

PROJECT: ANALYZING UNICORN COMPANIES





Did you know that the average return from investing in stocks is **10% per year** [🔗](#) (not accounting for inflation)? But who wants to be average?!

You have been asked to support an investment firm by analyzing trends in high-growth companies. They are interested in understanding which industries are producing the highest valuations and the rate at which new high-value companies are emerging. Providing them with this information gives them a competitive insight as to industry trends and how they should structure their portfolio looking forward.

You have been given access to their `unicorns` database, which contains the following tables:

dates

Column	Description
<code>company_id</code>	A unique ID for the company.
<code>date_joined</code>	The date that the company became a unicorn.
<code>year_founded</code>	The year that the company was founded.

funding

Column	Description
<code>company_id</code>	A unique ID for the company.
<code>valuation</code>	Company value in US dollars.
<code>funding</code>	The amount of funding raised in US dollars.
<code>select_investors</code>	A list of key investors in the company.

industries

Column	Description
company_id	A unique ID for the company.
industry	The industry that the company operates in.

companies

Column	Description
company_id	A unique ID for the company.
company	The name of the company.
city	The city where the company is headquartered.
country	The country where the company is headquartered.
continent	The continent where the company is headquartered.



Projects Data

DataFrame as data_types

```
-- Check columns and data types for specific tables

SELECT table_name, column_name, data_type
FROM information_schema.columns
WHERE table_name IN ('dates', 'funding', 'industries', 'companies')
ORDER BY table_name, ordinal_position;
```

index	...	↑↓	table_name	...	↑↓	column_name	...	↑↓	data_type	...
		0	companies			company_id			integer	
		1	companies			company			character varying	
		2	companies			city			character varying	
		3	companies			country			character varying	
		4	companies			continent			character varying	
		5	dates			company_id			integer	
		6	dates			date_joined			date	
		7	dates			year_founded			integer	
		8	funding			company_id			integer	
		9	funding			valuation			bigint	
		10	funding			funding			bigint	
		11	funding			select_investors			character varying	
		12	industries			company_id			integer	
		13	industries			industry			character varying	

Rows: 14

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--- Overview of table dates

```
SELECT *  
FROM dates  
LIMIT 5;
```

...	↑↓	c...	...	↑↓	date_joined	...	↑↓	year...	...	↑↓
	0			189	2017-06-24T00:00:00.000			1919		
	1			848	2021-06-01T00:00:00.000			2019		
	2			556	2022-02-15T00:00:00.000			2011		
	3			999	2021-11-17T00:00:00.000			2020		
	4			396	2021-10-21T00:00:00.000			2021		

Rows: 5

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--- Overview of table funding

```
SELECT *  
FROM funding  
LIMIT 5;
```

...	↑↓	c...	...	↑↓	v...	...	↑↓	f.	...	↑↓	select_investors	...	↑↓
	0			189	4000000000			0			EQT Partners		
	1			848	1000000000			1000000000			Dragonfly Captial, Qiming Venture Partners, ...		
	2			556	2000000000			1000000000			Blackstone, Bessemer Venture Partners		
	3			999	1000000000			1000000000			Goldman Sachs Asset Management, 3L		
	4			396	2000000000			1000000000			Insight Partners, Softbank Group, Connect Ve...		

Rows: 5

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--- Overview of table industries

```
SELECT *  
FROM industries  
LIMIT 5;
```

...	↑↓	c...	...	↑↓	industry	...	↑↓
0		189			Health		
1		848			Fintech		
2		556			Internet software & services		
3		999			Internet software & services		
4		396			Fintech		

Rows: 5

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--- Overview of table companies

```
SELECT *  
FROM companies  
LIMIT 5;
```

...	↑↓	c...	...	↑↓	company	...	↑↓	city	...	↑↓	country	...	↑↓	contin...	...	↑↓
0		189			Otto Bock HealthCare			Duderstadt			Germany			Europe		
1		848			Matrixport						Singapore			Asia		
2		556			Cloudinary			Santa Clara			United States			North America		
3		999			PLACE			Bellingham			United States			North America		
4		396			candy.com			New York			United States			North America		

Rows: 5

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The output

Your query should return a table in the following format:

industry	year	num_unicorns	average_valuation_billions
industry1	2021	---	---
industry2	2020	---	---
industry3	2019	---	---
industry1	2021	---	---
industry2	2020	---	---
industry3	2019	---	---
industry1	2021	---	---
industry2	2020	---	---
industry3	2019	---	---

Where `industry1`, `industry2`, and `industry3` are the three top-performing industries.

