



Project Title

E-Commerce Customer Churn Analysis

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Overview of MySQL Workbench

MySQL Workbench is a visual database design and administration tool for MySQL databases. It allows you to create, modify, and manage database schemas and design and execute SQL queries. MySQL Workbench also provides tools for performance tuning and server administration.

Introduction

In understanding customer churn has become essential for businesses striving to enhance customer retention and satisfaction. Customer churn refers to the rate at which customers cease their relationship with a company or stop using their service, often switching to a competitor or discontinuing their purchases altogether. Analysis of customer churn can reveal critical insights that enable businesses to create targeted strategies, ultimately reducing churn and fostering long-term customer loyalty.

Problem Statement:

In the realm of e-commerce, businesses face the challenge of understanding customer churn patterns to ensure customer satisfaction and sustained profitability. This project aims to delve into the dynamics of customer churn within an e-commerce domain, utilizing historical transactional data to uncover underlying patterns and drivers of churn. By analyzing customer attributes such as tenure, preferred payment modes, satisfaction scores, and purchase behaviour, the project seeks to investigate and understand the dynamics of customer attrition and their propensity to churn. The ultimate objective is to equip e-commerce enterprises with actionable insights to implement targeted retention strategies and mitigate churn, thereby fostering long-term customer relationships and ensuring business viability in a competitive landscape.

1. Project Steps and Objectives:

1.1 Data Cleaning:

1.1.1 Handling Missing Values and Outliers:

Impute mean for the following columns and round off to the nearest integer if required:

- ✓ WarehouseToHome, HourSpendOnApp, OrderAmountHikeFromlastYear, DaySinceLastOrder.
- ✓ Tenure, Coupon Used, Order Count.

```
-- WarehouseToHome
• set sql_safe_updates = 0;
• set @avg_WarehouseToHome=(select round(avg(WarehouseToHome))as avg_WarehouseToHome
  from customer_churn);

• update customer_churn
  set WarehouseToHome = @avg_WarehouseToHome
  where WarehouseToHome is null;

-- HourSpendOnApp
• set @avg_HourSpendOnApp=(select round(avg(HourSpendOnApp))as avg_HourSpendOnApp
  from customer_churn);

• update customer_churn
  set HourSpendOnApp = @avg_HourSpendOnApp
  where HourSpendOnApp is null;

-- OrderAmountHikeFromlastYear
• set @avg_OrderAmountHikeFromlastYear=(select round(avg(OrderAmountHikeFromlastYear))as
  OrderAmountHikeFromlastYear from customer_churn);

• update customer_churn
  set OrderAmountHikeFromlastYear = @avg_OrderAmountHikeFromlastYear
  where OrderAmountHikeFromlastYear is null;

-- DaySinceLastOrder
• set @avg_DaySinceLastOrder=(select round(avg(DaySinceLastOrder))as avg_DaySinceLastOrder
  from customer_churn);

• update customer_churn
  set DaySinceLastOrder = @avg_DaySinceLastOrder
  where DaySinceLastOrder is null;
```

- Tenure
 -  `set @avg_Tenure=(select round(avg(Tenure))as avg_Tenure
from customer_churn);`
 - `update customer_churn
set Tenure = @avg_Tenure
where Tenure is null;`
 - CouponUsed
 -  `set @avg_CouponUsed=(select round(avg(CouponUsed))as avg_CouponUsed
from customer_churn);`
 - `update customer_churn
set CouponUsed = @avg_CouponUsed
where CouponUsed is null;`
 - OrderCount
 -  `set @avg_OrderCount=(select round(avg(OrderCount))as avg_OrderCount
from customer_churn);`
 - `update customer_churn
set OrderCount = @avg_OrderCount
where OrderCount is null;`
 - WarehouseToHome deleting rows where > 100
 - `delete from customer_churn
where WarehouseToHome > 100;`

