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## 1. Mini-Project on Oracle Database Analytics in the Cloud

Title: Analysis of E-commerce Sales Data

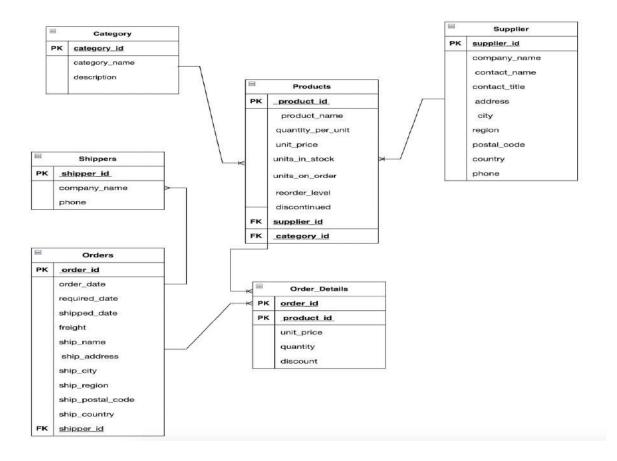
#### Introduction:

In today's data-driven world, businesses rely heavily on analytics to gain valuable insights that help them make informed decisions. One of the most widely used database management systems for data analytics is Oracle. This mini-project aims to leverage Oracle's powerful analytics capabilities to analyze e-commerce sales data. The project will focus on creating a database system that can efficiently store and manage data related to various aspects of e-commerce sales, including product details, order details, and more. By leveraging Oracle SQL and cloud technology, the project will explore the possibilities of data analytics in the cloud and provide insights that can drive business growth and success.

# **Project Goals:**

- ➤ To use the Oracle database on Cloud to analyze e-commerce sales data, such as total sales revenue, top-selling products, most profitable categories, and customer buying patterns.
- > To use the insights gained from the analysis to make data-driven decisions that can improve business operations, such as adjusting pricing strategies, optimizing inventory levels, and enhancing customer experiences.
- ➤ To develop an efficient and effective data management system that can store, organize, and retrieve data quickly and accurately which can lead to improved productivity, reduced costs, and better decision-making.

Data Modelling: Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD) for E-commerce Database



# Methodology:

- Data Collection: The first step of the project was to collect the e-commerce sales data from a Git-hub source. The data included information about product categories, suppliers, products, shippers, orders, and order details. The data was obtained from the following GitHub repository: <a href="https://github.com/ydchauh/yogeshchauhan.com-public">https://github.com/ydchauh/yogeshchauhan.com-public</a>.
- 2. **Data Modeling:** The next step was to create a database schema to store and manage the collected data. The schema was designed to include six tables, namely categories, suppliers, products, shippers, orders, order\_details. The required relationships between these tables were established.
- 3. **Database implementation:** The database was implemented using Oracle SQL Developer on Cloud, which is a free tool provided by Oracle Corporation. The SQL statements were used to create the tables, insert the data, and define the constraints. A default schema was used to create the database.
- 4. **Data analysis:** Once the database was created and populated with data, various SQL queries were used to analyze the data. The Oracle SQL Developer provided a number of analytics functions such as AVG, SUM, COUNT, PARTITION BY, OVER, RANK, etc. These functions were used to perform statistical analysis on the data, such as finding the total sales amount, average order value, and top-selling products.

5. Data aggregation: The ROLLUP and CUBE operators were used to perform data aggregation and generate summary reports. These operators are used to group the data by one or more dimensions and provide grand totals. For example, the ROLLUP operator was used to generate a report that shows the total sales amount by product category and by year.

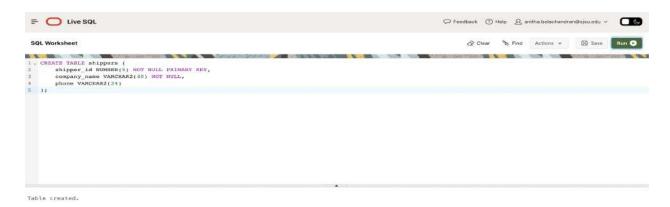
# The following DDL statements were used to create the tables:

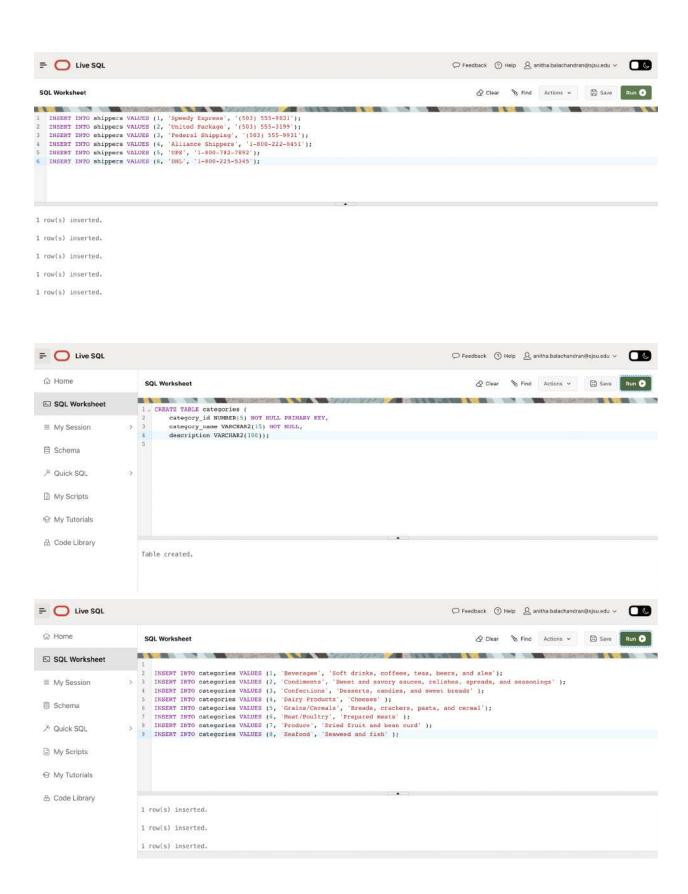
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    CREATE TABLE categories (

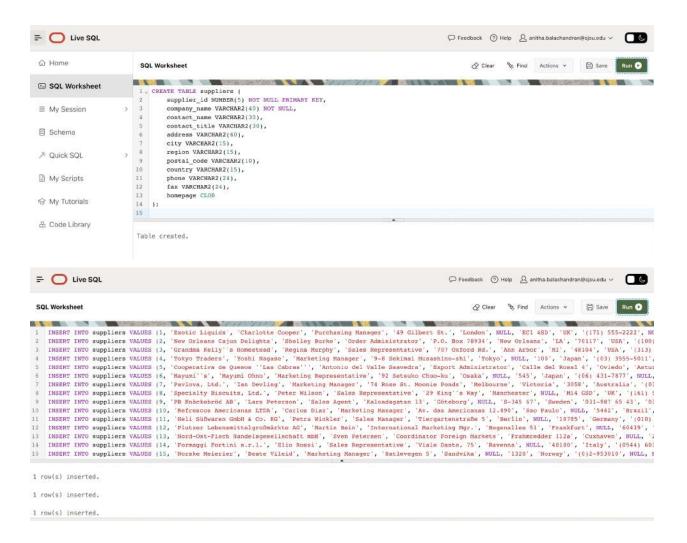
  category_id NUMBER(5) NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY,
  category name VARCHAR2(15) NOT NULL,
  description VARCHAR2(15)
  );
   CREATE TABLE suppliers (
  supplier_id NUMBER(5) NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY,
  company name VARCHAR2(40) NOT NULL,
  contact name VARCHAR2(30),
  contact title VARCHAR2(30),
  address VARCHAR2(60),
  city VARCHAR2(15),
  region VARCHAR2(15),
  postal code VARCHAR2(10),
  country VARCHAR2(15),
  phone VARCHAR2(24),
  fax VARCHAR2(24),
  homepage CLOB
);
   3. CREATE TABLE products (
  product_id NUMBER(5) NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY,
  product name VARCHAR2(40) NOT NULL,
  supplier id NUMBER(5),
  category_id NUMBER(5),
  quantity per unit VARCHAR2(20),
  unit_price FLOAT(126),
  units in stock NUMBER(5),
  units on order NUMBER(5),
  reorder_level NUMBER(5),
  discontinued NUMBER(10) NOT NULL,
  FOREIGN KEY (category_id) REFERENCES categories(category_id),
  FOREIGN KEY (supplier_id) REFERENCES suppliers(supplier_id)
);
   4. CREATE TABLE shippers (
  shipper id NUMBER(5) NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY,
  company name VARCHAR2(40) NOT NULL,
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phone VARCHAR2(24)
);
   5. CREATE TABLE orders (
  order_id NUMBER(5) NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY,
  order_date DATE,
  required_date DATE,
  shipped_date DATE,
  ship_via NUMBER(5),
  freight FLOAT,
  ship_name VARCHAR2(40),
  ship_address VARCHAR2(60),
  ship_city VARCHAR2(15),
  ship_region VARCHAR2(15),
  ship_postal_code VARCHAR2(10),
  ship_country VARCHAR2(15),
  FOREIGN KEY (ship_via) REFERENCES shippers
);
   CREATE TABLE order_details (
  order_id NUMBER(5) NOT NULL,
  product_id NUMBER(5) NOT NULL,
  unit_price FLOAT NOT NULL,
  quantity NUMBER(5) NOT NULL,
  discount FLOAT NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (order_id, product_id),
  FOREIGN KEY (product_id) REFERENCES products,
  FOREIGN KEY (order id) REFERENCES orders
);
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## **DDL Statements Snapshots:**







