# **Electric Vehicles Trends in Washington State**

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#### Abstract

In 2011, the United States sold just over 16,000 battery and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. That number had increased by a factor of a hundred by December 2020, to approximately 1.7 million automobiles. By the middle of 2021, total sales of plug-in electric vehicles had topped 2 million. We have narrowed down particularly to the state of Washington's EV sales data from 2017 to 2021. The aim of our investigation firstly is to analyze the sales trend over the years, company and model wise sales distribution and secondly we are looking into factors like reduction in cost of renewable energy source which have either led to or affected the rise in EV sales, thus drawing a correlation between them and concluding based on the analysis.

#### I. Introduction

Between 2010 and 2020, the electric car market in the United States grew from a few thousand vehicles to over 315,000 vehicles sold yearly. Electric vehicles accounted for about 2.4 percent of new car sales in 2020, up from nearly 2 percent in 2019.

States with ZEV legislation had a combined new electric car share of 5% and at least 13 more electric models available than states without such regulations, which had a 1.3 percent average electric vehicle share. ZEV-required states accounted for around two-thirds of electric vehicle sales in 2020, but less than one-third of overall light-duty vehicle sales.

The growth of renewable energy will have a significant impact on electric vehicle sales. In 2021, \$105 billion in additional private capital will be invested in the US energy transition, an increase of 11% year over year and 70% over the previous five years. Clean energy received \$47 billion (45 percent), electrified transportation received \$35 billion (34 percent), and hydrogen investments doubled to \$200 million in 2021. Furthermore, the US grid installed nearly 4.2 GW of battery capacity in 2021, more than in the previous five years

combined. This was due to the increased demand for batteries brought on by the rise of renewable energy, particularly solar.

EVs currently account for about 2 to 3% of the new-vehicle market, despite exponential rise. Passenger car fleets typically last 20 years, whereas truck fleets last 25 years. Even under the most hopeful scenarios, the shift to electric vehicles will be gradual. By 2025, new electric vehicle sales will have a minor impact on overall emissions. but thev will increasingly essential in the decades ahead. During this long-term transition, continued gains in gasoline vehicle fuel efficiency are crucial to reducing GHG emissions. Vehicle cost—especially for bigger vehicles—and public charging significant technology and availability are impediments to more broad adoption of EVs. Government initiatives and ongoing innovation will be critical in accelerating the transition to electric vehicles.

#### II. Innovation

Despite having a transactional dataset we were able to produce a dataset for analytical processes. This helped us understand that no data is bad data and every data is useful when adequate time is spent on understanding it. Also, we used Socrata Open Data API to pull additional information from the US government website which gave us the geo-location for the vehicles. Combining data from different sources improves the analytical processes and provides more insights. The correlation between the sales of electric vehicles and factors affecting its sales was done in two different Data Warehouse, Sales dataset was loaded onto AWS redshift whereas dataset with factors affecting it's sales was loaded onto MariaDB so in this process we had the experience of working on two different RDBMS and get to know the differences in the working of Redshift and MariaDB

## III. Significance to the real world

"Our reliance on petroleum makes us vulnerable to price spikes and supply interruptions," according to Energy.gov. Because practically all electricity in the United States is generated domestically, including coal, nuclear, natural gas, and renewable sources, EVs help to mitigate this threat. The elimination of dangerous exhaust emissions such as particles (soot), volatile organic hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, compounds. ozone, lead, and different oxides of nitrogen is one of the many environmental advantages of electric vehicles over conventional gas-powered vehicles. The average electric vehicle in the United States presently emits the same amount of pollution as a gasoline car that gets 100 miles per gallon or more, and emissions are only reducing as renewable energy is added to the electric grid. Driving an electric vehicle decreases your own carbon footprint and contributes to global climate change goals and the 1.5°C lifestyle, which is consistent with the Paris Agreement targets. Electric vehicles will become even more environmentally friendly. Fresh Energy will be present throughout the process, shaping and driving innovative policy for a just, carbon-free future that benefits everyone. With this project we want to shed light on how EV sales have increased over the past given the above reasons. This report will be beneficial for organizations or people who want to understand the relation between renewable energy sources and electric vehicle sales.

