BAMBASWAP KPI ANALYSIS

Period: October 2024

Introduction

This report provides an in-depth analysis of Bambaswap's key performance indicators (KPIs) from January to October 2024, focusing on Customer Acquisition Rate (CAR), Monthly Recurring Revenue (MRR), Retention Rate, and Customer Lifetime Value (CLV).

By examining these KPIs, we aim to understand customer growth trends, revenue sustainability, retention challenges, and overall business health. A particular focus is placed on October 2024, where significant shifts in these metrics highlight critical business challenges.

This analysis is done using the PostgreSql and you can find all the queries here: Bambaswap October Analysis 2024

Tools Used

For my deep dive into the SwapFintech data analysis and KPI's, I harnessed the power of several key tools:

SQL: The backbone of my analysis, allowing me to query the database and unearth critical insights.

PostgreSQL: The chosen database management system, ideal for handling the SwapFintech data.

Visual Studio Code: My go-to for database management and executing SQL queries.

Power BI: Essential for visuals utilized during the analysis.

Git & GitHub: Essential for version control and sharing my SQL scripts and analysis, ensuring collaborations and project tracking.

The Analysis

Each query for this project aimed at investigating specific aspect of the SwapFintech KPI's. KPIs identified for the Swap Fintech to track progress and drive business growth include:-

- Customer Acquisition Rate (C.A.R)
- Cusomer Conversion Rate (C.C.R)
- Monthly Recurring Revenue (M.R.R)
- Monthly Retention Rate (R.R)
- Churn Rate (C.R)
- Customer Lifetime Value (C.L.V)

1. Customer Acquisition Rate (C.A.R)

Customer Acquisition Rate (CAR) The **Customer Acquisition Rate** measure how many new customers a BambaSwap has gained over a period relative to its existing customer base. In our case, we calculate **CAR**

month by month from January to September as historical data and focusing on October in this report.

To calculate the CAR we utilized the formula:-

 $\ \$ \mathit{CAR_{m}} = \frac{\month\ m}{\mathcal Eustomers\ in\ Month\ m}} \in 100 \$

Where;-

• **New Customers in Month m**: Customer who appeared in month m **(October)** but was not a returning customer.

Identified by checking if the phone_number exists in October but (do not exist) in earlier data. (Jan to Sep 2024)

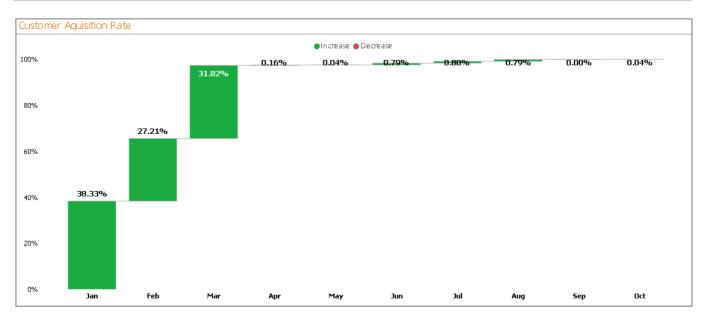
• **Returning Customers**: BambaSwap customers whohave made transactions atleast 3 times before October (January to September).

This ensures that we only consider customers who have shown consistent engagement.

sql query used :-

```
WITH customer_counts AS (
   -- Count occurrences of each customer per month
    SELECT phone_number, month, month_number, COUNT(*) AS occurrences
    FROM bambaswap_combined_jan_oct_2024
    GROUP BY phone_number, month, month_number
),
cumulative_customers AS (
    -- Track when a customer first appeared and their total count before each
month
    SELECT c1.phone number, c1.month, c1.month number,
        (SELECT COUNT(*)
         FROM customer counts c2
         WHERE c2.phone number = c1.phone number
         AND c2.month_number < c1.month_number) AS prior_count
    FROM customer counts c1
),
returning_customers AS (
    -- Identify customers who had 3+ occurrences before a given month
    SELECT phone number, month, month number
    FROM cumulative customers
   WHERE prior_count >= 3
),
monthly customers AS (
    -- Get unique customers per month
    SELECT DISTINCT phone number, month, month number
    FROM bambaswap_combined_jan_oct_2024
),
new customers AS (
    -- Find new customers (not in returning customers for that month)
    SELECT m.phone_number, m.month, m.month_number
    FROM monthly_customers m
```

```
LEFT JOIN returning_customers r
    ON m.phone_number = r.phone_number AND m.month = r.month
    WHERE r.phone_number IS NULL
-- Calculate CAR per month and replace NULL values
SELECT
   m.month,
   m.month number,
    -- Ensure no NULL values by using COALESCE and GREATEST
   COALESCE((COUNT(n.phone_number) * 100.0 / GREATEST(COUNT(r.phone_number), 1)),
0) AS acquisition_rate
FROM monthly_customers m
LEFT JOIN new_customers n ON m.phone_number = n.phone_number AND m.month = n.month
LEFT JOIN returning_customers r ON m.phone_number = r.phone_number AND m.month =
r.month
GROUP BY m.month, m.month_number
ORDER BY m.month_number;
```



