



CAPSTONE PROJECT — RETAIL ANALYTICS

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1.1 INTRODUCTION

What is retail analytics?

Retail analytics is the process through which retailers discover, gather, and make sense of the data generated throughout their departments.

What emerges from these processes is a **set of actionable insights** based on business trends, emerging patterns, and performance indicators. Using these insights, you can **improve vital aspects of your retail business**, such as customer experience, logistics, management, and even sales.

The Retail Database provides comprehensive insights into the retail business's performance. The dashboard will focus on sales, product, customer, and demographic analysis, aiming to facilitate data-driven decision-making, optimize sales strategies, and enhance customer experiences.

1.2 OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of this project is to leverage data and insights to enhance the overall performance and profitability of a retail business. This involves using analytical tools and techniques to gather, process, and interpret data related to various aspects of retail operations and customer behavior.

THE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF RETAIL ANALYTICS

- Understanding Customer Behavior.
- Optimizing Inventory Management.
- Enhancing Marketing Strategy.
- Price Optimization.

1.3 THE PROCESS

a) Data Acquisition from GitHub:

Obtain the requisite dataset from a designated GitHub repository, containing essential information on university rankings, encompassing various countries and their performance across distinct ranking systems.

b) Data Transformation and Enhancement:

If necessary, execute data transformation procedures to ensure data quality and consistency. Additionally, consider augmenting the dataset with new problem statements to enrich the analysis potential.

c) Connecting with Tools:

Establish connections between the dataset and various analytical tools. Interface the dataset with Power BI, Excel, and MySQL Workbench, facilitating seamless data integration and processing.

d) Problem Statement Solution in Power BI:

Utilize Power BI to delve into the specified problem statements. Employ its robust features for data visualization, exploration, and analysis, effectively deriving insights and solutions.

e) Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):

Perform exploratory data analysis using either Excel or SQL Workbench, depending on the complexity of the analysis. Extract meaningful patterns, relationships, and trends from the data to inform subsequent decision-making.

f) Creation of Visual and Insightful PowerPoint:

Develop a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation that encapsulates the project's objectives, methodologies, problem statement solutions, and key visualizations. Each problem statement should be accompanied by a dedicated section with pertinent conclusions and insights.

g) Detailed Documentation:

Compile a detailed report that meticulously documents the entire project lifecycle. Include sections on data collection, transformation, problem statement formulation, tools integration, Power BI solutions, EDA insights, and PowerPoint visualizations.

1.4 ANALYSIS OVERVIEW

The Project Includes the following Analysis

- ❖ Analyzing the sales, customers, products gives an understanding about the trends in sales pattern, order volume and demographics.
- ❖ Based on the Analysis valuable insights can be drawn, which Will help in giving recommendations to the stakeholders.

Key Metrics of this project are

- ✓ The quality of the analysis
- ✓ The relevance of the insights
- ✓ The impact of the recommendations

This project is significant because it has the potential to improve the quality and competitiveness of retail markets. By understanding these factors, the offices can be established across various regions and countries globally.

1.5 SIGNIFICANCE OF RETAIL ANALYTICS

- 1) Data-Driven Decision Making: Retail analytics provides actionable insights based on data, enabling retailers to make informed decisions rather than relying on gut feelings or assumptions.
- 2) Personalization: By understanding customer preferences, retailers can offer personalized shopping experiences, leading to increased customer loyalty and higher conversion rates.
- 3) Inventory Optimization: Retail analytics helps retailers maintain the right level of inventory, reducing carrying costs and minimizing stockouts.
- 4) Operational Efficiency: Retailers can identify operational bottlenecks and inefficiencies, leading to streamlined processes and improved resource allocation.
- 5) Competitive Advantage: Retail analytics enables retailers to stay ahead of competitors by identifying emerging trends, adapting quickly to changes in the market, and capitalizing on new opportunities.
- 6) Enhanced Customer Experience: By understanding customer behaviour, retailers can create better shopping experiences, from personalized recommendations to smoother checkout processes.
- 7) ROI Measurement: Retail analytics helps assess the effectiveness of various strategies and investments, allowing retailers to allocate resources to initiatives with the highest returns.
- 8) Predictive Analytics: Retailers can use historical data to predict future trends, demand patterns, and customer behaviour, aiding in proactive decision-making.
- 9) In summary, retail analytics plays a crucial role in modern retail operations by providing insights that drive strategic decisions, improve customer experiences, and optimize various aspects of the business. It empowers retailers to navigate the dynamic and competitive retail landscape with data-driven precision.