#### IV. Literature Review

In the United States, Transportation accounts for over 28% of total energy consumption and 26% of carbon relation emissions in the atmosphere. The number is quite high and in the long run harmful for the environment and the people. Battery electric and Hybrid electric vehicles are the most promising opinions to decarbonize transportation.

Electric vehicles promise increased energy security by reducing reliance on foreign fuels, lowering greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, boosting economic growth through the development of new technologies and industries, and improving public health by improving local air quality.

Vehicle costs, decreased driving ranges, long charging periods, and the requirement for charging infrastructure are all significant technological, social, and economic impediments to broad adoption of electric automobiles. Furthermore, people who are unfamiliar with electric vehicles are unsure of their costs and benefits, and they have a variety of needs that current electric vehicles may not be able to meet.

These factors have made a shift from natural gas to electric vehicles slow-paced in most of the countries. However, improvement in technologies and awareness of the disasters that are being caused by natural fuels are creating conditions that favor alternate transportation fuels. Also, the currently available climate models are predicting a near-surface warming trend due to a rise in the levels of greenhouse gasses. Over one-sixth of the earth's population relies on glaciers for water supply, the climate changes can have an adverse effect on these water bodies

These studies have piqued the interest for us to dig further and find out the rate of adoption of electric vehicles. This project can be extended further to help us find out how external factors influence the adoption of electric vehicles.

## V. Project Development Methodology

 The project structure and timeline was discussed during in-person meetings and accordingly set up on ConceptBoard. We followed fibonacci's agile methodology.

- The tasks created in Conceptboard were assigned to team members on Jira board and after each sprint we had project update meetings. (1 sprint = 2 weeks)
- Github was used for version control and source code management.
- We used python libraries like Pandas for data cleaning and processing
- Data modeling and ER diagrams were modeled on draw io
- Data visualization is done by using Tableau.
- The use of pair programming has enhanced the project's time management for development and testing.
- Using this strategy, fostering teamwork among the team was also quite simple. We can state that adopting a pair programming approach alongside development has had a very favorable impact on the project outcome.

#### VI. Database Structure

In this project, we have used a data warehouse and a relational database. The data warehouse consists of the data related to electric vehicles and their sales. Whereas, the relational database consists of yearly data for several factors that may have influenced the growth of electric vehicles.

The AWS Redshift data warehouse consists of the tables namely Vehicle, Company, Sale, Location, and Geo-Location.

## A. Vehicle

• **DOL\_Vehicle\_ID**: It is a unique number given to each vehicle by the government with the intention to identify the vehicles.

- Company\_ID: A serially allocated number to identify the company of the vehicle.
- **Model**: The model of the electric vehicle of a certain company.
- Model\_Year: The year in which the model was created.
- Clean\_Alternative\_Fuel\_Vehicle\_T ype: This identifies whether the type of vehicle is an electric or plug-in hybrid.
- CAFV\_Eligibilty: Based on the fuel requirement and electric-only range requirement of the House Bill 2042, passed in the legislative session of 2019, it categorizes the vehicle.
- **Primary\_Use**: Describes the primary purpose of the vehicle
- Electric\_Range: Determines how much distance a vehicle can travel on a single electric charge.

## B. Company

- Company\_Id: A serially allocated number to identify the company of the vehicle.
- **Make**: The name of the company which manufactured the vehicle

#### C. Sales

- Sale\_ID: A serially allocated number to identify a sale of a vehicle.
- **DOL\_Vehicle\_ID**: It is a unique number given to each vehicle by the government with the intention to identify the vehicles.
- Sale\_Price: The price at which the vehicle was sold (in dollars).
- Sale\_Date: The date on which the ownership of the vehicle changed.
- New\_Used\_Vehicle: Determines if the vehicle being sold is new or used.