1.1.2 Dealing with Inconsistencies:

- ✓ Replace occurrences of “Phone” in the 'PreferredLoginDevice' column and “Mobile” in the 'PreferredOrderCat' column with “Mobile Phone” to ensure uniformity.
- ✓ Standardize payment mode values: Replace "COD" with "Cash on Delivery" and "CC" with "Credit Card" in the PreferredPaymentMode column.

- ```
-- b)dealing with inconsistencies
```
- `update customer_churn`  
`set PreferredLoginDevice = if(PreferredLoginDevice = 'Phone', 'Mobile Phone', PreferredLoginDevice);`
  - `update customer_churn`  
`set PreferredOrderCat= if(PreferredOrderCat = 'Mobile', 'Mobile Phone', PreferredOrderCat);`
  - `update customer_churn`  
`set PreferredPaymentMode = if(PreferredPaymentMode = 'CC', 'Credit Card', PreferredPaymentMode);`
  - `update customer_churn`  
`set PreferredPaymentMode = if(PreferredPaymentMode = 'COD', 'Cash On Delivery', PreferredPaymentMode);`

## 2.Data Transformation:

### 2.1 Column Renaming:

-- a)Column Renaming:

- `alter table customer_churn  
rename column PreferedOrderCat to PreferredOrderCat;`
- `alter table customer_churn  
rename column HourSpendOnApp to HoursSpentOnApp;`

### 2.2 Creating New Columns:

-- b)Creating New Columns:

- `alter table customer_churn  
add column ComplaintReceived enum ('Yes','No'),  
add column ChurnStatus enum ('Churned','Active');`
- `-- set the values for the new column`
- `set sql_safe_updates = 0;`
- `update customer_churn  
set ComplaintReceived = if(Complain = 1, 'Yes','No'),  
ChurnStatus = if(Churn = 1,'Churned','Active');`

### 2.3 Column Dropping:

-- c)column dropping

- `alter table customer_churn  
drop column Churn;`
  - `alter table customer_churn  
drop column Complain;`
-

### 3.Data Exploration and Analysis

Query 1:

```
/* 1. Retrieve the count of churned and active customers from the dataset.*/
```

- ```
select ChurnStatus,count(*) as customer_count  
from customer_churn  
group by ChurnStatus;
```

Result:

	ChurnStatus	customer_count
▶	Active	4680
	Churned	948

Query 2:

```
/* 2.Display the average tenure and total cashback amount of customers who churned.*/
```

- ```
select ChurnStatus,avg(Tenure) as avg_tenure,
sum(CashbackAmount) as total_cashbackamount
from customer_churn
where ChurnStatus = 'churned'
group by ChurnStatus;
```

Result:

|   | ChurnStatus | avg_tenure | total_cashbackamount |
|---|-------------|------------|----------------------|
| ▶ | Churned     | 3.9451     | 152030               |



### Query 3:

```
/*3. Determine the percentage of churned customers who complained.*/
```

- ```
select ComplaintReceived,  
concat(round(count(*)/(select count(*) from customer_churn)*100,2),'%')  
as Churned_percentage  
from customer_churn  
group by ComplaintReceived;
```

Result:

	ComplaintReceived	Churned_percentage
►	Yes	28.50%
	No	71.50%

Query 4:

```
/*4. Find the gender distribution of customers who complained.*/
```

- ```
select Gender,count(*) as complaint_count
from customer_churn
where ComplaintReceived = 'Yes'
group by Gender;
```

### Result:

|   | Gender | complaint_count |
|---|--------|-----------------|
| ► | Female | 690             |
|   | Male   | 914             |

### Query 5:

```
/* 5. Identify the city tier with the highest number of churned customers whose preferred order category is Laptop & Accessory*/
```

- ```
select CityTier,count(*) from customer_churn
where ChurnStatus = 'Churned' and PreferredOrderCat='Laptop & Accessory'
group by CityTier
order by CityTier desc limit 1;
```

Result:

	CityTier	count(*)
▶	3	150

Query 6:

```
/*6. Identify the most preferred payment mode among active customers.*/
```

- ```
select PreferredPaymentMode,count(*) as active_customers from customer_churn
where ChurnStatus = 'Active'
group by PreferredPaymentMode
order by active_customers desc limit 1;
```

### Result:

|   | PreferredPaymentMode | active_customers |
|---|----------------------|------------------|
| ▶ | Debit Card           | 1956             |

