

Cyber Security MOOC Analysis

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Introduction This report analyzes learner data from the Newcastle University Cyber Security MOOC. The analysis follows the CRISP-DM methodology to generate insights for course stakeholders.

CRISP-DM Cycle 1: Learner Demographics 1. Business Understanding Objective: To identify the geographic origin and age profile of learners.

Stakeholder Value: Understanding the demographics allows Newcastle University to tailor content localization and difficulty levels to the specific audience.

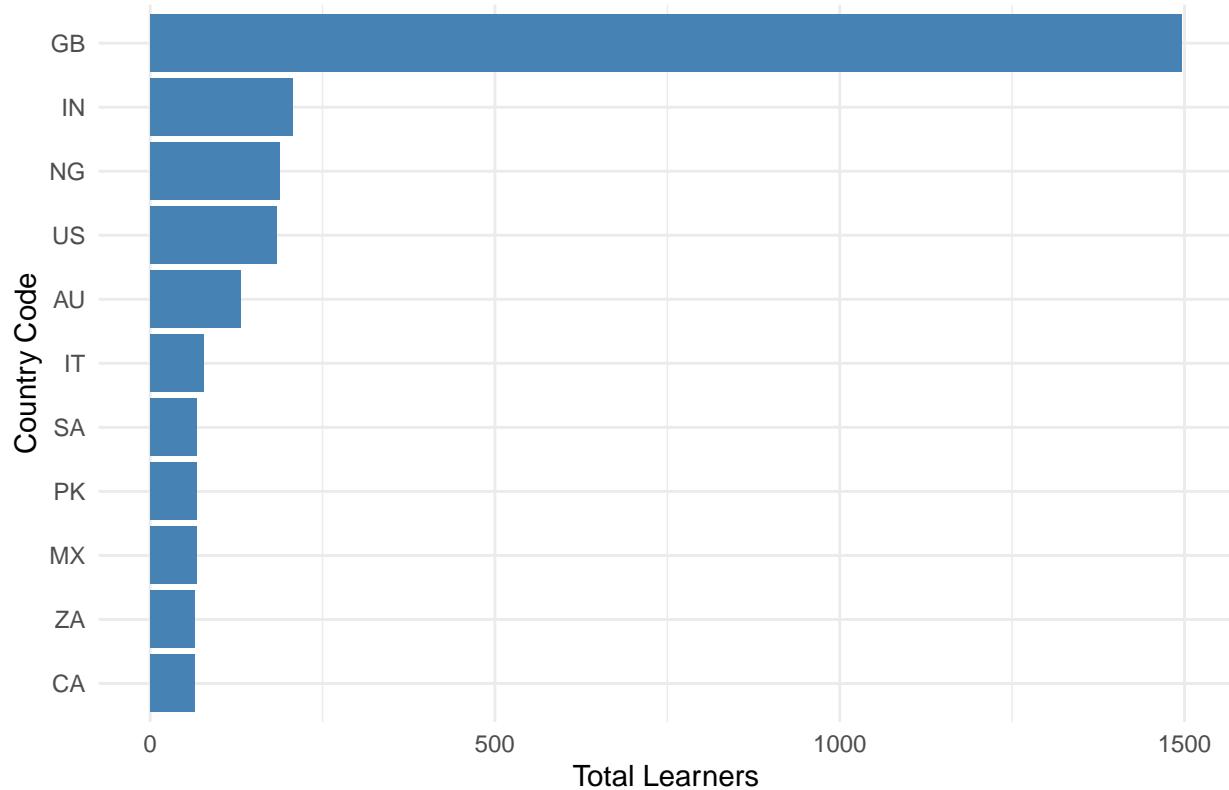
2. Data Understanding

Data Source: We utilize the enrolments datasets, which contain demographic details such as country, age_range, and gender. Data Quality: “Unknown” or missing values were identified in demographic columns and are filtered out to prevent skewing the results. +1

