CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT SALES DATA ANALYSIS

A CAPSTONE PROJECT USING SQL AND EXCEL

ABSTRACT

Analysis of a company's CRM sales dataset to identify areas of improvement, opportunities for growth, and effective sales strategies.

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Project Overview:

This Project shows analysis of a company's customer relationship management (CRM) dataset that includes information about accounts, products, sales pipelines, and sales teams.

The company seeks to optimize its sales strategies and drive growth by gaining a deeper understanding of its accounts, products, sales pipeline, and sales team.

The objectives are:

• Identify areas of improvement, opportunities for growth, and effective sales strategies through data analysis.

To achieve this, exploratory data analysis was performed using SQL to answer the following questions about the dataset then the findings were visualized using Excel to build a dashboard.

Step 1: Ask questions.

To achieve the set objectives of the analysis, find answers to the following questions.

1. Sales Pipeline Analysis:

- What is the total number of deals?
- What is the status of deals in the sales pipeline?
- What is the total number of deals over time?
- What is the status of each deal stage over time?
- What is the status of closed deals over time?
- What is the average deal length from initial contact to deal closure?

2. Sales Team Performance:

- What is total number of staffs at each regional office?
- Who are the top-performing sales agents?
- Who are the most effective managers?
- What is the performance of each regional office?
- Which sales agent is most effective at selling a specific product?

3. Product Performance

- What is the total number of Products sold?
- What is the total number of products lost?
- What is the estimated revenue generated from sales?
- What is the trend for revenue and product quantity over time?
- What is the revenue and profit generated by each product?
- What are the number of won and lost deals by each product?

- What is the monthly sales trend for each product?
- Is the company gaining or losing?

4. Account Analysis

- What is the total number of accounts in the sales pipeline?
- Which sector have the most accounts?
- Which country are most accounts situated?
- What is the revenue and profit generated from each account?
- What is the revenue and profit generated from each sector?
- What is the revenue and profit generated from each office location?
- Which accounts have the highest average revenue per order?

Step 2: Data Import and Database Setup

Data Overview:

- The accounts table contains information about the company.
 Consists of 7 columns (account, sector, year_established, revenue, employees, office_loc, subsidiary_of).
- 2. The Products table contains information about the product. It consists of 3 columns (product, series, sales_price).
- 3. The Sales Pipeline contains information about the sales transactions. It contains 8 columns (opportunity_id, sales_agent, product, product, account, deal_stage, engage_date, close_date, and close_value)
- 4. The Sales team table contains information about the Sales agents, Managers, and their regional_office.

To begin, I will set up the necessary database tables and relationships to store the CRM dataset in the relational database management system (RDBMS)

PostgreSQL was used as the relational database management system throughout the analysis process.

A database was created in the RDMS for the project then created the following tables using PostgreSQL's data definition commands.

- Accounts
- Products
- Sales Pipeline
- Sales Teams

Figure 1:Creating tables for the CRM database.

After creating the tables, they were populated with data by importing the files directly into each table and an initial data exploration was performed to clean the tables to ensure quality and accuracy of data before the relationship between their attributes are established.

This included probing the data for total number of rows, spelling errors, duplicate values, and null values.

Observations:

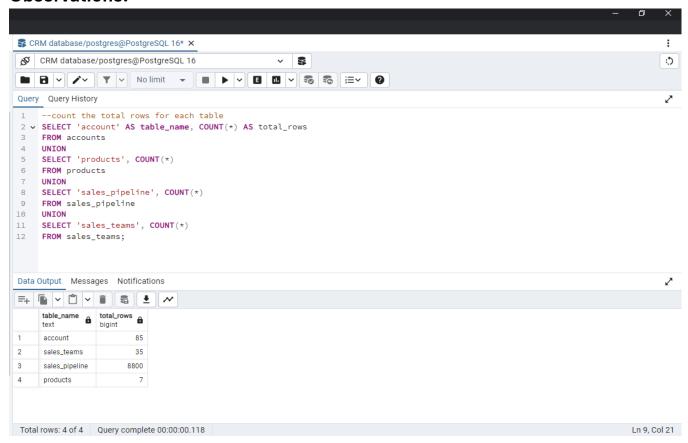


Figure 2: Queries depicting count of rows for each table created.

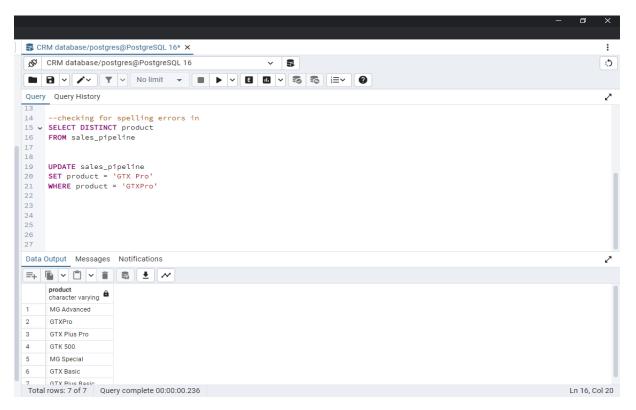


Figure 3: Data cleaning processes.

Duplicate Data:

 There were no duplicate data in the tables (using the pivot columns as Primary keys in each table ensured each of them had a unique value)

Null Values:

- There were blank records in the account column of the sales_pipeline table, but no action was taken.

ER Diagram:

I will design an ER diagram to declare the entities and attributes then establish the relationships between them.

The ER diagram will help us understand how the database is structured, the relationships established between tables and enforce data validation, and data quality constraints.

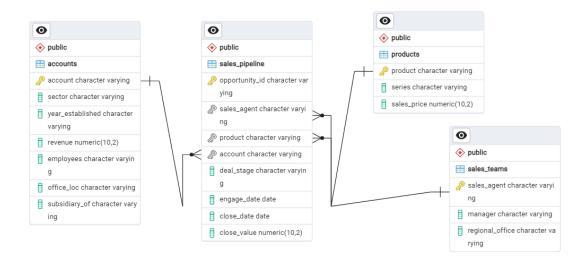


Figure 4:Entitty Relationship Diagram (ERD) depicting the relationship between tables in the Database

Cardinality:

- An account can initiate many deals, but a deal can be initiated by only one account (one-to -many)
- A product can be bought in many deals, but a deal can be associated with only one product (one -to-many)
- A sales agent can take on multiple deals, but a deal can only be associated with one sales agent (one-to-many)

Relationships

- Sales Pipeline table connects to the accounts table using account column as foreign key.
- Sales Pipeline table connects to the products table using the product column as foreign key.
- Sales Pipeline table connects to the sales team through the sales_agent column as foreign key.