1.6 DATA DICTONARY:

TABLE: Customers - This table contains information about the retail company's customers

FIELDS: -

- Customer number: Unique identifier for each customer
- Customer Name : The company or shop name of the customer is provided
- Contact First Name and last name: Customer names are given
- Phone-Number: phone number of the customers is provided
- City: Name of the city
- State: Name of the state
- Postal Code: postal code corresponding to the country
- Country: Name of the country
- Sales Representative number: ID number of the Employee
- Credit Limit: Customer credit limit

TABLE: Employees - This table holds details about the company's employees

FIELDS: -

- Employee number: Unique identifier for each employee
- Employee First Name and last name: Employee names are given
- Extension: Employee extension code
- Email Address: Employee Email-ID
- Office code: Office where the employee works
- Reports to: the employee number of the person to whom the employee reports
- Job title: Designation of the employee

TABLE: Offices - This table stores information about the offices of the retail company

FIELDS: -

- Office code: Unique identifier for each office
- City: Place where offices are located
- Phone Number: contact of each Office
- Address: Address of the Office
- State: The state corresponding to each City where offices are located
- Country: Offices are located in various Countries
- Postal Code: Code corresponding to city, state and Country
- Territory: Offices spread across regions

TABLE: Orders -This table stores data related to customer orders

FIELDS: -

- Order number: Unique identifier for each order
- Order Date: The date in which the order was placed
- Required Date: The date in which the order is required
- Shipped Date: shipment date of the order
- Order Status: progression of the order
- Comments: Specifications of customers for different products
- Customer Number: This is to establish a link between customers and orders

TABLE: Order Details - This table contains information about the individual items included in each order

FIELDS: -

- Order number: This is to establish a link between orders and order details
- Product Code: This is linking to the Products table
- Quantity Ordered: The number of quantities ordered
- Price Each: Price per Item
- Order Line number: The Order in which the orders were placed

TABLE: Products - This table stores details about various products sold by the retail company

FIELDS: -

- Product Code: Unique identifier for each Product
- Product Name: Name of each Product
- Product Line: Categorization of the Products
- Product Scale: Size of the Product with respect to size of the Original Product
- Product Vendor: Manufacturer of each product
- Product Description: Description of each product
- Quantity in stock: The number of products that are in stock
- Buy Price:
- MSRP: Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price

TABLE: Product Lines - This table is used to describe the different product lines available in the company's inventory

FIELDS: -

- ProductLineName: Name for each Product Category
- Text Description: Description for each Product Category
- HTML Description: For web-based content
- Image: To represent the Product Visually

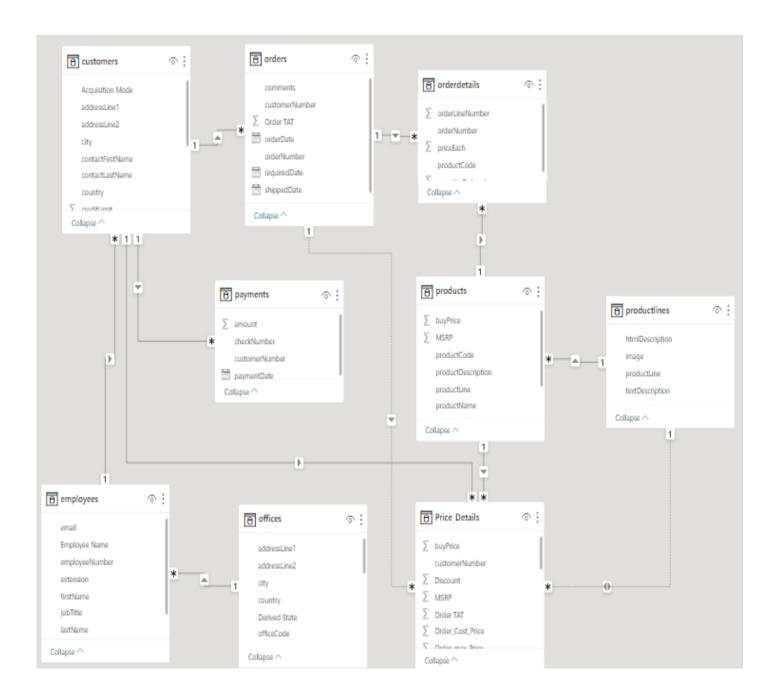
TABLE: Payments - This table stores details about payments made by customers

FIELDS: -

- Customer Number: For Linking Customers and Payments table
- Check Number: Check number for each payment
- Payment Date: The date in which the Payment has been made
- Payment Amount: The amount paid for the Order

The data dictionary provides a comprehensive overview of the tables and their respective fields in the dataset. It outlines the relationships between the tables, allowing for a better understanding of the data structure and facilitating the design and implementation of the Power BI Dashboard

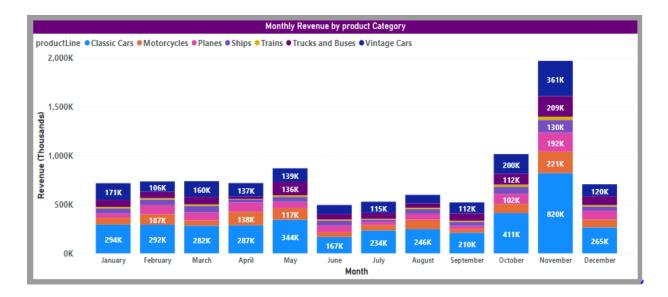
1.7 ER DIAGRAM



1.8 POWER BI PROBLEM STATEMENTS

1) How does monthly revenue vary across different product categories?

