Instagram User Analytics: SQL Fundamentals

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Project Description:-

Instagram user analytics project is about finding insights about user behavior on social media platforms. In this project, I have used the ig_clone database provided by trainity and drawn some conclusions. I have provided insights to topics serving the marketing team and investors of instagram by answering questions asked by the management team. I have used Structured Query Language for data analytics.

Approach:-

Firstly, I have used SQL queries to process raw data and create a relational database with various tables on mysql workbench. Then, I have used different queries to draw insights and answer all the possible questions. Finally, I combined all the results into this report.

Tech-Stack Used:-

I have used "MySQL Server 8.0.32" for locally hosting the database and "MySQL Workbench 8.0.24" as an interface for SQL query editor. It was easy to work with databases and better visualization.

Project Insights:-

The database included tables namely: comments, follows, likes, photos, photo_tags, tags, users.

Table Name	No. of Rows	No. of Rows	Name of Columns
comments	7488	5	id, comment_text, user_id, photo_id, created_at
follows	7623	3	follower_id, followee_id, created_at
likes	8782	3	Photo_id, user_id, created_at
photos	257	4	id, image_url, user_id, created_dat
photo_tags	501	2	photo_id, tag_id
tags	21	3	ld, tag_name, created_at
users	100	3	ld, username, created_at

A) Marketing:

1. Rewarding Most Loyal Users: People who have been using the platform for the longest time.

Approach - I displayed top 5 rows for all the columns from the users table and sorted them in ascending order according to created at column.

Query :- Result Grid :-

SELECT	id	username	created_at
FROM	80	Darby_Herzog	2016-05-06 00:14:21
users	67	Emilio_Bernier52	2016-05-06 13:04:30
ORDER BY created_at ASC LIMIT 5;	63	Elenor88	2016-05-08 01:30:41
LIIVII I J,	95	Nicole71	2016-05-09 17:30:22
	38	Jordyn.Jacobson2	2016-05-14 07:56:26

Conclusion: The 5 oldest users of Instagram from the database provided are user ID 80, 67,63,95,38.

2. **Remind Inactive Users to Start Posting:** The users who have never posted a single photo on Instagram.

Approach - I have used left join to join all the values of users table and matching records of photos table. Due to which, users who have not posted any photo had null values in photos table records. To display those users I used a condition to display id and username columns where the image url is null.

Query - Result Grid :-

LECT users.id,	id	username
users.username	5	Aniya_Hackett
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ISERS LEFT JOIN	7	Kasandra_Homenick
hotos ON users.id = photos.user_id	14	Jaclyn81
ERE	21	Rocio33
hotos.image_url IS NULL;	24	Maxwell.Halvorson
	25	Tierra.Trantow
	34	Pearl7
	36	Ollie_Ledner37
	41	Mckenna17
	45	David.Osinski47
	49	Morgan.Kassulke
	53	Linnea59
	54	Duane60
	57	Julien_Schmidt
	66	Mike.Auer39
	68	Franco_Keebler64
	71	Nia_Haag
	74	Hulda.Macejkovic
	75	Leslie67
	76	Janelle.Nikolaus81
	80	Darby_Herzog
	81	Esther.Zulauf61
	83	Bartholome.Bernhard
	89	Jessyca_West
	90	Esmeralda.Mraz57
	91	Bethany20

Conclusion: Users who have never posted a single photo on Instagram are user id 5,7,14,21,24,25,34,36,41,45,49,53,54,57,66,68,71,74,75,76,80,81,83,89,90,91. Promotional emails to post their 1st photo can be sent to these users.

3. **Declaring Contest Winner:** The user who gets the most likes on a single photo.

Approach: I have used group by statement to group rows having the same photo id and

aggregate function count to calculate the total number of likes each photo has from the likes table and also, ordering them in descending order according to no_of_likes with limiting output to 1 for photo_id with most likes. Then, I have used the inner join statement twice to get the details of the winner photo_id. Firstly, the matching photo_id from likes and photos tables are joined and then to get details of those photo ids, inner join is used to find matching users id from photos and users table.

