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# Analysis of User Age Predictions in Public Satisfaction Surveys at Public Service Malls Using Decision Tree C4.5

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### **ABSTRACT**

This research analyzes the prediction of user age in the community satisfaction survey at the Public Service Mall (PSM) in Medan using the C4.5 Decision Tree algorithm. The primary objective of the study is to understand the demographic profile of users so that service managers can tailor their approaches to meet the needs of each age group. The data used includes 14,836 respondents with relevant demographic attributes. The analysis begins with data collection and preprocessing. The modeling results indicate that the Decision Tree model is effective in classifying users into age categories, including Late Senior, Early Senior, Middle Aged Adult, Young Adult, Late Teen, Early Teen, Child, and Toddler. The findings reveal a significant concentration in the Young Adult and Early Senior groups, indicating the need for adjustments in public services. The resulting recommendations aim to enhance service responsiveness to demographic needs and improve user satisfaction as well as the effectiveness of service strategies in the future.

Keyword: Decision Tree, C4.5, Age Prediction, Satisfaction Survey, Public Service Mall

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

The development of technology and communication has been rapidly advancing over time, driving the use and application of technological advancements across various fields and aspects of life. This has enabled human tasks to be completed more efficiently. (Arisusanto Aditya, Suarna Nana, 2023) (Lubis & Hendrik, 2023). One human task that can be efficiently completed using technology is extracting information through data mining. Data mining is a data processing technique used to uncover valuable insights from collected data (Ananda M. Risqi, Maharani Nurul Sandra, Fadhila Eka, Rahma Alvia, 2023). Within data mining, there is a classification technique used to categorize data, making it easier to classify and analyze (A'yuniyah Qurotul, 2023).

The Decision Tree is one of the most popular classification methods because it is easy for humans to interpret. It can break down complex decision-making processes into simpler, more understandable components (Rahmansyah Nur, Ningsih Sari, Lantana Dhieka Avrilia, Suryaningtyas Adisti, Wirawan Putri, Wijaya Sifonne Adi, 2023). The C4.5 algorithm is one of the algorithms used to create decision trees. The Decision Tree method transforms a large set of events into a tree structure that represents rules. These rules can be easily understood in natural language (Sri Rahayu et al., 2023).

The use of data mining can be applied across various fields, including government and public services, as well as the private sector. (Iftitah Amalia, 2023). Public Service Mall is an innovation designed to connect and bring local government closer to the community in providing services (Nababan & Situmorang, 2023). The Public Service Mall (PSM) of Medan has conducted a community satisfaction survey; however, the PSM faces challenges in predicting the age of users based on the results of this survey.

Understanding the predicted age of users based on community satisfaction surveys provides significant benefits for tailoring services and policies. By comprehending the age profiles of users, service managers can adjust the types of services, communication, and approaches to be more effective according to the needs and preferences of different age groups. Therefore, this study will focus on

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predicting the age of users at the Public Service Mall (PSM) in Medan using the Decision Tree C4.5 algorithm, with the aim of providing relevant recommendations for the development of better and more responsive services to meet community needs.

### 2. RESEARCH METHOD

a. Age Classification, according to the Ministry of Health the age classification is as follows: 1) Toddler: 0–5 Years; 2) Childhood: 5–11 Years; 3) Early Adolescence: 12–16 Years; 4) Late Adolescence: 17–25 Years; 5) Early Adulthood: 26–35 Years; 6) Late Adulthood: 36–45 Years; 7) Early Elderly: 46–55 Years; 8) Late Elderly: 56–65 Years; and 9) Senior Citizens: Over 65 Years (Nul, 2020).

b. Data Collection, the data collection used in this research is secondary data. Secondary data refers to existing data, whether from literature or sources published through reading, studying, quoting, and summarizing data related to the issues being discussed (Rahmawati Wahyu Eka, 2023). The secondary data is sourced from users of the Community Satisfaction Survey at the Public Service Mall in Medan, conducted from February to May 2024, with a total of 14,836 respondents.

c. Preprocessing, the obtained data undergoes preprocessing. Preprocessing is an essential step in the data mining process (Purbolaksono et al., 2021). Preprocessing is a step in preparing textual data to be used so that it can be processed in the next step (Permataning Tyas et al., 2022). The preprocessing stages involve removing data that contains null or empty values and restructuring the data through data cleaning and transformation. This step aims to ensure that the data to be processed is more organized and facilitates the modeling process (Septhya Dhini, Rahayu Khairisma, Rabbani Salsabila, Fitria Vindi, Rahmaddeni, Irawan Yuda, 2022). To ensure a high-quality dataset that adheres to prediction application rules, we remove the following fields: name, tenant, department, gender, job name, education, date, respondent ID, U1, U2, U3, U4, U5, U6, U7, U8, U9. Thus, the only attributes used will be age and classification.

d. Modeling and Analysis, the processed data is modeled using RapidMiner, and the results of the modeling are then analyzed. RapidMiner is an application or software that serves as a learning tool in the field of data mining. The platform is developed by a company dedicated to all steps involving large amounts of data in commercial business, research, education, training, and learning (Yuanti, 2024). Rapidminer is the modeling tool used in this research (Nazar Yuniar, 2023).