A powerBI generated waterfall graph showing the monthly changes in the average aquisition rates for SwapFintech in the month of October.

From the analysis and graph respesentation, the following conclusions can be drawn.

1 Drastic Drop Compared to Early Months

- In **January and February**, CAR was extremely high (521,000% and 369,800%), likely due to a surge in new customers.
- By **October**, CAR fell to 591.2%, indicating a much lower rate of new customer acquisition compared to the earlier months.

2 Steady CAR in Mid-Year, but October Is Higher than September

• From **June to August**, CAR was around 10,700–10,900%, showing stable acquisition rates.

• In **September**, CAR dropped to just 9.8%, but in **October**, it rebounded slightly to 591.2%, suggesting a small increase in new customer sign-ups.

3 October's CAR Reflects a More Mature Market

- The early months (Jan–Mar) had explosive growth, likely from aggressive marketing or a new product launch.
- The lower CAR in **October** signals that the market may be stabilizing, with fewer brand-new customers entering the system.

2. Customer Conversion Rate (C.C.R)

Customer Conversion Rate measures how many BambaSwap existing customers (who have used the service before) return in a given month. It helps BambaSwap understand customer retention—how well Bambaswap keeps their customers engaged over time.

How is **CCR** Different from **CAR**? • **Customer Acquisition Rate (CAR)** measures how many new customers are added in a month. • **Customer Conversion Rate (CCR)** measures how many of those who were customers in previous months come back in the current month.

The formula emoployed to calculate the CCR is :-

 $\$ \mathit{CCR_{m}} = \frac{\mode {\mathbb Customers} \in \mathbb C}{\mathbb C} = \frac{\mathbb C}{\mathbb C}

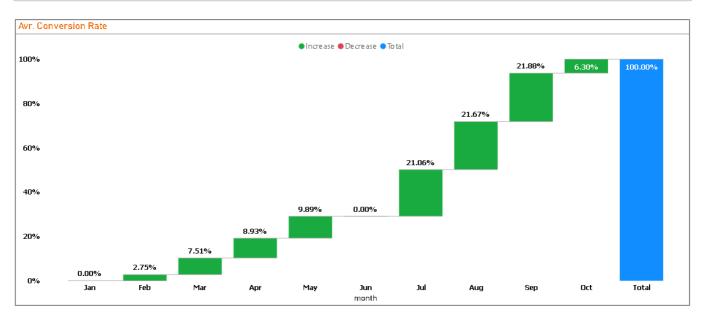
Where:

- **Returning Customers:** Filters out customers who reappear after being seen in any previous months.
- **Total Customers who Appeared in Month m:** we count how many times a customer appeared in months before m. If past_occurrences > 0, it means the customer was seen in a previous month.

What Insights Does This CCR Provide? • A High CCR (Near 100%) \rightarrow Great retention! Most Bambaswap customers who have used the service before are coming back. • A Low CCR (Close to 0%) \rightarrow Poor retention! Bambaswap Customers are not returning after their first experience. • Fluctuating CCR Trends \rightarrow Could indicate Bambaswap seasonal customer behavior or an issue with customer satisfaction.