3. Modeling (Data Visualization)

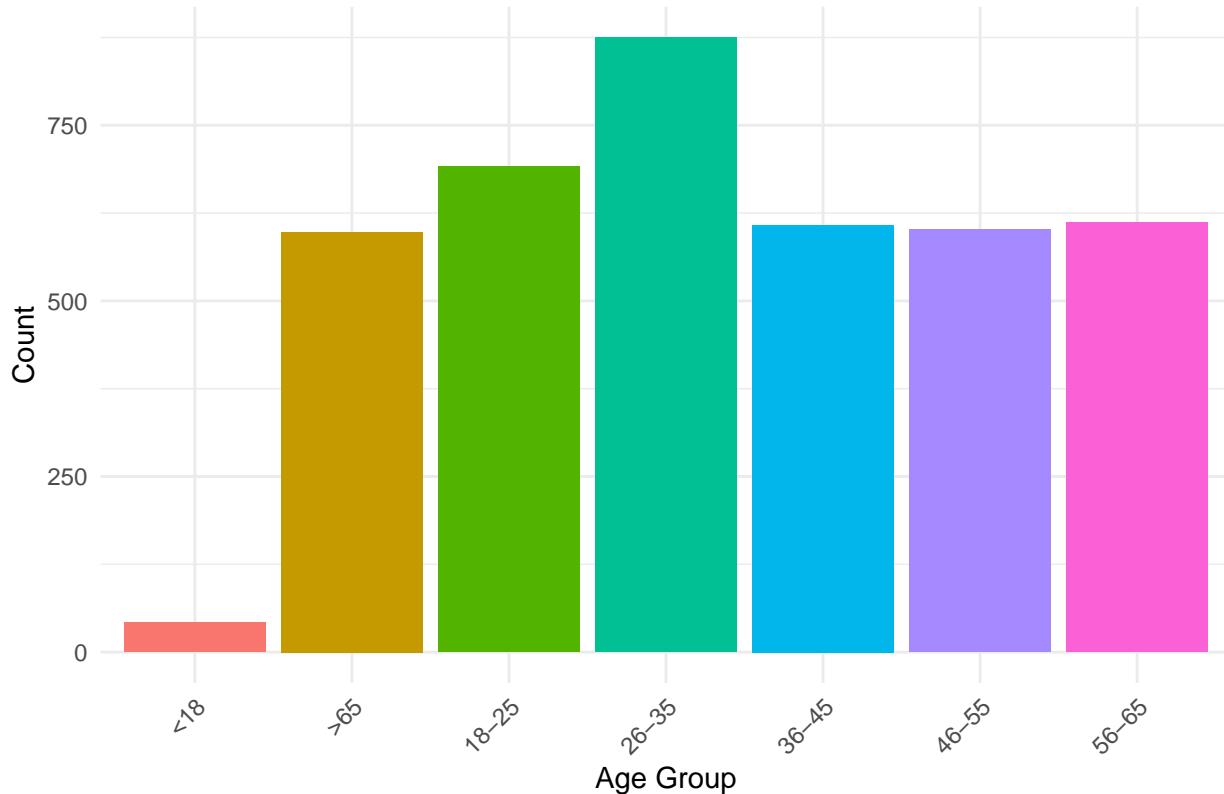
Visualization 1: Top 10 Countries

Top 10 Countries by Enrollment



Visualization 2: Age Distribution

Learner Age Group Distribution



4. Evaluation

The analysis highlights that the majority of learners are from the UK (GB) and India (IN) and fall into the professional age range (26-45).

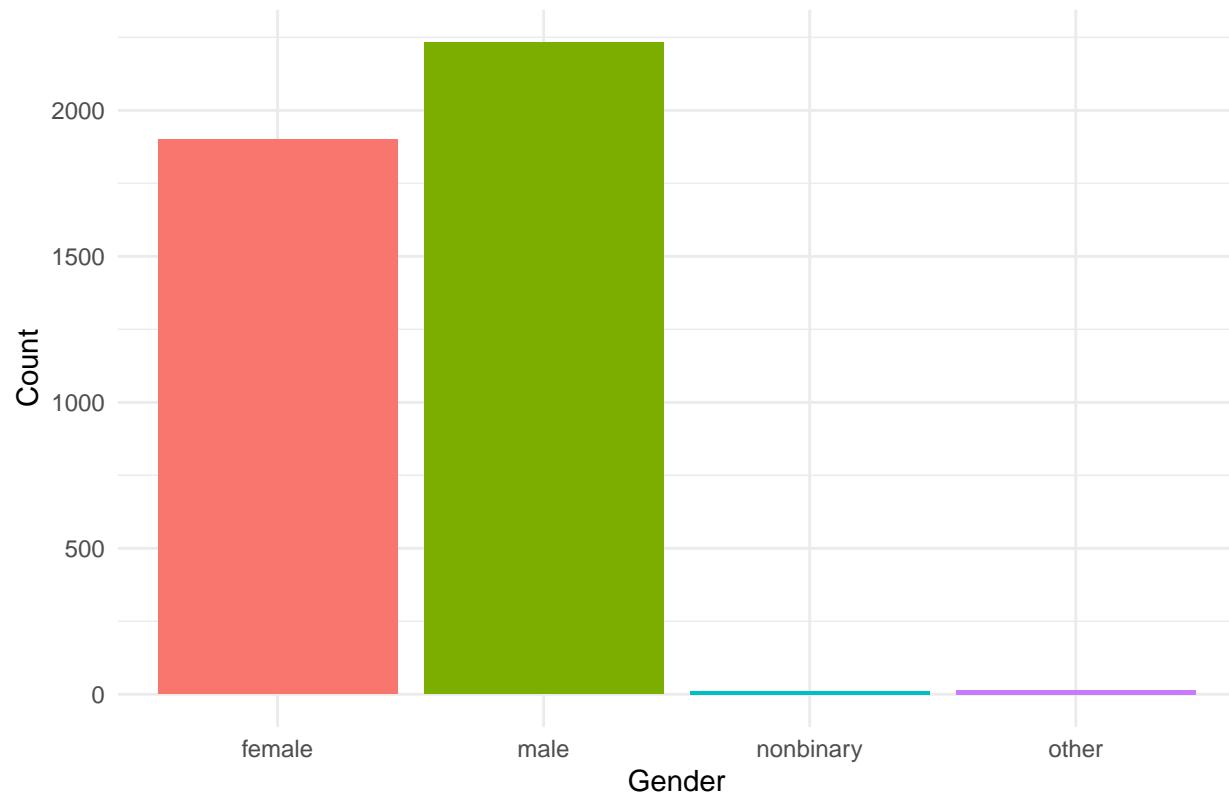
CRISP-DM Cycle 2: Diversity & Engagement 1. Business Understanding Research Question: How diverse is the learner base (Gender) and does engagement drop off over time (Weekly Activity)?

