

Operation Analytics and Investigating Metric Spike

Description:

Operational Analytics is a crucial process that involves analyzing a company's end-to-end operations. This analysis helps identify areas for improvement within the company. As a Data Analyst, you'll work closely with various teams, such as operations, support, and marketing, helping them derive valuable insights from the data they collect.

One of the key aspects of Operational Analytics is investigating metric spikes. This involves understanding and explaining sudden changes in key metrics, such as a dip in daily user engagement or a drop in sales. As a Data Analyst, you'll need to answer these questions daily, making it crucial to understand how to investigate these metric spikes.

In this project, you'll take on the role of a Lead Data Analyst at a company like Microsoft. You'll be provided with various datasets and tables, and your task will be to derive insights from this data to answer questions posed by different departments within the company. Your goal is to use your advanced SQL skills to analyze the data and provide valuable insights that can help improve the company's operations and understand sudden changes in key metrics.

Case Study 1: Job Data Analysis

You will be working with a table named `job_data` with the following columns:

- **job_id**: Unique identifier of jobs
- **actor_id**: Unique identifier of actor
- **event**: The type of event (decision/skip/transfer).
- **language**: The Language of the content
- **time_spent**: Time spent to review the job in seconds.
- **org**: The Organization of the actor
- **ds**: The date in the format yyyy/mm/dd (stored as text).

Tasks:

A. Jobs Reviewed Over Time:

- Objective: Calculate the number of jobs reviewed per hour for each day in November 2020.
- Your Task: Write an SQL query to calculate the number of jobs reviewed per hour for each day in November 2020.

B. Throughput Analysis:

- Objective: Calculate the 7-day rolling average of throughput (number of events per second).
- Your Task: Write an SQL query to calculate the 7-day rolling average of throughput. Additionally, explain whether you prefer using the daily metric or the 7-day rolling average for throughput, and why.

C. Language Share Analysis:

- Objective: Calculate the percentage share of each language in the last 30 days.
- Your Task: Write an SQL query to calculate the percentage share of each language over the last 30 days.

D. Duplicate Rows Detection:

- Objective: Identify duplicate rows in the data.
- Your Task: Write an SQL query to display duplicate rows from the job_data table.

Case Study 2: Investigating Metric Spike

You will be working with three tables:

- **users:** Contains one row per user, with descriptive information about that user's account.
- **events:** Contains one row per event, where an event is an action that a user has taken (e.g., login, messaging, search).
- **email_events:** Contains events specific to the sending of emails.

Tasks:

A. Weekly User Engagement:

- Objective: Measure the activeness of users on a weekly basis.
- Your Task: Write an SQL query to calculate the weekly user engagement.

B. User Growth Analysis:

- Objective: Analyze the growth of users over time for a product.
- Your Task: Write an SQL query to calculate the user growth for the product.

C. Weekly Retention Analysis:

- Objective: Analyze the retention of users on a weekly basis after signing up for a product.
- Your Task: Write an SQL query to calculate the weekly retention of users based on their sign-up cohort.

D. Weekly Engagement Per Device:

- Objective: Measure the activeness of users on a weekly basis per device.

- Your Task: Write an SQL query to calculate the weekly engagement per device.

E. Email Engagement Analysis:

- Objective: Analyze how users are engaging with the email service.
- Your Task: Write an SQL query to calculate the email engagement metrics.

Solution:

To complete this project, I analysed the provided tables and data. The project includes two case studies: one with a single table and another with three interconnected tables. The data is clear and accurate, with verified sources to ensure reliability.

