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Introduction

Introduction

Nowadays, the usage of applications through mobile phone has been the new normal in our life. For companies such as Google that provides PlayStore or Apple that provides AppStore as a platform for all types of applications, it is quite important for them to monitor the applications that had been brought in the platform. Most of the platforms are using the user's search history and interactions on the platform as significance for their recommendation system. But it is also quite beneficial for them to further review and study a better recommendation algorithm using data such as type, genre, or category by ratings and total installs of the applications. Thus, further preprocessing and visualizations are needed to enhance this goal.

Background of Problem

It is quite challenging to advocate for a platform that respond and collect every single data without quality data and evidence. Precise, reliable and integrity data would not only help in the analysis, but also in planning, preparations and prospective problems. Without a quality data, it is impossible for any case studies to stimulate any analysis and insights to the top managements. They would have a harder time interpreting improtant data such as ratings, reviews and total installs to lend them insights to their own platform. This is also because the data could be uncleaned, inconsistent, inaccurate and incomplete.

For this project, we used Google Play Store datasets containing data about the applications in the platform and ratings of the applications. This data consists of thousands of user's ratings in different applications including their sentiments based on their comment. The data set is clearly are not at the high quality and cleaned because of the inconsistency, duplicates and noises in the data. ETL architecture would help in dealing with the data transformation including the preprocessing in data cleaning using Talend for further analysis and visualisation using PowerBI.

Objective

The objectives of this case study are:

- 1. To propose and implement a fitting Extract, Transform, and Load (ETL) architecture, and Data Warehousing process for the datasets
- 2. To implement a suitable architecture of data warehouse design
- 3. To do further analysis on the applications and its ratings and details in the Google PlayStore

Scope

During revising this case study, Google PlayStore applications is chosen for the purpose in implementing our knowledge of ETL architecture and designing the processes for the data warehousing also doing an analysis on the based on the case study. Appropriate data warehouse schema and ETL methods using Talend, and analysis and visualizations using PowerBI would help in ensuring smoothness of the work and in enhancing the product developed of the case study.

Information of Data source

The datasets that are used for this case study contains two .csv files: googleplaystore.csv that contains the applications data and googleplaystore_user_reviews.csv that contains the reviews of every users on the applications.

App	Category	Rating	Reviews Size	Installs	Type	Price	Content Rating	Genres	Last Updated	Current Ver	Android Ver
Photo Editor & Candy Camera & Grid & ScrapBook	ART_AND_DESIGN	4.1	159 19M	10,000+	Free		0 Everyone	Art & Design	January 7, 2018	1.0.0	4.0.3 and up
Coloring book moana	ART_AND_DESIGN	3.9	967 14M	500,000+	Free		0 Everyone	Art & Design;Pretend Play	January 15, 201	82.0.0	4.0.3 and up
U Launcher Lite â€" FREE Live Cool Themes, Hide Apps	ART_AND_DESIGN	4.7	87510 8.7M	5,000,000+	Free		0 Everyone	Art & Design	August 1, 2018	1.2.4	4.0.3 and up
Sketch - Draw & Paint	ART_AND_DESIGN	4.5	215644 25M	50,000,000+	Free		0 Teen	Art & Design	June 8, 2018	Varies with device	4.2 and up
Pixel Draw - Number Art Coloring Book	ART_AND_DESIGN	4.3	967 2.8M	100,000+	Free		0 Everyone	Art & Design;Creativity	June 20, 2018	1.3	1 4.4 and up
Paper flowers instructions	ART_AND_DESIGN	4.4	167 5.6M	50,000+	Free		0 Everyone	Art & Design	March 26, 2017		1 2.3 and up
Smoke Effect Photo Maker - Smoke Editor	ART_AND_DESIGN	3.8	178 19M	+000,000	Free		0 Everyone	Art & Design	April 26, 2018	1.3	1 4.0.3 and up
Infinite Painter	ART_AND_DESIGN	4.1	36815 29M	1,000,000+	Free		0 Everyone	Art & Design	June 14, 2018	6.1.61.1	4.2 and up
Garden Coloring Book	ART_AND_DESIGN	4.4	13791 33M	1,000,000+	Free		0 Everyone	Art & Design	September 20, 3	22.9.2	3.0 and up
Kids Paint Free - Drawing Fun	ART_AND_DESIGN	4.7	121 3.1M	10,000+	Free		0 Everyone	Art & Design;Creativity	July 3, 2018	2.0	8 4.0.3 and up
Text on Photo - Fonteee	ART_AND_DESIGN	4.4	13880 28M	1,000,000+	Free		0 Everyone	Art & Design	October 27, 201	71.0.4	4.1 and up
Name Art Photo Editor - Focus n Filters	ART_AND_DESIGN	4.4	8788 12M	1,000,000+	Free		0 Everyone	Art & Design	July 31, 2018	1.0.15	4.0 and up
Tattoo Name On My Photo Editor	ART_AND_DESIGN	4.2	44829 20M	10,000,000+	Free		0 Teen	Art & Design	April 2, 2018	3.0	8 41 and up
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Learn To Draw Kawaii Characters	ART_AND_DESIGN	3.2	55 2.7M	5,000+	Free		0 Everyone	Art & Design	June 6, 2018	NaN	4.2 and up
Photo Designer - Write your name with shapes	ART_AND_DESIGN	4.7	3632 5.5M	500,000+	Free		0 Everyone	Art & Design	July 31, 2018	3.:	1 41 and up
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Boys Photo Editor - Six Pack & Men's Suit	ART_AND_DESIGN	4.1	654 12M	100,000+	Free		0 Everyone	Art & Design	March 20, 2018	1.3	1 4.0.3 and up
Superheroes Wallpapers 4K Backgrounds	ART_AND_DESIGN	4.7	7699 4.2M	500,000+	Free		0 Everyone 10+	Art & Design	July 12, 2018	2.2.6.2	4.0.3 and up
Mcqueen Coloring pages	ART_AND_DESIGN	NaN	61 7.0M	100,000+	Free		0 Everyone	Art & Design; Action & Advent	March 7, 2018	1.0.0	41 and up
HD Mickey Minnie Wallpapers	ART_AND_DESIGN	4.7	118 23M	+000,000	Free		0 Everyone	Art & Design	July 7, 2018	1.1.3	41 and up
Harley Quinn wallpapers HD	ART_AND_DESIGN	4.8	192 6.0M	10,000+	Free		0 Everyone	Art & Design	April 25, 2018	1.5	5 3.0 and up

