

Console Games Database

ISM6218.901S22 Advanced Database Management

Group 2

Executive Summary

Introduction

A console game is a type of interactive multimedia software that uses a video game console to provide an interactive multimedia experience via a television of other display device. The game console generally consists of a handheld control device (although some use cameras to monitor user movements) and a computer that runs the game's software. The global console games market is about \$26.8b in 2018 with key vendors in the market like Microsoft, Sony, and Nintendo.

Our group decided to create a database that serves as the backend for any application or services, which can leverage it to provide product recommendations (videogames) based on key attributes such as rating, genre, console compatibility, and so on. Our goal is to set up a working database that can also be used for data-science tasks such as predicting success of a new game based on analyzing similar games' information stored in our database.

Project Topic Areas and Weights

Topic Area	Description	Points
Database Design	This part includes a logical database design (for the relational model), using normalization to control redundancy and integrity constraints for data quality.	Weight: 30 Range: 20 - 30
Query Writing	This part demonstrates practical examples using SQL queries on the database for real-world scenarios or data request within an application/service.	Weight: 25 Range: 20 - 30
Performance Tuning	This section applies some performance tuning concepts such as indexing, etc., that improves the performance of the query executions.	Weight: 20 Range: 20 - 30
Data Visualization and ML Algorithms	This section attempts to demonstrate to use visualizations and data mining algorithms to analyze the data.	Weight: 25 Range: 10 - 40

Database Design

Section 1.1: Data Generation and Loading

Data Collection

The data was collected from two sources.

Games Data

The games data primarily comes from *Online Game System Repository* (https://www.gamesdatabase.org/). The following screenshot shows one such page:



Since the webpage has a defined structure and predictable formatting, we used python to webscrap this data. We took only those categories that has more than 1000 games.

Users Data

For Users data, we used *Kaggle* dataset (https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/nathanlauga/nbagames). This dataset contains games and players information of NBA.

Data Cleaning

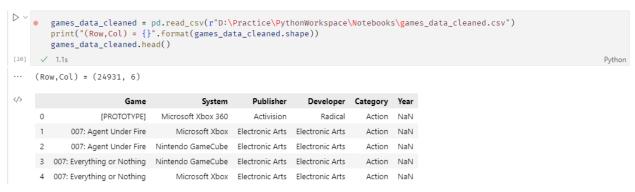
We used *Python* to clean the data and convert them into required CSV files. The following script shows the csv creation for games data.

import os

```
class Record:
    def __init__(self, line_txt):
        items = line_txt.split('\t')
        self.game = items[1]
        self.system = items[3]
        self.publisher = items[5]
        self.developer = items[7]
        self.category = items[8]
        self.year = items[9]
```

```
if not (self.game and self.system and self.publisher and self.developer and
self.category):
         raise ValueError
   def __str__(self):
      return "{},{},{},{},{}".format(self.game, self.system, self.publisher,
self.developer, self.category,
                                     self.year)
def get_records(file_name):
   records = []
   with open(file name) as f:
      for line in f.readlines():
         if len(line.split('\t')) == 10:
            trv:
               rec = Record(line)
               records.append(rec)
            except ValueError:
               pass
   return records
output dir = r"D:\Practice\PythonWorkspace\DBMS Games Data Archive"
output_file = os.path.join(r'D:\Practice\PythonWorkspace\Notebooks',
"games_data.csv")
with open(output_file, 'w') as out:
   header = Record(" Game
                                          Publisher
                                                        Developer Category
                              System
Year\n")
   out.write(str(header))
   for dirName, subdirList, fileList in os.walk(output_dir):
      for fl in fileList:
         res = get_records(os.path.join(dirName, fl))
         res = [str(x) for x in res]
         out.writelines(res)
   print("Done")
```

This script read all the raw files and collated them into one final CSV file. The final csv file looks something like shown below:



The Users data was cleaned in similar style. The following code shows the cleaning process for all the tables in the ER diagram (shown later in the document).

Load Libraries

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import random
Read NBA Kaggle Data Files
players = pd.read_csv('games_data/players.csv', on_bad_lines='skip')
games = pd.read_csv('games_data/games.csv', on_bad_lines='skip')
games_details = pd.read_csv('games_data/games_details.csv', on_bad_lines='skip')
ranking = pd.read_csv('games_data/ranking.csv', on_bad_lines='skip')
teams = pd.read_csv('games_data/teams.csv', on_bad_lines='skip')
console = pd.read_csv('games_data/games_data_cleaned.csv')
Create User Table
# Create Gamer Table
def get_tag(fname, lname=None):
   try:
      if lname:
         return fname[:3]+lname[:3]
      return fname[:3] + fname[:-3:-1]
   return fname[:3]+fname[:-3:-1]
gamer_table=games_details[['PLAYER_ID','PLAYER_NAME','NICKNAME','TEAM_CITY','PF','FG
_PCT']].drop_duplicates().sort_values(by='PLAYER_ID')
gamer_table=gamer_table.groupby('PLAYER_ID').first()
gamer_table=gamer_table.reset_index()
gamer_table['FirstName']=gamer_table['PLAYER_NAME'].str.split(' ')
gamer_table['LastName']=gamer_table['FirstName'].str[1]
gamer_table['FirstName']=gamer_table['FirstName'].str[0]
gamer_table['NICKNAME'] = gamer_table.apply(lambda x: get_tag(x.FirstName,
x.LastName), axis=1)
gamer_table['GamerScore']=round(gamer_table['FG_PCT']*100)
gamer_table['Age'] = np.random.randint(13, 45, gamer_table.shape[0])
gamer_table[gamer_table['GamerScore'].isnull()] =
gamer_table[gamer_table['GamerScore'].isnull()
                                                             ].apply(lambda x:
random.randint(11,99))
gamer_table['GamerScore']=gamer_table['GamerScore'].astype('int32')
gamer_table.rename(columns={'PLAYER_ID':'UID','NICKNAME':'GamerTag','TEAM_CITY':'Cit
v'}, inplace=True)
gamer_table =
gamer_table[['UID','FirstName','LastName','GamerTag','City','Age','GamerScore']].dro
```

Use standard data to get state from city names

p duplicates().sort values(by='UID')