## D. Location

- **DOL\_Vehicle\_ID**: It is a unique number given to each vehicle by the government with the intention to identify the vehicles.
- **State**: The state in which the owner of the vehicle resides

- **County**: The county in which the owner of the vehicle resides.
- **City**: The city in which the owner of the vehicle resides.
- **Zip\_Code**: The zip code of the owner of the vehicle resides.

#### E. Geo-Location

- Latitude: Geographic coordinates of the center of the Zipcode.
- **Longitude**: Geographic coordinates of the center of the Zipcode.

The MariaDB database consists of three tables namely Factor Year, Factor Indicator and Factor Values.

#### F. Factor Year

- Year\_ID: A serially allocated number to identify the year.
- Year: The year in which a value for an indicator was recorded.

#### G. Factor Indicator

- **Indicator\_ID**: A serially allocated number to identify an indicator.
- **Indicator**: A factor that could have influenced the growth of electric vehicles.
- **Metric**: The unit of measurement for an indicator

#### H. Factor Values

- Year\_ID: A serially allocated number to identify the year.
- **Indicator\_ID**: A serially allocated number to identify an indicator.

**Value**: The recorded data for a particular indicator in a particular year.

## VII. Entity-Relationship Diagram

An **entity-relationship diagram** illustrates the relationship between a multitude of data points. In an entity-relationship representation, there are two components - entity and relationships. An **entity** is an object about which the data will be stored or captured in the form of properties. A **relationship** is a connection between the entities stored.

Since we have a data warehouse and a database, we had to create separate entity-relationship diagrams before creating and storing the data in their respective tables. The entity-relationship representation helps us understand which data belongs to which table and how they will be connected to the other tables using **keys**.

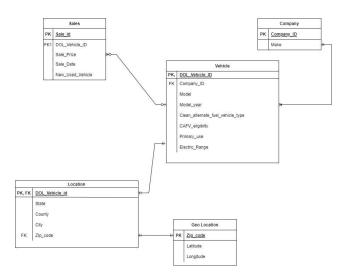


Fig No. (1) Entity Relationship Diagram for Data Warehouse



Fig No. (2) Entity Relationship Diagram for Database

## VIII. Analysis and Business Decision

- We inspect the dataset of 89,158 electric vehicles being distributed over 642 zip codes in Washington state from 2017 to 2021.
- The total sales went from 0.49 Billions (in 2017) to 1.43 Billions (in 2021), which is as much as three times.
- Among EV companies in the market, Tesla is the leading brand with total sales of 2,255 Millions (which is half of total sales of all companies from 2017 to 2021).
- The average mileage range of all EVs is about 107miles (with Hybrid vehicles being

brought to the picture). Some companies have vehicles above average mileage are Tesla (up to 238miles), Chevrolet (up to 213miles).

- CO2 emissions from transportations, petroleum, and gasoline have been raising up to 13% from 1990 to 2021.
- Dollar per kWh of usable lithium-ion batteries has been decreasing significantly from 2008 to 2011 (-87%).
- Costs to produce other renewable energies have also been reduced up to 85% (Solar photovoltaic).
- From the analysis, we can see that the demand of EVs has been rising in the last few years and tends to continue increasing in the future, with Tesla being the dominant of the EV market.
- Other companies might want to think about doing partnerships with Tesla to further grow their business. Another way is to think about focusing on product development (increasing mileage ranges, moderating model designs, ensuring mechanic securities).
- There are many reasons for the rise of EVs, which include factors that we have analyzed such as costs of renewable energy reduction, lower batteries cost, and the increasing of CO2 emissions.