The project's tech-stack includes:

- SQL for querying client-requested metrics
- MySQL Workbench as the database technology, chosen for its simplicity and advantages such as:
 - High security
 - Multiple storage engines
 - High efficiency

• Case Study 1: Job Data Analysis

A. Jobs Reviewed Over Time:

- **Objective:** Calculate jobs reviewed per hour for each day in November 2020.
- **Approach:**
 1. Filter data for November 2020 using ds.
 2. Group by ds (day) and hour extracted from ds.
 3. Count the number of jobs (job_id) per hour.

```
#Calculate jobs reviewed per hour for each day in November 2020.  
select * from job_data;  
  
select ds, count(job_id) as Nos_of_jobs, sum(time_spent)/3600 as hours  
from job_data  
group by ds  
order by ds;
```

	ds	Nos_of_jobs	hours
▶	2020-11-25 00:00:00	1	0.0125
	2020-11-26 00:00:00	1	0.0156
	2020-11-27 00:00:00	1	0.0289
	2020-11-28 00:00:00	2	0.0092
	2020-11-29 00:00:00	1	0.0056
	2020-11-30 00:00:00	2	0.0111

- B. **Throughput Analysis:** The rolling average is more useful than the daily metric because it smooths out short-term fluctuations and provides a clearer trend over time.

```
#Calculate the 7-day rolling average of throughput (number of events per second).
• select * from events;
• SELECT
    ds,
    COUNT(job_id) AS daily_throughput,
    AVG(COUNT(job_id)) OVER
      (ORDER BY ds ROWS BETWEEN 6 PRECEDING AND CURRENT ROW) AS rolling_avg_throughput
    FROM job_data
GROUP BY ds
ORDER BY ds;
```

	ds	daily_throughput	rolling_avg_throughput
▶	2020-11-25 00:00:00	1	1.0000
	2020-11-26 00:00:00	1	1.0000
	2020-11-27 00:00:00	1	1.0000
	2020-11-28 00:00:00	2	1.2500
	2020-11-29 00:00:00	1	1.2000
	2020-11-30 00:00:00	2	1.3333

- C. **Language Share Analysis:** This task requires calculating the percentage distribution of languages over a 30-day period. The results show that Persian dominates with a 37.5% share, surpassing all other languages.

```
147 #Calculate the percentage share of each language in the last 30 days.
148 select language, round(cnt*100/sum(cnt)over(),2) as percentage_share
149 from
150 (select language, count(language) as cnt
151  from job_data
152  group by language)d
153 group by language;
```

	language	percentage_share
▶	English	12.50
	Arabic	12.50
	Persian	37.50
	Hindi	12.50
	French	12.50
	Italian	12.50

D. **Duplicate Rows Detection:** This task aims to identify and report duplicate records in the table. To do this, three scenarios were considered:

1. Both job_id and actor_id as primary keys: No duplicates found.
2. job_id as primary key: One duplicate record detected.
3. actor_id as primary key: One duplicate record detected.

These findings indicate that duplicates exist under certain assumptions.

```
#By asuming both job_id and actor_id as primary key:  
• select job_id, actor_id  
  from job_data  
  group by job_id, actor_id  
  having count(*)>1;
```

Result Grid	Filter
job_id	actor_id

```
163 #By asuming job_id as primary key:  
164 • select job_id, count(job_id) as dup_job_id  
165    from job_data  
166    group by job_id  
167    having dup_job_id>1;  
168
```

job_id	dup_job_id
23	3

```

169      #By asuming actor_id as primary key:
170 •    select actor_id, count(actor_id) as dup_actor_id
171      from job_data
172      group by actor_id
173      having dup_actor_id >1;

```

	actor_id	dup_actor_id
▶	1003	2

• Case Study 2: Investigating Metric Spike

A. **Weekly User Engagement:** The goal of this task is to measure the activeness of users on a weekly basis. The SQL query calculates two key metrics:

- Weekly Active Users: The number of unique users who performed any action (event) in a given week.
- Average Daily Active Users: The average number of unique users active per day in a week, calculated by dividing the weekly active users by 7.

```

177      #Weekly user engagement
178 •    select
179      concat(year(occurred_at), '-W', LPAD(week(occurred_at),2,'0')) as week,
180      count(distinct user_id) as active_users,
181      count(distinct user_id)/7 as Avg_daily_active_users
182      from events
183      group by week
184      order by active_users desc; |