Figure 1.0: googleplaystore.csv Data

Арр	Translated_Review	Sentiment	Sentiment_Polarity	Sentiment_Subjectivity
10 Best Foods for You	I like eat delicious food. That's I'm cooking food myself, case "10 Best	Positive	1	0.533333333
10 Best Foods for You	This help eating healthy exercise regular basis	Positive	0.25	0.288461538
10 Best Foods for You	nan	nan	nan	nan
10 Best Foods for You	Works great especially going grocery store	Positive	0.4	0.875
10 Best Foods for You	Best idea us	Positive	1	0.3
10 Best Foods for You	Best way	Positive	1	0.3
10 Best Foods for You	Amazing	Positive	0.6	0.9
10 Best Foods for You	nan	nan	nan	nan
10 Best Foods for You	Looking forward app,	Neutral	0	0
10 Best Foods for You	It helpful site! It help foods get!	Neutral	0	0
10 Best Foods for You	good you.	Positive	0.7	0.6
10 Best Foods for You	Useful information The amount spelling errors questions validity info	Positive	0.2	0.1
10 Best Foods for You	Thank you! Great app!! Add arthritis, eyes, immunity, kidney/liver de	Positive	0.75	0.875
10 Best Foods for You	Greatest ever Completely awesome maintain health This must ppl	Positive	0.9921875	0.866666667
10 Best Foods for You	Good health Good health first priority	Positive	0.55	0.511111111
10 Best Foods for You	nan	nan	nan	nan
10 Best Foods for You	Health It's important world either life . think?:)	Positive	0.45	1
10 Best Foods for You	Mrs sunita bhati I thankful developers, to make kind app, really good h	Positive	0.6	0.666666667
10 Best Foods for You	Very Useful in diabetes age 30. I need control sugar. thanks	Positive	0.295	0.1
10 Best Foods for You	One greatest apps.	Positive	1	1
10 Best Foods for You	good nice	Positive	0.65	0.8
10 Best Foods for You	Healthy Really helped	Positive	0.35	0.35

Figure 1.1: googleplaystore_user_review.csv Data

As we can see there's a lot of data cleaning that's needed to do, from inconsistency of the data, reliability of the data, to data duplicates and null values. Thus, showing the importance of implementing a proper data preprocessing or ETL architecture.