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     --Establish relationship between Entities and attributes
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    ALTER TABLE sales_pipeline ADD FOREIGN KEY (account) REFERENCES accounts (account);
75 ALTER TABLE sales_pipeline ADD FOREIGN KEY (sales_agent) REFERENCES sales_teams (sales_agent);
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     ALTER TABLE sales_pipeline ADD FOREIGN KEY (product) REFERENCES products (product);
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Step 3: Data Analysis Process

For the analysis part, we will find answers to the questions grouped under;

- Sales pipeline analysis
- Sales team performance analysis
- Product performance analysis
- Account analysis.

using SQL queries. At the end of the analysis, we will design a dashboard to reflect answers to the components that will solve the business problem posed upon us.

Sales pipeline analysis

Here, we will analyze the sales pipeline to understand the distribution of deals and sales through the various stages.

This section can help the company set achievable sales goals based on historical performance and pipeline analysis.

1. What is the total number of deals?

The total number of deals can be achieved by counting the number of deals in the entire sales pipeline.

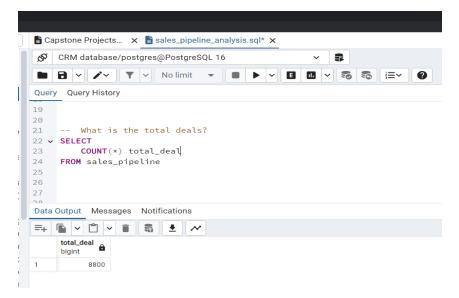


Figure 5: Query and result for the total number of deals in the sales pipeline.

From the query, the total number of deals is 8,800.

This would help us get a clear understanding of the overall sales pipeline health and be able to estimate the total potential revenue opportunity presented to the company.

2. What is the status of deals in the sales pipeline?

The number of Deals were grouped into the various deal stages, so we can understand the status of each deal in the pipeline.

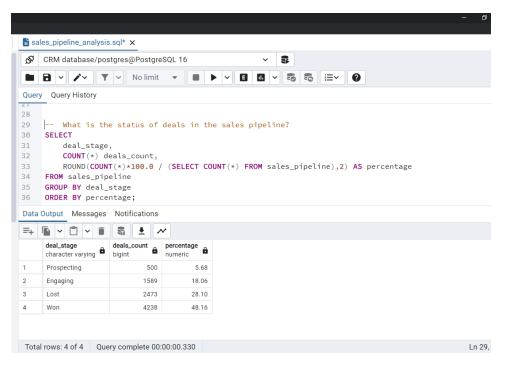
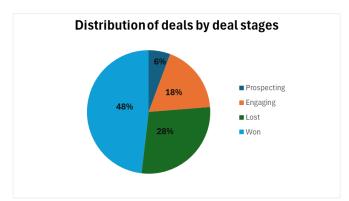


Figure 6: Query and result for the number of deals in each deal stage.



The data above shows almost half (48.1%) of the deals have been won, the company continues to engage with about 18.06% of the deals, lost about 28.10% of the deals

and about 5.6% of the deals are at the prospecting stage.

This analysis would help the company refine sales strategies, tactics, and techniques to convert the remaining deals into won deals.

3. What are the deals by month trend?

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Query Query History

Query History

COALESCE(TO_CHAR(engage_date, 'Month'), 'No date') months,
COUNT(*) lead_count

FROM sales_pipeline
GROUP BY 1

ORDER BY MAX(engage_date);
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Figure 7:SQL query- Deals by Month trend

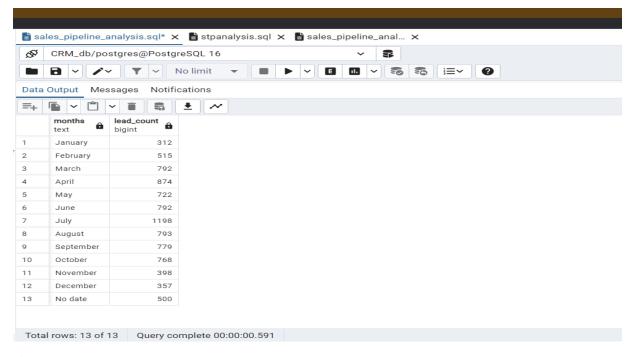
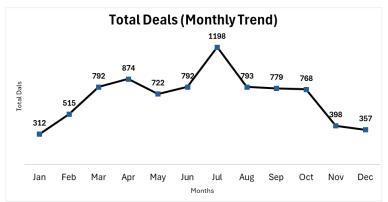


Figure 8: Results for Deals by Month trend.



The result presents the distribution of deals across different months. It shows the total number of deals that emerged in each month in the dataset.

It can be observed that, the number of deals gradually

increased from January to October with some fluctuations.

- The highest number of deals occurred in July, indicating peak deal activity in that period. Deal activities extremely drops around November and December which could be due to year-end wrap-up as most companies may focus on wrapping up projects, conducting performance reviews and planning for the next year.
- January recorded the least deals confirming the assertion that, the first month of the year can be a natural slowdown period as companies regain momentum.
- Dates for 500 of the deals were not recorded in the pipeline, this observation can be a deliberate action or an error with the dataset and therefore would be investigated to establish the connection between them.

4. What is the status of each deal stage over time?

This metric is crucial because it helps us track the movement of deals through the sales pipeline. It shows the number of deals that get created in over time and how many of each is converted to the next stage.

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     -- What is the status of each deal stage over time?
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        COALESCE(TO_CHAR(engage_date, 'Month'), 'No month') months,
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        COUNT(*) total deals,
         SUM(CASE WHEN deal_stage = 'Prospecting' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS prospecting_deals,
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         SUM(CASE WHEN deal_stage = 'Engaging' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS engaging_deals,
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        SUM(CASE WHEN deal_stage = 'Lost' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS lost_deals,
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        SUM(CASE WHEN deal_stage = 'Won' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS won_deals
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    FROM sales_pipeline
52 GROUP BY 1
ORDER BY MAX(engage_date);
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Figure 9: Sql query- Status of deals over time.

