

Unpacking Retailer's Journey in Brazil: A Deep Dive into 100,000 Orders and Customer Behaviour (2016-2018) using SQL



I. Import the dataset and do usual exploratory analysis steps like checking the structure & characteristics of the dataset.

A. Data type of all columns in the “customers” table.

Query ->

```
SELECT
column_name,
data_type
FROM
`scaler-dsml-sql-433115.target.INFORMATION_SCHEMA.COLUMNS`
WHERE table_name = 'customers';
```

Row	column_name ▾	data_type ▾
1	customer_id	STRING
2	customer_unique_id	STRING
3	customer_zip_code_prefix	INT64
4	customer_city	STRING
5	customer_state	STRING

B. Get the time range between which the orders were placed.



Query->

```

SELECT
    MIN(order_purchase_timestamp) AS first_order,
    MAX(order_purchase_timestamp) AS
    last_order FROM target.orders

```

JOB INFORMATION		RESULTS	CHART	JSON	EXECUTION DETAIL
Row	first_order		last_order		
1	2016-09-04 21:15:19 UTC		2018-10-17 17:30:18 UTC		

C. Count the Cities & States of customers who ordered during the given period.

Query->

```

SELECT
    COUNT(DISTINCT customer_city) AS num_of_cities,
    COUNT(DISTINCT customer_state) AS
    num_of_states FROM target.orders o
JOIN
    `target.customers` c
ON
    o.customer_id = c.customer_id

```



JOB INFORMATION		RESULTS	CHART	JSON
Row	num_of_cities	num_of_states		
1	4119	27		

Insights -

- *First order was placed on 4th sep 2016 and last order was placed On 17th october 2018. Which mean target was operational in Brazil for 2 years 1 month 11 days approx.*
- *From the above queries we can say that target has its customers from All the 27 states of Brazil.*



II. In-depth Exploration:

A. Is there a growing trend in the no. of orders placed over the past years?

Query →

```
SELECT  
    EXTRACT(year      FROM  
            order_purchase_timestamp) AS year,  
    EXTRACT(month     FROM  
            order_purchase_timestamp) AS month,  
    COUNT(order_id)  AS  
    num_of_orders  FROM  
    target.orders GROUP BY 1,2 ORDER  
    BY 1,2
```

Row	year	month	num_of_orders
1	2016	9	4
2	2016	10	324
3	2016	12	1
4	2017	1	800
5	2017	2	1780
6	2017	3	2682
7	2017	4	2404
8	2017	5	3700
9	2017	6	3245
10	2017	7	4026
11	2017	8	4331
12	2017	9	4285
13	2017	10	4631

Row	year	month	num_of_orders
13	2017	10	4631
14	2017	11	7544
15	2017	12	5673
16	2018	1	7269
17	2018	2	6728
18	2018	3	7211
19	2018	4	6939
20	2018	5	6873
21	2018	6	6167
22	2018	7	6292
23	2018	8	6512
24	2018	9	16
25	2018	10	4

B. Can we see some kind of monthly seasonality in terms of the no. of orders being placed?



⑨ We see maximum sales in year end (last three months and beginning month) due to various festivals.

⑩ we can see maximum sales in November of 2017 because of Black Friday (Black Friday is a major shopping day that's celebrated for a number of reasons).

C. During what time of the day, do the Brazilian customers mostly place their orders? (Dawn, Morning, Afternoon or Night)

Query->

```
SELECT timing_category, count(order_id) Count_of_orders FROM (
    SELECT order_id,
        CASE when extract(hour from order_purchase_timestamp)
            between 0 and 6 then 'Dawn' when extract(hour
            from order_purchase_timestamp) between 7 and 12 then
            'Mornings' when extract(hour from
            order_purchase_timestamp) between 13 and 18 then
            'Afternoon' when extract(hour from
            order_purchase_timestamp) between 19 and 23 then
            'Night' end as timing_category
        FROM target.orders
    ) group by timing_category
Order by Count_of_orders desc
```



Row	timing_category	Count_of_orders
1	Afternoon	38135
2	Night	28331
3	Mornings	27733
4	Dawn	5242

Insights -

- *Peak sale was found during year end (last three month and first month) in 2017-18 as per data it also seems target was fully operational during year 2017-18 hence we can see Month on Month growth in number of orders placed.*

- *As per the query results above we can see Peak sale during Afternoon • Resources Should be aligned in Afternoon accordingly*