```

	week	active_users	Avg_daily_active_users
▶	2014-W30	1467	209.5714
	2014-W29	1376	196.5714
	2014-W27	1372	196.0000
	2014-W28	1365	195.0000
	2014-W26	1302	186.0000
	2014-W31	1299	185.5714
	2014-W24	1275	182.1429
	2014-W25	1264	180.5714
	2014-W23	1232	176.0000
	2014-W32	1225	175.0000
	2014-W33	1225	175.0000
	2014-W34	1204	172.0000
	2014-W22	1186	169.4286
	2014-W20	1154	164.8571
	2014-W21	1121	160.1429
	2014-W19	1113	159.0000
	2014-W18	1068	152.5714
	2014-W17	663	94.7143
	2014-W35	104	14.8571

B. **User Growth Analysis:** The goal is to analyse and track the growth of users over time for a product.

This query analyses user growth by calculating monthly signups, cumulative users, and growth rates. It groups users by signup month and provides insights into user acquisition trends, overall growth, and rate changes over time, showing how the user base is growing and changing each month.

```

186     #User Growth Analysis
187
188     WITH monthly_users AS (
189         SELECT
190             DATE_FORMAT(activated_at, '%Y-%m') AS signup_month,
191             COUNT(user_id) AS new_users
192         FROM users
193         GROUP BY signup_month
194     )
195     SELECT
196         signup_month,
197         new_users,
198         SUM(new_users) OVER (ORDER BY signup_month) AS cumulative_users,
199         ROUND(
200             (new_users - LAG(new_users) OVER (ORDER BY signup_month))
201             / NULLIF(LAG(new_users) OVER (ORDER BY signup_month), 0) * 100, 2
202         ) AS growth_rate
203     FROM monthly_users
204     ORDER BY signup_month;

```


	signup_month	new_users	cumulative_users	growth_rate
▶	2013-01	160	160	NULL
	2013-02	160	320	0.00
	2013-03	150	470	-6.25
	2013-04	181	651	20.67
	2013-05	214	865	18.23
	2013-06	213	1078	-0.47
	2013-07	284	1362	33.33
	2013-08	316	1678	11.27
	2013-09	330	2008	4.43
	2013-10	390	2398	18.18
	2013-11	399	2797	2.31
	2013-12	486	3283	21.80
	2014-01	552	3835	13.58
	2014-02	525	4360	-4.89
	2014-03	615	4975	17.14
	2014-04	726	5701	18.05
	2014-05	779	6480	7.30
	2014-06	873	7353	12.07
	2014-07	997	8350	14.20
	2014-08	1031	9381	3.41

- C. **Weekly Retention Analysis:** The goal of Weekly Retention Analysis measures user retention over time by tracking activity in the weeks following sign-up. It calculates the percentage of active users in each cohort, helping identify retention trends and improve engagement strategies.

This query analyses weekly retention by tracking user activity from their first login. It shows how many users remain active over 17 weeks, grouped by their first login week, providing insights into user retention over time.

```

186 # Weekly Retention Analysis:
187 • select occurred_at from events;
188 • WITH formatted_events AS (
189     SELECT
190         user_id,
191         occurred_at
192     FROM events
193     WHERE event_type = 'engagement'
194 ),
195 • user_first_week AS (
196     SELECT
197         user_id,
198         MIN(EXTRACT(WEEK FROM occurred_at)) AS first_week
199     FROM formatted_events
200     GROUP BY user_id
201 ),
202 • user_activity_weeks AS (
203     SELECT
204         fe.user_id,
205         EXTRACT(WEEK FROM fe.occurred_at) AS activity_week,
206         ufw.first_week,
207         (EXTRACT(WEEK FROM fe.occurred_at) - ufw.first_week) AS weeks_since_first
208     FROM formatted_events fe
209     JOIN user_first_week ufw
210         ON fe.user_id = ufw.user_id
211 )

