

USER CHURN RATE

Analyze Data with SQL

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CODEFLIX

1a. Who is Codeflix?

Codeflix, a streaming video startup, and are interested in measuring their user churn rate.

They company started in Dec 2016 and they would like the churn rate for the first 3 months (Jan 2017 to Mar 2017), as cancellations are not possible within first 31 days of subscribing it would be pointless to analyze Dec 2016

1b. What is “Churn Rate”?

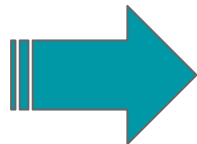
Churn rate is the percent of subscribers that have canceled within a certain period, usually a month. For a user base to grow, the churn rate must be less than the new subscriber rate for the same period.

$$\frac{\text{cancellations}}{\text{total subscribers}}$$

2. Get familiar with the data

From “subscriptions”
table, print first 20 rows

```
SELECT *  
FROM subscriptions  
LIMIT 20;
```



id	subscription_start	subscription_end	segment
1	2016-12-01	2017-02-01	87
2	2016-12-01	2017-01-24	87
3	2016-12-01	2017-03-07	87
4	2016-12-01	2017-02-12	87
5	2016-12-01	2017-03-09	87
6	2016-12-01	2017-01-19	87
7	2016-12-01	2017-02-03	87
8	2016-12-01	2017-03-02	87
9	2016-12-01	2017-02-17	87
10	2016-12-01	2017-01-01	87
11	2016-12-01	2017-01-17	87
12	2016-12-01	2017-02-07	87
13	2016-12-01		30
14	2016-12-01	2017-03-07	30
15	2016-12-01	2017-02-22	30
16	2016-12-01		30
17	2016-12-01		30
18	2016-12-02	2017-01-29	87
19	2016-12-02	2017-01-13	87
20	2016-12-02	2017-01-15	87

Determine the range of
dates

```
SELECT MIN(subscription_start), MAX(subscription_start)
FROM subscriptions;
```



MIN(subscription_start)	MAX(subscription_start)
2016-12-01	2017-03-30

Determine the
segments

```
SELECT DISTINCT(segment)
FROM subscriptions;
```



segment
87
30

3. Create Temp tables

Create temp table called “months” that will have 2 columns “first_day” and “last_day”

```
WITH months AS (  
  SELECT  
    2017-01-01' AS 'first_day',  
    2017-01-31' AS 'last_day'  
  UNION  
  SELECT  
    2017-02-01' AS 'first_day',  
    2017-02-28' AS 'last_day'  
  UNION  
  SELECT  
    2017-03-01' AS 'first_day',  
    2017-03-30' AS 'last_day'  
)
```



first_day	last_day
2017-01-01	2017-01-31
2017-02-01	2017-02-28
2017-03-01	2017-03-30

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    2017-02-28' AS 'last_day'  
  UNION  
  SELECT  
    2017-03-01' AS 'first_day',  
    2017-03-30' AS 'last_day'),
```



first_day	last_day
2017-01-01	2017-01-31
2017-02-01	2017-02-28
2017-03-01	2017-03-30

Create temp table "cross_join" that will join "subscriptions" and "months" tables

```
cross_join AS (  
  SELECT *  
  FROM subscriptions  
  CROSS JOIN months),
```



id	subscription_start	subscription_end	segment	first_day	last_day
1	2016-12-01	2017-02-01	87	2017-01-01	2017-01-31
1	2016-12-01	2017-02-01	87	2017-02-01	2017-02-28
1	2016-12-01	2017-02-01	87	2017-03-01	2017-03-30
2	2016-12-01	2017-01-24	87	2017-01-01	2017-01-31
2	2016-12-01	2017-01-24	87	2017-02-01	2017-02-28