III. Evolution of E-commerce orders in the Brazil region:

A. Get the month on month no. of orders placed in each state.

Query->

```
SELECT      customer_state,
            format_datetime('%B',order_purchase_timestamp) as month,
            extract(month from order_purchase_timestamp) as month_number
            ,count(c.customer_id) as Number_of_customer
FROM
    `target.orders` o
JOIN
    `target.customers` c
ON
    o.customer_id = c.customer_id group
by 1,2,3 order by 1,3
```

Row	customer_state	month	month_number	Number_of_customer
1	AC	January	1	8
2	AC	February	2	6
3	AC	March	3	4
4	AC	April	4	9
5	AC	May	5	10
6	AC	June	6	7
7	AC	July	7	9
8	AC	August	8	7
9	AC	September	9	5
10	AC	October	10	6
11	AC	November	11	5
12	AC	December	12	5
13	AL	January	1	39
14	AL	February	2	39

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B. How are the customers distributed across all the states?

Query->

```
SELECT
    customer_state,
    COUNT(DISTINCT c.customer_id) number_of_customer
FROM
    `target.customers` c
GROUP BY
    customer_state
ORDER BY
    2 desc
```

Row	customer_state	number_of_customer
1	SP	41746
2	RJ	12852
3	MG	11635
4	RS	5466
5	PR	5045
6	SC	3637
7	BA	3380
8	DF	2140
9	ES	2033
10	GO	2020
11	PE	1652
12	CE	1336
13	PA	975
14	MT	907

15	MA	747
16	MS	715
17	PB	536
18	PI	495
19	RN	485
20	AL	413
21	SE	350
22	TO	280
23	RO	253
24	AM	148
25	AC	81
26	AP	68
27	RR	46



Insights -

- Maximum number of Customers are from state SP (Sau Paulo) i.e 41746
- Minimum number of Customers are from state RR (Roraima) i.e 46
- There are zero orders for Roraima in August and December
Reason(Roraima's population makes up about 0.3% of Brazil's total population).
- lowest customer activity is Roraima (RR), with 46 customers, followed by Amapa (AP) and Acre (AC) Localized Marketing Campaigns, Partner with Local Businesses can help is increasing customer base in lowest customer activity areas

IV. Impact on Economy: Analyze the money movement by ecommerce by looking at order prices, freight and others.



A. Get the % increase in the cost of orders from year 2017 to 2018 (include months between Jan to Aug only).

Query ->

```
SELECT
  *,
  ROUND(((cost_2018-cost_2017)/cost_2017)*100,2) AS percent_diff
FROM (
  SELECT
    EXTRACT(MONTH      FROM
order_purchase_timestamp) AS month_number,
    FORMAT_DATETIME('%B', order_purchase_timestamp) AS month,
    ROUND(SUM(CASE
      WHEN EXTRACT(YEAR FROM order_purchase_timestamp) = 2017
      THEN p.payment_value
      ELSE 0
    END
  ),2) AS cost_2017,
    ROUND(SUM(CASE
      WHEN EXTRACT(YEAR FROM order_purchase_timestamp) = 2018
      THEN p.payment_value
      ELSE 0
    END
  ),2) AS cost_2018
  FROM `target.orders` o join `target.payments` p
```



```
ON
    o.order_id = p.order_id
WHERE
    EXTRACT(MONTH      FROM
order_purchase_timestamp) < 9
    AND EXTRACT(YEAR      FROM
order_purchase_timestamp) BETWEEN 2017
    AND 2018
GROUP BY
month_number,
month ORDER BY
month_number )
```

Row	month_number ▾	month ▾	cost_2017 ▾	cost_2018 ▾	percent_diff ▾
1	1	January	138488.04	1115004.18	705.13
2	2	February	291908.01	992463.34	239.99
3	3	March	449863.6	1159652.12	157.78
4	4	April	417788.03	1160785.48	177.84
5	5	May	592918.82	1153982.15	94.63
6	6	June	511276.38	1023880.5	100.26
7	7	July	592382.92	1066540.75	80.04
8	8	August	674396.32	1022425.32	51.61

B. Calculate the Total & Average value of order price for each state.

Query->

```
SELECT c.customer_state,
    ROUND(SUM(order_total_price),1) AS total_order_price,
    ROUND(AVG(order_total_price),1) AS average_order_price
```

```

FROM (
    SELECT
        oi.order_id,
        SUM(oi.price) AS
        order_total_price
    target.order_items oi
    oi.order_id
) order_totals JOIN
target.orders o
    ON order_totals.order_id =
o.order_id JOIN
target.customers c
    ON o.customer_id =
c.customer_id
GROUP BY
    c.customer_state ORDER
    DESC, 3 DESC