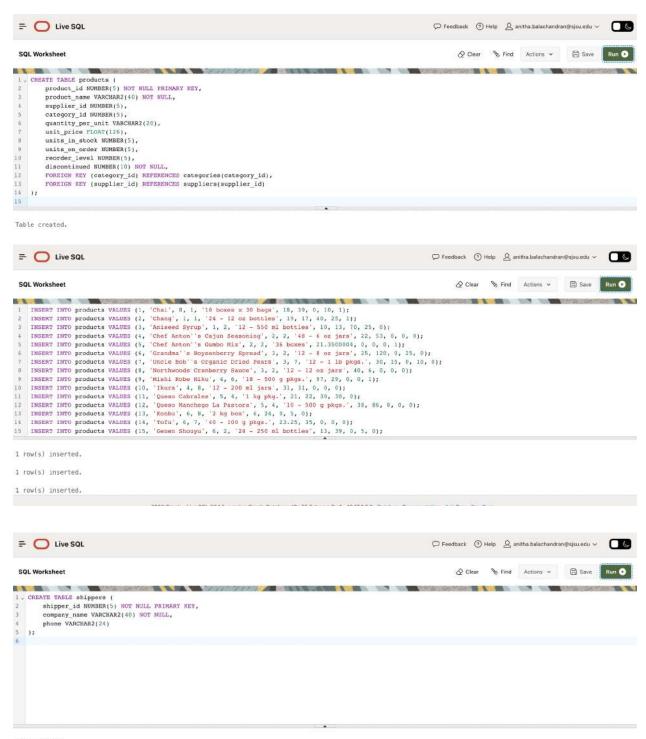
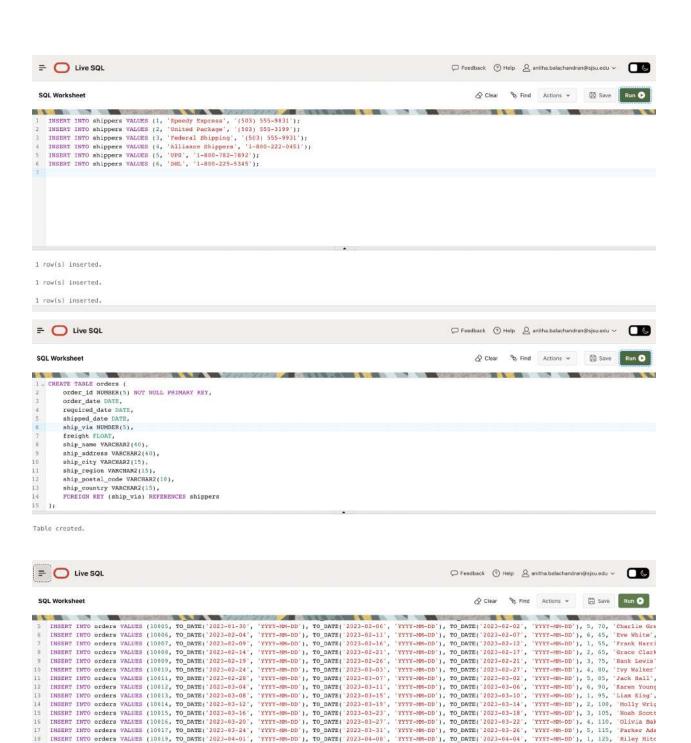


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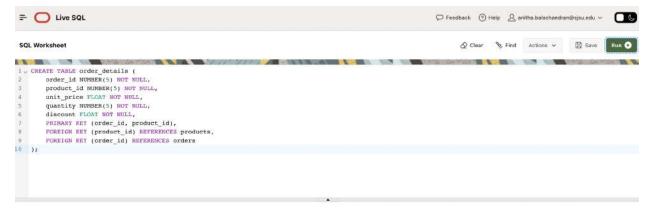
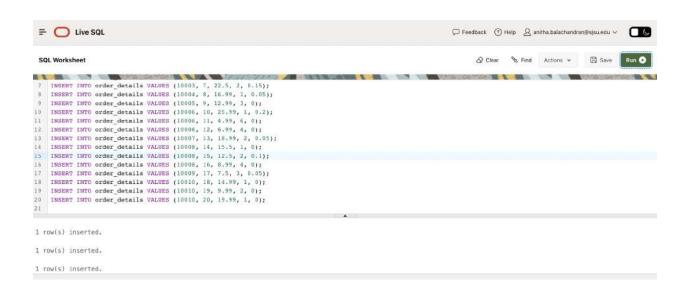
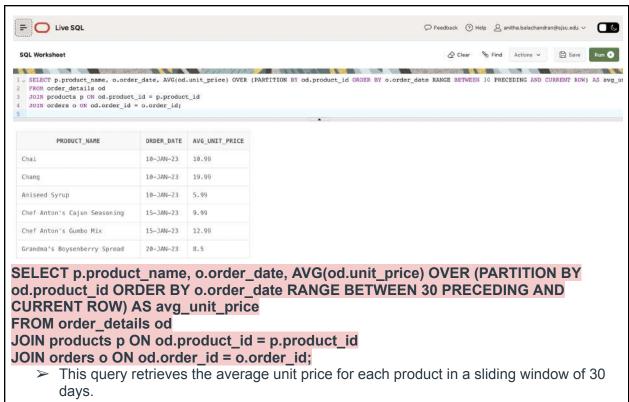


Table created.



## **Data Analysis using SQL Queries and Analytics Functions:**

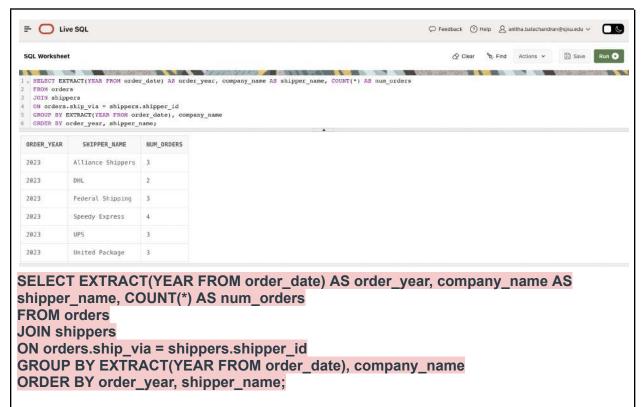


- ➤ The query joins the order\_details, products, and orders tables, and uses the PARTITION BY clause to group the data by product ID, and the ORDER BY clause to order the data by order date.
- The AVG function is then used with the OVER clause to calculate the average unit price for each row within the sliding window of 30 days.
- > The result set includes the product name, order date, and the average unit price for each row. This query can help identify trends in unit prices over time for different products and can be useful for pricing strategies and inventory management.