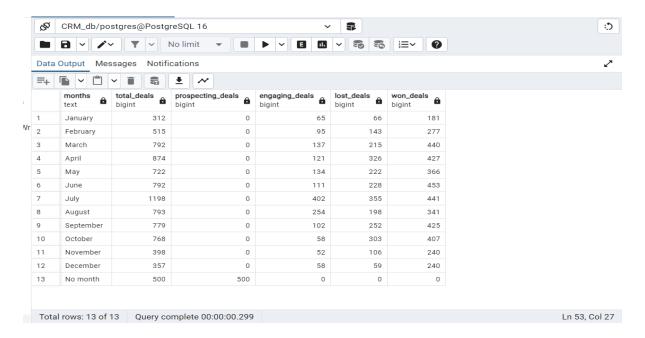
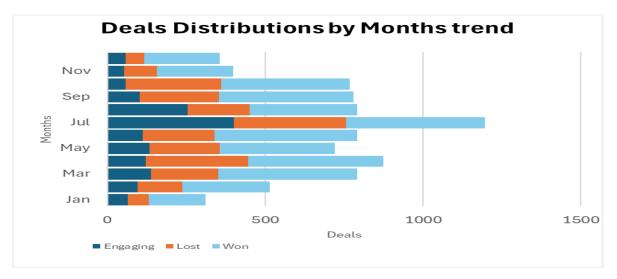


Figure 10: Results for status of deals over time.



The company loses a higher number of deals that come in July despite July recording the highest number of deals created. However, the dataset cannot fully help us understand the reasons for lost deals to address potential issues in the sales process.

We suggest that the company enhance their sales techniques, develop targeted engagement strategies to move deals forward and learn from successes and setbacks to help them reduce lost deals and effectively manage deals in the engaging stage to drive revenue growth.

June has the highest number of deals that was converted to the won stage.

The deals that had no dates recorded, are all in the prospecting stage and can explain why they do not have any dates recorded because prospecting deals are often in the initial outreach phase, where dates are not set yet.

5. What is the status of closed deals over time?

This metric is used to analyze sales performance by examining the number of deals that have been closed (won or lost) and when they were closed over time (time when deals get closed)

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Query Query History
    -- what is the status of closed deals over time?
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        TO_CHAR(close_date, 'Month') months,
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        SUM(CASE WHEN deal_stage = 'Lost' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS close_lost,
        SUM(CASE WHEN deal_stage = 'Won' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS close_won
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    FROM sales_pipeline
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     WHERE close_date IS NOT NULL
     GROUP BY 1
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     ORDER BY min(close_date);
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Figure 11:Sql query- status of closed deals over time.

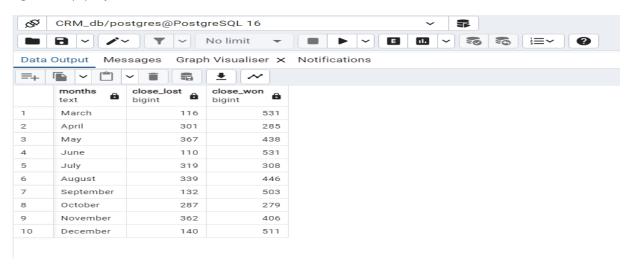


Figure 12:Results for status of closed deals over time.



Highest Number of won deals occurred in March and June, followed closely by December and September.

The number of lost deals of these months were relatively small compared to the rest of the months.

The highest number of lost deals occurred in May, followed closely by November.

Generally, the data points formed a zigzag pattern with alternating periods of growth and decline for both won and lost deals over the period.

6. What is the average deal length from initial contact to deal closure?

This metric measures the amount of time from initial contact with a client to closing a deal.

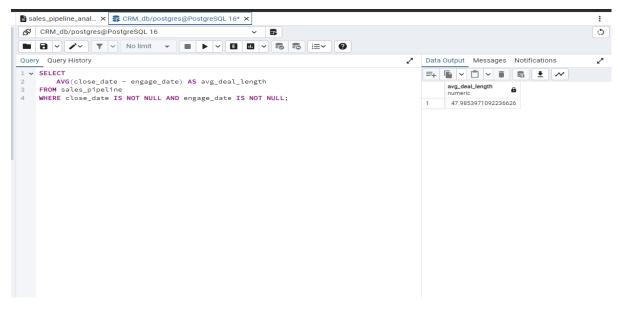
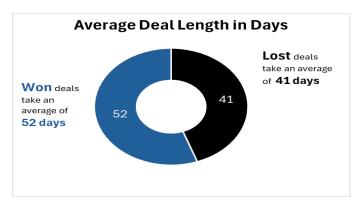


Figure 13:Sql query and Result for Average deal cycle length.



The results suggest that deals that are closed faster (41 days) are more likely to result in lost opportunities. On the other hand, the longer average deal length for won deals (52 days) indicates that taking more time to nurture and close deals may lead to higher success rates.

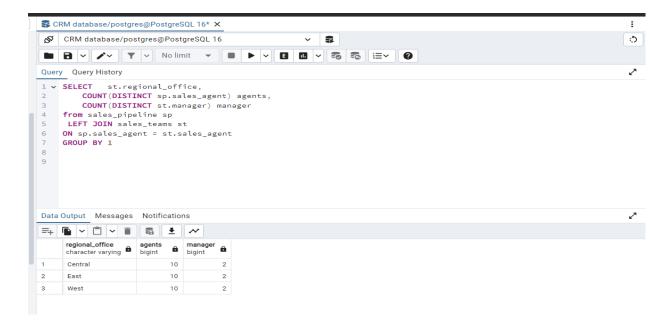
It may be beneficial for the company to analyze the reasons behind the lost deals with shorter durations and consider adjustments to improve the chances of winning such deal in the future.

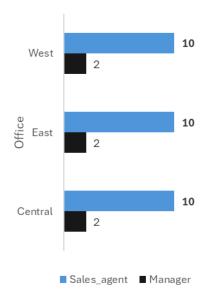
• Sales Team Performance:

By measuring sales team performance, the company can identify areas of strength and areas that need improvement within the sales team.

1. What is total number of staffs at each regional office?

This would group the number of sales agents and managers into each of their respective regional offices of operation.