```



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GROUP BY

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Row	customer_state ▾	total_order_price ▾	average_order_price ▾
1	SP	5202955.1	125.8
2	RJ	1824092.7	142.9
3	MG	1585308.0	137.3
4	RS	750304.0	138.1
5	PR	683083.8	136.7
6	SC	520553.3	144.1
7	BA	511350.0	152.3
8	DF	302603.9	142.4
9	GO	294591.9	146.8
10	ES	275037.3	135.8
11	PE	262788.0	159.5
12	CE	227254.7	171.3
13	PA	178947.8	184.5
14	MT	156453.5	173.3
15	MA	119648.2	161.7
16	MS	116812.6	164.8
17	PB	115268.1	216.7
18	PI	86914.1	176.3
19	RN	83035.0	172.3
20	AL	80314.8	195.4
21	SE	58920.9	170.8
22	TO	49621.7	177.9
23	RO	46140.6	186.8
24	AM	22356.8	152.1
25	AC	15982.9	197.3
26	AP	13474.3	198.2
27	RR	7829.4	170.2

C. Calculate the Total &
Average value of order freight for
each state. Query->

```

SELECT
    c.customer_state,
    ROUND(SUM(order_total_freight),1) AS total_freight_value,
    ROUND(AVG(order_total_freight),1) AS average_freight_value

```

```

FROM  (
    SELECT
        oi.order_id,
        SUM(oi.freight_value)
            AS
        order_total_freight
    target.order_items oi
    oi.order_id
) order_freight_totals
target.orders o
    ON
        order_freight_totals.order_id
        = o.order_id JOIN      target.customers c
    ON o.customer_id = c.customer_id
GROUP BY
    c.customer_state order by 2 desc,3 desc

```

Row	customer_state ▾	total_freight_value	average_freight_valu
1	SP	718723.1	17.4
2	RJ	305589.3	23.9
3	MG	270853.5	23.5
4	RS	135522.7	24.9
5	PR	117851.7	23.6
6	BA	100156.7	29.8
7	SC	89660.3	24.8
8	PE	59449.7	36.1
9	GO	53115.0	26.5
10	DF	50625.5	23.8
11	ES	49764.6	24.6
12	CE	48351.6	36.4
13	PA	38699.3	39.9
14	MA	31523.8	42.6
15	MT	29715.4	32.9
16	PB	25719.7	48.3
17	PI	21218.2	43.0
18	MS	19144.0	27.0
19	RN	18860.1	39.1
20	AL	15914.6	38.7
21	SE	14111.5	40.9
22	TO	11732.7	42.1
23	RO	11417.4	46.2
24	AM	5478.9	37.3
25	AC	3686.7	45.5
26	AP	2788.5	41.0
27	RR	2235.2	48.6



FROM
GROUP BY
JOIN

Insights -



- Maximum % increase in the cost of orders from year 2017 to 2018 can be seen in month of January by (705.13%) as in 2017 target was setting its operations and in 2018 it was fully functional.
- Less the total order price more the average order price and vice-versa can be seen through second query.
- More the value of total freight lesser is the value of average freight and viceversa as Transportation cost decreases when quantity or value of orders increases.

V. Analysis based on sales, freight and delivery time.



- A. Find the no. of days taken to deliver each order from the order's purchase date as delivery time.

Also, calculate the difference (in days) between the estimated & actual delivery date of an order. Do this in a single query.

Query->

```
SELECT    order_id,
          order_purchase_timestamp,
          order_estimated_delivery_date,
          order_delivered_customer_date,
          DATE_DIFF( order_delivered_customer_date,
          order_purchase_timestamp, day) AS delivery_time,
          DATE_DIFF(order_estimated_delivery_date,
          order_delivered_customer_date,day) AS diff_estimated_delivery
FROM      target.orders
```

-(In image minus values refer to delay in delivery days)