```
cities = pd.read_csv('games_data/uscities.csv', on_bad_lines='skip')
cities = cities[['city', 'state_name']]
cities['City'] = cities['city']
cities = cities[['City','state_name']]
gamer_table=pd.merge(
     gamer_table,
     cities,
     on="City"
)
gamer table=gamer table.groupby('UID').first()
gamer_table=gamer_table.reset_index()
gamer_table['GamerTag']=gamer_table['GamerTag'].apply(str.lower)
gamer_table.rename(columns={'state_name':'State'}, inplace=True)
Further clean games data to match with project plan ER diagram
# Remove useless system values.
console=console['System']!='4']
# Fix System Column
console['System2']=console['System'].str.split(' ')
console['System2']=console['System2'].str[0]
console['System']=console['System2']
console=console.drop('System2',axis=1)
console.head()
# Fix Year Column
console['Year']=console['Year'].apply(pd.to numeric)
# Create Categorical Column Codes
# Set all desired cols as category
console['CategoryCode'] = console['Category'].astype('category')
console['SystemCode'] = console['System'].astype('category')
console['PublisherCode'] = console['Publisher'].astype('category')
# Select all category columns and apply cat.codes attribute
cat_cols = console.select_dtypes(['category']).columns
console[cat_cols]=console[cat_cols].apply(lambda x : x.cat.codes+1)
Create Games Table
# Create Games Table
games_temp = games[['GAME_ID','REB_home','FT_PCT_away']].drop_duplicates()
games_temp.columns = ('GameId','Price','Rating')
console_temp = console[['Game','CategoryCode']].drop_duplicates()
console_temp = console_temp.reset_index()
games_temp = games_temp[:console_temp.shape[0]]
games temp=games temp.reset index()
games_temp['index']=np.arange(1,games_temp.shape[0]+1,1)
console_temp['index']=np.arange(1,games_temp.shape[0]+1,1)
games_table = pd.merge(games_temp, console_temp,on="index")
games_table = pu.merge(games_temp, tonsote_temp, on= index )
games_table['Rating']=games_table['Rating']*5
games_table['Rating']=games_table['Rating'].round(2)
games_table = games_table[['GameId', 'Game', 'CategoryCode', 'Price', 'Rating']]
games_table.rename(columns={'Game':'Name', 'CategoryCode':'GenreId'}, inplace=True)
games_table['AgeRating']=np.random.randint(1, 4, games_table.shape[0])
```

Create Mapping table to preserve 3rd Normal Form

```
# Create GameConsoleAvailability
game_console_table = pd.merge(console[['Game','SystemCode']],
                             games table[['Name','GameId']],
                             left_on="Game",
                             right_on="Name")
game_console_table = game_console_table[['GameId','SystemCode']].drop_duplicates()
game_console_table.columns = ('GameId','ConsoleId')
Create Dimension Table - Age Ratings
# Create Ratings Table
be suitable for pre-teenagers.'],
               [3, 'Rated R', 'Restricted - Under 17 requires accompanying parent or
adult guardian.'],
               [4, 'Rated X', 'No one under 17 admitted.']]
ratings table = pd.DataFrame(ratings data, columns = ['AgeRatingId',
'AgeRatingName', 'AgeRatingDescription'])
Create Console Table
# Create Console Table
console table =
console[['System','SystemCode']].drop duplicates().sort values(by='SystemCode')
console table = console table.reset index(drop=True)
console table.rename(columns={'SystemCode':'ConsoleId', 'System':'ConsoleName'},
inplace=True)
console_table = console_table[['ConsoleId','ConsoleName']]
Create Genre Table
# Create Genre Table
genre table =
console[['Category','CategoryCode']].drop_duplicates().sort_values(by='CategoryCode'
genre_table = genre_table.reset_index(drop=True)
genre_table.rename(columns={'Category':'Genre','CategoryCode':'GenreId'},
inplace=True)
genre_table = genre_table[['GenreId','Genre']]
Create Subscription Table
# Create Subscription Table
games_details_temp = games_details[['GAME_ID','PLAYER_ID']]
subs_table =
pd.merge(games_details_temp,gamer_table[['UID','GamerTag']],right_on="UID",left_on="
PLAYER ID")
subs_table = subs_table[['UID','GamerTag','GAME_ID']]
subs_table =
pd.merge(subs_table,games_table[['GameId']],right_on="GameId",left_on="GAME_ID")
```

```
subs_table = subs_table[['UID','GamerTag','GameId']]
subs_table['SubscriptionId'] = np.random.randint(1, 3, subs_table.shape[0])
```

Create Mapping table to preserve 3rd Normal Form

```
# Create Game Subscription Type Table
subscription_data = [[1,'Free'],[2,'Freemium'],[3,'Paid']]
game_sub_type_table = pd.DataFrame(subscription_data, columns = ['SubscriptionId',
'SubscriptionName'])
```

Export respective tables to their CSV counterparts