Methodology and BI tool

ETL Process - Talend

Talend is used for the Google PlayStore apps and ratings datasets that are going through the process of cleaning and filtering. Many of the columns and rows are transformed in order to make a reliable and consistent data. The process in ETL architectures are as follows:

- Filtering is used to filter out unneeded rows and columns
- Removing the incomplete rows
- Removing or replacing null values
- Parsing values into real reliable values

Data Warehouse

Talend is also used for the joining of the data warehouse schema. It would take several columns from application's dimension, review's dimension and time dimension as a star scheme.

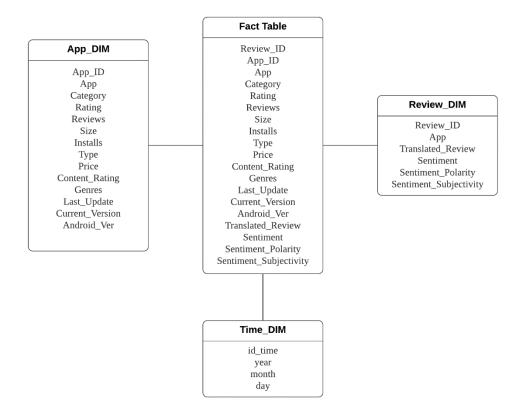


Figure 2.0: Star scheme

Talend is used in joining the transformed data using tMap component. This is also used to filter out unneeded columns, and parsing data. The final fact table is connected to the database mySQL as database connection.

Data Visualization – PowerBI

PowerBI is used to generate appropriate visualizations for the data from the data warehouse after the ETL process. The variations of charts and the ability to handle thousands of rows simultaneously would smoothen the case studies and helps in giving more insights. Interactable charts and dashboard representing the data warehouse for further analysis going through the process as follows:

- Loading the data warehouse or fact table that has been transformed from Talend before hand
- Design multiple charts based on ratings of the users on the applications by different attributes
- Design multiple charts based on total installs on the applications by different attributes
- Create connections between the charts in the dashboard for more insights
- Use filters and slicers as interactives for the dashboard
- Publish the project into the PowerBI desktop workspace

Data Warehouse

In creating the data warehouse design, googleplaystore.csv and googleplaystore_user_review.csv source file is imported as metadata as app and review respectively. This is to ensure the implementation of the components for transformation to be done easily.

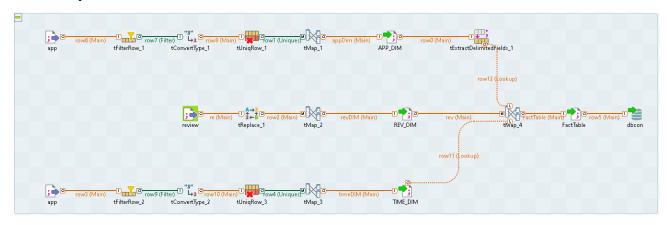


Figure 3.0: Data Warehouse Design implementation

Transformation table

Data source	Columns	Transformations
googleplaystore.csv	Android_Ver	Removing rows that are null
	Reviews	Change the value into integers
	App	Generate app id as a new column and remove
		every other symbol in its names
	Installs	Remove "+" signs from the string and parse it
		into integer value
	Price	Remove the dollar signs from the price
	Last_Updated	Parse it into a date format and pass to time
		dimension
googleplaystore_user_reviews.csv	Translated_review	Replace all "nan" comments as real null and
		remove all the symbols
	App	Remove every other symbol in its names

Components

In order to achieve the data warehouse design, various types of components are needed to implement the transformation that's needed for the columns and rows in each data source.

For the APP_DIM a lot of the cleaning and filtering took place. The components that are used in the making of the APP_DIM as below:

• tFilterRow component is used to filter out the null value that's found in the data app file input.

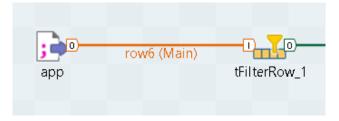


Figure 3.1.1: tFilterRow implementation on app metadata

InputColumn	Function	Operator	Value
Android_Ver	Match	Not equal to	111

Figure 3.1.2: tFilterRow component

 tConvertType is used to convert the String data type of column Review in App metadata to real integer data type.



Figure 3.2.1: tConvertType implementation

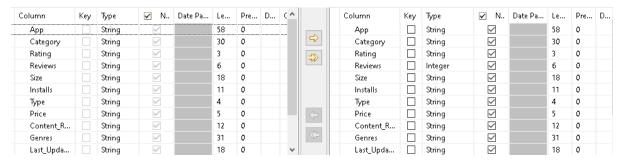


Figure 3.2.2: tConvertType schema

• tUniqRow is used to filter out duplicates for the column App.

