



# SQL Analytics Bootcamp



# The SQL Analyst's First Day

9:47 AM - First Day at AusRetail

Email from Regional Manager

4 urgent questions

Deadline: 11:00 AM (73 minutes)

Excel method: 2+ hours

SQL method: 10 minutes

## The Challenge

**AusRetail: Australian Retail Chain**

- 50 stores (NSW, VIC, QLD)
- 5,000 products
- 100,000 transactions/quarter

### 4 Urgent Questions:

1. Which stores in Victoria?
2. Premium products over \$500?
3. Transaction volume Dec 3?
4. Top-selling products this week?

## Question 1 - Victoria Stores

**REQUEST** "List all Victorian stores for planning meeting"

### SQL SOLUTION

```
SELECT store_name, suburb, manager_name  
FROM stores  
WHERE state = 'VIC';
```

**18**

Victorian stores identified

**10s**

Time taken

Planning team has list instantly

## Question 2 - Premium Products

**REQUEST** "Insurance audit needs products over \$500 + profit margins"

### SQL SOLUTION

```
SELECT product_name, unit_price,  
       (unit_price - unit_cost) AS profit  
  FROM products  
 WHERE unit_price > 500;
```

**INSIGHT** Samsung TV: \$899 price \$449 profit (50% margin!)

Premium electronics = massive margins

## Question 3 - Transaction Volume

**REQUEST** "How many transactions Dec 3? Revenue? Avg basket?"

### SQL SOLUTION

```
SELECT COUNT(*), SUM(amount), AVG(amount)  
  FROM transactions  
 WHERE transaction_date = '2024-12-03';
```

### RESULT

- 2 transactions (avg day = 150)
- \$709 revenue (avg day = \$15K)

**DECISION** Reduce Thursday staff 30% Save \$1,800 in wages

## Question 4 - Top Sellers (JOIN!)

**REQUEST** "Top-selling products this week for restock prioritization"

### THE CHALLENGE

- Transactions table: product\_id (numbers)
- Products table: product\_name (text)
- Need to CONNECT them

### SQL SOLUTION

```
SELECT p.product_name, SUM(t.amount) AS revenue  
  FROM transactions t  
 INNER JOIN products p ON t.product_id = p.product_id  
 WHERE t.transaction_date >= '2024-12-01'  
 GROUP BY p.product_name  
 ORDER BY revenue DESC;
```

**TOP SELLER** Samsung TV: \$2,697 revenue

Stock-out = losing \$400/day

Urgent supplier restock

## Business Impact - First Day Success

### TIME BREAKDOWN

Started: 9:47 AM

Finished: 10:02 AM

Total: 15 minutes

Deadline: 11:00 AM (58 min early!)

### BUSINESS VALUE

✓ Manager saved 2+ hours

✓ \$400/day revenue identified (Samsung stock-out)

✓ \$1,800 wages saved (staffing optimization)

✓ 3 problem stores flagged (potential \$200K decision)

**\$50K+**

operational improvements

From 4 SQL queries on Day 1

**MANAGER'S THOUGHT** "This analyst just became my secret weapon!"

## What You Learned

### 7 SQL FUNDAMENTALS

01

#### SELECT

Choose columns

02

#### WHERE

Filter data

03

#### ORDER BY

Sort results

04

#### COUNT, SUM, AVG

Calculate metrics

05

#### INNER JOIN

Connect matching records

06

#### LEFT JOIN

Include non-matches (reveals problems!)

07

#### GROUP BY

Summarize by category

**These 7 concepts = 80% of business analytics**

## Next Video Preview

**VIDEO 2: Joining Data Like a Pro**

**Business Case:** Telstra Churn Analysis

**The Challenge:** Find customers at risk of cancellation

**The Stakes:** \$500K monthly revenue at risk

### What You'll Learn:

- LEFT JOIN mastery
- Finding "missing" data
- Business impact of NULL values

**Preview Question:** "How do you find customers who PAY monthly but DON'T USE the network?"

See you there!