```
from os import path
output path =
r"C:\Users\Shail\Documents\PythonWorkspace\Notebooks\games data\output"
# 1. Users Table
gamer table.to csv(path.join(output path, "users.csv"), sep=',', encoding='utf-
8'.index=False)
# 2. Games Table
games_table.to_csv(path.join(output_path, "games.csv"), sep=',', encoding='utf-
8',index=False)
# 3. Genre Table
genre_table.to_csv(path.join(output_path, "genre.csv"), sep=',', encoding='utf-
8',index=False)
# 4. Game Console Table
game console table.to csv(path.join(output path, "game console.csv"), sep=',',
encoding='utf-8',index=False)
# 5. Age Ratings Table
ratings_table.to_csv(path.join(output_path, "age_ratings.csv"), sep=',',
encoding='utf-8',index=False)
# 6. Console Table
console_table.to_csv(path.join(output_path, "consoles.csv"), sep=',', encoding='utf-
8',index=False)
# 7. Game Subscription Type Table
game_sub_type_table.to_csv(path.join(output_path,"subscription_types.csv"), sep=',',
encoding='utf-8',index=False)
# 8. Subscription Table
subs_table.to_csv(path.join(output_path,"subscriptions.csv"), sep=',',
encoding='utf-8',index=False)
```

The last segment created following tables. The first line shows Row and Column count and the second shows table itself.

Age Rating

··· (Row,Col) = (4, 3)

/>		AgeRatingId	AgeRatingName	AgeRatingDescription
	0	1	Rated G	General audiences – All ages admitted.
	1	2	Rated PG	Parental guidance suggested – Some material ma
	2	3	Rated R	Restricted – Under 17 requires accompanying pa
	3	4	Rated X	No one under 17 admitted.

Consoles

··· (Row,Col) = (35, 2)

ConsoleName	Consoleld	
Acorn	1	0
Amstrad	2	1
Apple	3	2
Arcade	4	3
Atari	5	4

Game Consoles

··· (Row,Col) = (23354, 2)

		Gameld	Consoleld
	0	22101005	20
	1	22101006	20
	2	22101006	22
	3	22101007	22
	4	41000172	22

Games

··· (Row,Col) = (24931, 6)

		Game	System	Publisher	Developer	Category	Year
	0	[PROTOTYPE]	Microsoft Xbox 360	Activision	Radical	Action	NaN
	1	007: Agent Under Fire	Microsoft Xbox	Electronic Arts	Electronic Arts	Action	NaN
	2	007: Agent Under Fire	Nintendo GameCube	Electronic Arts	Electronic Arts	Action	NaN
	3	007: Everything or Nothing	Nintendo GameCube	Electronic Arts	Electronic Arts	Action	NaN
	4	007: Everything or Nothing	Microsoft Xbox	Electronic Arts	Electronic Arts	Action	NaN

Genre

Genreld Genre
 1 Action
 2 Adventure
 3 Application
 4 Arcade
 5 Ball & Paddle

Subscription Types

SubscriptionId SubscriptionName

0 1 Free

1 2 Freemium
2 3 Paid

Subscriptions

</> UID GamerTag Gameld SubscriptionId 0 1627736 malbea 22101005 2 2 1 1626156 d'arus 22101005 2 1627752 taupri 22101005 1 1 3 1630233 natkni 22101005 2 1629130 dunrob 22101005

Users

```
··· (Row,Col) = (2151, 8)
```

/>		UID	FirstName	LastName	GamerTag	City	Age	GamerScore	State
	0	15	Eric	Piatkowski	eripia	Chicago	44	67	Illinois
	1	42	Monty	Williams	monwil	Philadelphia	39	25	Pennsylvania
	2	43	Chris	Whitney	chrwhi	Washington	19	60	District of Columbia
	3	56	Gary	Payton	garpay	Miami	24	40	Florida
	4	57	Doug	Christie	douchr	Dallas	23	67	Texas

Data Loading

The respective CSV files were loaded using Oracle SQL Developers Import Wizard.

We first created all the tables, following SQL Shows CREATE Statements:

```
CREATE TABLE DB1SMOKE.AGE_RATINGS
AgeRatingId INT,
AgeRatingName VARCHAR2(10),
AgeRatingDescription VARCHAR2(100)
);
CREATE TABLE DB1SMOKE.CONSOLES
ConsoleId INT,
ConsoleName VARCHAR2(20)
);
CREATE TABLE DB1SMOKE.GAME_CONSOLES
GameId INT,
ConsoleId INT
);
CREATE TABLE DB1SMOKE.GAMES
GameId INT,
GameName VARCHAR2(100),
GenreId INT,
Price FLOAT,
Rating FLOAT,
AgeRating FLOAT
);
CREATE TABLE DB1SMOKE.GENRE
GenreId INT,
Genre VARCHAR2(20)
);
CREATE TABLE DB1SMOKE.SUBSCRIPTION_TYPES
```

```
SubscriptionId INT,
SubscriptionName VARCHAR2(10)
);
CREATE TABLE DB1SMOKE.SUBSCRIPTIONS
UserId INT,
GamerTag VARCHAR2(10),
GameId INT,
SubscriptionId INT
);
CREATE TABLE DB1SMOKE.USERS
UserId INT,
FirstName VARCHAR2(20),
LastName VARCHAR2(20),
GamerTag VARCHAR2(10),
City VARCHAR2(20),
Age INT,
GamerScore INT,
State VARCHAR2(30)
);
```

Section 1.2 Data Integrity

The integrity constraints necessary to help ensure data quality should be included in the design section. We implemented following constraints to ensure data integrity:

Primary Key Constraints

The following table are dimension tables in our database design. So, we need to create a Primary Keys on columns that are to be used as a Foreign Key in other tables.

```
ALTER TABLE AGE_RATINGS ADD CONSTRAINT PK_AGE_RATING_ID PRIMARY KEY (AGERATINGID);

ALTER TABLE GENRE ADD CONSTRAINT PK_GENRE_ID PRIMARY KEY (GENREID);

ALTER TABLE SUBSCRIPTION_TYPES ADD CONSTRAINT PK_SUBSCRIPTION_ID PRIMARY KEY (SUBSCRIPTIONID);

ALTER TABLE CONSOLES ADD CONSTRAINT PK_CONSOLE ID PRIMARY KEY (CONSOLEID);
```

The following columns are unique identifiers in their respectable tables. This ensures that there are no duplicate records.

```
ALTER TABLE GAMES ADD CONSTRAINT PK_GAME_ID PRIMARY KEY (GAMEID);
ALTER TABLE USERS ADD CONSTRAINT PK_USER_ID PRIMARY KEY (USERID);
```

Foreign Key Constraints

We added foreign keys in our tables to ensure referential integrity across our database design. This constraint helps us to define the relationship between the tables.

For example, a foreign key reference in GAMES table to the GENRE table shows that the genre information can be acquired from the target table. This also helps with saving storage space as large string values are avoided being repeated and are replaced by their much shorter id counterparts.