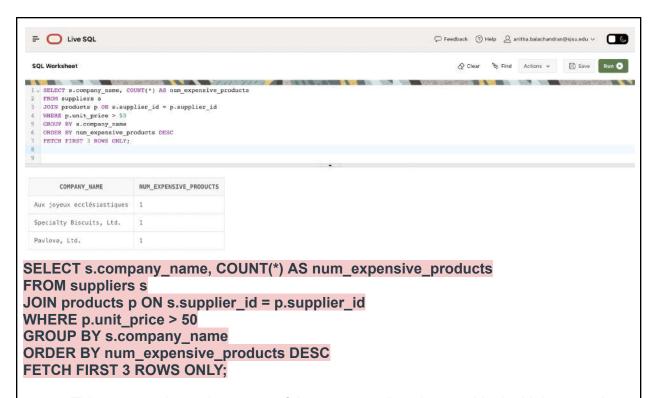
FROM products
JOIN categories
ON products.category\_id = categories.category\_id
GROUP BY category\_name

- ➤ The query joins the "products" and "categories" tables on their "category\_id" columns and groups the result by "category\_name". The COUNT(\*) function is used to count the number of products in each category. The results are then ordered by the number of products in descending order, and the FETCH FIRST clause limits the result to the first 5 rows.
- By running this query, we can gain insights on which categories have the most products, which may help in identifying popular product categories and make informed business decisions.

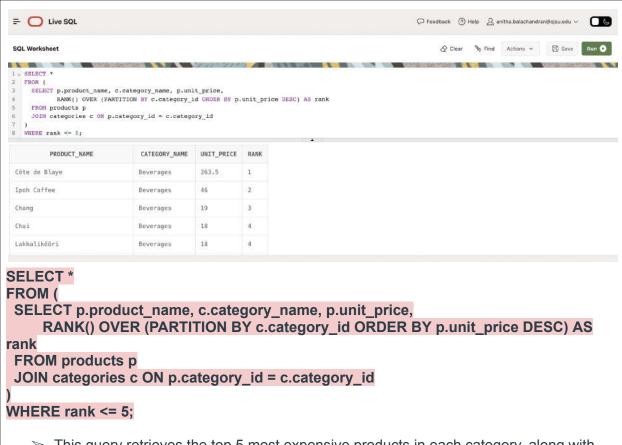


- > This query returns the number of orders for each year and each shipper in the database.
- The query first uses the EXTRACT() function to extract the year from the order\_date column and renames the result as order\_year.
- ➤ It also selects the company\_name column from the shippers table and renames it as shipper\_name. Then, it counts the number of orders for each year and each shipper by grouping the results based on order\_year and shipper\_name using the GROUP BY clause.
- Finally, it sorts the result by order\_year and shipper\_name using the ORDER BY clause.
- > By using this query, we can gain insights into the number of orders each shipper has received each year. This information can help businesses to make decisions regarding

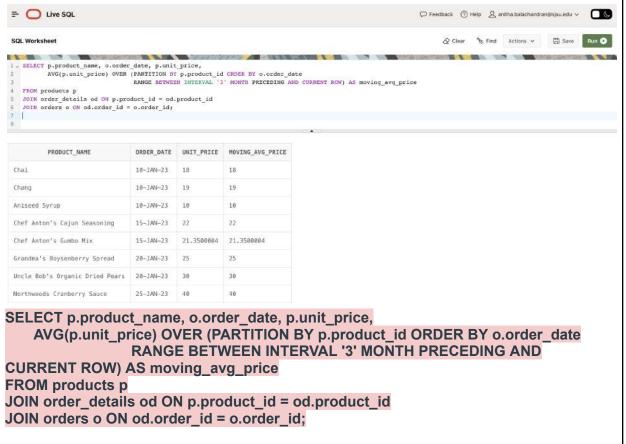
which shippers to use for their orders based on their past performance.



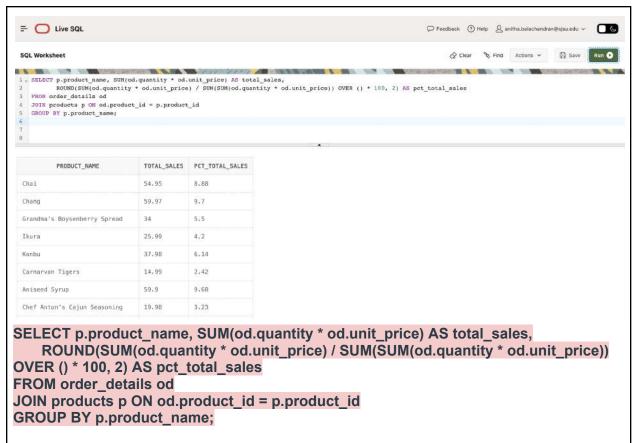
- This query retrieves the names of the top 3 suppliers that provide the highest number of products with a unit price greater than 50.
- The query first joins the "suppliers" table with the "products" table on the "supplier\_id" field. Then, it filters the products that have a "unit\_price" greater than 50 using the "WHERE" clause.
- ➤ After that, the query groups the results by "company\_name" from the "suppliers" table and uses the "COUNT" function to count the number of products with a unit price greater than 50 for each supplier.
- Finally, the query orders the results in descending order by the number of expensive products and fetches only the top 3 results using the "FETCH FIRST" clause.
- The insights we can gain from this query include identifying the top 3 suppliers that provide expensive products and the number of such products they offer which can be useful for businesses to make informed decisions about their suppliers and pricing strategies.



- ➤ This query retrieves the top 5 most expensive products in each category, along with their category names and product names.
- The query uses the RANK() analytic function to rank the products within each category based on their unit price, in descending order.
- ➤ The PARTITION BY clause is used to create partitions (or groups) within the data based on the category ID, and the ORDER BY clause is used to order the products within each partition by their unit price.
- > The insights gained from this query could be useful in pricing strategies and product positioning.

