

USING DISNEY WORLD WAIT TIME DATA IN INTRO ANALYTICS CLASSES

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ABSTRACT

In this session, we discuss an approach for teaching data mining in an introductory business analytics course. We used publicly available data describing wait times for 11 different rides at Disney World and developed a case study. Students were required to clean, organize and analyze data using methods learned in class in order to answer case questions. We provide tips for instructors wishing to implement similar projects and present student feedback about the case.

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