Query :-	photos COUN FROM photos INN likes (INN users GROUP	s.user_id, users s.created_dat, IT(*) AS no_of_	likes id = photos r_id = user _id	s.id	photos.image_url,
Result Grid :-	users_id	username	photo_id	image_url	no_of_likes
	52	Zack_Kemmer93	145	https://jarret.name	48

Conclusion: The winner of the contest is user id 52. The user name of the winner is Zack_Kemmer93. The photo_id on which the user has most likes is 145 and the number of likes on the photo is 48. The image url of the photo is https://jarret.name.

4. **Hashtag Researching:** Top 5 hashtags to use in the post to reach the most people on the platform.

Approach: I have used group by statement to group rows having the same tag_id and aggregate function count to calculate the total number of times that tag_id is used and also, ordered them in descending order according to no_of_times_used and limited the output for the first 10 rows. To get details about tags, join is used to find matching records for photo_id from photo_tags and tags tables.

Query: Result Grid :-

SELECT	tag_id	tag_name	no_of_times_used
tags.id AS tag_id,	21	smile	59
tags.tag_name, COUNT(*) as no_of_times_used FROM photo_tags JOIN tags ON photo_tags.tag_id = tags.id	20	beach	42
	17	party	39
	13	fun	38
GROUP BY photo_tags.tag_id ORDER BY no of times used DESC;	18	concert	24
LIMIT 10:	5	food	24
	11	lol	24
	15	hair	23
	12	happy	22
	8	beauty	20

Conclusion: The top 5 most commonly used hashtags on the platform are smile, beach, party, fun and for 5 th position there is tie among concert, food and lol.

5. **Launch AD Campaign:** The best day to launch ADs, that is the day of the week on which most users register. Provide insights on when to schedule an ad campaign

Approach: Firstly, I have used the DAYNAME function which returns the name of weekday for a given date to get day_of_registration for users. Then, I have used group by statement to group rows having the same day_of_registration and used count as aggregate function to calculate total number of users registered on the given day.

Query :- Result grid :-

SELECT	day_of_registration	no_of_users_registered
DAYNAME(created_at) as day_of_registration, COUNT(*) as no_of_users_registered FROM users GROUP BY day_of_registration	Thursday	16
	Sunday	16
	Tuesday	14
	Saturday	12
	Wednesday	13
	Monday	14
	Friday	15

Conclusion: The ad campaign can be scheduled on Thursday or Sunday as most users registered on these two days.

B) Investor Metrics:

1. **User Engagement:** How many times does an average user posts on Instagram. Also, provide the total number of photos on Instagram/total number of users

Approach: I have used a nested select statement. I have used the count aggregate function to calculate the total number of users and total number of photos posted by all the users. Then simply divided two of them to calculate average posts per user

Query: Result Grid :-

SELECT	erage_post_per_user
(SELECT COUNT(id) FROM photos) / (SELECT COUNT(id) FROM users) AS average_post_per_user	5700

Conclusion: The average number post per user is 2.570.

2. Bots & Fake Accounts: The users (bots) who have liked every single photo on the site.

Approach: I have used group by statement to group rows having the same user_id in likes table and aggregate using count function to calculate total no. of photos liked by that user. Then, I used another sorting function 'Having' to analyse the condition and return rows having the total number of photos that is 257 in the no_of_photo_liked column. I used the inner join statement to get all details of those user_id from the likes table from the users table.

Query: Result Grid :-

SELECT	user_id	username	no_of_photo_liked
users.id, users.username, COUNT(*) AS no of photo liked	5	Aniya_Hackett	257
	14	Jaclyn81	257
FROM likes	21	Rocio33	257
INNER JOIN	24	Maxwell.Halvorson	257
users ON users.id = likes.user_id	36	Ollie_Ledner37	257
GROUP BY likes.user_id HAVING no_of_photo_liked = (SELECT	41	Mckenna17	257
COUNT(*) FROM photos)	54	Duane60	257
	57	Julien_Schmidt	257
	66	Mike.Auer39	257
	71	Nia_Haag	257
	75	Leslie67	257
	76	Janelle.Nikolaus81	257
	91	Bethany20	257

Conclusion: The bots(users) who have liked all the photos on instagram platform are user_id 5,14,21,24,36,41,54,57,66,71,75,76,91.

Result:-

I have answered all the questions asked by the management team in this project and explained the result grid and conclusion under the project insights part. While doing the project I applied my learning of SQL fundamentals and use of aggregate function, sorting functions, operators and join operations.