sql query used :-

```
AND mc2.month_number < mc1.month_number
    GROUP BY mc1.phone_number, mc1.month, mc1.month_number
),
returning_customers AS (
    -- Customers who have appeared in at least one previous month
    SELECT phone_number, month, month_number
    FROM previous_customers
   WHERE past_occurrences > 0
)
-- Calculate CCR
SELECT
   mc.month,
   mc.month_number,
    -- Compute CCR: returning customers / total customers from previous months
    COALESCE((COUNT(rc.phone_number) * 100.0 / GREATEST(COUNT(pc.phone_number),
1)), 0) AS conversion_rate
FROM monthly_customers mc
LEFT JOIN returning customers rc
ON mc.phone_number = rc.phone_number AND mc.month = rc.month
LEFT JOIN previous_customers pc
ON mc.phone_number = pc.phone_number AND mc.month_number = pc.month_number
GROUP BY mc.month, mc.month_number
ORDER BY mc.month_number;
```



A powerBI generated waterfall graph showing the monthly SwapFintech average conversion rates

From the above customer conversion analysis, the following conclusions were made:-

1 Significant Drop from September

- **September** had a 99.1% **CCR**, while October dropped to 28.5%.
- This indicates a sharp decline in conversions, possibly due to seasonal trends, a change in marketing strategy, or lower customer retention.

2 Higher Than the Start of the Year

• October's 28.5% CCR is lower than the peak months (July–September) but still higher than February (12.5%) and March (34%).

• This suggests some level of customer engagement is being maintained despite the decline.

3 Potential Disruptions or Market Changes

- The huge gap between **August** (98.1%) and **October** (28.5%) suggests external factors—maybe a policy change, customer behavior shift, or reduced promotions.
- Investigating customer acquisition strategies and market trends could help understand the cause.

3. Monthly Recurring Revenue (M.R.R)

Monthly Recurring Revenue (MRR) is a key financial metric that measures the predictable and recurring revenue BambaSwap earns each month from returning customers.

- It excludes one-time payments and focuses only on customers who continue to pay over time.
- For our dataset, **MRR** tracks revenue from customers who have paid before (in any previous period) and are paying again

How MRR is Different from Total Revenue?

• **Total Revenue** - tracks All payments made in a given month, including first-time customers. • **MRR** - Only revenue from returning customers (customers who have paid before).

Why This Matters:

MRR is crucial for understanding customer retention and revenue stability. If **MRR** is growing, it means the BambaSwap business is retaining and monetizing existing customers well.

The formula that was employed to calculate the MMR:

\$\$ \mathit {MMR} = {Sum\ of\ { Revenue\ from\ Recurring\ Customers\ in\ Month\ m}} \$\$

Where:

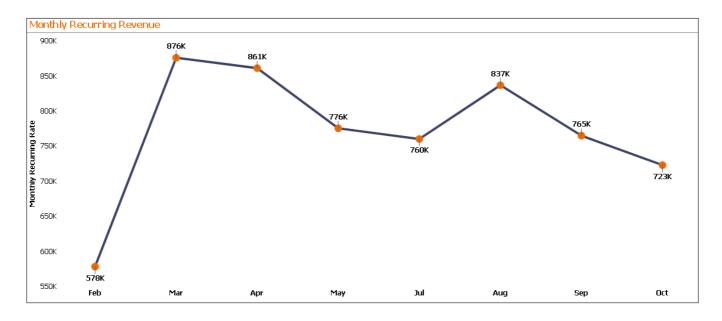
- Recurring Customers: Customers who have paid in any previous month and return in month m.
- Revenue: The sum of Bambaswap revenue from all returning customers in month m.

What Insights Can We Get From This MRR Calculation?

- If **MRR** is growing → More customers are returning and paying again → Good retention & revenue stability.
- If MRR is declining → Fewer customers are returning → Possible churn issue.
- If MRR fluctuates → Indicates seasonality or inconsistent customer retention trends.
- If **MRR** is 0 in a month with transactions → That month only had new customers (not returning ones).