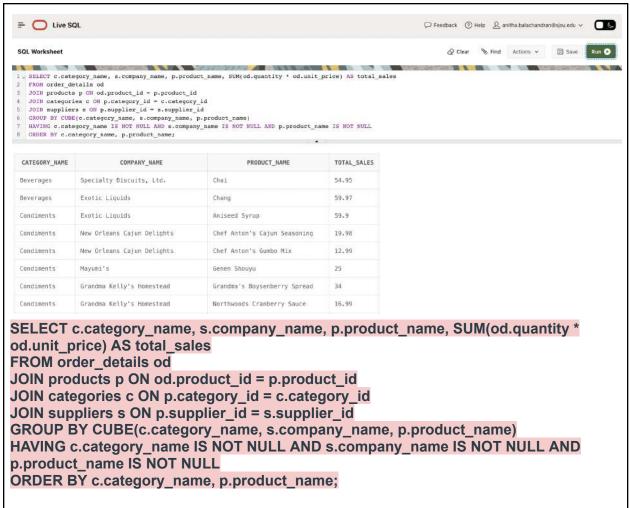


- This query retrieves the name of the product, the date of the order, and the unit price of the product. It also calculates the moving average price of the product for the last three months.
- The analytic function used in this query is AVG, which calculates the average of a set of values. It is used in combination with the OVER clause, which specifies the partitioning and ordering of the data. In this case, the data is partitioned by product\_id and ordered by order\_date.
- The RANGE BETWEEN INTERVAL '3' MONTH PRECEDING AND CURRENT ROW clause specifies the range of rows to include in the calculation of the moving average price, which includes the current row and the preceding three months.
- The query provides insights into the price trends of products over time. It can be used to identify products with fluctuating prices or products that have a steady price trend. The moving average price can also be used to forecast future prices and plan pricing strategies accordingly.

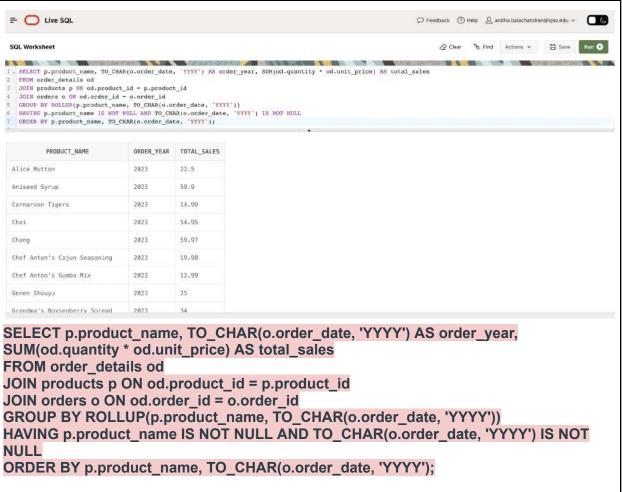


- This query calculates the total sales and percentage of total sales for each product in the order details table, joined with the products table to get the product name.
- The main analytical function used in this query is the SUM() function, which calculates the total sales for each product by multiplying the quantity and unit price columns. The GROUP BY clause is used to group the results by product name.
- The other important analytical function used in this query is the SUM() function with the OVER() clause, which calculates the total sales for all products in the result set. This is then used to calculate the percentage of total sales for each product by dividing each product's total sales by the total sales for all products and multiplying by 100. The ROUND() function is used to round the percentage to two decimal places.
- ➤ Insights gained from this query could include identifying which products have the highest total sales and what percentage of the total sales each product represents. This information could be useful for product performance analysis and strategic decision-making regarding product offerings and promotions.

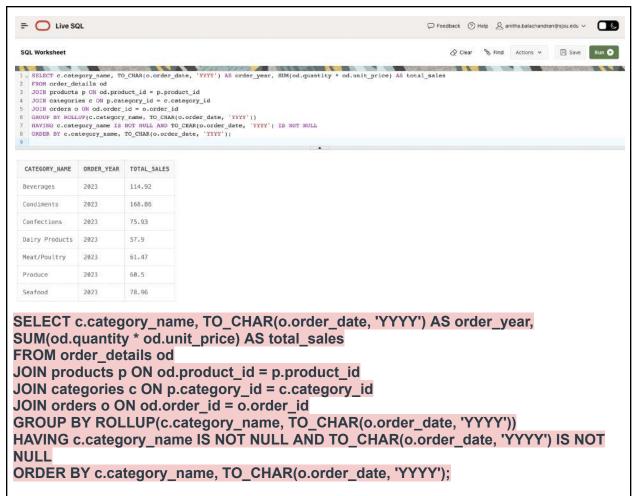
# 1. b) Using CUBE and ROLLUP clauses for Aggregation in Oracle Database Analytics:



- ➤ This query joins the order\_details, products, categories, and suppliers tables and calculates the total sales for each combination of category, supplier, and product.
- ➤ It uses the GROUP BY clause with the CUBE function to generate all possible combinations of these three dimensions. The SUM function calculates the total sales for each combination of dimensions.
- The HAVING clause is used to filter out any rows that have a null value in any of the dimensions, as the CUBE function generates null values for all combinations that are not explicitly present in the data.
- > The ORDER BY clause orders the results by category name and product name.
- The insights gained from this query include identifying the top-selling products by category and supplier, as well as analyzing the overall sales performance of each category and supplier.



- The query is calculating the total sales for each product by year, using data from the "order\_details", "products", and "orders" tables.
- ➤ It is using the ROLLUP function to generate subtotals for each level of the hierarchy (product and year).
- ➤ The HAVING clause filters out any rows with NULL values in the product\_name or order\_year columns. The results are ordered by product\_name and order\_year.
- ➤ Insights that can be gained from this query include identifying the top selling products by year, comparing sales trends between different products, and identifying any gaps in sales data (i.e. years where no sales were made for a particular product).