```
ADD FOREIGN KEY constraints.
ALTER TABLE GAMES
ADD CONSTRAINT FK_GENRE_ID
FOREIGN KEY (GENREID) REFERENCES GENRE(GENREID);
ALTER TABLE SUBSCRIPTIONS
ADD CONSTRAINT FK_SUBSCRIPTION_ID
FOREIGN KEY (SUBSCRIPTIONID) REFERENCES SUBSCRIPTION TYPES(SUBSCRIPTIONID);
ALTER TABLE GAME CONSOLES
ADD CONSTRAINT FK_CONSOLE_GAME_ID
FOREIGN KEY (GAMEID) REFERENCES GAMES(GAMEID);
ALTER TABLE GAME_CONSOLES
ADD CONSTRAINT FK_CONSOLE_ID
FOREIGN KEY (CONSOLEID) REFERENCES CONSOLES(CONSOLEID);
ALTER TABLE GAMES
ADD CONSTRAINT FK_AGE_RATING
FOREIGN KEY (AGERATING) REFERENCES AGE RATINGS(AGERATINGID);
```

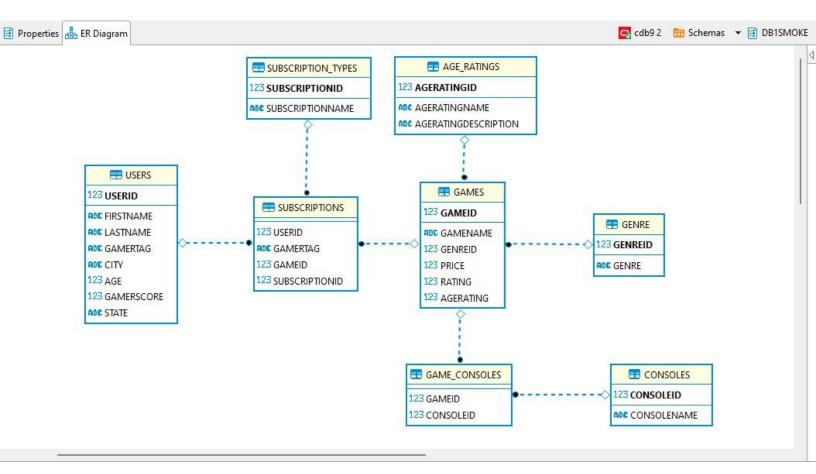
The foreign key also has one more advantage. It ensures the primary key constraint in the target table, and when used with index, it can significantly improve the performance of any operation that's pulling data from very large tables linked by indexed foreign keys. The subscription table has more than 300K records, and it would be useful to have foreign keys to ensure referential integrity as well as data integrity.

```
ALTER TABLE SUBSCRIPTIONS
ADD CONSTRAINT FK_GAME_ID
FOREIGN KEY (GAMEID) REFERENCES GAMES(GAMEID);

ALTER TABLE SUBSCRIPTIONS
ADD CONSTRAINT FK_USER_ID
FOREIGN KEY (USERID) REFERENCES USERS(USERID);
```

Section 1.3 E-R Diagram

Our final design looks as shown in below E-R Diagram. Due to the foreign key constraints, we can identify relationships among the tables. The primary keys are shown in bold and the foreign keys can be identified by the diamond symbol in the connecting lines.



Query Writing

This section demonstrates the practical examples where and how the data can be used. We provide several query examples that highlight the types of questions that can be answered using our database.

We present this in question-query format to demonstrate the practical usage.

Q-01. Display Minimum, Maximum, and Average Price per Game Genre. This can be used, for example, to analyze financial aspects by genre and investing appropriately.

```
SELECT

g2.GENRE,
MIN(g.PRICE) AS MIN_PRICE,
MAX(g.PRICE) AS MAX_PRICE,
AVG(g.PRICE) AS AVG_PRICE

FROM
DB1SMOKE.GAMES g
INNER JOIN DB1SMOKE.GENRE g2
ON
G.GENREID = G2.GENREID

GROUP BY
```

g2.GENRE

	ABC GENRE TI	123 MIN_PRICE TI	123 MAX_PRICE T:	123 AVG_PRICE TI
1	Family	26	62	42.7108433735
2	Racing	21	66	41.7217465753
3	Ball & Paddle	35	56	45.75
4	Breakout	30	55	41.7358490566
5	Educational	24	59	43.54375

- Q-02. Find which cities would be good for hosting gaming competitions.
 - 1. Display the city's name as well as how many games are played by the users are in the city.
 - 2. Show cities with the most counts first.

```
SELECT

u.CITY,

COUNT(s.GAMEID) AS GAME_COUNTS

FROM

DB1SMOKE.USERS u

INNER JOIN DB1SMOKE.SUBSCRIPTIONS s
ON

u.USERID = s.USERID

GROUP BY

u.CITY
```

ORDER BY COUNT(s.GAMEID) DESC

	RBC CITY ∏‡	123 GAME_COUNTS 🏋
1	Los Angeles	22,148
2	Dallas	17,650
3	San Antonio	17,080
4	Indiana	16,113
5	Houston	14,616

Q-03. Display all Games that contains "Need for Speed" somewhere in the name. Show the Games in decreasing order of their price.

SELECT

```
g.GAMEID ,
g.GAMENAME ,
g.PRICE
FROM
DB1SMOKE.GAMES g
WHERE
g.GAMENAME LIKE '%Need for Speed%'
ORDER BY
g.PRICE DESC
```

	123 GAMEID ∏‡	ABC GAMENAME	123 PRICE	T‡
1	22,000,049	Need for Speed Hot Pursuit		54
2	21,000,576	Need for Speed: Most Wanted		53
3	21,000,581	Need for Speed: V-Rally 2		52
4	21,000,596	Need for Speed III: Hot Pursuit		50
5	21,000,580	Need for Speed: Shift		49

Q-04. Label the cost category of a game based on its price. For each game display the game's name, price, and a textual label describing the cost category of the game.

The label should be

- "Very High" for a price more than 60
- "High" for a price range of 45 to 60
- "Average" for a price of 30 to 45, and
- "Low" for a price to be less than 30.

SELECT

```
g.GAMENAME,
g.PRICE,
CASE

WHEN g.PRICE >= 60 THEN 'Very High'
WHEN g.PRICE >= 45 AND g.PRICE < 60 THEN 'High'
WHEN g.PRICE >= 30 AND g.PRICE <45 THEN 'Average'
ELSE 'Low'</pre>
```

END AS "Cost Category"

FROM

DB1SMOKE.GAMES g;

	ABC GAMENAME	123 PRICE	T:	RBC Cost Category 🏋 🔭
1	Army Men: Air Attack 2		50	High
2	Army Men: Sarge's War		52	High
3	As Aventuras da TV Colosso		45	High
4	Asmik-kun Land		38	Average
5	Assassin		55	High
6	Assassin Special Edition		49	High
7	Assassin's Creed		54	High
8	Assassin's Creed Brotherhood		43	Average
9	Assassin's Creed II		50	High
10	Assassin's Creed Revelations		40	Average

Q-05. Find the top 10 most popular consoles. A console is popular when the number of games available exceed 100. Show the results with the most user count per console first.