## IX. Design steps and tools used

No	Task	Tools Used
1	Project Scope	Team meeting on Google meets, Brainstorming
2	Project Proposal	Google doc, Team meeting on Google Meet
3	EV Dataset	Kaggle,
4	Project Planning	Concept Board

5	Bug and Status Tracking	Jira Board
6	Data Model	MySQL Workbench, Draw.io
7	Physical Schema	Redshift
8	Raw Data Storage	CSV File, Amazon Simple Storage Services(S3)
9	Cleaning/ETL	Python Pandas, AWS Glue, Jupyter Notebook
10	Loading Data(CSV) on Tables	Using Aws Glue Job, MariaDb
11	Data Analysis	Amazon redshift database, Jupyter Notebook (Python libraries)
12	Data Visualization	Tableau, Python seaborn Library, Matplotlib, Pandas
13	Code integration and testing	Python, Amazon Redshift
14	Project Report	Google Doc, Excel Sheet, Latex
15	Project PPT	Google Slides, Prezi, Canva
16	Version Control	Github Repository

#### X. Technical Difficulties

#### - With Python:

Our Kaggle dataset consisted of transactional data relating to the title changes of activity (transactions ownership) and registration (transactions authorizing vehicles that can be used on the roads of Washington), which then had to be converted into vehicle population data. We solved this problem by selecting data that had Transaction Type as Original Title which gave us unique vehicle rows.

- The column Geo location had the latitude and longitude as a dictionary for each row.
   We used the from\_dict function in pandas and manipulated the column to get separate columns for both latitude and longitude.
- Since we had vehicle transactions such as sales and we did not want to lose data that are not unique but yet have some value, we decided to create separate data frames for sales and vehicle population. Here the vehicle population will consist of unique vehicle information and sales would contain all the sales transactions of those vehicles.

#### - With AWS

- While Connecting redshift to tableau we faced issues in permission configuration and we were able to resolve it by making our cluster public for users with the endpoint URL, modifying subnet settings and using the endpoint URL instead of JDBC URL.
- While running Glue job we faced an error in execution, we resolved it by checking the security groups attached with the glue job and editing the inbound rules as at least one security group must open all ingress ports

#### With Tableau

 When creating worksheets, we encountered problems with creating global filters to make connections among other worksheets. This is then solved by applying parameters, sets, and creating calculated fields.

#### XI. Data Visualization

- After finishing data wrangling steps, we bring our database closer to stakeholders and people with interests by doing visualization. This is a way to bring patterns, trends that derive messages, insights so stakeholders can make good decisions.
- The tool that we picked for our visualization is Tableau. We used Tableau Desktop, which

is a visualization software to connect with our database, and created charts, diagrams to show concise and clean information.

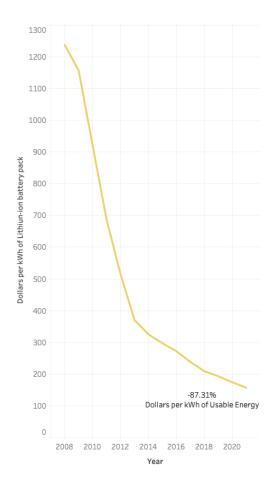


Fig No. (3) Cost to produce lithium-ion batteries

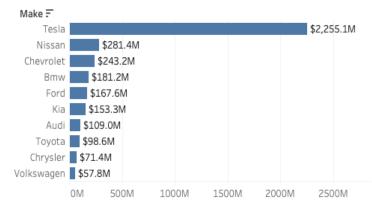


Fig No. (4) Top 10 companies with highest sales

## XII. AWS Implementation

We loaded the data into S3 buckets in AWS, created a VPC Endpoint, and then moved the data from S3 to Glue Catalog, where we used Glue jobs to load the data from S3 to Redshift, and then connected this RDBMS database to tableau to perform required visualizations.

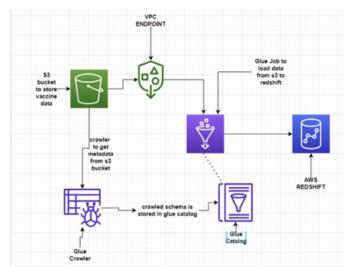


Fig No. (5) AWS implementation steps

#### XIII. Lessons Learnt

- We learned the importance of data cleaning and realized how it is one of the most time consuming parts of the project.
- Data Modeling is a crucial step and best practices must be used while doing it as it helps in reducing the query processing and also works well with Tableau (BI Tool)
- We learned the usage of RDBMS MariaDb and connecting with tableau.
- We leveraged the AWS platform and used S3, redshift, and glue to load the clean dataset and perform exploratory analysis.
- We created global filters and created interactive tableau dashboard representing comprehensive information

#### XIV. Version control

We uploaded our work to a created git repository and public the codes. In this way, we can keep track of our progress and we can show code walkthroughs during the presentation.