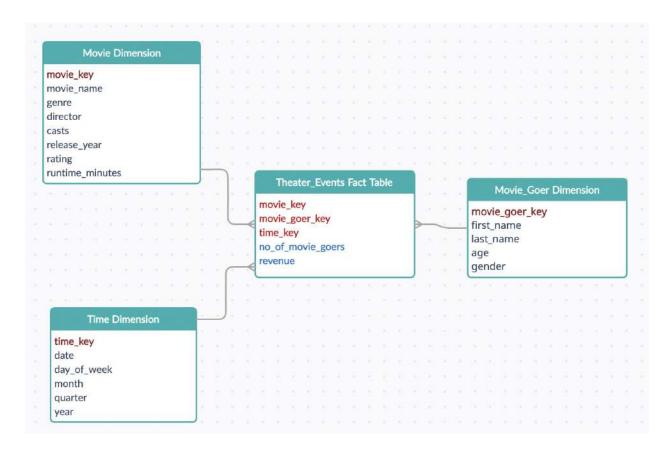
- This query joins the tables order\_details, products, categories, and orders, and groups the data by the category\_name and order\_date dimensions using the ROLLUP function in the GROUP BY clause.
- ➤ It then calculates the total sales for each combination of the category\_name and order\_date dimensions using the SUM function applied to the product of the quantity and unit\_price columns from the order\_details table.
- ➤ The HAVING clause is used to filter out rows where either category\_name or order date is null, and the results are sorted by category\_name and order\_date.
- > By using the ROLLUP function, the query generates subtotals and grand totals for each combination of the category name and order date dimensions.
- The query provides insights on the total sales for each category in each year, as well as the total sales for each category and for all categories in each year. This can help identify trends and patterns in sales over time, as well as the relative performance of each category in terms of sales.

#### Conclusion:

In conclusion, this project successfully demonstrated the use of Oracle SQL to create a database system for storing and managing e-commerce sales data. The project also showcased the use of CUBE and ROLLUP clauses for generating useful aggregate information from the tables. Through data analysis using various analytics functions, valuable insights were gained, such as the top-selling products and average order value. Overall, the project achieved its goal of providing a comprehensive solution for e-commerce sales data management using Oracle Database Analytics in the Cloud.

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# a) Simple Star Schema for ABC Theaters Datawarehouse



The **Theater Fact Table** in the ABC Theaters data warehouse contains two measures: "no\_of\_movie\_goers" and "revenue", which are numerical values that can be aggregated or analyzed across the dimensions of the movie, movie-goer, and time. It also includes foreign keys that connect it to the surrounding Dimensions, enabling analysts to slice and dice the measures by different dimensions to gain insights and generate reports.

The **Movie dimension** contains information about the movies shown at the theater, such as the movie ID, name of the movie, genre, the director, release year, rating, and runtime.

The **Time dimension** contains information about when the events took place, including time ID, the date, day of the week, month, quarter, and year.

The **Movie-goer dimension** contains information about the customers who attended the movies, including their ID, first and last names, age and gender.

By querying the above data warehouse, we can generate meaningful summaries that help us understand trends and patterns in the theater's activity.

b) The below SQL JOIN query can be used to retrieve the total revenue collected through ticket sales by each movie in the pandemic year, '2020'.

Assuming, The 'revenue' in the 'Theater\_Event' Fact table represents the actual amount of money collected from ticket sales for a particular screening.

The 'no\_of\_movie\_goers' in the 'Theater\_Event' Fact table represents the total number of people who attended the screening regardless of the number of tickets sold (number of movie-goers may not necessarily be equal to the number of tickets sold, if say some people received free tickets or used coupons to enter the screening).

Hence using 'revenue' metric directly would give us an accurate representation of the total revenue generated from ticket sales, which is shown below.

- 1 SELECT m.movie\_name, SUM(f.revenue) AS total\_revenue
- 2 FROM Theater\_Events f
- 3 JOIN Movie\_Dimension m ON f.movie\_key = m.movie\_key
- 4 JOIN Time\_Dimension t ON f.time\_key = t.time\_key
- 5 WHERE t.year = 2020
- 6 GROUP BY m.movie\_name;
- 1) SELECT m.movie\_name, SUM(f.revenue) AS total\_revenue: It retrieves the movie name from the movie dimension table and the revenue from the fact table, and uses the SUM function to calculate the total revenue for each movie.
- 2) FROM Theater\_Event f JOIN Movie\_Dimension m ON f.movie\_key = m.movie\_key JOIN Time\_Dimension t ON f.time\_key = t.time\_key: Specifies the Fact table 'Theater\_Event' we are retrieving data from, while the two JOIN clauses specify the Dimension tables ('Movie\_Dimension' and 'Time\_Dimension') we are joining with the Fact table. The join condition for each JOIN clause matches the key column from the Fact table (movie\_key or time\_key) with the corresponding key column in the Dimension table (movie\_key or time\_key).

