

KICKSTARTER

Project Success - Analysis and Prediction

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Note that we were supposed to come up with a groupname. The name "Coderoos" is purely fictional and has no affiliation with any possible real life company.



"I'm starting a Kickstarter campaign to fund a rival to Kickstarter."





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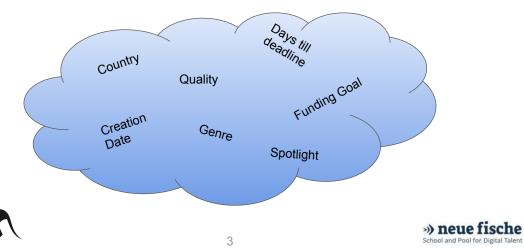






Problem Statement

What are the major influencing factors for Project Success?



Coderoos

Business Value

For project owners:

- Probability of project success
- Features for a successful project







Business Value

For pledgers:

- Identify if a project is promising
- When to pledge?

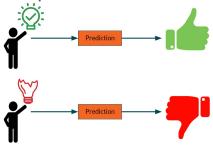






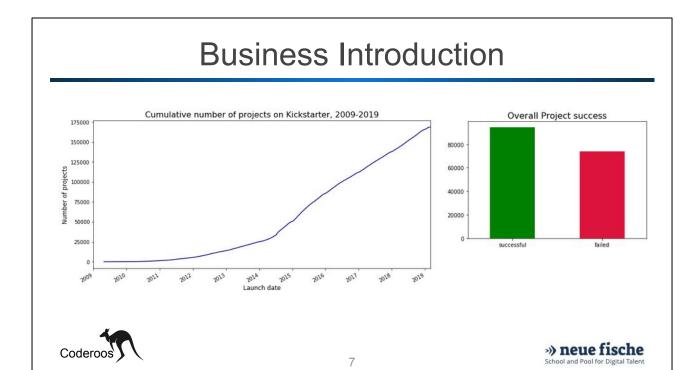
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- Analysis of the web scraped Data
 - > 200,000 projects, 37 features
- Prediction with multiple classification models

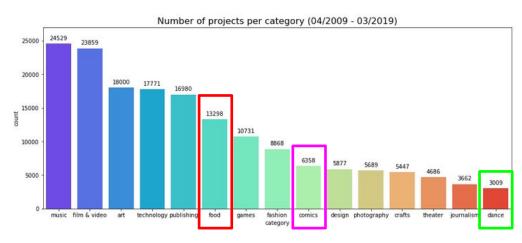








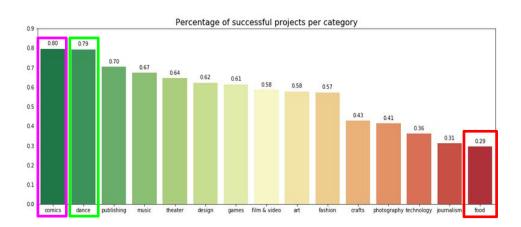
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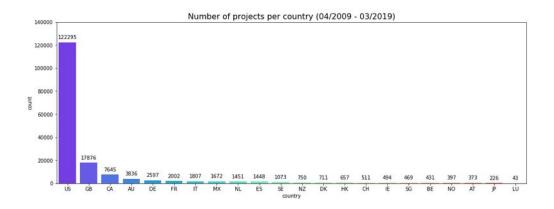
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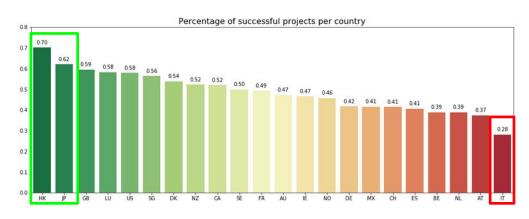
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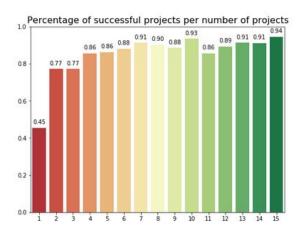
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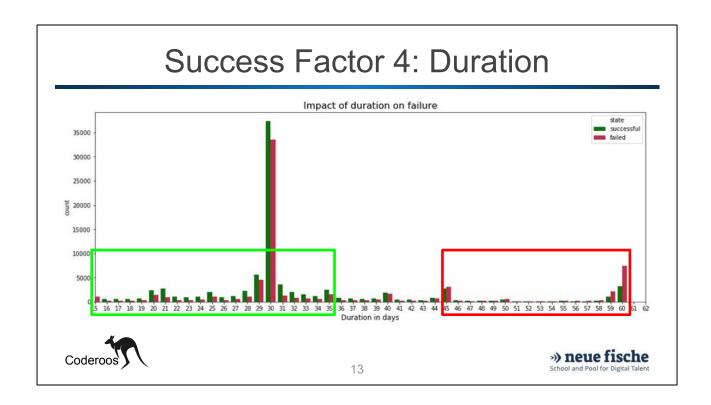


