

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:

- Which stores in Victoria?
- Premium products over \$500?
- Transaction volume Dec 3?
- 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	BUSINESS VALUE
Started: 9:47 AM	✓ Manager saved 2+ hours
Finished: 10:02 AM	✓ \$400/day revenue identified (Samsung stock-out)
Total: 15 minutes	✓ \$1,800 wages saved (staffing optimization)
Deadline: 11:00 AM (58 min early!)	✓ 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	02	03
SELECT	WHERE	ORDER BY
Choose columns	Filter data <ul style="list-style-type: none">Text: WHERE state = 'VIC'Numbers: WHERE price > 500Dates: WHERE date = '2024-12-03'	Sort results
04	05	06
COUNT, SUM, AVG	INNER JOIN	LEFT JOIN
Calculate metrics	Connect matching records	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!