E-Commerce Case Study Summary

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Overview

This SQL-based project delivers a complete analytics solution for an e-commerce retail dataset, transforming over 500,000 raw transactional records into structured, insight-ready tables using MySQL.

Objective

Analyze e-commerce transaction data to uncover customer purchasing behavior, identify key trends, and generate actionable insights to support strategic decision-making in marketing, retention, and product planning.

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Key highlights:

- End-to-End Data Pipeline: Imported, cleaned, and transformed real-world e-commerce data, addressing issues like duplicates, missing values, zero-price items, and refund anomalies.
- Robust Data Cleaning & Modeling: Applied surrogate keys, index optimization, and data type normalization to create a high-performance, relational database schema.
- Classified customers into Retail, Micro-Wholesaler, and Wholesaler segments.
- RFM-Ready Customer Segmentation: Engineered customer-level features—recency, frequency, and monetary value—to support CLV estimation and advanced segmentation, laying the groundwork for targeted marketing or retention strategies.
- Calculated Customer Lifetime Value (CLV) using historical and estimated models.
- Temporal & Seasonal Analysis: Enriched the dataset with monthly, seasonal, and region-level breakdowns to uncover trends in sales volume and customer behavior.
- Refund Matching Algorithm: Built logic to detect and classify full and partial refunds, improving accuracy in revenue and retention analysis.
- Insight-Ready Summary Tables: Delivered clean, well-indexed tables for invoices, customers, products, countries, and dates, ready for visualization in tools like Tableau or Excel.

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Cleaned Database Schema



Tableau Preview



Executive Summary