Success Factor 3: No. of projects

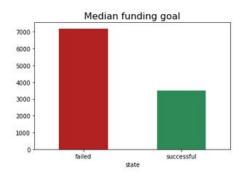








Success Factor 5: Funding goal







Prediction

Accuracy: 84%

(number of correct predictions)

Precision: 84% up to 87%

(correctly predicted success)





84 % prediction with a normal random forest, 86% with a random forest with PCA and GridSearch (loooong), and 87%precision for XGBoost

Recommendations

Optimizing success for project owners:

- Small and short projects tend to do better
- Creative categories
- Technical categories don't do well (Avoid)
- Get the quality up so staff spotlights you





Recommendations

How to identify promising projects as a pledger:

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- Location: Hongkong, Japan, Great Britain (avoid Italy)
- Users with Kickstarter experience tend to be more successful
- realistic funding goal
- Not too long duration for funding



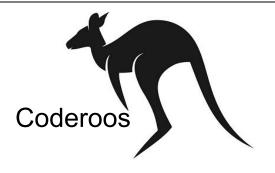


Future Work

- Get more data
- Further data analysis:
 - Name and description of projects
 - Timeframes
- Analyse market trends

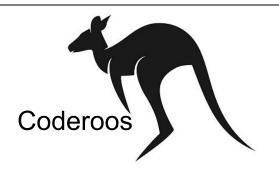






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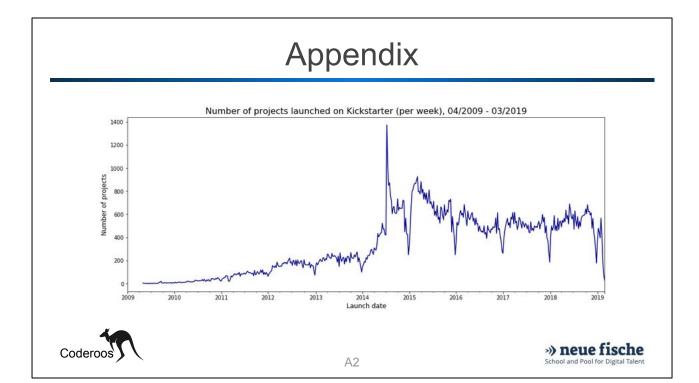


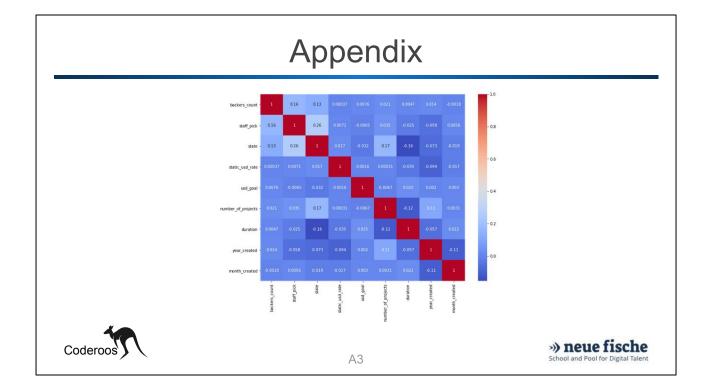


Appendix

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Appendix

Most important features used in the classification models:

- staff_pick
- usd_rate
- usd_goal
- duration
- number of projects
- categories