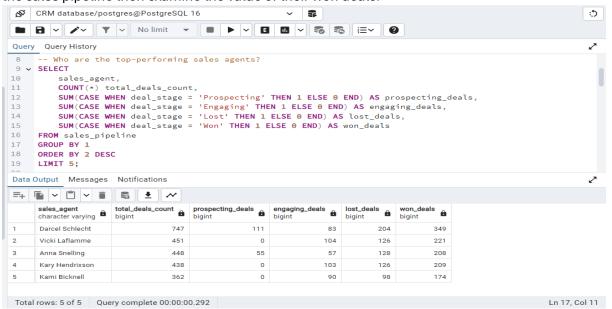




A balanced structure with similar number of sales agents and managers in each office has been established. This setup could potentially lead to consistent support for the sales teams in each office, helping to maintain operational efficiency and provide adequate guidance for sales activities.

2. Who are the top-performing sales agents?

Sales agents' performance is measured by the number and value of deals they close. To identify the top- performing sales agents, we will look at agents and their total number of deals within the sales pipeline then examine the value of their won deals.

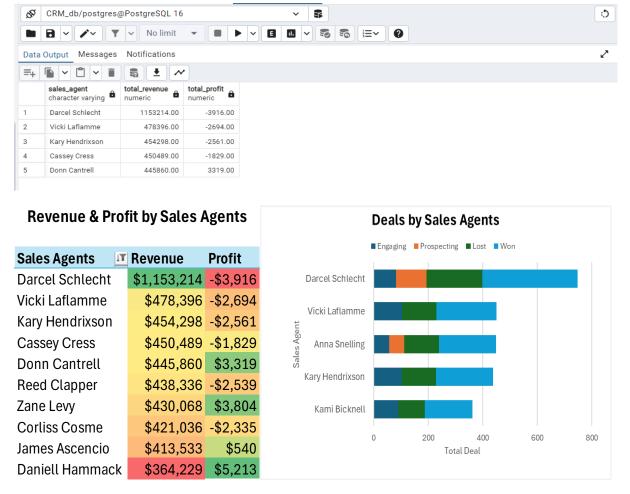


From the results, we can deduce that agent 'Darcel Schlecht' has been more actively engaging with a larger number of deals and has a higher overall deal count compared to 'Vicki Laflamme' who ranked second which suggests a more robust and dynamic approach to managing deals.

Now, we'd look at sales agents' performance with respect to their revenue and profit generated to observe if their deal performance reflects with the revenue they generate.

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         --Sales agents performance by revenue and profit
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                SELECT
                    sales_agent,product
                    COUNT(*) quantity, SUM(close_value) total_revenue
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                FROM sales_pipeline
                WHERE deal_stage = 'Won'
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                GROUP BY 1, 2),
         t2 AS (
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                    sp.sales_agent,
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                FROM sales_pipeline sp
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                JOIN products p ON sp.product = p.product)
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         {\tt t1.sales\_agent}, \ {\tt SUM}({\tt t1.quantity} \ {\tt t2.sales\_price}) \ {\tt AS} \ {\tt total\_cost},
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         SUM(t1.total_revenue) total_revenue
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         SUM(t1.total_revenue - (t1.quantity * t2.sales_price)) AS total_profit
     JOIN t2 ON t1.sales_agent = t2.sales_agent AND t1.product = t2.product
     GROUP BY 1
     ORDER BY total_revenue DESC;
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Figure 14:Sales agent performance by revenue and profit query.

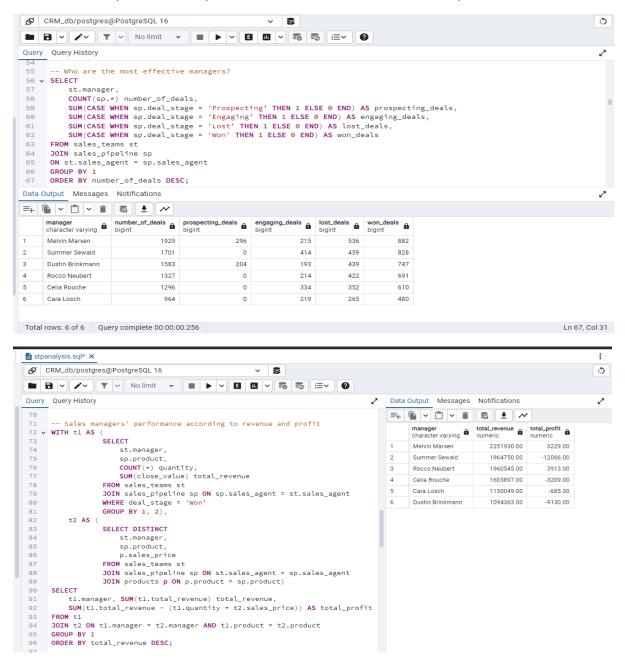


Based on this result, agent 'Darchel Schlecht' who ranked first, has a higher total revenue compared to 'Vicki Laflamme' who ranked second. However, both agents have negative profits.

3. Who are the most effective managers?

We assess sales managers' performance for reasons such as:

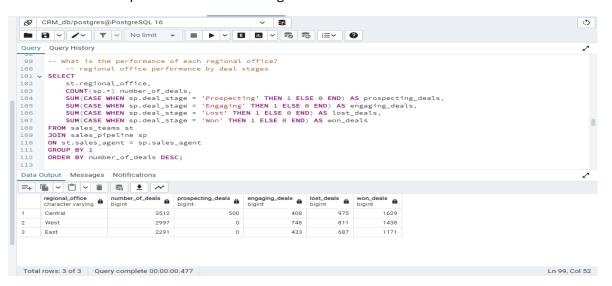
- Accountability: hold them responsible for their team's sales performance and goals achievement.
- Development: identify areas for improvement and provide targeted training and coaching.
- Compensation: tie performance to incentives, bonusses or promotions.