```

```

212 SELECT
213     first_week AS first_login_week,
214     COUNT(CASE WHEN weeks_since_first = 0 THEN 1 END) AS week_0,
215     COUNT(CASE WHEN weeks_since_first = 1 THEN 1 END) AS week_1,
216     COUNT(CASE WHEN weeks_since_first = 2 THEN 1 END) AS week_2,
217     COUNT(CASE WHEN weeks_since_first = 3 THEN 1 END) AS week_3,
218     COUNT(CASE WHEN weeks_since_first = 4 THEN 1 END) AS week_4,
219     COUNT(CASE WHEN weeks_since_first = 5 THEN 1 END) AS week_5,
220     COUNT(CASE WHEN weeks_since_first = 6 THEN 1 END) AS week_6,
221     COUNT(CASE WHEN weeks_since_first = 7 THEN 1 END) AS week_7,
222     COUNT(CASE WHEN weeks_since_first = 8 THEN 1 END) AS week_8,
223     COUNT(CASE WHEN weeks_since_first = 9 THEN 1 END) AS week_9,
224     COUNT(CASE WHEN weeks_since_first = 10 THEN 1 END) AS week_10,
225     COUNT(CASE WHEN weeks_since_first = 11 THEN 1 END) AS week_11,
226     COUNT(CASE WHEN weeks_since_first = 12 THEN 1 END) AS week_12,
227     COUNT(CASE WHEN weeks_since_first = 13 THEN 1 END) AS week_13,
228     COUNT(CASE WHEN weeks_since_first = 14 THEN 1 END) AS week_14,
229     COUNT(CASE WHEN weeks_since_first = 15 THEN 1 END) AS week_15,
230     COUNT(CASE WHEN weeks_since_first = 16 THEN 1 END) AS week_16,
231     COUNT(CASE WHEN weeks_since_first = 17 THEN 1 END) AS week_17
232 FROM user_activity_weeks
233 GROUP BY first_week
234 ORDER BY first_week;

```

	first_login_week	week_0	week_1	week_2	week_3	week_4	week_5	week_6	week_7	week_8	week_9	week_10	week_11	week_12	week_13	week_14	week_15	week_16	week_17
17		8019	9291	6100	4890	3910	3376	2900	2782	2692	2743	2390	2395	2391	2574	2044	1464	1474	1527
18		8050	5952	4598	3391	2719	2223	2329	2008	1861	1823	1836	1916	2093	1954	1400	1412	1135	37
19		5172	4326	2756	2303	1905	1658	1355	1484	1409	1483	1158	917	826	669	785	805	23	0
20		4097	3340	2840	1884	1413	1252	953	835	1029	989	876	549	441	463	450	0	0	0
21		3754	3141	2213	1342	1145	963	955	1275	822	804	616	567	555	441	17	0	0	0
22		4034	3378	2506	1642	1263	942	1001	901	851	694	791	679	467	8	0	0	0	0
23		3777	3369	2064	1522	1143	1041	1065	824	799	674	412	410	0	0	0	0	0	0
24		3653	3252	2067	1613	1289	911	1143	913	678	430	384	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25		3232	3087	2280	1639	1212	816	577	723	536	537	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26		3118	3029	1552	1296	933	714	662	548	345	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27		3462	3195	1693	1553	1057	806	558	560	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28		3041	3026	1854	873	564	388	323	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29		2687	3111	1688	966	619	639	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30		3184	2995	1727	1124	696	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31		2257	2112	906	777	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32		2368	2304	1085	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33		2952	2727	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34		2819	326	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35		127	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- D. **Weekly Engagement Per Device:** The goal is to calculate the number of unique active users per device on a weekly basis to measure user engagement trends.