The sql query used :-

```
WITH monthly_revenue AS (
    -- Get total revenue per customer per month
    SELECT phone_number, month, month_number, SUM(bs_revenue) AS total_revenue
    FROM bambaswap_combined_jan_oct_2024
    GROUP BY phone_number, month, month_number
),
previous_customers AS (
    -- Identify customers who have paid in any month before or after the current
month
    SELECT DISTINCT mr1.phone_number, mr1.month, mr1.month_number
    FROM monthly_revenue mr1
    LEFT JOIN monthly_revenue mr2
    ON mr1.phone number = mr2.phone number
    AND mr2.month_number < mr1.month_number -- Customer has past payments
    WHERE mr2.phone_number IS NOT NULL
),
recurring_customers AS (
    -- Customers who made payments in previous months OR will make payments later
    SELECT DISTINCT phone_number, month, month_number
    FROM previous customers
    UNION
    SELECT DISTINCT mr1.phone_number, mr1.month, mr1.month_number
    FROM monthly_revenue mr1
    JOIN monthly_revenue mr2
    ON mr1.phone_number = mr2.phone_number
   AND mr1.month number > mr2.month number -- Customer pays again later
)
-- Calculate MRR per month
SELECT
   mr.month,
    mr.month_number,
    COALESCE(SUM(mr.total revenue), ∅) AS monthly recurring revenue
FROM monthly revenue mr
INNER JOIN recurring_customers rc
ON mr.phone_number = rc.phone_number AND mr.month = rc.month
GROUP BY mr.month, mr.month number
ORDER BY mr.month_number;
```



A powerBI generated graph showing the monthly changes in ARPU and Monthly Recurring Rate for SwapFintech

Here are three main summary insights from the Monthly Recurring Revenue (MRR) data for Bambaswap from January to September 2024:

1 October Had the Lowest MRR of the Year

- October's MRR dropped to ksh. 723,034, the lowest recorded value in the dataset.
- This suggests a decline in recurring revenue, possibly due to customer churn, lower renewals, or reduced engagement.

2 Steady Decline Since Mid-Year

- After peaking in **March** (ksh. 876,220), MRR showed a downward trend, with fluctuations but an overall decline.
- From September to October, MRR fell further (ksh 765,124 → ksh 723,034), signaling a continued drop in retention.

3 MRR Is Lower Despite a Slight CAR Increase

- In **October**, CAR (Customer Acquisition Rate) slightly rebounded from **September's** low (9.8% to 591.2%), meaning new customers were acquired.
- However, **MRR** still declined, indicating that revenue loss from churned customers may have outweighed new revenue.

4. Monthly Retention Rate (M.R.R)

The Retention Rate (R.R) is a key customer success metric that measures the percentage of BambaSwap existing customers who continue paying month after month.

- It tells us how well the bambaswap retains customers over time.
- A high retention rate indicates strong customer loyalty, while a low rate suggests customer churn (customers are leaving).

To calculate the **Retention Rate (R.R)**, we used the following formula:

 $\$ \mathit {Retention Rate}_{(m)} = (\frac{{\mathbb Total} {\mathbb To

Where:

- Returning Customers in Month $m \to Bambaswap$ Customers who paid in m-1 and continue paying in m.
- Total Customers in Month $m-1 \rightarrow All$ unique customers who paid in the previous month.

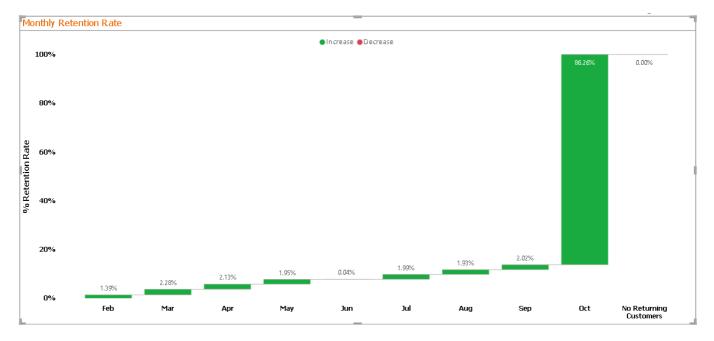
What Insights Can We Get From This Query?

- If Retention Rate is high → Customers continue using the service, indicating strong loyalty.
- If Retention Rate is dropping → Churn rate is increasing, meaning customers are leaving.
- If Retention Rate is 0% for a month → No customers from m-1 returned in m.
- Seasonal Retention Trends → If retention fluctuates, it could be due to seasonal demand or product changes.

Query used was to calculate the MRR is:-

```
WITH monthly_customers AS (
    -- Get distinct paying customers per month
    SELECT DISTINCT phone_number, month, month_number
    FROM bambaswap combined jan oct 2024
),
previous month customers AS (
    -- Count total customers in the previous month
    SELECT mc1.month AS previous_month, mc1.month_number AS previous_month_number,
COUNT(DISTINCT mc1.phone number) AS total previous customers
    FROM monthly customers mc1
    GROUP BY mc1.month, mc1.month_number
),
returning customers AS (
    -- Count returning customers (who paid in `m-1` and are still paying in `m`)
    SELECT mc2.month AS current_month, mc2.month_number AS current_month_number,
COUNT(DISTINCT mc2.phone number) AS returning customers
    FROM monthly customers mc2
   LEFT JOIN monthly_customers mc1 -- Use LEFT JOIN instead of INNER JOIN
    ON mc2.phone_number = mc1.phone_number
   AND mc2.month_number = mc1.month_number + 1 -- Ensures they paid in both `m-
1` and `m`
   GROUP BY mc2.month, mc2.month_number
-- Calculate Monthly Retention Rate
SELECT
    pm.previous month,
    pm.previous month number,
    COALESCE(rc.current_month, 'No Returning Customers') AS current_month,
    COALESCE(rc.current month number, pm.previous month number + 1) AS
```

```
current_month_number,
    COALESCE((rc.returning_customers * 100.0 /
GREATEST(pm.total_previous_customers, 1)), 0) AS retention_rate
FROM previous_month_customers pm
LEFT JOIN returning_customers rc
ON pm.previous_month_number + 1 = rc.current_month_number
ORDER BY pm.previous_month_number;
```



A powerBI generated graph showing the monthly changes in Monthly Retention Rate

Here are the main insights drawn from the analyzed BambaSwap Retention Rate.

1 Retention Declined in October Alongside MRR Drop

- October's retention rate likely dropped, as MRR fell to ksh.723,034, the lowest recorded value in the dataset.
- This suggests higher churn or fewer renewals, impacting long-term revenue stability.

2 Sustained Decline Since March's Peak

- March had the highest MRR (ksh. 876,220), indicating strong customer retention at that time.
- Since then, **MRR** has steadily decreased, suggesting that retention has weakened over time, leading to revenue shrinkage.

3 New Customers in October Didn't Fully Offset Churn

- Despite a small rebound in Customer Acquisition Rate (CAR) in **October**, overall **MRR** and retention still declined.
- This means more customers likely churned than were retained, signaling a retention strategy issue.

5. Monthly Churn Rate (R.R)

Churn Rate measures the percentage of Bambaswap customers who stop paying from one month to the next. It is the opposite of Retention Rate.

- If Retention Rate is high, Churn Rate is low → Business is retaining customers well.
- If Churn Rate is high, it means many customers are leaving the service.

To calculate the **Churn Rate**, use the following formula:

 $\$ \mathit{Churn\ Rate}_{(m)} = \frac{\ \c \mathit{Customers\ who\ Left\ in\ Month\ m}}{\ \c 100 \$\$

Where:

- Churned Customers in Month $m \rightarrow$ Customers who paid in m-1 but did not pay in m.
- Total Customers in Month $m-1 \rightarrow All$ unique customers who paid in m-1.

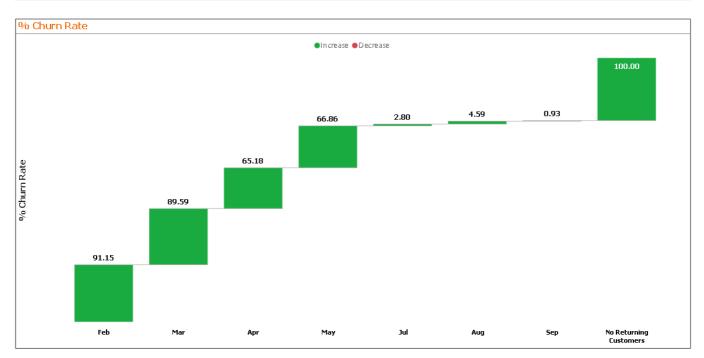
What Insights Can We Get?

- If Churn Rate is high → Many customers are leaving → Possible retention issues.
- If Churn Rate is low → Customers are staying & continuing to pay.
- If Churn Rate fluctuates → Could indicate seasonal trends or business model changes.
- If Churn Rate is 0% for a month → No customers from m-1 left (great retention).