### Query 7:

```
/* 7. Calculate the total order amount hike from last year for customers who are single and prefer mobile phones for ordering.*/
```

- ```
select sum(OrderAmountHikeFromlastYear)
as total_order_amount_hike
from customer_churn
where PreferredOrderCat = 'Mobile Phone'
and MaritalStatus ='Single';
```

Result:

	total_order_amount_hike
▶	12177

Query 8:

```
/* 8. Find the average number of devices registered among customers who used UPI as
their preferred payment mode.*/

• select NumberOfDeviceRegistered, avg(NumberOfDeviceRegistered) as avg_NoOfdevice
from customer_churn
where PreferredPaymentMode = 'UPI'
group by NumberOfDeviceRegistered
order by PreferredPaymentMode ;
```

Result:

	NumberOfDeviceRegistered	avg_NoOfdevice
▶	4	4.0000
	3	3.0000
	2	2.0000
	5	5.0000
	1	1.0000
	6	6.0000

Query 9:

```
/*9. Determine the city tier with the highest number of customers.*/

• select CityTier,count(*) as total_count from customer_churn
group by CityTier
order by CityTier limit 1;
```

Result:

	CityTier	total_count
▶	1	3666

Query 10:

```
/*10. Identify the gender that utilized the highest number of coupons.*/
```

- ```
select Gender,count(CouponUsed) as count_CouponUsed from customer_churn
group by Gender
order by Gender limit 1;
```

### Result:

|   | Gender | count_CouponUsed |
|---|--------|------------------|
| ► | Male   | 3382             |

### Query 11:

```
/*11. List the number of customers and the maximum hours spent on the app in each
preferred order category*/
```

- ```
select PreferredOrderCat,count(CustomerID) as customer_count ,  
max(HoursSpentOnApp) as Maximum_hours  
from customer_churn  
group by PreferredOrderCat  
order by Maximum_hours;
```

Result:

	PreferredOrderCat	customer_count	Maximum_hours
►	Others	264	4
	Grocery	410	4
	Laptop & Accessory	2050	5
	Mobile Phone	2078	5
	Fashion	826	5

Query 12:

/* 12. Calculate the total order count for customers who prefer using credit cards and have the maximum satisfaction score.*/

- ```
select sum(OrderCount) as total_ordercount ,
max(SatisfactionScore) as Maximum_Satisfaction_Score from customer_churn
where PreferredPaymentMode = 'Credit Card';
```

### Result:

|   | total_ordercount | Maximum_Satisfaction_Score |
|---|------------------|----------------------------|
| ▶ | 5505             | 5                          |

### Query 13:

/\* 13. How many customers are there who spent only one hour on the app and days since their last order was more than 5?  
\*/

- ```
select HoursSpentOnApp, count(*) as total_count from customer_churn  
where HoursSpentOnApp <= 1 and DaySinceLastOrder > 5  
group by HoursSpentOnApp  
order by HoursSpentOnApp;
```

Result:

	HoursSpentOnApp	total_count
▶	1	8

Query 14:

/* 14. What is the average satisfaction score of customers who have complained?
*/

- ```
select ComplaintReceived, round(avg(SatisfactionScore)) as Avg_SatisfactionScore
from customer_churn
where ComplaintReceived = 'Yes'
group by ComplaintReceived
order by ComplaintReceived ;
```

### Result:

|   | ComplaintReceived | Avg_SatisfactionScore |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------|
| ▶ | Yes               | 3                     |

### Query 15:

/\*15. List the preferred order category among customers who used more than 5 coupons\*/

- ```
select PreferredOrderCat, count(*) as total_count from customer_churn
where CouponUsed > 5
group by PreferredOrderCat
order by total_count;
```

Result:

	PreferredOrderCat	total_count
►	Others	28
	Grocery	42
	Mobile Phone	45
	Fashion	89
	Laptop & Accessory	99

Query 16:

/*16. List the top 3 preferred order categories with the highest average cashback amount.*/

- ```
select PreferredOrderCat, round(avg(CashbackAmount)) as Avg_CashbackAmount
from customer_churn
group by PreferredOrderCat
order by Avg_CashbackAmount desc limit 3;
```