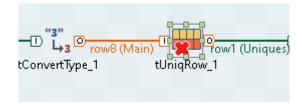


Figure 3.3.1: tUniqRow implementation

Unique key Column Key attribute Case Sensitive ~ Арр Category Rating Reviews Size Installs Туре Price

Figure 3.3.2: tUniqRow component

• tMap is used in making the complete transformation in the making of App dimension implementing the data warehouse schema.

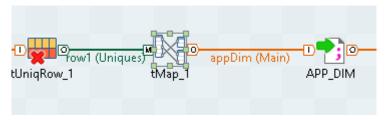


Figure 3.4.1: tMap implementation for APP_DIM

 Generating sequence id for each unique app using expression Numeric.sequence into a new App_ID column



Figure 3.4.2: tMap component generating sequence as id for column App_ID

 Removing all symbols from applications' name using expression replaceAll and pattern

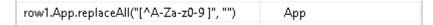


Figure 3.4.3: tMap component and expression in removing all symbols from column App

 Removing "+" symbol from column Installs to make it available to be converted into integer using expression substring

row1.Installs.substring(0, row1.Installs.length()-1).replaceAll(",", "")	Installs
and Tax	Т

Figure 3.4.4: tMap component and expression removing the "+" symbols from column Installs

 Removing "\$" sign from column Price to make it available to be converted into double using expression replaceAll and pattern



Figure 3.4.5: tMap component and expression removing the "\$" sign from column Price

• tExtractDelimitedFields is used to extract extra delimited ";" from column genre to ensure the consitency of the data.

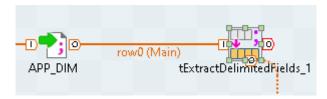


Figure 3.5.1: tExtractDelimitedFields implementation

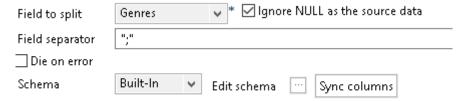


Figure 3.5.2: tExtractDelimitedFields components

For TIME_DIM following the data warehouse schema, the components that is used is the same as APP_DIM as it uses the same app metadata input. The component that are used in the making of TIME_DIM as below:



Figure 3.6.1: Filtering components

 tMap is used to generating app id the same as App_ID in APP_DIM and parsing real date data type from string in column Last_Updated by using expression parseDate and patterns.

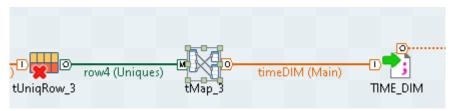


Figure 3.6.2: tMap implementation for TIME_DIM



Figure 3.6.3: tMap component for generating id and parsing dates

For REV_DIM, it uses googleplaystore_user_review.csv as an input metadata called review. Different way of cleaning the data needed different components for the data source. The components that are used as below:

• tReplace is used to remove string "nan" from column Translated_Review and replace it with real null value.



Figure 3.7.1: tReplace implementation

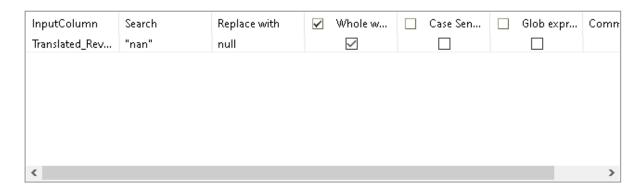


Figure 3.7.2: tReplace component

• tMap is implemented to filter out rows with null value of column Translated_Review, generate id for each Reviews into a new column RevID, removing symbols from column App, and removing all symbols from column Translated_Reviews

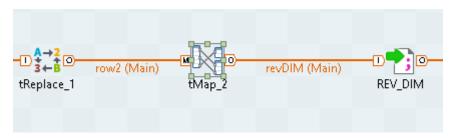


Figure 3.8.1: tMap implementation for REV_DIM

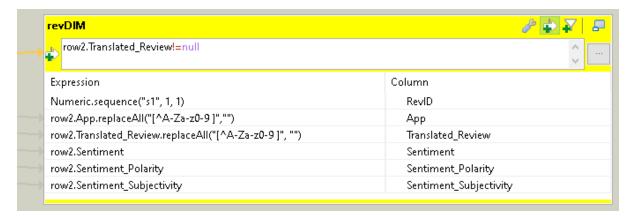


Figure 3.8.2: tMap component in completing the REV_DIM

In the making of FactTable or completing the Data Warehouse design, component tMap is also used in joining each Dimensions, parsing data type from column Sentiment_Polarity, Sentiment_Subjectivity, Rating, Price, and Installs into doubles and integers. It uses REV_DIM as the main and APP_DIM and TIME_DIM as a look up.