```

status AS (
SELECT id,
       first_day AS 'month',
       CASE
       WHEN ( subscription_start < first_day)
       AND (segment = 87)
       AND (subscription_end > first_day
            OR subscription_end IS NULL)
       THEN 1 ELSE 0
       END AS is_active_87,
       CASE
       WHEN (subscription_start < first_day)
       AND (segment = 30)
       AND (subscription_end > first_day
            OR subscription_end IS NULL)
       THEN 1 ELSE 0
       END AS is_active_30,
       CASE
       WHEN (subscription_end BETWEEN
       first_day AND last_day)
       AND (segment = 87)
       THEN 1 ELSE 0
       END AS is_cancelled_87,
       CASE
       WHEN (subscription_end BETWEEN
       first_day AND last_day)
       AND (segment = 30)
       THEN 1 ELSE 0
       END AS is_cancelled_30
FROM cross_join),

```

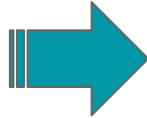


Create Temp table “status” showing “is_active” and “is_cancelled” columns for each segment

id	month	is_active_87	is_active_30	is_cancelled_87	is_cancelled_30
1	2017-01-01	1	0	0	0
1	2017-02-01	0	0	1	0
1	2017-03-01	0	0	0	0
2	2017-01-01	1	0	1	0
2	2017-02-01	0	0	0	0

Create a “status_aggregate” temporary table that is a SUM of the active and canceled subscriptions for each segment, for each month

```
status_aggregate AS(  
SELECT  
month,  
SUM(is_active_87) AS 'sum_active_87',  
SUM(is_active_30) AS 'sum_active_30',  
SUM(is_cancelled_87) AS  
'sum_canceled_87',  
SUM(is_cancelled_30) AS  
'sum_canceled_30'  
FROM status  
GROUP BY month)
```



month	sum_active_87	sum_active_30	sum_canceled_87	sum_canceled_30
2017-01-01	278	291	70	22
2017-02-01	462	518	148	38
2017-03-01	531	716	247	81

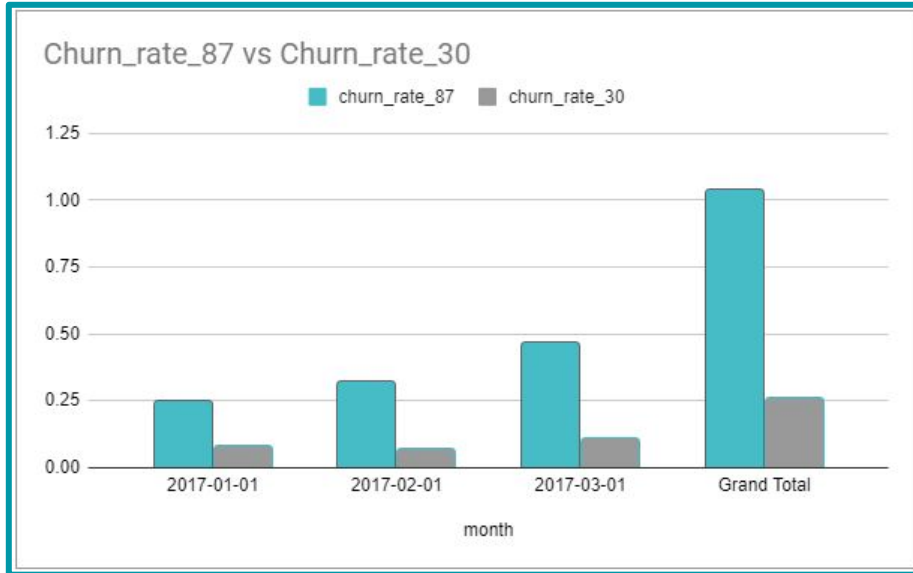
Calculate the churn rates for the two segments over the three month period.

```
SELECT  
month,  
ROUND(1.0 * sum_canceled_87 /  
sum_active_87, 2) AS 'churn_rate_87',  
ROUND(1.0 * sum_canceled_30 /  
sum_active_30, 2) AS 'churn_rate_30'  
FROM status_aggregate;
```



month	churn_rate_87	churn_rate_30
2017-01-01	0.25	0.08
2017-02-01	0.32	0.07
2017-03-01	0.47	0.11

4. Conclusions



month	churn_rate_87	churn_rate_30
2017-01-01	0.25	0.08
2017-02-01	0.32	0.07
2017-03-01	0.47	0.11

- Based on our analysis, we can conclude that the churn rate increased over the months Jan 2017 to Mar 2017
 - Customer segment 87 definitely has a much higher churn rate than customer segment 30
 - Codefix should look into why there is a general increase in Churn rates each month
- Codefix should also see why 87 has a much higher rate and maybe make some changes to be more like 30 to decrease the Churn rate for that segment.