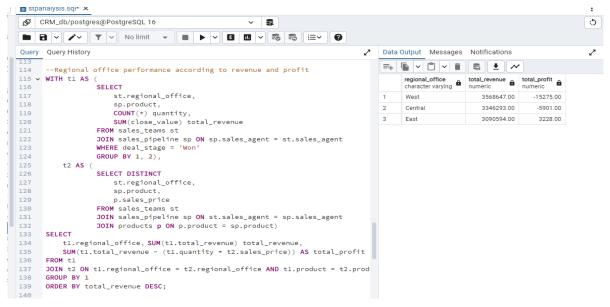


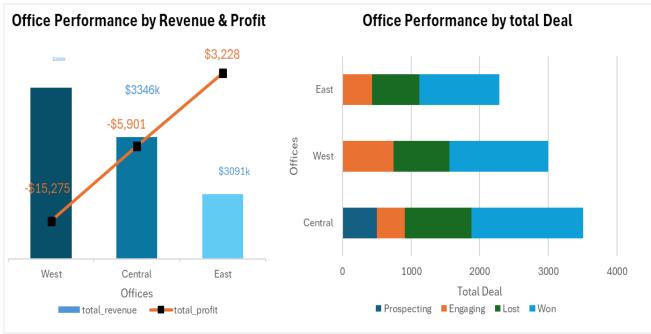




- The above tables offers a way to measure performance of sales managers in two different lights thus, based on the total deals managed in each deal stage alongside their revenue generated for the company.
- On the bases of total deals and total revenue generated, 'Melvin Marxen' came first with the larger number of deals, the highest number of lost deals, has deal in the various deal stages, has the highest total revenue and also among the only two (2) managers generating profit for the company. This suggests how actively he has been managing deals to improve profitability. On the other hand, 'Rocco Neubert' has a lower revenue compared to 'Melvin Marxen' but generates the highest profit among his peers.
- 7. What is the performance of each regional office?



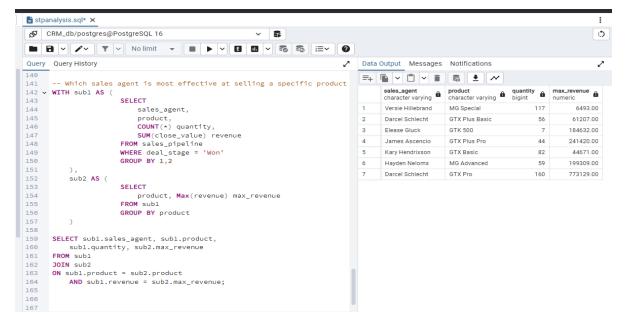




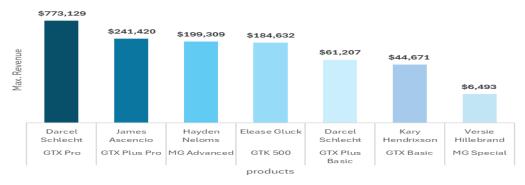
Despite having the lowest number of deals and revenue, the East Office generates the highest profit compared to the remaining offices.

The regions that have higher deals, and higher revenue (West, and Central) rather incurred loss on the company.

8. Which sales agent is most effective at selling a specific product?



Best Sales Agent of each Product

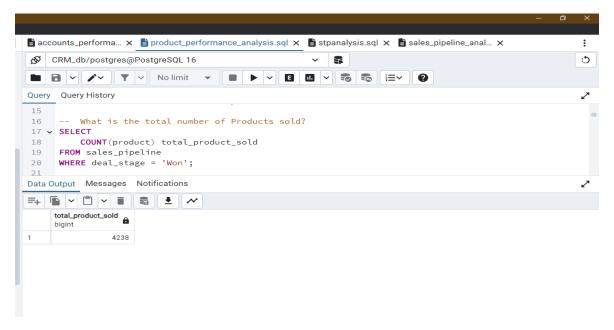


This table provides a list of sales agents that made the maximum sales from a specific product in the deal. By identifying the sales agents most effective, the company can maximize sales by leveraging the strengths of the top-performing agents.

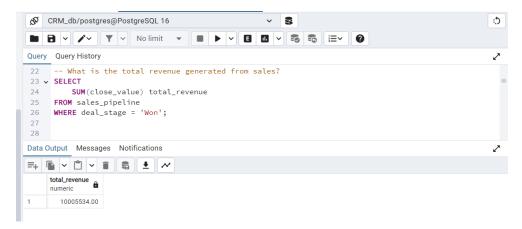
This can also help the company tailor targeted training to other agents, helping them learn from the best practices.

Product Performance

1. What is the total number of Products sold?

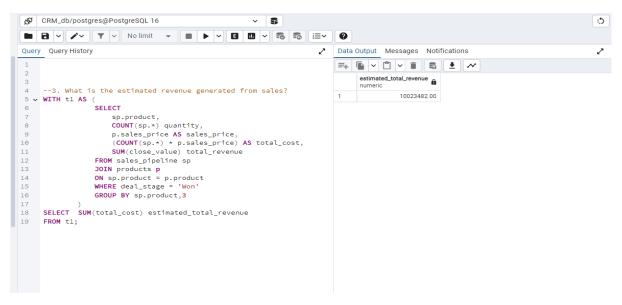


2. What is the total revenue generated from sales?



Total Revenue generated from sales: \$10,005,534.00

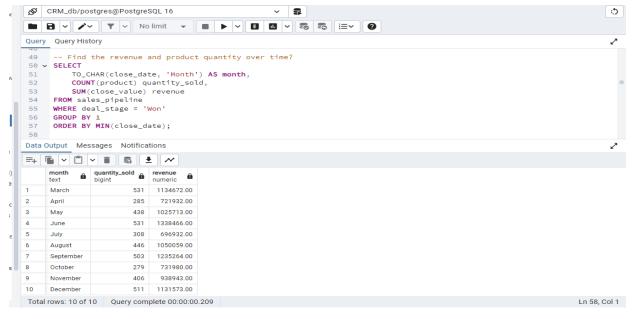
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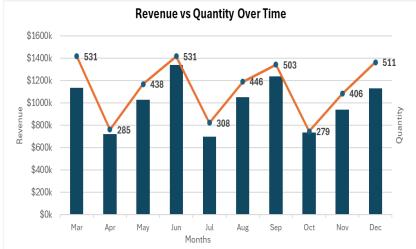


Estimated Revenue from sales: \$10,005,534.00

4. What is the trend for revenue and product quantity over time?

Measuring trend for revenue and product quantity over time helps to; recognize seasonal fluctuations, growth trends, or declines.





The table offers a contrast between revenue from sales together with the quantity of products sold monthly.

The highest quantity of products was sold around June, March, December, and September.