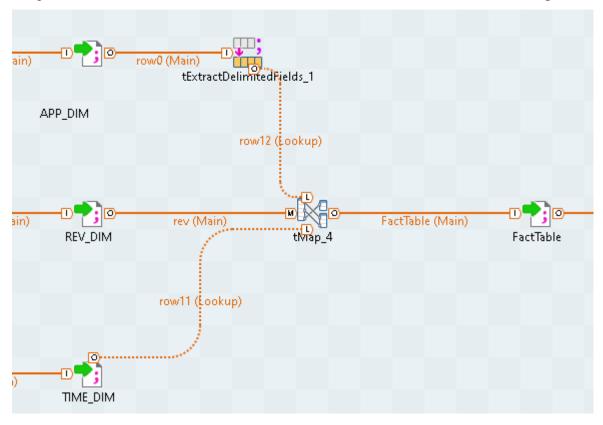


Figure 3.9: tMap implementation on joining and cleaning in making the complete Data Warehouse

The process that took place in making a full joining, cleaning and reliable values from the data is as below:

o Left outer join for REV_DIM and APP_DIM using column App

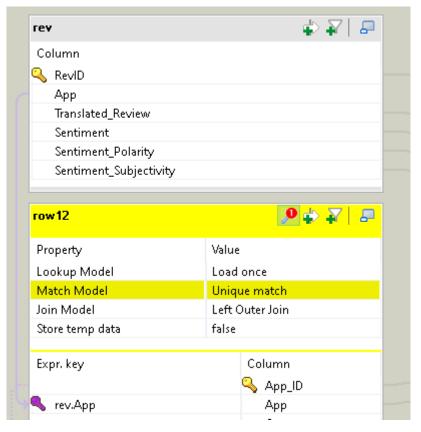


Figure 3.9.1: Left outer join implementation on REV_DIM and APP_DIM

Inner join for APP_DIM and TIME_DIM using column App_ID

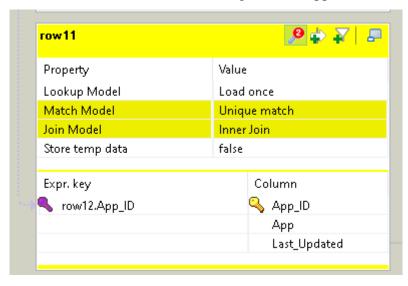


Figure 3.9.2: Inner join implementation on APP_DIM and TIME_DIM

Implementation of parsing real data type into column Sentiment_Polarity,
Sentiment_Subjectivity, Rating, Price, and Installs into doubles and integers and
merging every Dimension tables completing the Data Warehouse schema.

FactTable	e de la companya del companya de la companya del companya de la c
Expression	Column
rev.RevID	RevID
row12.App_ID	App_ID
row12.App	Арр
rev. Translated_Review	Translated_Review
rev.Sentiment	Sentiment
Double.parseDouble(rev.Sentiment_Polarity)	Sentiment_Polarity
Double.parseDouble(rev.Sentiment_Subjectivity)	Sentiment_Subjectivity
row12.Category	Category
Double.parseDouble(row12.Rating)	Rating
row12.Reviews	Reviews
row12.Size	Size
Integer.parseInt(row12.Installs)	Installs
row12.Type	Туре
Double.parseDouble(row12.Price)	Price
row12.Content_Rating	Content_Rating
row12.Genres1	Genres
row11.Last_Updated	Last_Updated

Figure 3.9.3: Implementation of parsing the columns into real data type and merging every tables

 tDbOutput is used as Database connection from the data warehouse completing the ETL architecture process.