The query extracts weekly active users per device for weeks W17 to W35 in 2014. First, it formats occurred_at into YYYY-WW format and counts unique users per device. Then, it pivots data using CASE WHEN conditions to create separate columns for each week. Finally, it aggregates values, grouping by device for easy analysis.

```

236      #weekly engagement per device
237      SELECT device,
238             SUM(CASE WHEN week = '2014-W17' THEN active_users ELSE 0 END) AS week_2014_W17,
239             SUM(CASE WHEN week = '2014-W18' THEN active_users ELSE 0 END) AS week_2014_W18,
240             SUM(CASE WHEN week = '2014-W19' THEN active_users ELSE 0 END) AS week_2014_W19,
241             SUM(CASE WHEN week = '2014-W20' THEN active_users ELSE 0 END) AS week_2014_W20,
242             SUM(CASE WHEN week = '2014-W21' THEN active_users ELSE 0 END) AS week_2014_W21,
243             SUM(CASE WHEN week = '2014-W22' THEN active_users ELSE 0 END) AS week_2014_W22,
244             SUM(CASE WHEN week = '2014-W23' THEN active_users ELSE 0 END) AS week_2014_W23,
245             SUM(CASE WHEN week = '2014-W24' THEN active_users ELSE 0 END) AS week_2014_W24,
246             SUM(CASE WHEN week = '2014-W25' THEN active_users ELSE 0 END) AS week_2014_W25,
247             SUM(CASE WHEN week = '2014-W26' THEN active_users ELSE 0 END) AS week_2014_W26,
248             SUM(CASE WHEN week = '2014-W27' THEN active_users ELSE 0 END) AS week_2014_W27,
249             SUM(CASE WHEN week = '2014-W28' THEN active_users ELSE 0 END) AS week_2014_W28,
250             SUM(CASE WHEN week = '2014-W29' THEN active_users ELSE 0 END) AS week_2014_W29,
251             SUM(CASE WHEN week = '2014-W30' THEN active_users ELSE 0 END) AS week_2014_W30,
252             SUM(CASE WHEN week = '2014-W31' THEN active_users ELSE 0 END) AS week_2014_W31,
253             SUM(CASE WHEN week = '2014-W32' THEN active_users ELSE 0 END) AS week_2014_W32,
254             SUM(CASE WHEN week = '2014-W33' THEN active_users ELSE 0 END) AS week_2014_W33,
255             SUM(CASE WHEN week = '2014-W34' THEN active_users ELSE 0 END) AS week_2014_W34,
256             SUM(CASE WHEN week = '2014-W35' THEN active_users ELSE 0 END) AS week_2014_W35
257      FROM ( SELECT device,
258                  CONCAT(YEAR(occurred_at), '-W', LPAD(WEEK(occurred_at), 2, '0')) AS week,
259                  COUNT(DISTINCT user_id) AS active_users
260                FROM events
261               WHERE event_type = 'engagement'
262              GROUP BY device, week
263            ) AS weekly_engagement
264      GROUP BY device
265      ORDER BY device;

```


device	week_2014_W17	week_2014_W18	week_2014_W19	week_2014_W20	week_2014_W21	week_2014_W22	week_2014_W23	week_2014_W24	week_2014_W25	week_2014_W26	week_2014_W27
acer aspire desktop	9	26	23	23	29	25	22	24	28	29	29
acer aspire notebook	20	33	41	40	47	41	43	40	47	35	49
amazon fire phone	4	9	12	11	5	5	16	11	13	13	10
asus chromebook	21	42	27	41	38	52	49	43	38	49	52
dell inspiron desktop	18	58	36	52	41	52	53	59	52	60	53
dell inspiron notebook	46	77	83	84	80	92	103	99	105	89	89
hp pavilion desktop	14	37	40	30	44	38	54	56	52	46	56
htc one	16	19	30	29	21	24	20	20	21	23	27
ipad air	27	52	55	59	51	58	41	57	57	56	55
ipad mini	19	30	36	32	23	34	33	39	30	43	35
iphone 4s	21	46	44	55	45	45	53	53	40	50	67
iphone 5	65	113	115	125	137	125	152	142	137	152	163
iphone 5s	42	73	79	79	74	71	79	79	78	94	83
kindle fire	6	27	21	23	30	21	25	25	24	26	25
lenovo thinkpad	86	153	178	173	167	176	176	165	197	192	202
mac mini	6	13	18	26	18	25	18	29	21	11	15
macbook air	54	121	112	119	110	145	124	152	121	134	142
macbook pro	143	252	266	256	247	251	266	255	275	269	302
nexus 10	16	30	25	22	25	27	45	38	29	29	37
nexus 5	40	73	87	103	91	96	88	87	89	87	84
nexus 7	18	30	41	32	29	45	36	49	51	46	40
nokia lumia 635	17	33	23	22	25	25	31	35	37	42	31
samsung galaxy tablet	8	11	6	9	6	10	14	11	12	12	15
samsung galaxy note	7	15	11	18	20	19	14	20	14	9	15