### Result:

|   | PreferredOrderCat | Avg_CashbackAmount |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|
| ► | Others            | 304                |
|   | Grocery           | 266                |
|   | Fashion           | 210                |

### Query 17:

/\*17.Find the preferred payment modes of customers whose average tenure is 10 months and have placed more than 500 orders.\*/

- ```
select PreferredPaymentMode,avg(Tenure) as Avg_Tenure,count(OrderCount)
from customer_churn
group by PreferredPaymentMode
order by Avg_Tenure desc limit 3;
```

Result:

	PreferredPaymentMode	Avg_Tenure	count(OrderCount)
▶	E wallet	10.3860	614
	Debit Card	10.3607	2312
	Credit Card	10.2249	1774

Query 18:

/* 18.Categorize customers based on their distance from the warehouse to home such as 'Very Close Distance' for distances <=5km, 'Close Distance' for <=10km, 'Moderate Distance' for <=15km, and 'Far Distance' for >15km. Then, display the churn status breakdown for each distance category.*/

- ```
select
case
when WarehouseToHome <= 5 then 'Very Close Distance'
when WarehouseToHome <= 10 then 'Close Distance'
when WarehouseToHome <= 15 then 'Moderate Distance'
else 'Far Distance'
end as Category_distance,ChurnStatus,count(*) as customer_count
from customer_churn
group by Category_distance,ChurnStatus
order by Category_distance,ChurnStatus;
```

### Result:

|   | Category_distance   | ChurnStatus | customer_count |
|---|---------------------|-------------|----------------|
| ▶ | Close Distance      | Churned     | 265            |
|   | Close Distance      | Active      | 1696           |
|   | Far Distance        | Churned     | 498            |
|   | Far Distance        | Active      | 1871           |
|   | Moderate Distance   | Churned     | 184            |
|   | Moderate Distance   | Active      | 1106           |
|   | Very Close Distance | Churned     | 1              |
|   | Very Close Distance | Active      | 7              |

## Query 19:

```
/* List the customer's order details who are married, live in City Tier-1, and their
order counts are more than the average number of orders placed by all
customers
*/

-- without using CTE
• select CustomerID ,round(avg(OrderCount)) as Avg_ordercount from customer_churn
 where MaritalStatus = 'Married' and CityTier = 1
 group by CustomerID
 having Avg_ordercount > (select avg(OrderCount) from customer_churn)
 order by Avg_ordercount ;

-- using CTE
• with average_order_count as (select ROUND(avg(OrderCount))
 as Avg_order from customer_churn)

 select CustomerID,round(avg(OrderCount)) as Order_count from customer_churn
 where MaritalStatus = 'Married' and CityTier = 1
 group by CustomerID
 having (select Avg_order from average_order_count) < Order_count
 order by Order_count ;
```

Result for with and without using CTE is same:

|   | CustomerID | Avg_ordercount |
|---|------------|----------------|
| ▶ | 50119      | 4              |
|   | 50367      | 4              |
|   | 50385      | 4              |
|   | 50453      | 4              |
|   | 50727      | 4              |
|   | 50734      | 4              |
|   | 51060      | 4              |
|   | 51084      | 4              |
|   | 51198      | 4              |
|   | 51227      | 4              |
|   | -----      | -----          |



## Query 20:

```
/*20 a) Create a 'customer_returns' table in the 'ecommm' database and insert the
following data
*/

create table customer_returns(
ReturnID int,
CustomerID int,
ReturnDate date,
RefundedAmount int
);

insert into customer_returns(ReturnID,CustomerID,ReturnDate,RefundedAmount)
values
(1001, 50022, '2023-01-01', 2130),
(1002, 50316, '2023-01-23', 2000),
(1003, 51099, '2023-02-14', 2290),
(1004, 52321, '2023-03-08', 2510),
(1005, 52928, '2023-03-20', 3000),
(1006, 53749, '2023-04-17', 1740),
(1007, 54206, '2023-04-21', 3250),
(1008, 54838, '2023-04-30', 1990);
```