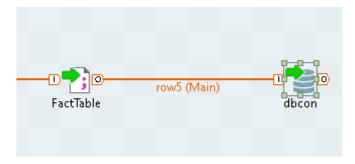


Figure 4.0: tDbOutput implementation

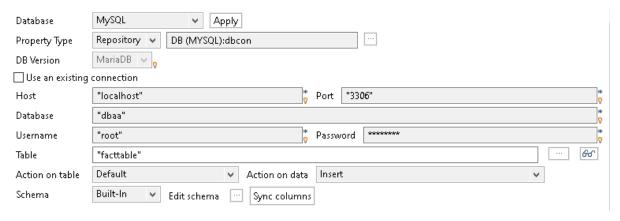


Figure 4.1: tDbOutput component

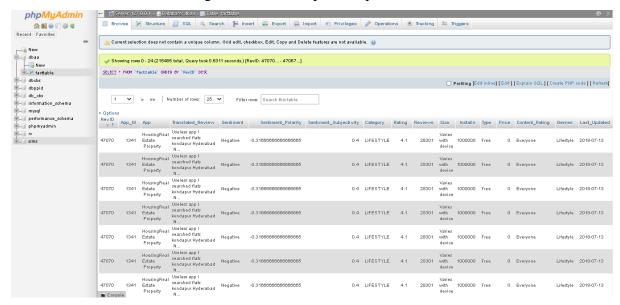


Figure 4.2: Data loaded into the database component phpMyAdmin and mySQL using the dbOutput

Data Visualization

PowerBI is used to generate appropriate visualizations for the data from the data warehouse after the ETL process. In order to give meaningful insights, it is important to find relations between the data and choose a suitable presentation of the data.

Reports

Report 1: Average Installs

Report1 consist of four different charts such as Donut chart, Box plot, line chart, and bar graph. It also includes a slicer on Sentiment and Type for more interactivity.

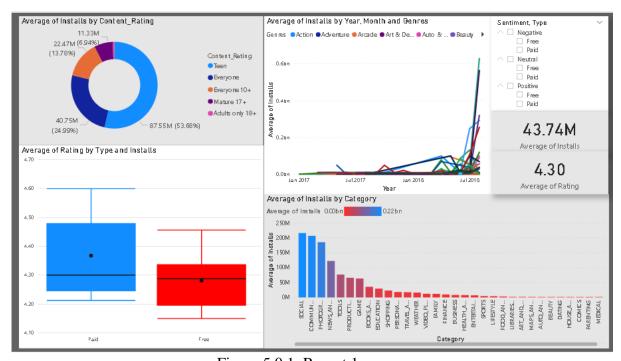


Figure 5.0.1: Report 1

The goal of this report is to study the type, category, ratings, and sentiment based on the Average installs on the applications. It could give the top managements insights on which type of apps are most likely to be installed, what are the most favorible categories, compare it to average ratings, and see what are the trends on installed apps by genre.

Report 2: Average Rating

Report2 consist of three different charts such as Treemap, scattered plot, and stacked bar chart. It also includes a slicer on Content rating and Sentiment for more interactivity.

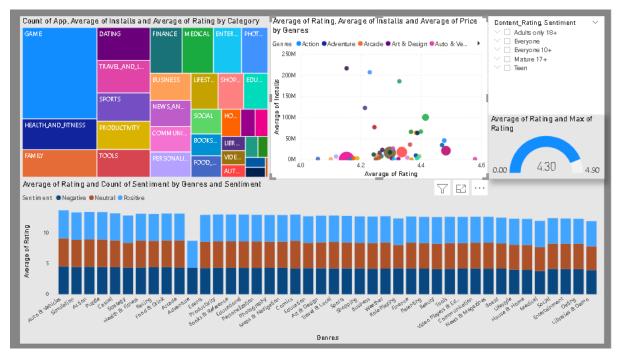


Figure 5.0.2: Report 2

The goal of this report is to study the type, category, ratings, and sentiment based on the Average ratings on the applications. It could give the top managements insights on which type of apps are most likely to be recommended, what are the most favorible categories, compare it to average installs on the scatter plot, and could helps in determining which app is reliable or legitimate based on the rating and sentiments.

Charts

Chart #1: Average installs by Content Rating

This chart uses Donut Chart to give percentage of the average installs by content Rating. It gives insights on what content rating of the applications that are more favorable to be installed. This chart shows that the highest applications installed are for Teen, and the least would be for Adults Only applications.

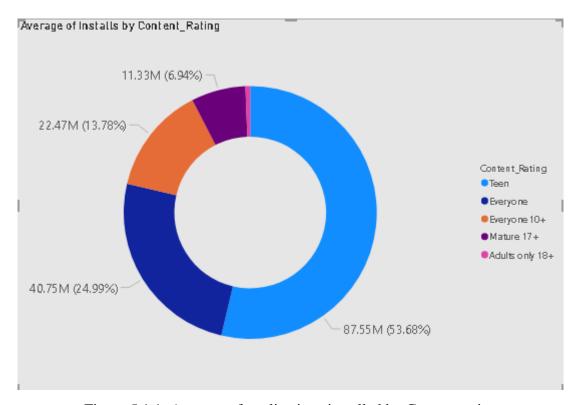


Figure 5.1.1: Average of applications installed by Content rating

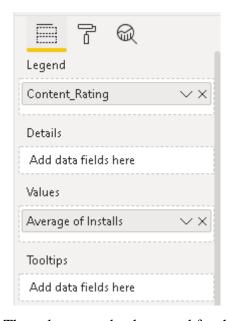


Figure 5.1.2: The columns and values used for the donut chart

Chart #2: Average Rating by type and installs

This chart uses Box Plot to give insights on the mean, max, min on the ratings, by using total installs as samples and comparing between the Paid apps and Free apps. We can see that the median of ratings between both types are not that different from each other.