	week_2014_W24	week_2014_W25	week_2014_W26	week_2014_W27	week_2014_W28	week_2014_W29	week_2014_W30	week_2014_W31	week_2014_W32	week_2014_W33	week_2014_W34	week_2014_W35
24	28	29	29	30	28	33	31	35	39	30	1	
40	47	35	49	49	53	60	55	55	46	63	3	
11	13	13	10	6	12	12	14	12	14	11	0	
43	38	49	52	50	49	56	56	62	49	47	6	
59	52	60	53	56	54	54	44	57	37	49	1	
99	105	89	89	103	113	127	113	104	110	105	9	
56	52	46	56	56	58	42	51	51	38	36	1	
20	21	23	27	26	31	31	13	18	19	25	2	
57	57	56	55	54	52	70	55	48	40	39	0	
39	30	43	35	35	34	35	27	30	28	25	2	
53	40	50	67	61	60	65	56	34	35	50	6	
142	137	152	163	151	144	152	135	119	110	101	2	
79	78	94	83	93	90	103	71	67	65	70	3	
25	24	26	25	31	37	25	14	12	14	13	3	
165	197	192	202	220	209	206	207	179	191	193	16	
29	21	11	15	28	31	23	24	20	32	30	2	
152	121	134	142	148	148	159	147	125	133	136	10	
255	275	269	302	295	295	322	321	307	312	292	17	
38	29	29	37	26	25	36	24	30	23	25	2	
87	89	87	84	85	77	84	69	67	70	70	4	
49	51	46	40	39	45	62	38	25	30	33	2	
35	37	42	31	35	43	34	28	28	27	17	2	
11	12	12	15	9	13	9	8	6	12	14	0	
20	14	9	15	10	16	15	14	12	13	13	1	

E. **Email Engagement Analysis:** The goal is to measure the average weekly frequency of different email engagement actions to understand user interaction trends over time.

This query measures weekly email engagement by tracking actions over time, calculating their average frequency, and ranking them to identify the most popular interactions.

```

267 #Email Engagement Analysis:
268 • SELECT action,
269     ROUND(AVG(d1.frequency), 2) AS avg_week
270 FROM (SELECT action,
271     TIMESTAMPDIFF(WEEK, '2014-05-01 00:00:00', occurred_at) AS wk,
272     COUNT(user_id) AS frequency
273     FROM email_events
274     GROUP BY action, wk
275 ) d1
276 GROUP BY action
277 ORDER BY avg_week DESC;

```

Result Grid			Filter Rows:
	action	avg_week	
▶	sent_weekly_digest	3181.50	
	email_open	1136.61	
	email_clickthrough	500.56	
	sent_reengagement_email	202.94	

- **Result :**

This project gave me valuable insights into **Operational Analytics** and **Metric Spike Investigation**. The findings can help businesses **optimize operations, understand user behavior,** and **improve engagement strategies**. By analysing trends in job data and user interactions, companies can make **data-driven decisions**, enhance **marketing efforts**, and refine **product development** to boost overall efficiency and user satisfaction.