

Sales Analysis Project Report

1. Project Overview

This project aims to analyze and visualize a large-scale sales dataset using PostgreSQL and Power BI. The data pipeline involves importing data from text files into PostgreSQL, creating relationships among multiple tables, and visualizing insights through a detailed dashboard.

2. Tools & Technologies Used

- PostgreSQL: For data storage and querying
- Power BI: For data modeling, visualization, and reporting
- Power Query: For data transformation

3. Data Schema

- customers: Stores customer information (ID, name, email, country)
- orders: Contains order-level details (order ID, date, customer ID, total amount)
- order_items: Line items for each order (order ID, product ID, quantity, unit price)
- products: Product catalog (ID, name, category)
- sales_person: Information about the sales representatives (ID, name, region)

4. Data Import Process

- Data was imported using PostgreSQL's COPY functionality from `.txt` files.
- Adjustments included correcting data types (e.g., extending varchar lengths, removing currency symbols from numeric fields, converting ID formats).
- Relationships and foreign key constraints were validated post-import to ensure referential integrity.

5. Data Cleaning & Transformation

- In Power Query, calculated columns were added for `Month Name`, `Year`, and clean numeric values.
- Date fields were standardized to support time-based slicing and aggregation.

- Redundant and helper columns were removed or hidden for cleaner modeling.

6. Power BI Dashboard

- KPI Cards with Icons: Average Order Value, Total Sales, Total Orders, Total Customers
- Donut Chart: Total Sales by Year
- Bar Chart: Top 10 Countries by Sales
- Bar Chart: Top 5 Customers
- Bar Chart: Top 5 Products by Sales
- Month Slicer: Enables dynamic month-based filtering

7. Insights Extracted

- 2025 had the highest sales performance, with over 113.89M in revenue.
- Congo was the top-performing country by sales volume.
- Robert Smith led customer contributions with over 108K in purchases.
- The product “Street” led all product categories in revenue.

8. Challenges Faced

- Resolving data type mismatches during import
- Handling duplicate keys and refining constraints
- Cleaning irregular values in the `total_amount` and `country` fields
- Ensuring correct date formatting for time-based slicers

9. Conclusion

The project demonstrates the construction of an end-to-end analytics pipeline using PostgreSQL and Power BI. By transforming raw sales data into a highly visual and interactive dashboard, the project empowers stakeholders with actionable business insights across regions, customers, and product categories.

Appendix: Dashboard Preview

Final Power BI Dashboard Screenshot: