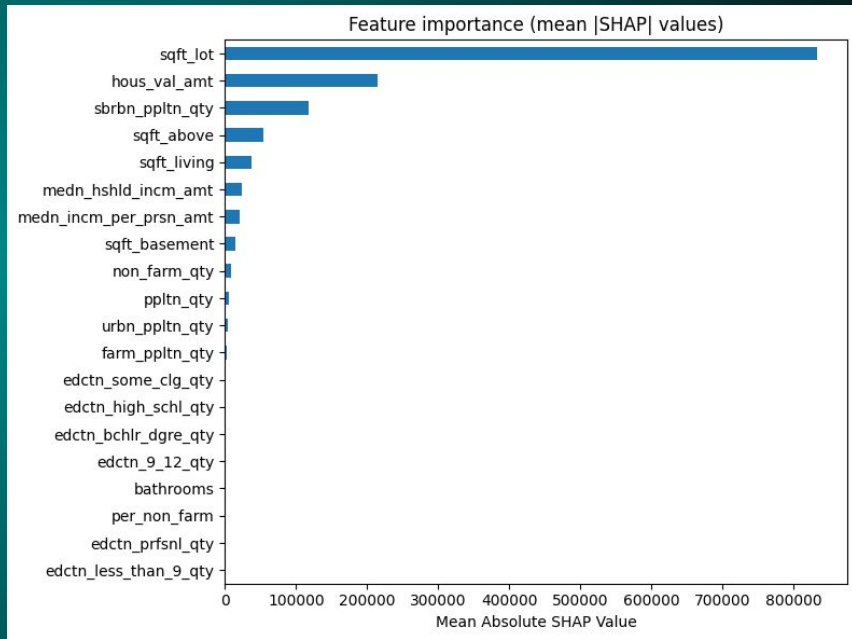
- Model that predicts house prices
- Trained on sales data from 5/2/14 - 5/27/15
- Model inputs
  - House features
  - Zip Code level demographic features
- Predictions returned to users in real-time



# Base Model Details

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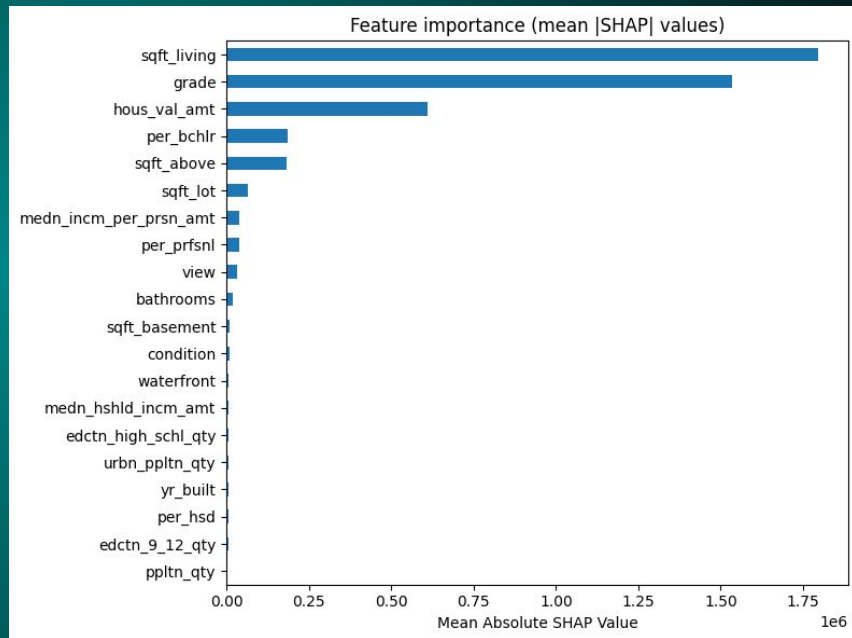
- Using 33 features out of 18 available
  - 7/18 property features
  - 26/26 demographic features
- Using Mean Absolute Error (MAE) as training metric
- Performance
  - \$102,069 MAE
- Important features: property square footage, zip code house values, & suburban population



# v2 Model Details

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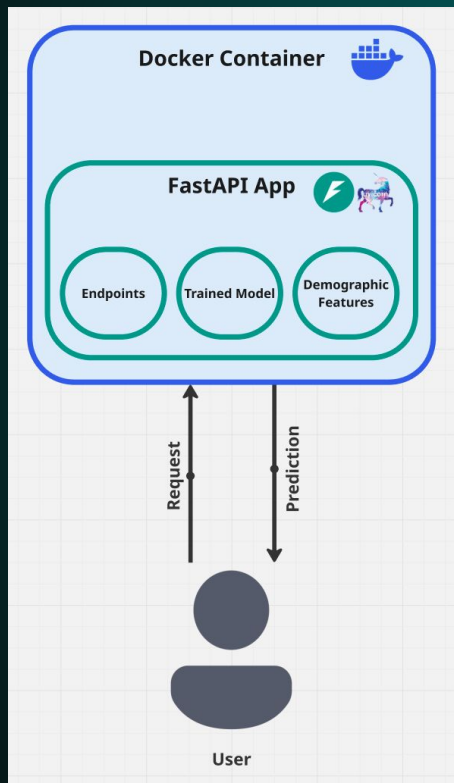
- Using 39 features out of 18 available
  - 13/18 property features
  - 26/26 demographic features
- Performance
  - \$75,071 MAE
- Important features: living square footage, property grade, & zip code house values



# Technical Details

# Technical Architecture

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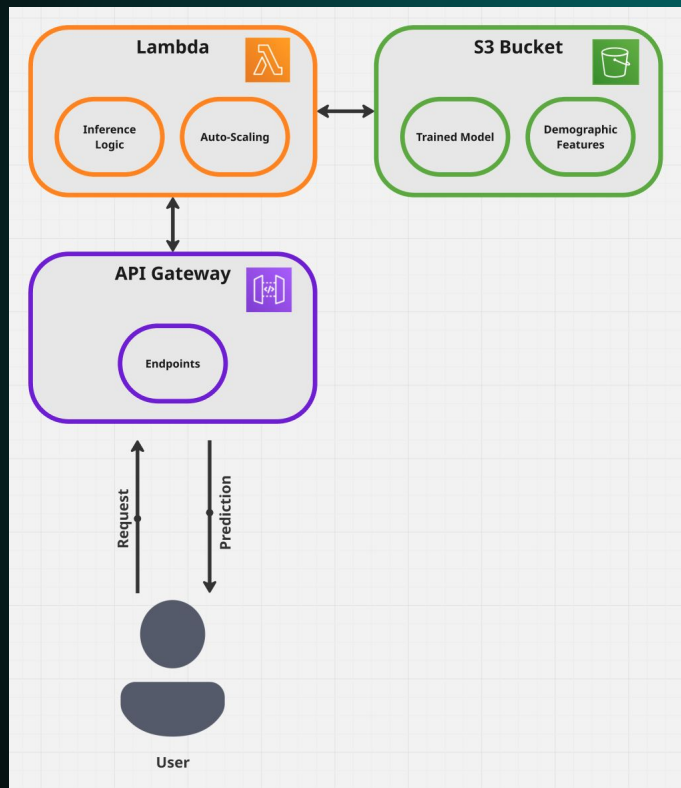


- Dockerized FastAPI service for real-time model inference
  - Loads preprocessing + model on startup
- Uvicorn server handles HTTP requests to endpoints
  - /predict and /predict-lite
- Pydantic schemas validate incoming payloads
- Seamlessly hot-swap models with /reload-model endpoint



# Technical Architecture: Future State

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- API Gateway routes HTTP requests to Lambda function
- Lambda loads model artifacts from S3 bucket
- Lambda executes inference and returns JSON response
- Lambda concurrency handles horizontal auto-scaling
- S3 stores versioned ML models and features

# Areas of Improvement

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- Supplement training data
  - More recent sales data (2015-2025)
  - Multi-year range of data
- Enrich feature set
  - Macroeconomic (mortgage rates, inflation indices, property tax rates)
  - Use lat/long to generate neighborhood clusters
- Expand model training
  - More extensive hyperparameter tuning
  - Experiment with more model algorithms (linear, boosting)