Row	order_id	order_purchase_timestamp	order_estimated_delivery_date	order_delivered_customer_date	delivery_time	diff_estimated_delivery
1	1950d777989f6a877539f5379...	2018-02-19 19:48:52 UTC	2018-03-09 00:00:00 UTC	2018-03-21 22:03:51 UTC	30	-12
2	2c45c33d2f9cb8ff8b1c86cc28...	2016-10-09 15:39:56 UTC	2016-12-08 00:00:00 UTC	2016-11-09 14:53:50 UTC	30	28
3	65d1e226dfaeb8cdc42f66542...	2016-10-03 21:01:41 UTC	2016-11-25 00:00:00 UTC	2016-11-08 10:58:34 UTC	35	16
4	635c894d068ac37e6e03dc54e...	2017-04-15 15:37:38 UTC	2017-05-18 00:00:00 UTC	2017-05-16 14:49:55 UTC	30	1
5	3b97562c3aee8bdedcb5c2e45...	2017-04-14 22:21:54 UTC	2017-05-18 00:00:00 UTC	2017-05-17 10:52:15 UTC	32	0
6	68f47f50f04c4cb6774570cfde...	2017-04-16 14:56:13 UTC	2017-05-18 00:00:00 UTC	2017-05-16 09:07:47 UTC	29	1
7	276e9ec344d3bf029ff83a161c...	2017-04-08 21:20:24 UTC	2017-05-18 00:00:00 UTC	2017-05-22 14:11:31 UTC	43	-4
8	54e1a3c2b97fb0809da548a59...	2017-04-11 19:49:45 UTC	2017-05-18 00:00:00 UTC	2017-05-22 16:18:42 UTC	40	-4
9	fd04fa4105ee8045f6a0139ca5...	2017-04-12 12:17:08 UTC	2017-05-18 00:00:00 UTC	2017-05-19 13:44:52 UTC	37	-1
10	302bb8109d097a9fc6e9cefc5...	2017-04-19 22:52:59 UTC	2017-05-18 00:00:00 UTC	2017-05-23 14:19:48 UTC	33	-5

- B. Find out the top 5 states with the highest & lowest average freight value.

Query->

```
WITH avg_freight_per_state AS (
```



```
SELECT
    c.customer_state,
    ROUND(AVG(order_total_freight),1) AS avg_freight
FROM (
    SELECT
        oi.order_id, SUM(oi.freight_value)
        AS order_total_freight
    FROM
        target.order_items oi
        GROUP BY oi.order_id
) order_freight_totals
JOIN target.orders o
    ON order_freight_totals.order_id
    = o.order_id
JOIN target.customers c
    ON o.customer_id = c.customer_id
    GROUP BY
        c.customer_state
) SELECT customer_state,
avg_freight
FROM (
    SELECT customer_state,
    avg_freight,
    ROW_NUMBER() OVER (ORDER BY avg_freight ASC) AS rn_asc,
    ROW_NUMBER() OVER (ORDER BY avg_freight DESC) AS rn_desc
    FROM avg_freight_per_state
) ranked
```

```

WHERE    rn_asc <= 5 OR rn_desc <= 5 ORDER BY
avg_freight;

```



Row //	customer_state ▾	avg_freight ▾ //
1	SP	17.4
2	MG	23.5
3	PR	23.6
4	DF	23.8
5	RJ	23.9
6	PI	43.0
7	AC	45.5
8	RO	46.2
9	PB	48.3
10	RR	48.6

C. Find out the top 5 states with the highest & lowest average delivery time.

Query->

```

WITH avg_delivery_per_state AS (
  SELECT
    c.customer_state,
    ROUND(AVG(DATE_DIFF( order_delivered_customer_date,
order_purchase_timestamp, day)),2) AS avg_delivery_time_per_state
  FROM
    `target.orders` o
  JOIN
    `target.customers` c ON o.customer_id = c.customer_id
  GROUP BY
    c.customer_state
  ORDER BY 2 desc
)

```

```

SELECT
    customer_state,      avg_delivery_time_per_state
FROM (
    SELECT
        customer_state,
        avg_delivery_time_per_state,
        ROW_NUMBER() OVER (ORDER BY avg_delivery_time_per_state ASC) AS rn_asc,
        ROW_NUMBER() OVER (ORDER BY avg_delivery_time_per_state DESC) AS rn_desc
    FROM
        avg_delivery_per_state
) ranked WHERE rn_asc <= 5
OR rn_desc <= 5
ORDER BY
    2

```

Row	customer_state	avg_delivery_time_per_state
1	SP	8.3
2	PR	11.53
3	MG	11.54
4	DF	12.51
5	SC	14.48
6	PA	23.32
7	AL	24.04
8	AM	25.99
9	AP	26.73
10	RR	28.98

D. Find out the top 5 states where the order delivery is really fast

as compared to the estimated date of delivery.