Link:

https://github.com/slushi7/ElectricVehicle\_Analysis DATA225

#### XV. Essential Outcomes

- Sales Trend of Electric vehicles in USA
  - o Top 10 company sales distribution over the years from 2017 to 2021
  - o County wise sales of electric vehicles
  - o Top 10 companies with average electric range.
  - o Total sale value distribution of electric vehicles from 2017 to 2021
  - o Distribution of total sales as new and used vehicle
  - o Battery Electric Vehicle Vs Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle sales comparison from 2017 to 2021
  - o Count of vehicles by make (company).
- Factors affecting sales of Electric vehicles
  - Continuous decrease in price of renewable energy sources including solar energy, thermal energy, wind energy.
- Effects of increase in sales of Electric vehicles
  - Year on year there has been an increase in CO2 emissions but over the past years as sales of Electric vehicles have been on rise we observed constant emission values instead of rise.
- Direct factor which can lead to more production of electric vehicles
  - We have observed a continuous and steep decrease in the price of

production of lithium ion battery which is a major boost for EV companies to manufacture more EVS

#### XVI. Future Work

- In the future, we can use the same data warehouse to store similar data for the other states in the United States of America to see the trend of electric vehicles throughout the country.
- The factors that affect the adoption of electric vehicles are not limited to the indicators that we have captured. We can further research those factors and visualize if they are correlated with the adoption of electric vehicles. A few of such factors could be the charging rate of electric vehicles and improvements in battery technology.
- As the volume of data keeps increasing we can implement a star or a snowflake schema for our data warehouse to increase performance.

#### XVII. Conclusion

Electric vehicles (EVs) have yet to achieve widespread adoption at scale, despite gaining widespread awareness in a short period of time. Cost is one of the most significant barriers to mainstream EV adoption. The cost of purchasing an electric vehicle is the main worry for 67 percent of consumers. These fears are well-founded: an EV can cost anywhere from 10% to over 40% more than a comparable gasoline-only car. However, early adopters, on the other hand, have reacted

positively to the many advantages of electric vehicles, including lower lifetime costs, better performance, and a less carbon footprint. Lower operating expenses, along with lower up-front expenditures, make EVs more appealing to a wider range of customers, particularly low-income drivers. Currently, transportation expenditures form a substantial part of overall household expenses, and with this more inexpensive, accessible choice, low-income households will most benefit from these reductions.

XVIII. Term Project Rubric

Criteria	Comments	Pts
Presentation skills Include time management	[Evaluated by professor and classmates during presentation]	5 pts
Code Walkthrough	Source code is in the Git repository with the link provided. Code walkthrough will be presented in class	3 pts
Discussion / Q&A	[Asked and evaluated by professor and classmates during presentation; Answers by our group]	4 pts
Demo	https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/varun.jaiswal/ viz/ElectricVehicleTrendAnalysisForWashingtonWi ththeReasonforEVBoom/Story1	5 pts
Version Control Use of Git / GitHub or equivalent; must be publicly accessible	https://github.com/slushi7/ElectricVehicle_Analysis _DATA225	3 pts
Significance to the real world	Included in report	5 pts
Lessons learned Included in the report and presentation? How substantial and unique are they?	Included in report	5 pts
Innovation	Included in report	5 pts
Teamwork	Using Conceptboard to divide work to everyone, then we practiced pair programming, and applied Agile approach.	5 pts
Technical difficulty	Included in report	4 pts
Practiced pair programming?	Pair programming is done once every week (to help anyone with difficulties in implementation) and once after a sprint is due (to keep track of the plan)	2 pts