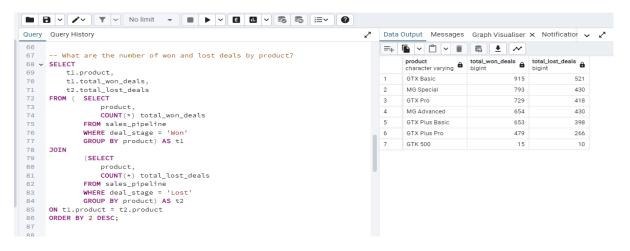
The quantity of products sold in June and March

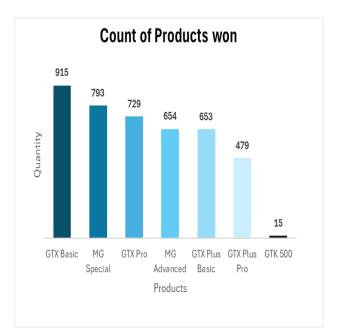
were the same but the revenue of the formal was higher than the revenue of the latter.

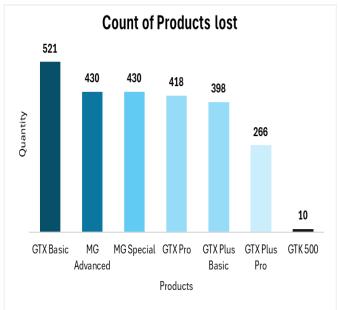
The quantity of products sold in October was relatively lower than the quantity sold in April and July yet generated higher revenue than those months.

Its also important to note that, no sales were recorded for January and February.

5. What are the number of won and lost deals by product?



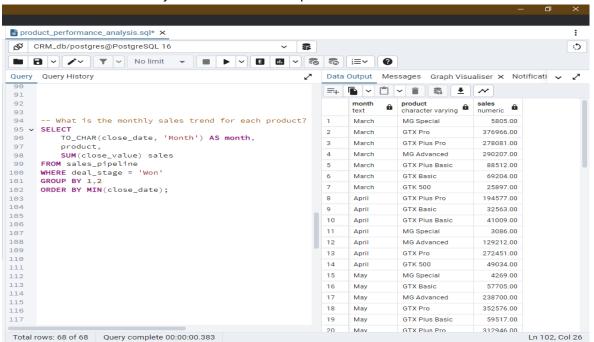


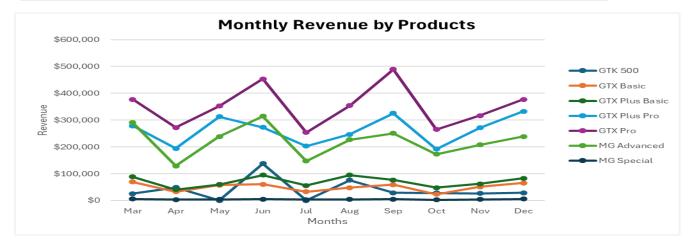


The table shows that, the GTX Basic had the highest number of won deals and lost deals compared to the remaining products.

GTX Basic has the most significant sales activity in terms of both successful and unsuccessful deals.

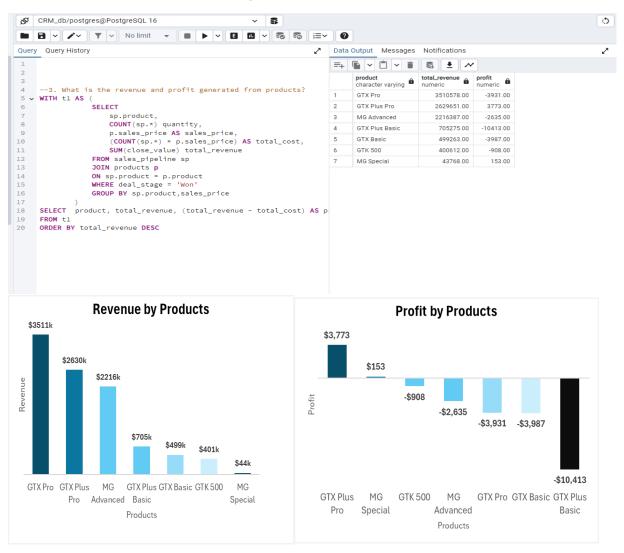
6. What is the monthly sales trend for each product?





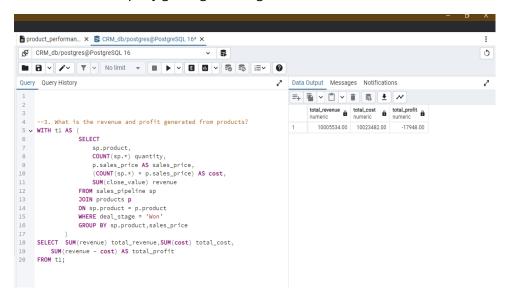
Products like MG Special, GTX Basic, GTX Plus Basic recorded the lowest points in revenue across the months. GTX Pro brought in the highest revenue across the months with few fluctuations.

7. What is the revenue and profit generated by each product?



Despite having a lower revenue compared with GTX Pro, GTX Plus Pro becomes the most profitable product followed by MG Special which generates the least revenue.

8. Is the company gaining or losing?

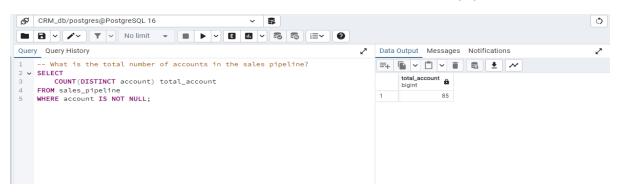


The company is currently losing money. Despite having a revenue of \$10,005,534, the negative profit indicates that the company's expenses are exceeding its revenue. It would be crucial for

the company to assess its cost structure and revenue streams to work towards achieving profitability.

Account Analysis

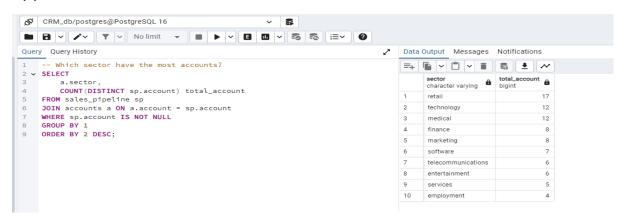
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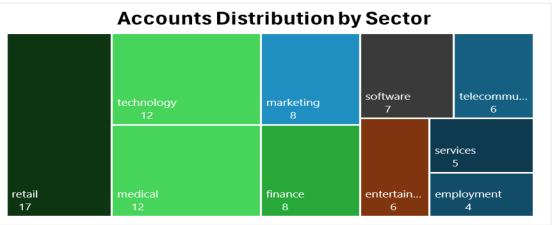


The total number of accounts managed by the company over the period is : 85

2. Which sector have the most accounts?

Segmenting clients into sector allows the business to tailor services, develop targeted marketing strategies, and identifying new business opportunities.