## Result:

|   | ReturnID | CustomerID | ReturnDate | RefundedAmount |
|---|----------|------------|------------|----------------|
| ▶ | 1001     | 50022      | 2023-01-01 | 2130           |
|   | 1002     | 50316      | 2023-01-23 | 2000           |
|   | 1003     | 51099      | 2023-02-14 | 2290           |
|   | 1004     | 52321      | 2023-03-08 | 2510           |
|   | 1005     | 52928      | 2023-03-20 | 3000           |
|   | 1006     | 53749      | 2023-04-17 | 1740           |
|   | 1007     | 54206      | 2023-04-21 | 3250           |
|   | 1008     | 54838      | 2023-04-30 | 1990           |
| ★ | NULL     | NULL       | NULL       | NULL           |

### Query 21:

/\*b)Display the return details along with the customer details of those who have churned and have made complaints  
\*/

- ```
select
  c.CustomerID,
  c.ComplaintReceived,
  c.ChurnStatus,
  r.ReturnID,
  r.ReturnDate,
  r.RefundedAmount
from customer_churn c
join customer_returns r on c.CustomerID = r.CustomerID
where ComplaintReceived = 'Yes' and ChurnStatus = 'Churned';
```

Result:

	CustomerID	ComplaintReceived	ChurnStatus	ReturnID	ReturnDate	RefundedAmount
►	50316	Yes	Churned	1002	2023-01-23	2000
	52321	Yes	Churned	1004	2023-03-08	2510
	53749	Yes	Churned	1006	2023-04-17	1740

4.Conclusion:

Insights

- The dataset includes 5,628 customers and the overall churn rate is 16.78%, indicating a significant portion of customers disengaging with the platform.
- Cash on delivery has the highest churn rate, suggesting a need to enhance the experience for customers using this method. Also, E-wallet and UPI users also show relatively high churn rates, signalling potential issues with the payment process or overall satisfaction.
- Customers using computers for log-in show a higher churn rate compared to those using phones.
- Customers with a tenure of 0–6 months show a higher churn rate, indicating a challenge in retaining customers during the initial phases. As the tenure increases, the churn rate consistently decreases, reaching 0.0% for customers with more than 2 years association.
- Tier 3 cities have the highest churn rate, indicating potential challenges or dissatisfaction specific to these regions. Also, Tier 1 and Tier 2 cities also experience notable churn rates, requiring targeted strategies for each tier.
- Customers with 6 registered devices have the highest churn rate, possibly due to complex user experiences or account management challenges, while users with fewer registered devices show relatively lower churn rates.

- Customers with moderate and far distances have higher churn rates, indicating potential issues with delivery services.
- Churn rates increase with lower satisfactory scores, emphasizing the importance of customer satisfaction.
- Mobile and fashion categories show higher churn rates, signalling potential issues or competition in these segments. Focusing on enhancing the user experience in these categories may help retain customers.

Recommendation

1. Improve the Cash on Delivery experience by streamlining the process. Investigate issues with E-wallet and UPI payments to enhance overall satisfaction and trust in the payment system.
2. Optimize the user experience for computer users, ensuring a seamless and user-friendly shopping experience. Also, consider offering exclusive promotions or features for computer users to boost engagement.
3. Focus on strategies and for customers in the 0–6 months tenure range. Implement loyalty programs and exclusive perks to encourage long-term association. Acknowledge and reward customer loyalty for those exceeding 2 years.
4. Develop targeted strategies for Tier 3 cities to address specific challenges or concerns. Tailor marketing and service offerings based on the unique characteristics of each tier. Regularly assess and adapt strategies to reduce churn in Tier 1 and Tier 2 cities.

5. Simplify user experiences for customers with 6 registered devices. Provide clear instructions for account management and consider streamlining features.

6. Optimize delivery services in moderate and far-distance areas. Address potential issues causing higher churn rates, such as delivery times, tracking accuracy, or customer communication. Consider partnerships or improvements to expedite deliveries.

7. Invest in improving user experiences in the mobile and fashion categories. Identify and resolve issues related to product quality and pricing. Implement marketing strategies to highlight unique selling points and capture customer interest in these categories.