# 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

# A. Data Collection

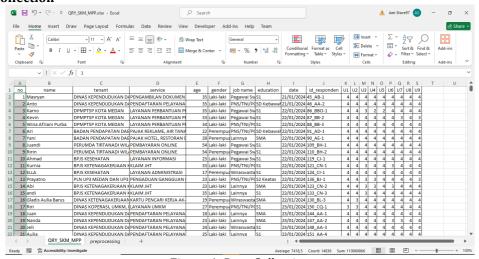


Figure 1: Data Collection

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In Figure 1, it can be seen that the data from the Community Satisfaction Survey at the Public Service Mall in Medan consists of 14,836 respondents, which includes the columns for name, tenant, department, age, gender, job name, education, date, respondent ID, and U1 through U5.

## **B. Preprocessing**

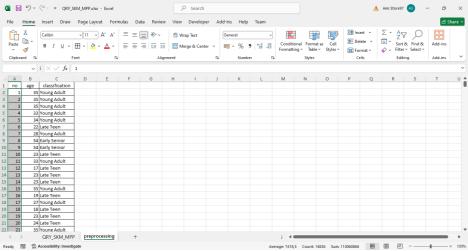


Figure 2: Preprocessing

In Figure 2, the data has undergone preprocessing, resulting in the attributes for age and classification.

# C. Modeling and Analysis

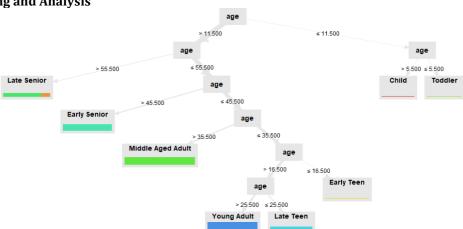


Figure 3: Modeling

In Figure 3, after preprocessing the data, the modeling is performed using the C4.5 decision tree. The Decision Tree model for predicting the age of users in the community satisfaction survey at the Public Service Mall in Medan consists of several levels, starting with a root node that determines the initial split based on age, such as age > 11,500. From here, the first branch identifies categories like Late Senior (age > 55,500) with the number of users in that category. The second branch separates users in a lower age range, including Early Senior (ages 45,500 - 55,500) and Middle Aged Adult (ages 35,500 - 45,500), while the third branch groups younger users, such as Young Adult (ages 16,500 - 35,500) and Late Teen (ages 16,500 - 25,500). The leaf nodes in this model indicate the number of users in each category, providing a clear picture of the demographic distribution. The results of this analysis not only enhance the understanding of user characteristics but also provide a foundation for formulating more responsive and effective public service strategies tailored to the needs of each age group.

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Figure: 4 Description Tree

In Figure 4, it can be seen that this decision tree categorizes users by age into several groups, including Late Senior, Early Senior, Middle Aged Adult, Young Adult, Late Teen, Early Teen, Child, and Toddler. For users older than 11,500, there are two main branches: Late Senior (age > 55,500) with 1,206 users and Elderly with 286 users, as well as Early Senior (age  $\le$  55,500, > 45,500) comprising 2,765 users. Under the Middle Aged Adult category (ages 35,500 - 45,500), there are 3,258 users, while younger users are grouped into Young Adult (4,638 users, ages 16,500 - 25,500) and Late Teen (2,566 users). Users under 11,500 consist of 33 Children and 42 Toddlers. This analysis highlights a significant concentration among Young Adults and Early Seniors, indicating the need for tailored public services to meet the specific needs of these two age groups, which could enhance user satisfaction and improve marketing strategies.

# 4. CONCLUSION

The analysis using the C4.5 Decision Tree algorithm demonstrates its effectiveness in predicting the age of users in the community satisfaction survey at the Public Service Mall (PSM) in Medan, based on data from 14,836 respondents. This model successfully classifies users into age categories, including Late Senior, Early Senior, Middle Aged Adult, Young Adult, Late Teen, Early Teen, Child, and Toddler. The results indicate a significant concentration in the Young Adult and Early Senior groups, highlighting the need for tailored public services to meet their specific needs. Understanding user demographics allows service managers to formulate more effective communication strategies and policies, enhancing community satisfaction and service effectiveness. Recommendations from this analysis support the development of more responsive public services that align with age-based preferences, potentially improving service quality in the future.

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