Connection: Building on Cycle 1, we now investigate if the professional audience we identified is gender-balanced and whether they are completing the course.

2. Modeling (Visualizations)

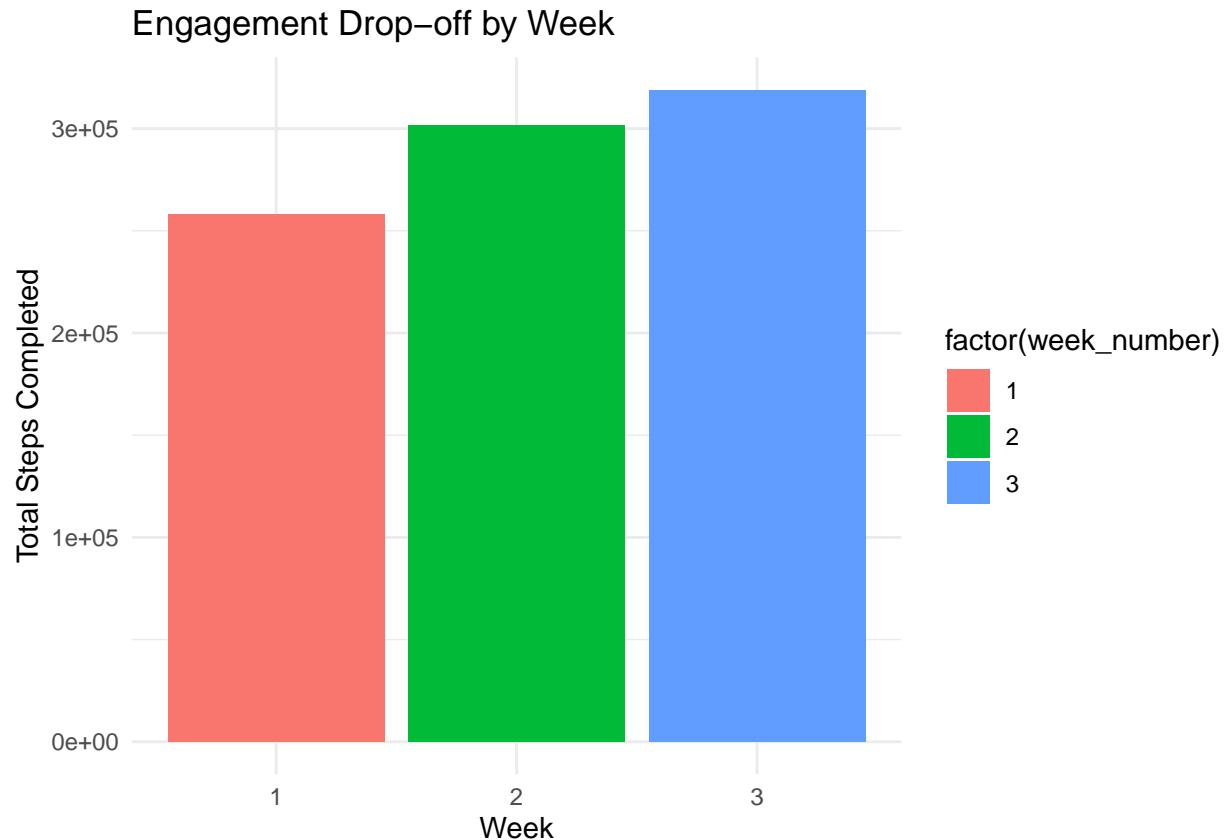
Visualization 3: Gender Diversity

Gender Distribution of Learners



Visualization 4: Weekly Engagement

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3. Evaluation & Deployment Findings: The gender gap suggests male dominance in the course, and engagement drops significantly after Week 1.

Deployment: Newcastle University should target female professionals in marketing campaigns and introduce “quick win” milestones in Week 2 to improve retention.