SQL Case Study: User Activity & Sessions

Dataset: users, logins

Goal: Solve business questions on user activity using SQL

Q1: Users with No Login in Last 5 Months

Objective: Find users **inactive for the past 5 months**.

Approach:

- Get the latest login date.
- Filter users whose last login was before 5 months from that date.

Key SQL Concepts: DATEADD(), MAX(), NOT IN, HAVING MAX()

Q2: Quarterly Summary – User & Session Count

Objective: Show user count and session count **per quarter**.

Approach:

- Use DATETRUNC(QUARTER) to group by quarter.
- Count distinct USER_IDs and SESSION_IDs.

Key SQL Concepts: DATETRUNC, COUNT(DISTINCT), GROUP BY

Q3: Users Logged in Jan 2024 but Not Nov 2023

Objective: Filter users who were active in Jan 2024 but not in Nov 2023.

Approach:

- Use MONTH() and YEAR() filters.
- Exclude those present in Nov 2023 using NOT IN.

Key SQL Concepts: MONTH(), NOT IN, DISTINCT

Q4: Add % Change in Sessions from Last Quarter

Objective: Extend Q2 with quarter-over-quarter session growth.

Approach:

Use LAG() window function to get previous quarter's session count.

• Calculate % change using a formula.

Key SQL Concepts: LAG(), CTE, ROUND(), OVER(ORDER BY)

✓ Q5: Top User by Score per Day

Objective: Find user with **highest total session score each day**. **Approach**:

- Group by DATE and USER_NAME.
- Use ROW_NUMBER() to rank users by daily score and filter for rn = 1.

Key SQL Concepts: ROW_NUMBER(), PARTITION BY, SUM(), CTE

Q6: Best Users – Logged in Every Day Since First Login

Objective: Identify users who logged in **every single day** since their **first login**. **Approach**:

- Get first_login per user.
- Count required days and compare with actual unique login days.

Key SQL Concepts: DATEDIFF(), HAVING, COUNT(DISTINCT)

Q7: Dates with No Login Activity

Objective: List dates with **zero logins** from start to '2024-06-28'.

Approach:

- Generate a date calendar using recursive CTE.
- Exclude dates found in logins.

Key SQL Concepts: Recursive CTE, DATEADD(), NOT IN, MAXRECURSION