Here is the sql query used for the churn rate;-

```
WITH monthly customers AS (
    -- Get distinct paying customers per month
    SELECT DISTINCT phone_number, month, month_number
    FROM bambaswap combined jan oct 2024
),
previous month customers AS (
    -- Count total customers in the previous month
    SELECT mc1.month AS previous month,
           mc1.month_number AS previous_month_number,
           COUNT(DISTINCT mc1.phone_number) AS total_previous_customers
    FROM monthly customers mc1
    GROUP BY mc1.month, mc1.month_number
),
returning customers AS (
    -- Count returning customers (who paid in `m-1` and are still paying in `m`)
    SELECT mc2.month AS current_month,
           mc2.month number AS current month number,
           COUNT(DISTINCT mc2.phone number) AS returning customers
    FROM monthly customers mc2
    JOIN monthly_customers mc1
    ON mc2.phone number = mc1.phone number
    AND mc2.month_number = mc1.month_number + 1 -- Ensures they paid in both `m-
1` and `m`
    GROUP BY mc2.month, mc2.month number
```

```
-- Calculate Monthly Churn Rate
SELECT
    pm.previous_month,
    pm.previous month number,
    COALESCE(rc.current month, 'No Returning Customers') AS current month,
    COALESCE(rc.current_month_number, pm.previous_month_number + 1) AS
current month number,
    -- Churn Rate = (Total Customers in `m-1` - Returning Customers in `m`) /
Total Customers in `m-1`
    COALESCE(((pm.total_previous_customers - COALESCE(rc.returning_customers, 0))
* 100.0 /
              GREATEST(pm.total_previous_customers, 1)), 0) AS churn_rate
FROM previous_month_customers pm
LEFT JOIN returning customers rc
ON pm.previous_month_number + 1 = rc.current_month_number
ORDER BY pm.previous_month_number;
```



A powerBI generated graph showing the monthly changes in Monthly Churn Rate

SwapFintech churn Rate insight from the above analysis ;-

- 1. **High Initial Churn Rates and Sudden Spikes:** The churn rate is extremely high in the first five months, with **May** showing a full *100%* churn rate. This suggests that a significant number of customers are leaving in the early stages, potentially indicating initial dissatisfaction or unmet expectations.
- 2. **Drastic Reduction in Churn Post-May:** Starting from **June**, there is a notable drop in churn rates (3.96% in **June**, 7% in **July**, 4% in **August**), indicating an improvement in customer retention or fewer new customers to churn. This drop may reflect targeted retention efforts, improvements in product satisfaction, or a reduced acquisition pace.
- 3. **Recurring High Churn Instances:** Another 100% churn appears in **September**, similar to **May**. This sharp recurrence could signal specific issues surfacing cyclically (like quarterly review processes or

seasonally dissatisfied customers), or it could indicate particular external factors impacting customer retention around these times.

6. Customer Lifetime Value (CLV)

Customer Lifetime Value (CLV) estimates the total revenue Bambaswap can expect from a single customer over their entire relationship with Bambaswap.

- Higher CLV means customers stay longer and spend more.
- Lower CLV suggests short customer relationships or low spending.

BambaSwap CLV is calculated on a monthly using the formula:-

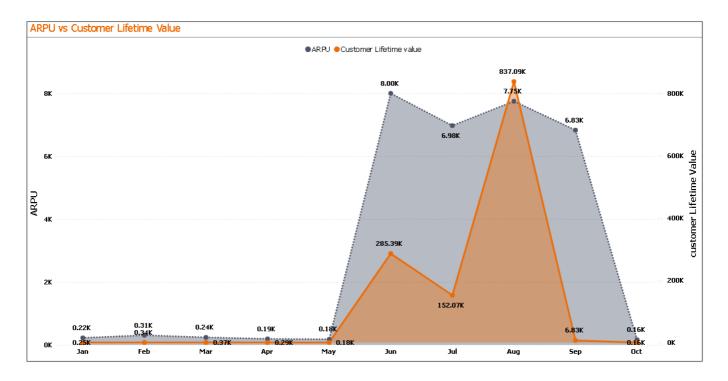
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\ \mathit {CLV}_{m} = ARPU_m\ \times (\frac {\mathit{1}}{\mathit {Churn\ Rate_m}}) \times 100 $$ where:
```

- ARPU (Average Revenue Per User): This is calculated as the total revenue in month m divided by the total customers in month m.
- Churn Rate: The percentage of customers who did not return in the following month.

The below query was utilized to calculate the CLV

