Location Analyzer

A powerful tool for analyzing Google Location History data to generate detailed travel reports, city visits, and location jump analysis.

Features

- **[ii] Comprehensive Analysis**: Analyzes Google Location History JSON files
- **Example 2** City & Country Detection: Identifies all cities and countries visited
- *** Time Tracking**: Calculates time spent in each location
- **Location Jumps**: Tracks significant movements between cities
- **Distance Calculation**: Computes total travel distance
- CSV Exports: Generates detailed reports in CSV format
- **Dual Interface**: Both web application and desktop GUI
- **High Performance**: Modern async processing for large datasets

Project Structure

```
location_analyzer/
    - analyzer_bridge.py
                          # Bridge between interfaces and analyzers
                     # Flask web application
     app.py
                         # CSV export utilities
    - csv_exporter.py
     geo_utils.py
                       # Geocoding utilities
     gui_app.py
                       # Desktop GUI application
                          # Fallback synchronous analyzer
     legacy_analyzer.py
    location_analyzer.py # Modern async analyzer (primary)
     requirements.txt
                         # Python dependencies
    config/
                      # Configuration files
      gui_config.json
                       # GUI settings
      web_config.json # Web app settings
      geo_cache.json
                          # Geocoding cache
    - templates/
                       # Web interface templates
      index.html
      - results.html
     uploads/
                      # Uploaded files storage
                      # Analysis results
     outputs/
                     # Application logs
    - logs/
```

Quick Start

Prerequisites

- 1. Python 3.8+ installed on your system
- 2. Google Location History data exported from Google Takeout
- 3. **Geoapify API key** (free at <u>geoapify.com</u>)

Installation

- 1. Clone or download this project
- 2. Install dependencies:

```
bash
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

- 3. **Get your Geoapify API key** (required for geocoding):
 - Visit geoapify.com

- Sign up for a free account
- Copy your API key

Export Google Location History

- 1. Go to Google Takeout
- 2. Select "Location History (Timeline)"
- 3. Choose **JSON format** (not KML)
- 4. Download and extract the ZIP file
- 5. Find the "Records.json" file in the Location History folder

Usage

Option 1: Web Interface (Recommended)

1. Start the web application:

bash
python app.py

- 2. **Open your browser** to: (http://localhost:5000)
- 3. **Upload and analyze**:
 - Select your Google Location History JSON file
 - Set date range for analysis
 - Enter your Geoapify API key
 - Click "Analyze Location History"
- 4. Download results:
 - View analysis summary
 - Download CSV files with detailed reports

Option 2: Desktop GUI

1. Start the GUI application:

bash

2. Configure settings:

- Browse and select your JSON file
- Set output directory
- Enter API keys
- Set date range
- 3. Run analysis and view progress in real-time

📊 Output Files

The analyzer generates several CSV files:

city_jumps.csv

- Date/Time of each location change
- From/To cities with distance and duration
- Travel patterns and movement analysis

by_city_location_days.csv

- Time spent in each city (fractional days)
- Ranked by duration of stay
- City, Country format for clarity

by_state_location_days.csv

- **Time spent** in each state/country
- **Useful for** international travel analysis
- Consolidated view of regional visits

analysis_summary.txt

- Overview statistics (total distance, cities, jumps)
- Top 10 cities by time spent
- Top 10 states/countries by time spent

Configuration

API Keys

- Geoapify (Required): Free geocoding service
- Google Maps (Optional): Enhanced accuracy for geocoding

Settings Persistence

- Web app: Settings saved in (config/web_config.json)
- **GUI app**: Settings saved in (config/gui_config.json)
- **Geocoding cache**: Saved in config/geo_cache.json (speeds up repeated analysis)

Performance Tuning

For large files (>100MB):

- Use the **web interface** (better for large datasets)
- Ensure stable internet connection for geocoding
- Analysis may take 10-30 minutes for very large files

Troubleshooting

Common Issues

"Analyzer not available" error:

bash

pip install aiohttp pandas flask werkzeug

"Template not found" error:

• Ensure (templates/) folder exists with (index.html) and (results.html)

Import errors:

- Run from the project root directory
- Check that all (.py) files are in the same folder

Geocoding fails:

- Verify your Geoapify API key is correct
- Check internet connection
- Free tier allows 3,000 requests/day

Performance Tips

- 1. Use date ranges to analyze specific periods
- 2. Cache is automatic repeated analysis of same locations is faster
- 3. Close other applications for large file processing
- 4. **Stable internet** required for geocoding API calls

Updating

To update the project:

- 1. Backup your config folder (contains your settings and cache)
- 2. Replace all Python files with new versions
- 3. Restore your config folder
- 4. Run (pip install -r requirements.txt) to update dependencies

Technical Details

Architecture

- Modern async analyzer (location_analyzer.py): Primary engine using async/await for efficient API calls
- Legacy analyzer (legacy_analyzer.py): Fallback synchronous processor
- Bridge module (analyzer_bridge.py): Automatically selects best analyzer and handles compatibility

Data Processing

- 1. Parse Google Location History JSON (multiple formats supported)
- 2. **Filter** significant location changes (configurable thresholds)
- 3. **Geocode** coordinates to city/country names (with intelligent caching)
- 4. Calculate distances, time spent, and location jumps
- 5. **Export** comprehensive reports in CSV format

Geocoding Cache

- Automatic caching reduces API calls and speeds up analysis
- **Precision-based** grouping (nearby coordinates share same result)
- **Persistent storage** in (config/geo_cache.json)
- Cache survives between sessions and different analyses

Support

Getting Help

- 1. Check this README for common solutions
- 2. **Verify file formats** (Google Location History must be JSON)
- 3. **Test with smaller date ranges** if having performance issues
- 4. Check API key validity at geoapify.com

File Requirements

- Google Location History in JSON format (from Google Takeout)
- Supported formats: Timeline objects, activity segments, place visits
- Date range: Any period within your location history
- File size: Tested up to 500MB+ files

License

This project is provided as-is for personal use in analyzing your own Google Location History data.

Enjoy exploring your travel history with detailed analytics!