Practiced agile / scrum (1-week sprints)? Submit evidence on Canvas - meeting minutes, other artifacts	Shown in Concept board and Jira Proof of history meeting link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QYNZco08u YoZ88Prx1saONdjLRyuiqi1xYvBnI4E0S0/edit?usp =sharing	3 pts
Used Grammarly / other tools for language? Grammarly free version is sufficient; can use other tools as well. Submit report screenshot on Canvas.	We used Grammarly to check for sentence structure, grammar, and word spell.	2 pts
Slides	Shown in presentation slides	5 pts
Report Format, completeness, language, plagiarism, whether turnItIn could process it (no unnecessary screenshots), etc	Every requirement has been put in the report itself with plagiarism being checked. The report is graded and evaluated by the professor.	5 pts
Used unique tools for writing report	Latex (proof link: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1DUdBgzfx Uo1vTL5UfAaW1BlfBYrhDowY?usp=sharing), google docs	5 pts
Performed substantial analysis using database techniques Project must include an analytics component	Analysis was done by Amazon Redshift, Jupyter notebook, and Tableau visualization tool.	3 pts

Used a new database or data warehouse tool not covered in the HW or class	We used Amazon Redshift for data warehousing, and MariaDB to store dimension and fact tables.	3 pts
Used appropriate data modeling techniques	draw.io	5 pts
Used ETL tool	AWS Glue, Python library Pandas	3 pts
Demonstrated how Analytics support business decisions	Included in report	3 pts
Used RDBMS Idea is to exercise as many topics from the course as possible	Used MariaDB	2 pts
Used Data Warehouse Idea is to exercise as many topics from the course as possible	We used Amazon Redshift data warehousing	3 pts
Includes DB Connectivity / API calls Possibly using Python	We used API calls to get EVs sales data from data.gov	3 pts

## XIX. Credit taxonomy

Terms	Who
Conceptualization	Everyone
Data curation	Dhruv, Tam, Purva
Formal Analysis	Tam, Dhruv, Varun
Funding acquisition	Everyone
Investigation	Everyone
Methodology	Everyone
Project administration	Dhruv, Soumith, Varun
Resources	Purva, Tam, Soumith
Software	Everyone
Supervision	Varun, Dhruv
Validation	Everyone
Visualization	Dhruv, Tam, Varun
Writing - original draft	Purva, Soumith
Writing - review & editing	Everyone

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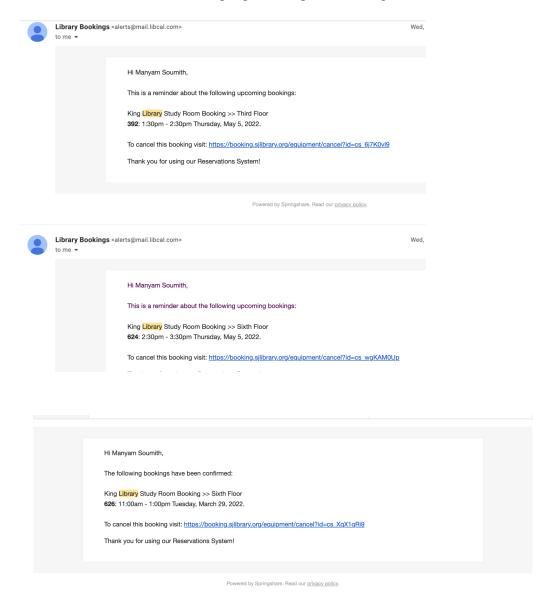
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## XXI. Appendix