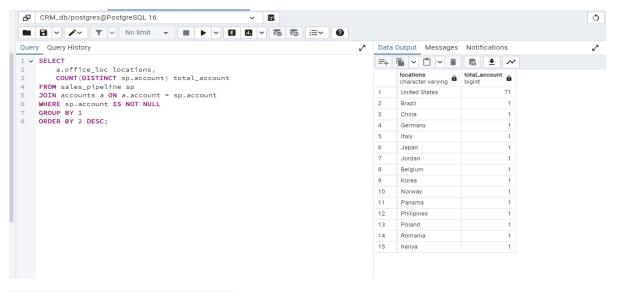


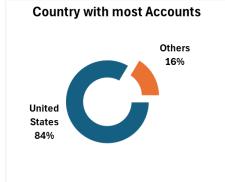


The highest number of the clients come from the retail sector, followed by technology and medical, ranking the same. This distribution of clients across different sectors provides insight into the company's client base diversification.

3. Which region are most accounts situated?

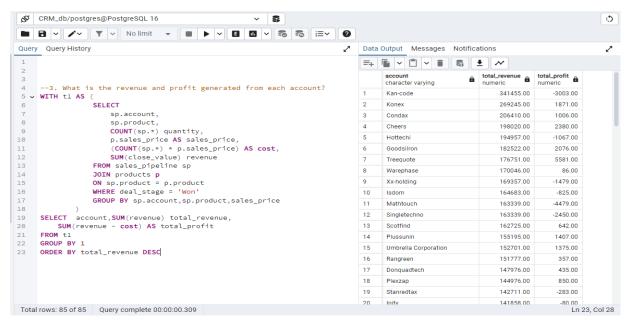
Segmenting clients by region of operation is important because it helps understand local market dynamics, optimize resource allocation, and develop strategic marketing strategies.

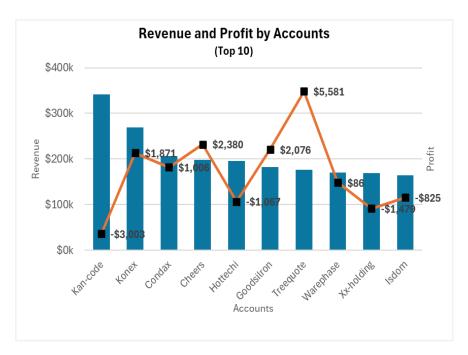




The United States represents the highest number of our clients. The remaining clients are shared on a ratio of 1:1 among the rest of the countries (14).

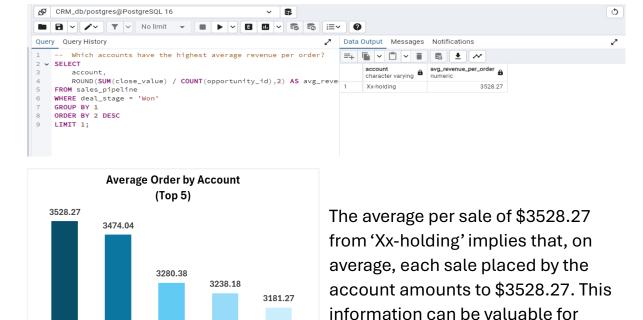
4. What is the revenue and profit generated from each account?





Highest amount of the revenue is generated from dealings with 'Kan-code' but the company experience loss after closing deals with them.

5. Which accounts have the highest average revenue per order?



understanding the accounts

purchasing pattern.

6. What is the revenue and profit generated from each sector?

Umbrella

Corporation

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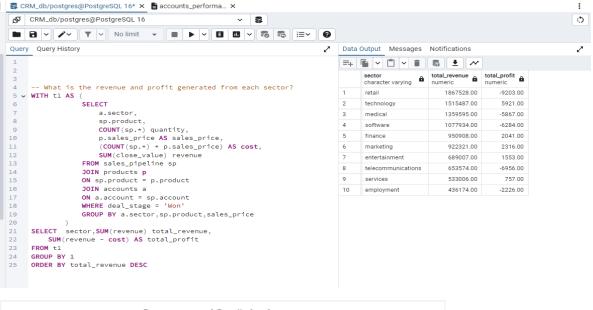
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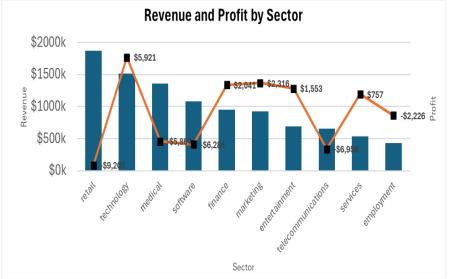
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This metric would guide us into determining which sectors have high revenue and profit growth potential.

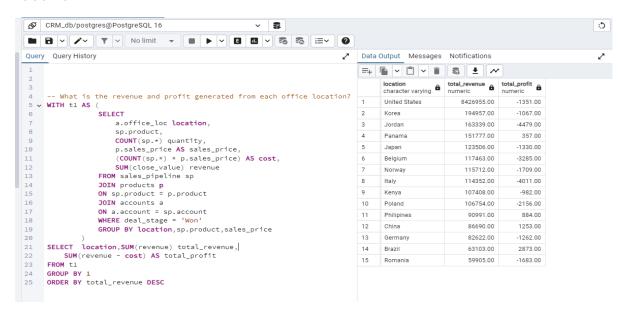


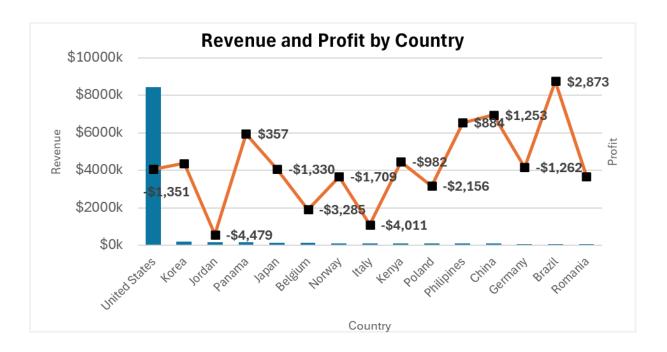


Technology is the first sector that has higher revenue and upward profit comparing with the retail sector that has the highest revenue but negative profit.