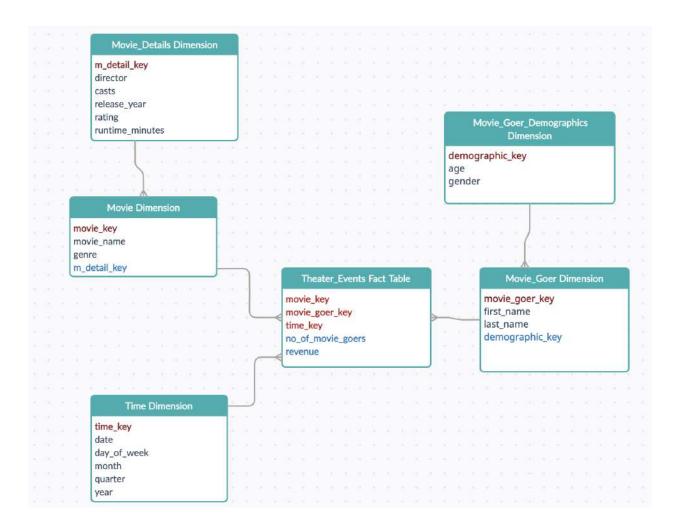
- 3) WHERE t.year = 2020: Specifies the conditions that the rows in the tables must meet in order to be included in the query result. This condition ensures that we only consider sales data from the year 2020 from Time\_Dimension
- **4) GROUP BY m.movie\_name:** Groups the data by movie name so that we can calculate the total revenue for each movie separately.
- c) In RDBMS, The below SQL query can be to retrieve the total revenue collected through ticket sales by each movie in the pandemic year, 2020, based on the ticket sales table.

- 1) **SELECT movie, SUM(ticket\_price) AS total\_revenue:** It retrieves the movie name from the movie column in the ticket\_sales table and the total revenue from the ticket\_price column in the same table and uses the SUM function to add up the ticket price for each movie.
- 2) **FROM ticket\_sales ts:** Specifies the tables to be used in the query. The ticket\_sales table is aliased as 'ts'.
- 3) **WHERE ts.year = 2020:** Specifies the conditions that the rows in the tables must meet in order to be included in the query result. This condition ensures that we only consider sales data from the year 2020 from the ticket sales table.
- **4) GROUP BY ts.movie:** Groups the data by movie name so that we can calculate the total revenue for each movie separately.

### d) Simple Snowflake Schema for ABC Theaters Datawarehouse:

- The Snowflake schema is a variant of the Star schema where one or more dimensions are normalized into multiple tables to improve performance and reduce redundancy.
- ➤ In the Star schema, we could normalize the **Movie\_Goer** dimension into another table called **Movie\_Goer\_Demographics** with demographic key, age, and gender.
- Additionally, we could normalize the **Movie** dimension and create a new table called Movie\_Details with a m\_detail\_key attribute to hold movie information that is not frequently used, such as director, cast, release year, rating, and runtime minutes, to create a Snowflake schema.

The resulting Snowflake schema is shown below:



Below are some of the SQL JOIN queries that can be used to output the additional summary information from the above Snowflake schema.

1) The below SQL JOIN query can be used to retrieve the total revenue generated by movies directed by a specific director.

The below query shows total revenue generated by each movie directed by Christopher Nolan, by joining the Theater\_Events Fact table with the Movie\_Dimension, Time\_Dimension, and Movie Details table.

```
SELECT md.movie_name, SUM(fs.revenue) AS total_revenue
FROM Theater_Events f

JOIN Movie_Dimension md ON f.movie_key = md.movie_key

JOIN Time_Dimension td ON f.time_key = td.time_key

JOIN Movie_Details mdet ON mdet.m_detail_key = md.m_detail_key

WHERE mdet.director = 'Christopher Nolan'

GROUP BY md.movie_name;
```

- 1) **SELECT md.movie\_name, SUM(fs.revenue) AS total\_revenue:** It retrieves the movie name from the Movie\_Dimension table and the total revenue generated from each movie from the Theater\_Events Fact table and uses the SUM function to calculate the total revenue generated for each movie.
- 2) FROM Theater\_Events f JOIN Movie\_Dimension md ON f.movie\_key = md.movie\_key JOIN Time\_Dimension td ON f.time\_key = td.time\_key JOIN Movie\_Details mdet ON mdet.m\_detail\_key = md.m\_detail\_key: Specifies the tables we are retrieving data from and how they are joined. The Theater\_Events Fact table is joined with the Movie\_Dimension table on the movie\_key foreign key, the Time\_Dimension table is joined with Theater\_Events Fact table on the time\_key foreign key, and the Movie\_Details table is joined with the Movie\_Dimension table on the m detail key foreign key.
- 3) **WHERE mdet.director = 'Christopher Nolan':** Filters the results to only include movies directed by Christopher Nolan.
- 4) **GROUP BY md.movie\_name:** Groups the results by movie name from the Movie\_Dimension table. It calculates the total revenue generated by each movie, allowing us to see which of Christopher Nolan's movies generated the most revenue.
- 2) The below SQL JOIN query can be used to retrieve the top 5 movie genres by total revenue for each year and the output can help ABC Theaters make informed decisions about which movies to show, which genres to prioritize, and how to allocate resources to maximize revenue and profitability.

The below query retrieves data from the Theater\_Events Fact table, Movie\_Dimension, and Time\_Dimension tables to find the top 5 movie genres by total revenue for each year.

1 • SELECT td.year, md.genre, SUM(f.revenue) AS total\_revenue

FROM Fact Sales f

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FROM Fact_Sales f

JOIN Movie_Dimension md ON f.movie_key = md.movie_key

JOIN Time_Dimension td ON f.time_key = td.time_key

GROUP BY td.year, md.genre

ORDER BY td.year, total_revenue DESC

LIMIT 5;
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- 1. **SELECT td.year, md.genre, SUM(f.revenue) AS total\_revenue:** It retrieves the year, genre, and total revenue columns from the tables, and uses the SUM function to aggregate the revenue for each genre in each year. '
- 2. FROM Theater\_Events f JOIN Movie\_Dimension md ON f.movie\_key = md.movie\_key JOIN Time\_Dimension td ON f.time\_key = td.time\_key: Specifies the tables we are retrieving data from and joins them using their respective foreign keys. The join is performed using the movie\_key column from both the Theater\_Events and Movie\_Dimension tables, and the time\_key column from both the Theater\_Events and Time\_Dimension tables
- 3. **GROUP BY td.year, md.genre:** This clause groups the results by year and genre to calculate the total revenue for each combination of year and genre.
- 4. **ORDER BY td.year, total\_revenue DESC:** This clause orders the results by year in ascending order and by total revenue in descending order.
- 5. **LIMIT 5:** It limits the results to the top 5 rows.

