

Project-2 Data Modeler

Schema Type:

A Star Schema data model was implemented with Sales_Fact as the central fact table. All dimension tables (Customer_Dim, Product_Dim, Region_Dim, and Date_Dim) are directly connected to the Sales_Fact table, following best practices for analytical models. The Returns_Fact table was modeled as a secondary fact table to represent return transactions, creating a controlled snowflake-like extension while maintaining model clarity.

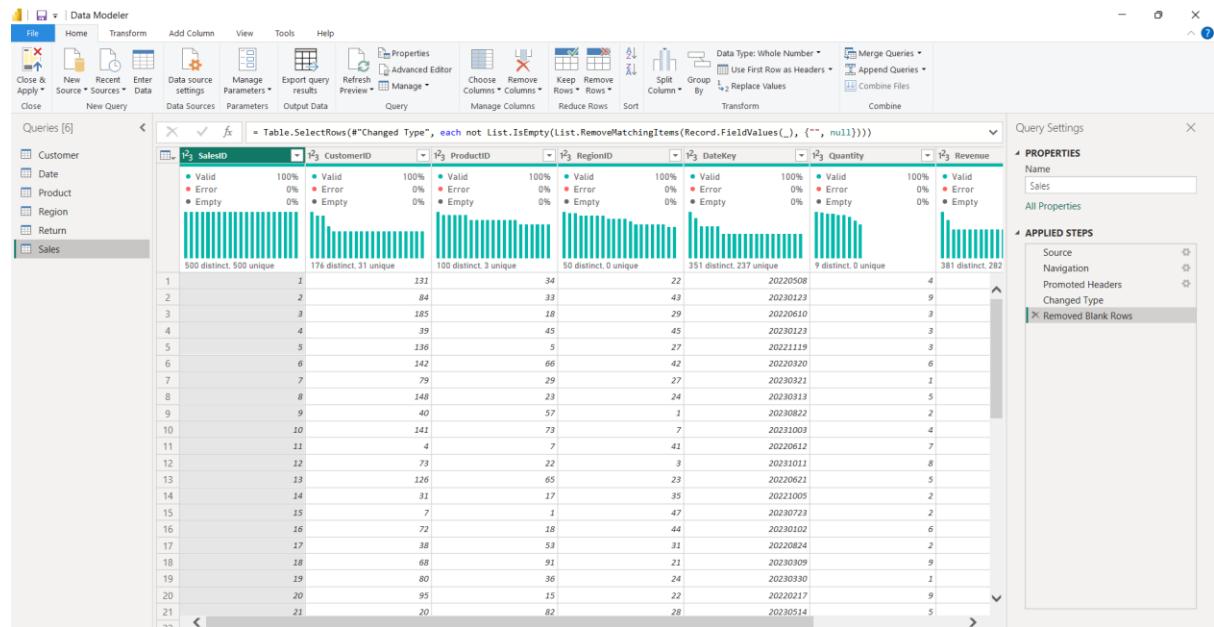
Relationship Logic:

All relationships were manually defined using primary key and foreign key mappings. Each dimension table has a one-to-many (1:*) relationship with the Sales_Fact table. Single-direction cross-filtering was used across the model to ensure predictable filter flow and optimal performance. An inactive relationship was intentionally created between Returns_Fact and Date_Dim using the ReturnDateKey to demonstrate handling of multiple date relationships within the same model.

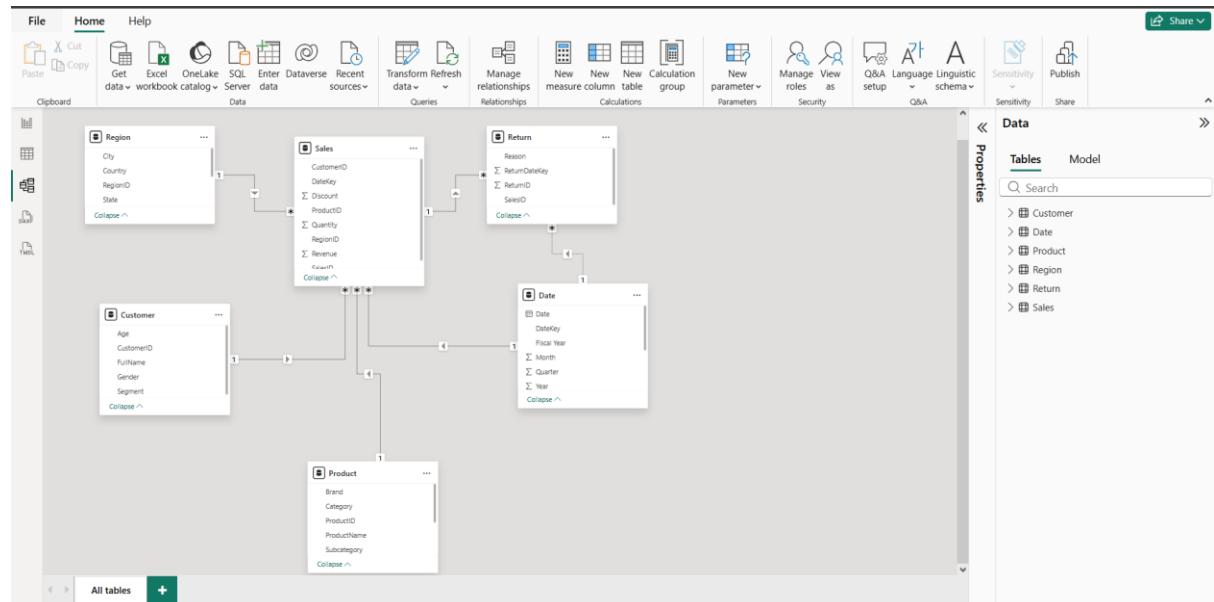
Issues Faced & Resolution:

An ambiguous filter path arose due to multiple relationships between fact tables and the Date_Dim table. This was resolved by keeping the Sales_Fact–Date_Dim relationship active and setting the Returns_Fact–Date_Dim relationship as inactive. This approach eliminated ambiguity while preserving analytical flexibility and aligns with industry-standard dimensional modeling practices.

Transformation applied:



Snowflake Structure:



Matrix:

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Data Modeler interface with a matrix visualization. The matrix has 'Category' and 'Fiscal Year' as columns, and 'Germany', 'India', 'USA' as rows. The total value for each cell is displayed. Below the matrix, a summary value '287K' is shown with the label 'Sum of Revenue'. To the right, there is a 'Visualizations' pane with various chart icons and a 'Data' pane with a search bar and filter options.

Category	Germany	India	USA	Total
Clothing	26521	27725	38015	92261
Electronics	26489	31692	44712	102893
Furniture	23990	26347	41435	91772
Total	77000	85764	124162	286926

Segment	Sum of Revenue
Silver	97436
Platinum	93893
Gold	95597
Total	286926