```
WITH GameConsole AS
SELECT
      c.CONSOLEID,
      c.CONSOLENAME,
      COUNT(gc.GAMEID) AS GAME_COUNT
FROM
      DB1SMOKE.CONSOLES c
INNER JOIN DB1SMOKE.GAME_CONSOLES gc
ON
      c.CONSOLEID = gc.CONSOLEID
GROUP BY
      c.CONSOLEID,
      c.CONSOLENAME
HAVING
      COUNT(gc.GAMEID) > 100
SELECT
      c.CONSOLENAME,
      COUNT(u.USERID) AS "USAGE COUNT"
FROM
      GameConsole c
INNER JOIN DB1SMOKE.GAME_CONSOLES gc
ON
      c.CONSOLEID = gc.CONSOLEID
INNER JOIN DB1SMOKE.SUBSCRIPTIONS s
ON
      s.GAMEID = gc.GAMEID
```

<u></u>	ABC CONSOLENAME TT	123 USAGE COUNT T:
1	Arcade	69,019
2	Commodore	65,939
3	Nintendo	64,287
4	Atari	46,297
5	Microsoft	44,660
6	Sega	41,162
7	Sony	36,830
8	Sinclair	30,699
9	Amstrad	22,841
10	Valve	16,239

Q-06. Find the top 3 most experienced gamers. A gamer is experienced based on the number of games they have played. Also show which city do they belong to.

```
SELECT
```

	ABC FIRSTNAME TI	ABC LASTNAME TI	ABC CITY TI	123 Games Played 🏋
1	LeBron	James	Miami	1,045
2	Dwight	Howard	Los Angeles	1,003
3	Carmelo	Anthony	New York	945

Q-07. Find which age rating category has the most played games. Show user count by their age rating category in descending order.

```
SELECT

ar.AGERATINGNAME,

COUNT(s.USERID) AS "Usage Count"

FROM

DB1SMOKE.GAMES g

INNER JOIN DB1SMOKE.SUBSCRIPTIONS s

ON

g.GAMEID = s.GAMEID

INNER JOIN DB1SMOKE.AGE_RATINGS ar

ON

g.AGERATING = ar.AGERATINGID

GROUP BY

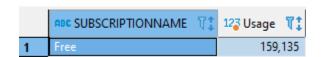
ar.AGERATINGNAME

ORDER BY COUNT(s.USERID) DESC;
```

	ABC AGERATINGNAME	T‡	123 Usage Count	T:
1	Rated R		107,	434
2	Rated G		105,	777
3	Rated PG		104,	739

Q-08. Find which subscription model is the most popular. The popularity of a subscription model can be judged by the number of users play the games under that subscription type.

SELECT



Q-09. Find all duplicate users. A user is considered duplicate if they have the same first name, last name, city, and state.

```
U.FIRSTNAME,

U.LASTNAME,

U.CITY,

U.STATE,

COUNT(*) AS FREQ_CNT

FROM

DB1SMOKE.USERS U

GROUP BY

U.FIRSTNAME,

U.LASTNAME,

U.CITY,

U.STATE

HAVING

COUNT(*) > 1;
```

	ABC FIRSTNAME TI	ABC LASTNAME TI	ABC CITY TI	ABC STATE TI	123 FREQ_CNT T:
1	Josh	Akognon	Dallas	Texas	2
2	Tristan	Thompson	Cleveland	Ohio	2

Q-10. Find the top 3 most popular games.

```
SELECT
```

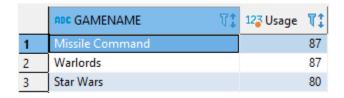
```
g.GAMENAME,
COUNT(s.USERID) AS "Usage"

FROM
DB1SMOKE.GAMES g
INNER JOIN DB1SMOKE.SUBSCRIPTIONS s
ON
g.GAMEID = s.GAMEID

GROUP BY
g.GAMENAME

ORDER BY
COUNT(s.USERID) DESC
```

FETCH NEXT 3 ROWS ONLY;



Performance Tuning

Overview

Since this database contains elements of user and product information, it can grow quite huge overtime when new data is introduced. Database performance tuning will allow us to maximize resource utilization so that any application or service that runs on top of it will benefit from the critical database operations. This is important because even relatively minor database-related performance issues can impact the entire operation.

Indexing Strategy

Indexing is a very important strategy that can improve complex query performance involving joins, aggregation, etc. The benefit of indexes lies in the fact that it provides faster access to data for operations that return small number of a table's rows.

In our database, we have identified several columns that we suspect will be used more often than others. It is also a good idea to identify columns that are directly used in join conditions. Following is the description of all the indexes we created:

Column Name	Source Table	Reason			
GameId	Game_Consoles	Game Console table is a mapping table. So, this will be the most frequently used table for connecting game id to console id.			
ConsoleId					
		Console Id is also a frequently used column which has limited values since it is referencing a dimension table.			
GenreId	Games	These two columns are the primary keys of their			
AgeRating		respective dimension tables. Hence, they will offer value in filtering queries.			
UserId	Subscriptions	Subscription table is a central table that has many			
GameId		frequently used columns in join conditions.			
SubscriptionId					
GamerTag					
GamerTag	Users	GamerTag works as a username so instead of finding a user by his/her name, this can act as pseudo-unique identifier.			

Following lines of code shows the SQL statements for creating indexes on above mentioned table-column pairs:

```
-- Creating Indexes for Performance Tuining
CREATE INDEX IDX_GAMECONSOLE_GAMEID
GAME_CONSOLES(GAMEID);
CREATE INDEX IDX GAMECONSOLE CONSOLEID
GAME_CONSOLES(CONSOLEID);
CREATE INDEX IDX_GAMES_GENREID
GAMES(GENREID);
CREATE INDEX IDX_GAMES_AGERATING
GAMES(AGERATING);
CREATE INDEX IDX_SUBSCRIPTIONS_USERID
SUBSCRIPTIONS(USERID);
CREATE INDEX IDX_SUBSCRIPTIONS_GAMEID
SUBSCRIPTIONS(GAMEID);
CREATE INDEX IDX_SUBSCRIPTIONS_SUBSID
SUBSCRIPTIONS(SUBSCRIPTIONID);
CREATE INDEX IDX SUBSCRIPTIONS GAMERTAG
SUBSCRIPTIONS(GAMERTAG);
CREATE INDEX IDX USERS GAMERTAG
USERS(GAMERTAG);
```

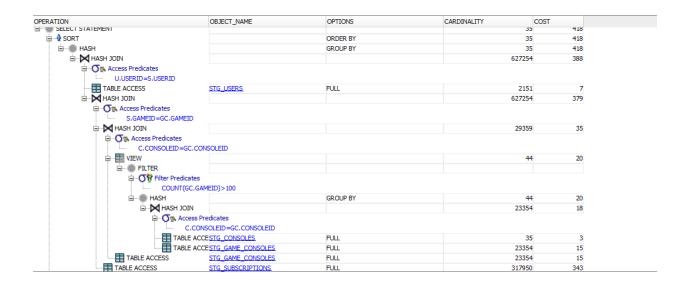
DB experiment for index performances

In previous section, we have created indexes on our main or production tables. Before loading the data into Oracle, we also had created the staging tables for backup. In this experiment, we will run a query on staging tables, that have no indexes on them, and on main tables, which have indexes created. We plan to compare the execution plans to see if they help in improving the query performance.

Staging Table Query

```
WITH GameConsole AS
(
SELECT
      c.CONSOLEID,
      c.CONSOLENAME,
      COUNT(gc.GAMEID) AS GAME_COUNT
FROM
      DB1SMOKE.STG_CONSOLES c
INNER JOIN DB1SMOKE.STG_GAME_CONSOLES gc
      c.CONSOLEID = gc.CONSOLEID
GROUP BY
      c.CONSOLEID,
      c.CONSOLENAME
HAVING
      COUNT(gc.GAMEID) > 100
SELECT
      c.CONSOLENAME,
      COUNT(u.USERID) AS "USAGE COUNT"
FROM
     GameConsole c
INNER JOIN DB1SMOKE.STG_GAME_CONSOLES gc
      c.CONSOLEID = gc.CONSOLEID
INNER JOIN DB1SMOKE.STG_SUBSCRIPTIONS s
      s.GAMEID = gc.GAMEID
INNER JOIN DB1SMOKE.STG_USERS u
      u.USERID = s.USERID
GROUP BY
      c.CONSOLENAME
ORDER BY
      COUNT(u.USERID) DESC;
```

Execution Plan Results



Now we compare this plan with the one ran on main tables with indexes.

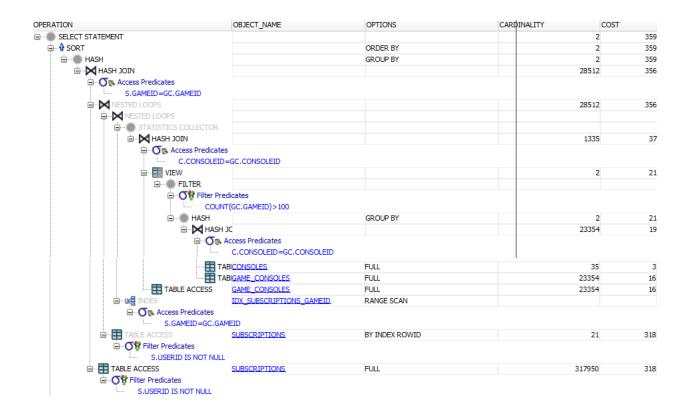
```
WITH GameConsole AS
(
SELECT
      c.CONSOLEID,
      c.CONSOLENAME,
      COUNT(gc.GAMEID) AS GAME_COUNT
FROM
      DB1SMOKE.CONSOLES c
INNER JOIN DB1SMOKE.GAME_CONSOLES gc
      c.CONSOLEID = gc.CONSOLEID
GROUP BY
      c.CONSOLEID,
      c.CONSOLENAME
HAVING
      COUNT(gc.GAMEID) > 100
      )
SELECT
      c.CONSOLENAME,
      COUNT(u.USERID) AS "USAGE COUNT"
FROM
      GameConsole c
INNER JOIN DB1SMOKE.GAME_CONSOLES gc
ON
      c.CONSOLEID = gc.CONSOLEID
INNER JOIN DB1SMOKE.SUBSCRIPTIONS s
ON
      s.GAMEID = gc.GAMEID
INNER JOIN DB1SMOKE.USERS u
ON
      u.USERID = s.USERID
```