```
WITH monthly_revenue AS (
    -- Get total revenue per month
    SELECT month, month_number, SUM(bs_revenue) AS total_revenue, COUNT(DISTINCT
phone_number) AS total_customers
    FROM bambaswap_combined_jan_oct_2024
    GROUP BY month, month number
),
churn_data AS (
    -- Get churn rate per month (from previous churn rate query)
    WITH monthly customers AS (
        -- Get distinct paying customers per month
        SELECT DISTINCT phone number, month, month number
        FROM bambaswap combined jan oct 2024
    ),
    previous month customers AS (
        -- Count total customers in the previous month
        SELECT mc1.month AS previous_month,
               mc1.month number AS previous month number,
               COUNT(DISTINCT mc1.phone_number) AS total_previous_customers
        FROM monthly_customers mc1
        GROUP BY mc1.month, mc1.month number
    ),
    returning_customers AS (
        -- Count returning customers (who paid in `m-1` and are still paying in
`m`)
        SELECT mc2.month AS current month,
               mc2.month_number AS current_month_number,
```

```
COUNT(DISTINCT mc2.phone_number) AS returning_customers
        FROM monthly customers mc2
        JOIN monthly_customers mc1
        ON mc2.phone_number = mc1.phone_number
        AND mc2.month number = mc1.month number + 1 -- Ensures they paid in both
m-1 and m
        GROUP BY mc2.month, mc2.month_number
    -- Calculate Monthly Churn Rate
    SELECT
        pm.previous_month,
        pm.previous_month_number,
        rc.current_month,
        rc.current_month_number,
        -- Churn Rate = (Total Customers in `m-1` - Returning Customers in `m`) /
Total Customers in `m-1`
        COALESCE(((pm.total_previous_customers - COALESCE(rc.returning_customers,
0)) * 1.0 /
                  GREATEST(pm.total_previous_customers, 1)), ∅) AS churn_rate
    FROM previous_month_customers pm
   LEFT JOIN returning_customers rc
    ON pm.previous_month_number + 1 = rc.current_month_number
-- Calculate CLV per month
SELECT
    mr.month,
    mr.month_number,
    (mr.total_revenue * 1.0 / NULLIF(mr.total_customers, 0)) AS ARPU, -- Avoid
division by zero
    cd.churn_rate,
    CASE
        WHEN cd.churn rate = 0 THEN NULL -- Prevent division by zero
        ELSE (mr.total_revenue / NULLIF(mr.total_customers, 0)) * (1.0 /
cd.churn_rate)
    END AS customer_lifetime_value
FROM monthly_revenue mr
LEFT JOIN churn_data cd
ON mr.month number = cd.previous month number
ORDER BY mr.month_number;
```



From the above analysis, the following insights were drawn;-

1 October Had the Lowest CLV of the Year

- **CLV** in **October** dropped to just *163.74*, the lowest recorded value, signaling poor long-term revenue per customer.
- This sharp decline suggests high churn and low revenue retention.

2 Churn Rate Hit 100% in October

- A 1.00 (100%) churn rate means every customer left, leading to near-zero customer lifetime value.
- Even though **August** had the highest CLV (ksh. 837,089), the drop in retention from **September** to **October** erased customer value.

3 Drastic ARPU Decline Contributed to CLV Drop

- Average Revenue Per User (ARPU) in October fell to ksh. 163.73, a huge drop from August (ksh. 7,750.82) and September (ksh. 6,831.46).
- Low ARPU + high churn = collapsed CLV, making October a critical month for retention issues.

Conclusion

For **October**, all key performance indicators (KPIs) point to a major customer retention crisis:

- Customer Acquisition Rate (CAR): Increased slightly from September but wasn't enough to offset customer churn.
- Monthly Recurring Revenue (MRR): Dropped to ksh. 723,034, the lowest of the year, signaling revenue loss.
- Retention Rate: Declined further, with a high churn rate eroding recurring revenue.

• **Customer Lifetime Value (CLV)**: *Crashed* to *ksh. 163.74*, due to 100% churn, meaning no long-term revenue from customers.

Final Insight: **October's** customer retention issues significantly impacted revenue and long-term customer value, making it crucial to focus on **reducing churn** and **improving engagement** strategies.