**Hackathon Report**

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1. Pre-processing the dataset:
   1. Dropped columns with excessive null values.
   2. Filled columns having few missing values with mode of that column.
   3. Decomposed the ‘Crash Date/Time’ column into hour, minutes, date and day of week.
   4. Filled missing values of ‘Light’ column with mode of that column based on the hour of the day.
   5. Converted categorical data to numeric data using scikit-learn’s LabelEncoder.
   6. Normalized the dataset using scikit-learn’s MinMaxScaler.
   7. Replicated the above steps for pre-processing the test dataset.
2. Feature selection:
   1. Ranked the best features from the training dataset using scikit-learn’s feature selection tool ExtraTreesClassifier.
   2. Selected ‘k’ features from the ranked features for training our model.
3. Training the model:
   1. Filtered the dataset based on the number of columns we chose from the ranking of features.
   2. Divided the training data into training set and validation set with validation set consisting of 20% of rows of original dataset.
   3. Trained the dataset using RandomForestClassifier, GradientBoostingClassifier and XGBoostClassifier.
   4. The best accuracy score was achieved with the XGBoostClassifier.
   5. In order to find the best score, we fine-tuned the hyperparameters of each classifier.
   6. We also fine-tuned the number of features to select for our model by checking accuracy score for various values of ‘k’.