Projects Data DataFrame as

```
SELECT
    i.industry,
    COUNT(*) AS number_of_companies
FROM industries AS i
INNER JOIN dates AS d
    USING(company_id)
WHERE EXTRACT(YEAR FROM d.date_joined) IN (2019, 2020, 2021)
GROUP BY i.industry
ORDER BY number_of_companies DESC
LIMIT 3;
```

...	↑↓	industry	...	↑↓	number_of_com...	...	↑↓
0		Fintech			173		
1		Internet software & services			152		
2		E-commerce & direct-to-consumer			75		

Rows: 3

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```
SELECT
    i.industry,
    EXTRACT(YEAR FROM d.date_joined) AS year,
    COUNT(i.company_id) AS num_unicorns,
    ROUND(AVG(f.valuation), 2) AS avg_valuation
FROM industries AS i
INNER JOIN dates AS d
    USING(company_id)
INNER JOIN funding AS f
    USING(company_id)
WHERE EXTRACT(YEAR FROM d.date_joined) IN (2019, 2020, 2021)
GROUP BY i.industry, year
ORDER BY year ASC
```

...	↑↓ industry	...	↑↓	...	↑↓ num...	...	↑↓ avg_v...	...	↑↓
0	Artificial intelligence			2019		14	4500000000		
1	Auto & transportation			2019		6	4166666666.67		
2	Consumer & retail			2019		3	3666666666.67		
3	Cybersecurity			2019		4	2250000000		
4	Data management & analytics			2019		4	11500000000		
5	E-commerce & direct-to-consumer			2019		12	2583333333.33		
6	Edtech			2019		1	1000000000		
7	Fintech			2019		20	6800000000		
8	Health			2019		3	3333333333.33		
9	Internet software & services			2019		13	4230769230.77		
10	Mobile & telecommunications			2019		4	2000000000		
11	Other			2019		9	2888888888.89		
12	Supply chain, logistics, & delivery			2019		8	3000000000		
13	Travel			2019		3	4000000000		
14	Artificial intelligence			2020		3	4000000000		
15	Auto & transportation			2020		5	3000000000		

Rows: 43

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```
--- CTE1 top_performing_industries
```

```
WITH top_performing_industries AS
```

```
(
  SELECT
    i.industry,
    COUNT(*) AS number_of_companies
  FROM industries AS i
  INNER JOIN dates AS d
    USING(company_id)
  WHERE EXTRACT(YEAR FROM d.date_joined) IN (2019, 2020, 2021)
  GROUP BY i.industry
  ORDER BY number_of_companies DESC
  LIMIT 3
),
```

```
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--- CTE2 top_valuation
```

```
top_valuation AS
```

```
(
  SELECT
    i.industry,
    EXTRACT(YEAR FROM d.date_joined) AS year,
    COUNT(i.company_id) AS num_unicorns,
    ROUND(AVG(f.valuation), 2) AS avg_valuation
  FROM industries AS i
  INNER JOIN dates AS d
    USING(company_id)
  INNER JOIN funding AS f
    USING(company_id)
  WHERE EXTRACT(YEAR FROM d.date_joined) IN (2019, 2020, 2021)
  GROUP BY i.industry, year
  ORDER BY year ASC
)
```

--- Final Query

```
SELECT
  industry,
  year,
  num_unicorns,
  ROUND(AVG(avg_valuation) / 1000000000, 2) AS average_valuation_billions
FROM top_valuation AS tv
INNER JOIN top_performing_industries AS tpi
  USING(industry)
WHERE year IN (2019, 2020, 2021)
  AND industry IN (SELECT industry FROM top_performing_industries)
GROUP BY industry, year, num_unicorns
ORDER BY year DESC, num_unicorns DESC
```

...	↑↓ industry	...	↑↓	...	↑↓ num...	...	↑↓ average_valuation_billions	...	↑↓
0	Fintech			2021		138		2.75	
1	Internet software & services			2021		119		2.15	
2	E-commerce & direct-to-consumer			2021		47		2.47	
3	Internet software & services			2020		20		4.35	
4	E-commerce & direct-to-consumer			2020		16		4	
5	Fintech			2020		15		4.33	
6	Fintech			2019		20		6.8	
7	Internet software & services			2019		13		4.23	
8	E-commerce & direct-to-consumer			2019		12		2.58	

Rows: 9

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