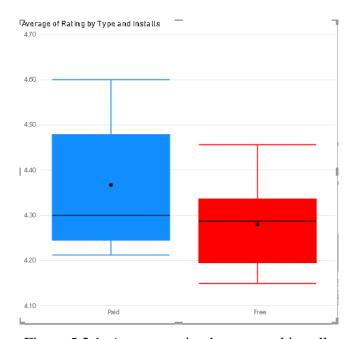


Figure 5.2.1: Average rating by type and installs

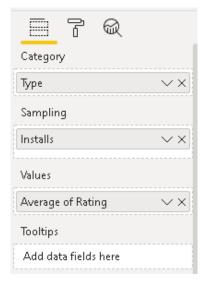


Figure 5.2.2: The columns and values used for the box plot

Chart #3: Average installs by Date and Genres

This chart uses Line chart to give insights on what genres are trending and most likely to be growing or installed by the users. Over the course of 2017 until 2018, we can see that the most installed photography genre apps followed by social media and news magazines.

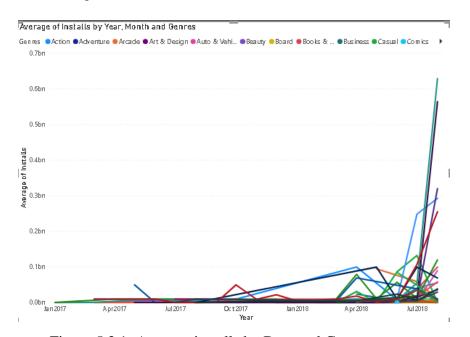


Figure 5.3.1: Average installs by Date and Genres

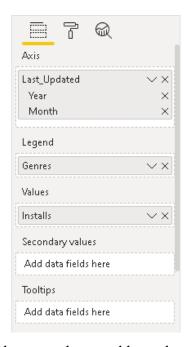


Figure 5.3.2: The columns, values, and legends used for the line chart

Chart #4: Average installs by category

This chart uses bar graph to give insights on what categories are the top and most likely to be installed by the users. We could see that there's a huge gap in applications installed by categories between social, communication, photography and other categories.

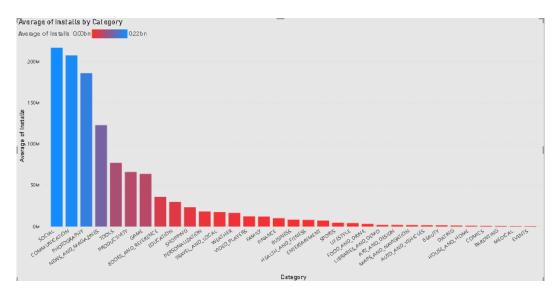


Figure 5.4.1: Average installs by category



Figure 5.4.2: The columns and values used for the bar graph

Chart #5: Count of App, with average installs and rating by Category

This chart uses Tree map to give insights on which categories are the most installed. Tooltips is used to show average installs and rating of the category when the cursor hovers over it. This also shows that category game has the highest count in the platform followed by health and fitness, and family.

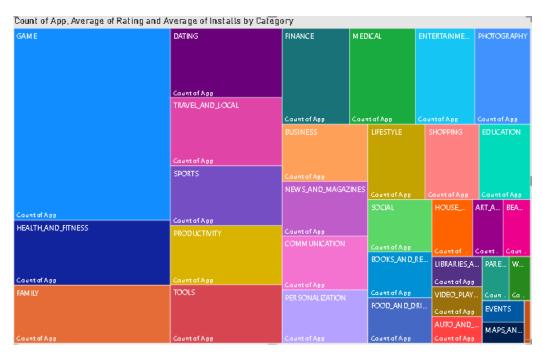


Figure 5.5.1: Count of App, with average installs and rating by Category

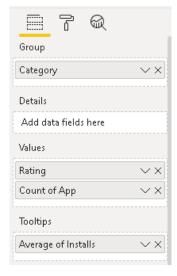


Figure 5.5.2: The group, values and tooltips used for the treemap

Chart #6: Average Rating and sentiment count by Genres and Sentiment

This chart uses stacked bar chart to give insights on ratings on genre and the comments' sentiment. Tooltips also used to show the count of the sentiments when the cursor hovers over it. After sorting, this also shows that the genre Auto&Vehicle has the highest rating.