Query ->

```

SELECT
customer_state,
ROUND(AVG(DATE_DIFF(order_estimated_delivery_date,
order_delivered_customer_date, day)),2)
AS delivery_speed_per_state FROM target.orders o
JOIN
`target.customers` c
ON
o.customer_id = c.customer_id
WHERE
order_delivered_customer_date
IS NOT NULL GROUP
BY
customer_state
ORDER BY
2
Limit 5

```

Row	customer_state ▾	delivery_speed_per_state ▾
1	AL	7.95
2	MA	8.77
3	SE	9.17
4	ES	9.62
5	BA	9.93

Insights -

- *We can see the delay between Order estimated delivery time and Order delivery time clearly 7 to 19 days varying from state to state.*
- *Maximum delay in order is seen 188 days which is not a good sign for prestige of the company hence delivery after 45 days should be Handled as priority.*



- *Fastest average delivery state wise when compared using estimated delivery can be seen in AL,MA while slowest delivery can be seen in RO and AC*
- *Lowest Average Freight for states can be seen in SP and PR while Highest can be seen in RR and AP*

VI. Analysis based on the payments:

- A. Find the no. of orders placed on the basis of the payment installments that have been paid.



Query->

```

SELECT
    FORMAT_DATE ('%B',order_purchase_timestamp) AS month,
    EXTRACT(month FROM
    order_purchase_timestamp) AS month_no,
    payment_type,
    COUNT(o.order_id) count_of_orders
FROM
    `target.payments` p JOIN `target.orders` o

```

```

ON
    o.order_id = p.order_id
GROUP BY
    1,2,3
ORDER BY
    2

```



Row	month	month_no	payment_type	count_of_orders
1	January	1	voucher	477
2	January	1	credit_card	6103
3	January	1	debit_card	118
4	January	1	UPI	1715
5	February	2	credit_card	6609
6	February	2	voucher	424
7	February	2	UPI	1723
8	February	2	debit_card	82
9	March	3	voucher	591
10	March	3	credit_card	7707
11	March	3	UPI	1942
12	March	3	debit_card	109
13	April	4	credit_card	7301

B. Find the no. of orders placed on the basis of the payment installments that have been paid.

Query->

```

SELECT
    payment_installments,

```

```

COUNT(order_id)
no_of_orders FROM
target.payments p WHERE
payment_sequential > 0 GROUP
BY payment_installments

```

Row //	payment_installments ▾ //	no_of_orders ▾ //
1	0	2
2	1	52546
3	2	12413
4	3	10461
5	4	7098
6	5	5239
7	6	3920
8	7	1626
9	8	4268
10	9	644
11	10	5328
12	11	23
13	12	133
14	13	16
15	14	15
16	15	74
17	16	5
18	17	8
19	18	27
20	20	17
21	21	3
22	22	1
23	23	1
24	24	18

Insights -

- As we can see from data Maximum Payments have been made through Credit Card and Minimum Payments are made through Debit Card.
- Maximum Orders are paid in one and two installments also, count of orders decreased with the increase in number of payments



Recommendations Analyzing overall Business case –

- Boost Marketing During Busy Times: Increase promotions during high-sales periods like year-end festivals and Black Friday to maximize sales when customers are most active.
- Improve Afternoon Services: Since most sales happen in the afternoon, assign more staff and resources during these hours to better serve customers and handle more orders.
- Expand in Low-Sales Regions: Launch targeted marketing campaigns in states like Roraima (RR), Amapa (AP), and Acre (AC) to attract more customers where sales are currently low.
- Speed Up Deliveries: Work on reducing delivery delays, especially in areas where orders take too long. Make sure no delivery takes more than 45 days to keep customers happy.
- Encourage Bigger Orders: Offer discounts or free shipping for larger purchases to motivate customers to buy more and help reduce shipping costs per order.



- Simplify Payment Options: Make paying easier by promoting popular methods like credit cards and offering deals on other payment types. Provide simple installment plans to help customers make bigger purchases without hassle.
- Focus on Strong Markets: Create loyalty programs in states with many customers, like Sao Paulo (SP), to keep them coming back and increase repeat sales.

- Adjust Operations to Demand: *Expand your operations during times when sales grow a lot, like in January, so you can meet customer demand and not miss out on potential sales.*