## 3. Short notes on Columnar Databases for Data Warehousing:

- > Columnar databases store data in columns rather than rows.
- This results in faster query processing, particularly for complex analytical functions like aggregation and filtering.
- ➤ Columnar databases use specialized compression techniques for each data type in a column, which reduces storage requirements and further improves query performance.
- ➤ Columnar databases are designed for analytical workloads and can handle complex queries more efficiently than traditional row-based databases.
- > They support schema-on-read, which allows for more flexible data modeling and easier data exploration.
- ➤ Popular columnar databases used for data warehouse solutions include Amazon Redshift, Google BigQuery, and Apache Cassandra.

# **Key Insights and Takeaways on Using Columnar Databases for Data Warehouses in industry:**

## 1. Improved Query Efficiency and Complex Query Handling:

> By storing table data in a columnar format and allowing for efficient scanning of individual columns, complex queries and aggregations can be handled more efficiently than traditional row-based databases.

- > This leads to improved data analysis and the extraction of valuable insights.
- ➤ For example, Spotify is successfully utilizing columnar databases, like Google BigQuery, due to their optimized design for analytical workloads.

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## 2. Flexible data modeling:

- Columnar databases support schema-on-read, which allows for flexible data modeling and easier data exploration.
- ➤ For example, Apache Cassandra has been used by companies like Netflix to handle large volumes of data and provide a flexible data model for their analytics.

#### Reference links:

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#### 3. Improved query performance:

- Columnar databases provide faster query processing and reduced storage requirements due to their optimized compression techniques.
- > For example, Amazon Redshift has been used by companies like Lyft to handle large amounts of data and improve query performance.

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## 4. Compression:

Columnar databases are designed to store data more efficiently than traditional row-based databases, which can lead to significant storage cost savings.

- This is because columnar databases can use compression techniques that are optimized for the data types and patterns found in analytical workloads.
- ➤ For example, Vertica has been used by Zynga (Online game company) to compress large datasets and reduce storage costs.

#### Reference Links:

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#### 5. Real-time analytics:

- Columnar databases are well-suited for real-time analytics and can deliver fast query response times even on large datasets.
- ➤ This makes them a popular choice for applications that require near-instantaneous insights, such as fraud detection, recommendation engines, and IoT sensor data analysis.
- > For example, Kinetica has been used by companies like Dell to perform real-time analytics on streaming data.

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# 3. b) 5 Key Observation on different OLAP TOOLS used in the industry:

### 1. Microsoft SSAS

- ➤ It is a powerful OLAP tool that allows for the creation and management of multi-dimensional databases for analysis and reporting purposes.
- ➤ One of the key features of SSAS is its ability to create and manage hierarchies, which allows for easy analysis of data at different levels of aggregation. This feature has been used by companies such as The North Face to analyze sales data across various dimensions and make data-driven decisions.

#### 2. Oracle OLAP

- ➤ It is widely used in various industries for fast and efficient data analysis and reporting. Its ability to manage data and business rules securely and centrally makes it an ideal solution for enterprises.
- > Hundreds of analytic functions can be easily combined to solve any calculation requirement, and its standard star schema design allows for easy integration with various reporting and analysis tools, making it simple and productive to use.

### 3. IBM Cognos

- ➤ It is a well-established business intelligence product, widely used in the financial sector, especially in banking, insurance, and securities. It provides various OLAP features to help businesses gain insights from their data, including multidimensional analysis( (analyzing data across multiple dimensions), ad hoc reporting (creating custom reports on the fly), interactive dashboards (visualizing data in a dashboard format), predictive analytics (using statistical models to predict future outcomes), and data visualization.
- ➤ Metlife insurance is an example of an industry that utilizes IBM Cognos for financial analysis and reporting. By leveraging its capabilities, they can track their performance, improve customer satisfaction, and make data-driven business decisions.

## 4. Apache Kylin:

- ➤ It is being used by various industries, including e-commerce, finance, and telecommunications, to provide fast and accurate data analytics. For example, eBay uses Apache Kylin to process massive amounts of data from its e-commerce platform and provide near-real-time insights to its business users.
- One of its key features is its ability to provide sub-second query response times even for complex queries on big data. This is achieved through its pre-calculation of cubes using a technology called "Cube Building" and its efficient use of Hadoop-based distributed processing. This makes it an ideal solution for industries that require fast and accurate data analytics, such as real-time marketing, fraud detection, and customer behavior analysis.

#### 5. MicroStrategy OLAP Services:

They are used in Retail, Finance, HealthCare industries and offer a feature called Intelligent Cubes, which allows users to create pre-aggregated data sets that can be accessed and analyzed quickly, without the need to re-query the underlying data source. This feature can significantly improve query performance and speed up report generation, making it easier for users to get the information they need

- in a timely manner. Additionally, Intelligent Cubes can be scheduled to refresh automatically, ensuring that the data is always up-to-date.
- Another key takeaway from using MicroStrategy OLAP Services is its ease of use. The tool has a user-friendly interface that allows non-technical users to create reports and perform ad-hoc analyses easily. Additionally, it offers a variety of visualization options, including charts and graphs, to help users better understand their data. This makes it a popular choice for businesses looking to empower their employees with self-service analytics capabilities

**Note:** As I am not familiar with ML/k-means, I am unable to provide a solution for questions 4a and 4b.