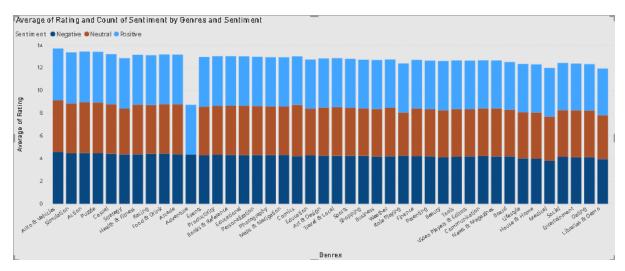


Figure 5.6.1: Average Rating and sentiment count by genres and sentiment type

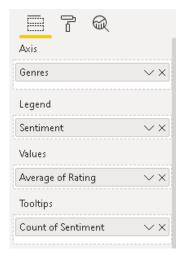


Figure 5.6.2: The columns, legend, values and tooltips used for the stacked bar graph

Chart #7: Average Rating and average installs by average price and genres

This chart uses scatter plot to give insights on the relationship between average ratings and average installs by genre. Size of the plot determines the average price in the category. This chart shows that medications category has the highest price, but have a lower than average in rating and installs.

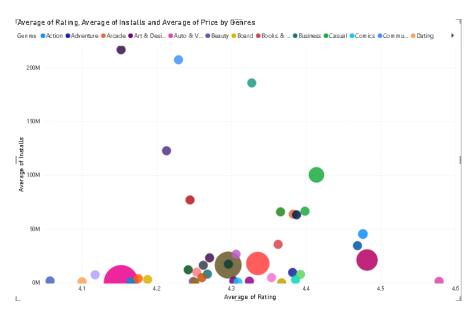


Figure 5.7.1: Average Rating and average installs by price and genres

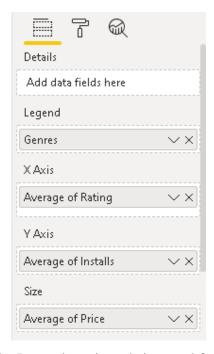


Figure 5.7.2: The Legends, axis and size used for the scatter plot

Dashboards

Dashboard: Relationship between Ratings and Installs

This dashboard consists of two charts and two visualizations from both of the reports, that will help the top managements to see the relations between ratings and installs. The charts chosen for this dashboard could give little more insights on the types, categories, and price of the apps in their platforms.

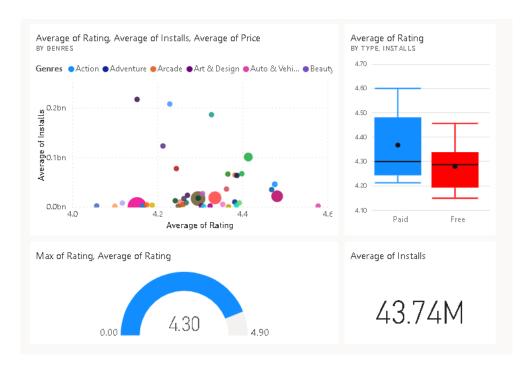


Figure 6.1: Dashboard from PowerBI Service

The dashboard shows the average installs, and average of rating by type using total installs as samples could help the top management see the mean or median rating and average applications installed from their platform easily. They could also see the average rating and the max rating of the applications and further see what categories are leading in rating and installations. All of the components in the dashboard could be clicked to see the reports that would give further and more focused insights on every topic.

Conclusion

The further the year progressed, the more of these applications are being installed from the platform. By knowing the relationship between user's rating and installations with the application's genre, category and type, the top management could gain more insights on the interactions on their platform. With a proper ETL architecture, data warehouse design and data visualizations, the datasets could grant more informations on the apps and its reviews or ratings. Thus, further helps their recommendation algorithm for the platform, and not only by using the search history and clicks or interactions.

By using this analysis, it could offer more comprehension on what category or type of applications the users from the platform desire, what applications are reliable or credible, and what recommendations are suitable to ensure the dependability and maximize the time usage of their platform.

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