7. What is the revenue and profit generated from each office location?

Analyzing revenue and profit from each location will help the company allocate resources effectively to maximize returns in each location and develop location-specific strategies to address unique challenges in each location.





Despite having the largest revenue, United States have a negative profit. Brazil and China have the highest profit comparing them to locations like United states, Korea, Jordan which have higher revenue but negative profit.

Conclusion

Key Findings:

- 1. The total number of deals generated which covered the period of October 2016 to December 2017 was 8,800.
- 2. Out of the 8,800 deals, the data showed almost half (48.1%) of the deals have been won, the company continues to engage with about 18.06% of the deals, lost about 28.10% of the deals and about 5.6% of the deals are at the prospecting stage.
- 3. The company engaged with a total number of 85 accounts segmented into different sectors (retail, technology, medical, etc.) situated in 15 locations from around the world.
- 4. A higher number (17) of our clients are categorized under the retail sector, followed by the technology sector (12), and medical sector (12).
- 5. Employment sector hosts the least of our client (4).
- 6. 85% of our clients are in the United States with the remaining accounts distributed squarely across the remaining locations.
- 7. The number of deals gradually increased from January to October with some fluctuations. The highest number of deals occurred in July whilst Deal activities drastically drops around November and December.
- 8. January recorded the least deals confirming the assertion that, the first month of the year can be a natural slowdown period as companies regain momentum. However, we will need more data to cement the assertion.
- 9. Despite having the highest number of deals, July recorded the highest number of lost deals over time and recorded the highest number of deals in the engaging stage.
- 10. Highest Number of close won deals occurred in March and June, followed closely by December and September.
- 11. The number of close lost deals of these months were relatively small compared to the rest of the months.
- 12. We discovered that, deals that are closed faster (41 days) are more likely to result in lost opportunities. On the other hand, the longer average deal length for won deals (52 days) indicates that taking more time to nurture and close deals may lead to higher success rates.

- 13. The sales team operate in 3 regional offices (West, East, Central), with each of them having two (2) sales managers managing the operations of twelve (12) agents from West and East respectively, and 11 agents at the Central office.
- 14. For top sales agent, we deduced that, agent 'Darcel Schlecht' has been more actively engaging with a larger number of deals and has a higher overall deal count. He has the highest total revenue but negative profit.
- 15. For top sales managers, 'Rocco Neubert' has a lower revenue compared to 'Melvin Marxen' but generates the highest profit among his peers followed by 'Melvin Marxen' who has the highest revenue but lower profit compared to 'Rocco Neubert'.
- 16. The regions that have higher deals, higher revenues (West, and Central) rather incur loss to the company.
- 17. We established that for each product type, there is a sales agent who is effective at selling the product to maximize revenue and profit growth.
- 18. The total number of products sold over the period was: 4,238 and generated a total revenue of \$10,005,534.00.
- 19. The highest quantity of products is sold around June, March, December, and September, which reflects the sales values for these months respectively.
- 20. GTX Basic had the highest number of won deals (915) and lost deals (521) compared to the remaining products.
- 21. Despite having highest number of won deals, GTX Basic has lower revenue and negative profit, and this is mainly due to it having the lowest selling price.
- 22. GTX Plus Pro generates the highest profit and second higher revenue compared to GTX Pro.
- 23. In terms of revenue, the 'Kan-code' account generates the highest revenue but has negative profit.
- 24. In terms of profit, 'Groovestreet' account brings the most profit but has lower revenue compared to 'Kan-code' account.
- 25. Account with the highest average per sale value is 'Xx-holding' with \$3528.27 which implies that, on average, each sale placed by the account amounts to \$3528.27.
- 26. With respect to revenue and profit from sectors, the technology sector generates most profit, but less revenue compared to the retail sector, which generated the highest revenue but a negative profit.
- 27. Brazil and China have the highest profit comparing them to locations like United states, Korea, Jordan which have higher revenue but negative profit.
- 28. At the end of the period, the company's estimated revenue was \$100,234,82 but generated a revenue of \$100,055,34. Implying that, the company incurred a loss of \$17,948.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The aim of this section is to highlight practical recommendations based on the findings from the analysis.

This recommendation will focus on;

1. Strategies that can be applied to convert the remaining 24% deals at the engaging and prospecting stage to a close won state.

To convert the remaining 24% of deals to a close won state, you can focus on implementing targeted strategies.

One effective approach is to personalize your sales pitch and tailor it to the specific needs of each of the clients.

To tailor sales pitch to a specific client, you need to do an extensive market research to understand your clients, their unique needs and preferences through surveys, and feedback from previous interactions. By crafting your message to resonate with the clients' unique

situations and offering solutions that directly align with their objectives, you can demonstrate a genuine understanding of their business and increase the likelihood of a successful sale.

To reduce lost deals and also move deals forward, the company should;

- a. Enhance sales techniques and consider training or coaching for sales reps.
- b. Provide targeted training low performing agents, helping them learn from the best practices of the top performing agents.
- c. Ensure that Agents have in-depth knowledge of the offer, and match deals to agents best suited to deliver, leading to higher won deals and increased revenue and profit.
- d. Identify the most effective sales approaches, value propositions, and messaging for the deal.
- e. The company can allocate resources to effectively manage sales in prospecting and engaging state that require more support to boost revenue growth.
- f. Prioritize on running surveys specifically in high revenue generated countries such as United States to receive feedback on products they already interacted with to generate discerning insights that can guide you in making decisions and refine strategies for better results.
 - 2. Strategies to adjust pricing and combat clients buying products below the retail price.

When clients buy products at a lower cost than the retail price set by your company, it can have numerous implications.

It may indicate that there is intense competition in the market, leading to price wars and decreased profit margins for your company. This situation could potentially harm the overall profitability and sustainability of the company. It is therefore crucial to judiciously analyze the pricing strategy, market dynamics, and clients' behavior to address these challenges efficiently.

To fine-tune pricing, you can consider implementing dynamic pricing strategies. This strategy encompasses setting prices based on market demand, competitor pricing, and customer behavior. To take on this strategy, there is a need-to-know preferences and price sensitivity to tailor pricing strategies to maximize profits while remaining competitive in the market.

Additionally, offering value- added services can help justify higher prices and differentiate your offers from those sold at lower prices elsewhere.

By addressing these challenges and implementing a comprehensive crafted and flexible strategies, the company can successfully win deals while increasing revenue and profit.

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