```
GROUP BY

c.CONSOLENAME

ORDER BY

COUNT(u.USERID) DESC;
```



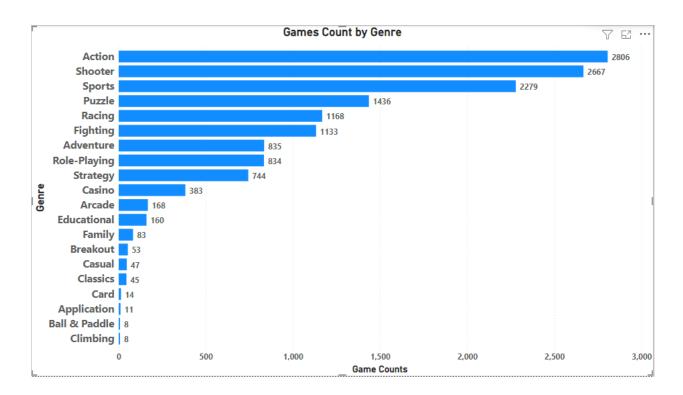
We can observe quite significant difference between the execution plans of the two queries. The last row where the table access occurs has a cost of 318 in indexed table as compared to the higher value of 343 in the non-indexed table. The performance gain occurred due to the BY INDEX ROWID section as pointed by the query coordinator.

Other Topics

Section 1.1: Data Visualization

Data visualization helps to tell stories by curating data into a form easier to understand, highlighting the trends and outliers. A good visualization tells a story, removing the noise from data and highlighting the useful information. We used Microsoft Power BI to visualize the data in our database.

Viz. 01 – Game Counts by Genre



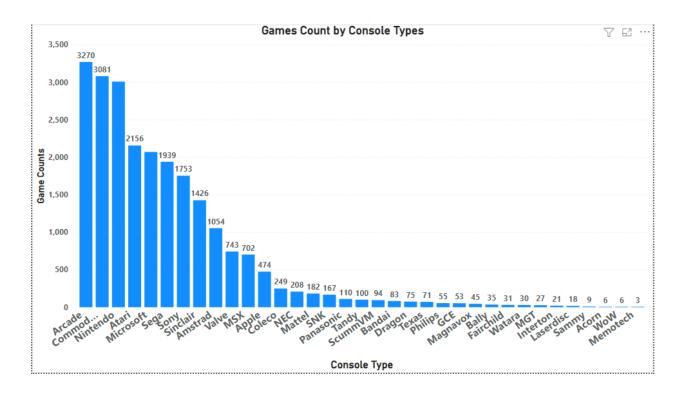
This visualization gives an overall distribution of games by their genres. This also tells what are the types of genres that are most popular among users and hence game developers target games in those categories.

Viz. 02 – Game Counts by Console Types

Similarly, we can observe the most popular consoles based on this data. Please note that this data is taken from a games archive that may not represent the most current trends. Here we see Sony,

Microsoft Xbox, and Nintendo lagging some of the most older console systems. This again can change as we acquire more data.

The best thing about Power BI visuals is that they get updated if the data in their underlying tables change. Following visual helps to view this distribution:



Viz. 03 – Gamer's Location (Map Visualization)

To visualize location data, Power BI has a map visual, but it requires latitude and longitude data. To achieve that we use a standard dataset which has USA cities geo location data. The CSV looks something like below:



We imported this dataset into a table: DB1SMOKE.CITIES

On top of it we created following view:

```
CREATE VIEW DB1SMOKE.VW_USER_LOCATION_DATA AS
SELECT
      u.UserId,
      c.county_name AS Region,
      u.City,
      u.State,
      c.state_id AS StateCode,
      u.Age.
      u.GamerScore,
      c.lat AS Latitude,
      c.lng AS Longitude,
'United States' AS Country,
      'USA' AS CountryCode
FROM
      DB1SMOKE.USERS u
INNER JOIN DB1SMOKE.CITIES c
ON
      u.City = c.city
      AND u.State = c.state_name;
```

Utilizing the above view, we could use "Latitude" and "Longitude" information to populate the map visualization. Following is the output for our console-games data:



Section 1.2: Linear Regression on Price

Let's create a custom view to populate the required data from our database. Our goal is to run a linear regression model for price and using rating, user count, console count as independent variables.

```
We create following VIEW:
CREATE VIEW DB1SMOKE.VW_GameStats AS
WITH game_stats AS
SELECT
      g.GAMENAME,
      g.PRICE ,
      g.RATING,
      COUNT(s.USERID) AS UserCounts,
      COUNT(gc.CONSOLEID) AS ConsoleCounts
FROM
      DB1SMOKE.GAMES g
INNER JOIN DB1SMOKE.SUBSCRIPTIONS s
ON
      g.GAMEID = s.GAMEID
INNER JOIN DB1SMOKE.GAME_CONSOLES gc
ON
      gc.GAMEID = g.GAMEID
GROUP BY
      g.GAMENAME,
      g.PRICE ,
      g.RATING
)
SELECT
      GameName.
      ROUND(AVG(Price), 3) AS Price,
      ROUND(AVG(Rating), 3) AS Rating,
      ROUND(AVG(UserCounts), 3) AS UserCounts,
      ROUND(AVG(ConsoleCounts), 3) AS ConsoleCounts
FROM
      game_stats
GROUP BY
```

We export this data into a CSV file so that we can read it in a different statistical analysis tool. We initialized a linear regression model with following parameters:

• Dependent Variable: Price

GameName

• Independent Variables: Rating, Console Counts, Game Counts

Following is the output of the linear model:

```
Call:
lm(formula = Price ~ Rating + UserCounts + ConsoleCounts, data = data)
Residuals:
    Min
              1Q
                   Median
                                3Q
                                       Max
-27.3403 -4.4883 -0.2253
                            4.2104 27.9278
Coefficients: (1 not defined because of singularities)
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
             48.064067
                         0.416564 115.382
                                           <2e-16 ***
Rating
             -1.370347
                         0.107295 - 12.772
                                           <2e-16 ***
UserCounts
              0.001122
                         0.002422
                                    0.463
                                            0.643
ConsoleCounts
                    NA
                               NA
                                      NA
                                               NA
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 6.522 on 14251 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.01132, Adjusted R-squared: 0.01118
F-statistic: 81.6 on 2 and 14251 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

We can observe that only Rating attribute shows the most significant factor in determining the price of the game. Number of Users playing, and Number of Console Counts has insignificant affect. This is as per the data in our database and might not represent the real-world scenarios.

Section 1.3: Initializing Machine Learning Models

Overview

In this experiment, our goal is to continue analyzing **Price** attribute. In one of the queries we created a **Cost Category** attribute that labels the Price attribute whether it is Very High, High, Average or Low. We will use this attribute to initialize two machine learning algorithms and compare the results.