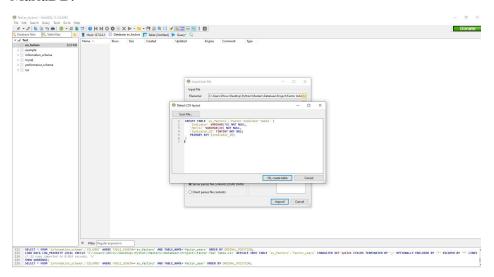
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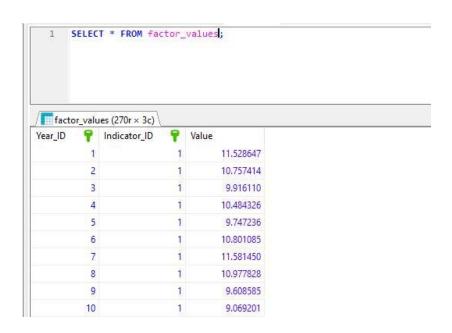
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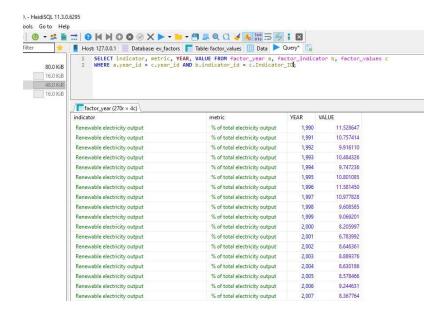
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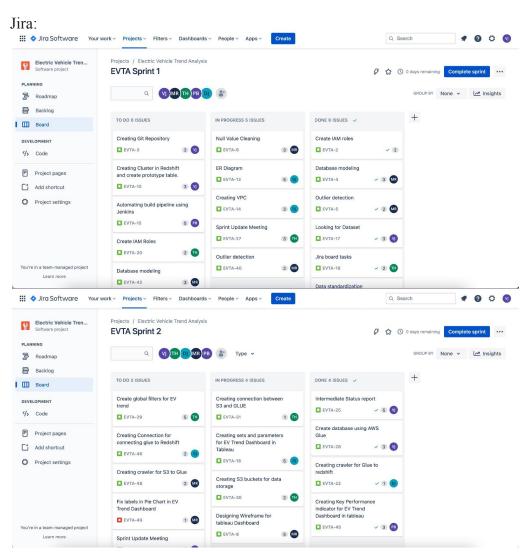


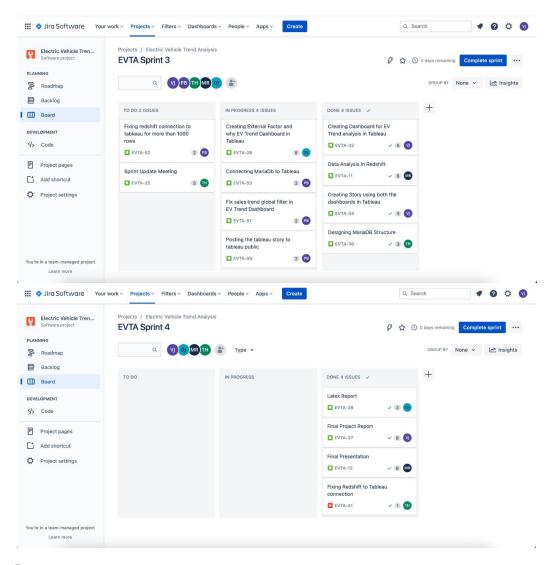
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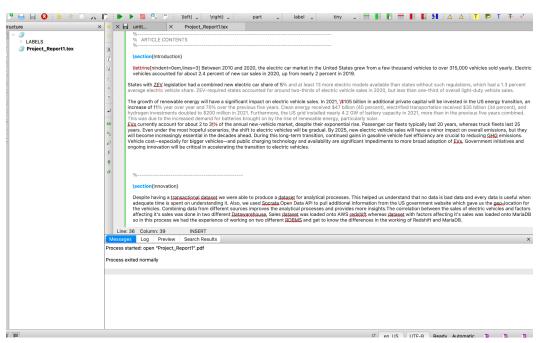








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#### Version Control:

Github was used to share our work and keep track of progress. It is a public repository so that anyone can have a look into the project and suggest improvements. It also acts as a tool to showcase our work. Apart from being able to track code changes, it also helps in collaboration and



