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# **Executive Summary**

This document summarizes the process, decisions made, and key findings from the Proof of Concept (POC) project named Northwind Analytics. The project utilized Power BI for data visualization, focusing on the Northwind database.

### **Process**

# **Data Gathering:**

The project sourced data from the Northwind database, provided by Northwind, and underwent crucial transformations using Power Query in Power BI. Key data cleaning steps included replacing null values with "NA" and null numbers with 0.

## **Data Model Creation:**

Tables such as Product, Customers, Categories, Employees, and the Order Details fact table were included in the data model. The star schema method was employed for establishing relationships between the central fact table and dimension tables. Transformations involved merging columns, such as Last Name and First Name, and deriving business metrics through calculated columns.

# **Dashboard Design:**

The dashboard featured two primary views: "Key Insights" and "Profit Margin."

## **Key Insights View:**

## 1. KPIs for Revenue and Sales Quantity:

- Utilized DAX formulas to calculate the total sum of revenue and count of sales quantity, providing a quick overview.

### 2. Bar Chart for Quantity and Revenue by Market:

- Visualized sales quantity and revenue by market (country) to identify high-performing markets and areas for growth.

#### 3. Line Chart for Revenue Trend:

- Displayed revenue trends over time (mm-yy), aiding in identifying patterns and making decisions for future growth.

### 4. Pie Chart for Revenue by Category:

- Categorized revenue by product category for a comprehensive understanding of product performance.

#### 5. Map Visualization:

- Geographical representation to visualize sales performance by region.

## 6. Slicers:

- Included slicers for easy analysis by year, month, and category.

## **Profit Margin View:**

### 1. KPIs for Revenue, Profit Margin, and Sales Quantity:

- Highlighted key performance indicators for a quick assessment of product profitability.

### 2. Table for Revenue, Profit Margin, and Profit Margin % by Country:

- Provided detailed insights into profit margins across different countries.

## 3. Revenue and Profit Trend Graph:

- Displayed trends in revenue and profit over time (month and year).

# 4. Bar Charts for Top and Bottom Performers:

- Visualized top 5 customers, top 5 products, and bottom 5 products for strategic decision-making.

### 5. Slicers:

- Included slicers for flexible analysis by year, month, and category.

# **Next Steps**

Considering the success of the POC, future steps involve expanding data sources, exploring real-time updates, and integrating user feedback for continuous improvement. Integration of the dashboard into existing workflows is also recommended.

# **Appendix: Dashboard Visuals**

In this section, visual representations of the Power BI dashboard are provided to offer a more tangible understanding of the insights derived from the Northwind Analytics project. The screenshots showcase key views, including "Key Insights" and "Profit Margin," along with relevant visualizations that aid in sales analysis and decision-making. Please refer to the following screenshots for a comprehensive overview.