Dataset Creation

We start by fetching the relevant data from our Database, to do this, we created a view that will be used to export this data into a CSV file:

```
CREATE VIEW [dbo].[VW_Game_Stats] AS
WITH stat AS
(
SELECT
g.name AS GameName,
g.price AS Price,
g.rating AS Rating,
```

```
count(s.userid) AS UserCounts,
      count(gc.consoleid) AS ConsoleCounts,
      CASE WHEN g.price >= 60 THEN 'Very High'
     WHEN g.price >=45 AND g.price < 60 THEN 'High'
     WHEN g.price >= 30 AND g.price < 45 THEN 'Average'
      ELSE 'Low'
      END as CostCategory
FROM
      games g
INNER JOIN subscriptions s
      g.gameid = s.gameid
INNER JOIN game_consoles gc
ON
      gc.gameid = g. gameid
GROUP BY
      g.name,
      g.price,
      g.rating
)
SELECT
      GameName,
      ROUND(AVG(Price), 3) AS Price,
      ROUND(AVG(Rating),3) AS Rating,
      ROUND(AVG(UserCounts),3) AS UserCounts,
      ROUND(AVG(ConsoleCounts),3) AS ConsoleCounts,
      CostCategory
FROM
      stat
GROUP BY GameName, CostCategory
```

Creating a ML Experiment

After creating the CSV, we import this dataset into *Azure ML Studio* (https://studio.azureml.net/). The dataset looks as shown in the Image below:

DBMS - Experiment 5/1/2022 > game_stats_new.csv > dataset

columns 6					
GameName	Price	Rating	UserCounts	ConsoleCounts	CostCategory
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.38 Ambush Alley	40	5	19	19	Average
007 Legends	39	3.72	21	21	Average
007: A View to a Kill	43	3.12	25	25	Average
007: Licence to Kill	44	3.12	100	100	Average
007: Nightfire	37	3.89	38	38	Average
007: The Duel	40	4.2	17	17	Average
1 on 1 Government	41	3.34	22	22	Average
	GameName .38 Ambush Alley 007 Legends 007: A View to a Kill 007: Licence to Kill 007: Nightfire 007: The Duel	GameName Price .38 Ambush Alley 40 007 Legends 39 007: A View to a Kill 43 007: Licence to Kill 44 007: Nightfire 37 007: The Duel 40	GameName Price Rating .38 Ambush Alley 40 5 007 Legends 39 3.72 007: A View to a Kill 43 3.12 007: Licence to Kill 44 3.12 007: Nightfire 37 3.89 007: The Duel 40 4.2	GameName Price Rating UserCounts .38 Ambush Alley 40 5 19 007 Legends 39 3.72 21 007: A View to a Kill 43 3.12 25 007: Licence to Kill 44 3.12 100 007: Nightfire 37 3.89 38 007: The Duel 40 4.2 17	GameName Price Rating UserCounts ConsoleCounts .38 Ambush Alley 40 5 19 19 007 Legends 39 3.72 21 21 007: A View to a Kill 43 3.12 25 25 007: Licence to Kill 44 3.12 100 100 007: Nightfire 37 3.89 38 38 007: The Duel 40 4.2 17 17

The following charts shows the data distribution of the independent variables:



Histogram

4500 -4000 -3500 -3000 -1500 -1000 -500 -1000 -8 Rating

■ Statistics

Mean	3.7928
Median	3.82
Min	0.72
Max	5
Standard Deviation	0.5106
Unique Values	328
Missing Values	0
Feature Type	Numeric Feature

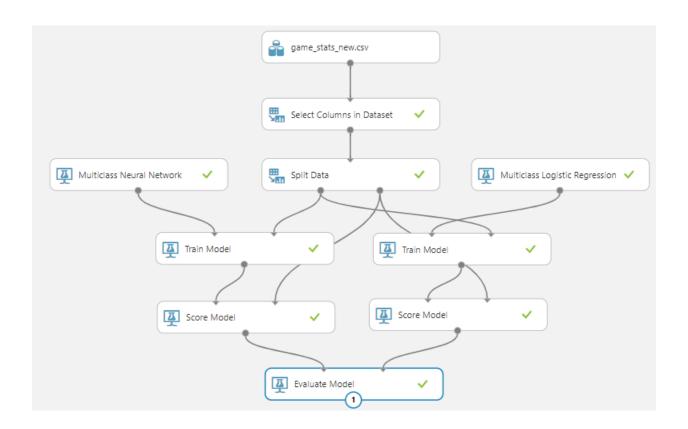
Initializing Model

We perform following steps in initializing model:

- 1. Import the dataset
- 2. Select the attributes to be used
 - a. In this case, the dependent variable is a Categorical Variable: **Cost Category**
 - b. The independent variables are Price, Rating, Console Counts, Game Counts
- 3. Split the train and test data by 70-30 split respectively.
- 4. Initialize Classification Algorithms
 - a. Multi-Class Neural Networks
 - b. Multi-Class Logistic Regression
- 5. Score the model using the test data and the Algorithm's outputs.
- 6. Evaluate the results for both for comparison.

We choose multi-Class algorithms because there are four classes viz: Very High, High, Average and Low. We choose classification algorithms because our dependent variable is a categorical variable.

The following figure the experiment created in Azure ML Studio:



Model Evaluation Results

DBMS - Experiment 5/1/2022 > Evaluate Model > Evaluation results

■ Metrics		■ Metrics
Overall accuracy	0.984894	Overall accuracy 0.972076
Average accuracy	0.992447	Average accuracy 0.986038
Micro-averaged precision	0.984894	Micro-averaged precision 0.972076
Macro-averaged precision	0.991287	Macro-averaged precision NaN
Micro-averaged recall	0.984894	Micro-averaged recall 0.972076
Macro-averaged recall	0.777618	Macro-averaged recall 0.5

Left: Neural Networks | Right: Logistic Regression

Both the algorithms performed well with Neural Networks showing a slightly better accuracy.

Let's evaluate the confusion matrix, which is a very popular measure used while solving classification problems. It can be applied to binary classification as well as for multiclass classification problems.

The following image the confusion matrix comparison between the two algorithms:



Left: Neural Networks | Right: Logistic Regression

We observe that the Logistic Regression didn't perform well as the number of false-positives and false-negatives are quite high. The Neural Networks did better job in this regard.