- ❖ Analyzing the monthly revenue_for different product categories it is been identified that classic cars and vintage cars are the two highly sold product lines compared to other product lines, that too especially in the month of May (Holiday season), October and November (start of festive season).
- ❖ The inference is, Monthly revenue is high in the holiday and Festive season.



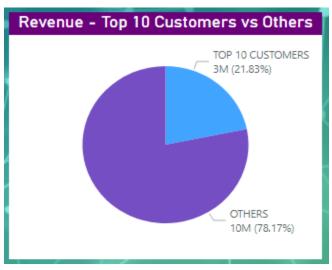
2) What is the trend in customer order volume over the past year?

- Analyzing the customer order volume, it is seen that the customers tend to order more in the month of October, November as it is the festive season.
- Orders are in peak during the festive season over the past years, it can be utilized to do more sales and increase the revenue further.



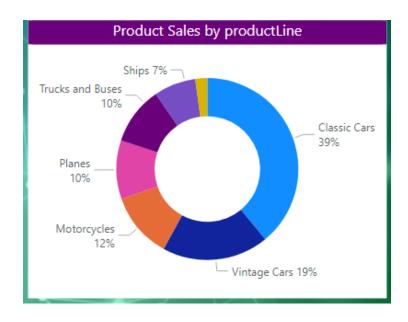
3) How does the sales performance of top customers compare to the rest?

- ❖ The analysis is done based on the revenue contribution of top customers. Here the analysis w.r.t top 10 customers.
- ❖ The contribution of top 10 customers is 20% when compared with others as shown in the visualization.

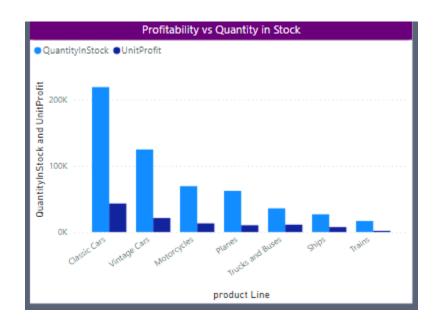


4) What is the distribution of product sales across different product lines?

- ❖ The product sales for the product category "Classic cars and Vintage Cars" is high compared to other product categories.
- On this Analysis, we can infer that other product lines must be focused on cross selling, promoting discount, stock clearance sale in order to make revenue out of those least sold product categories.



5) How does the profitability of different products compare based on their quantity in stock?

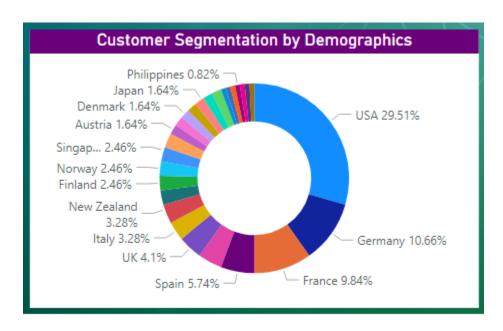


- 6) How does Product pricing impact sales volume?
- Price and sales volume is inversely proportional to each other



7) What is the distribution of customers across different demographic segments?

❖ Maximum number of customers are from USA followed by Germany and France.



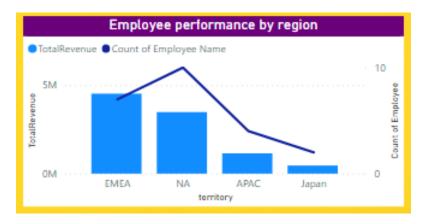
8) What are the top regions in terms of sales revenue?

NORTH AMERICA and EUROPE are the top regions in terms of sales revenue inferred from the below visualization.



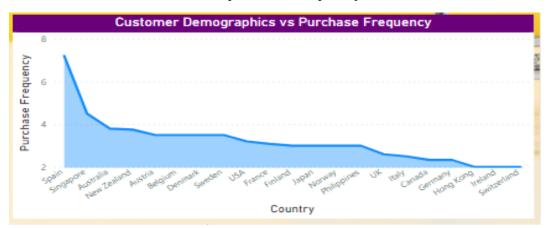
9) How does the performance of sales employees vary across different regions?

❖ It is observed that the employee's performance in EMEA and APAC is superior compared to other regions.



10) What is the correlation between customer demographics and purchase frequency?

- ❖ It is inferred that the customer purchase frequency is high in SPAIN and SINGAPORE followed by rest of the countries.
- ❖ In SWITZERLAND and IRELAND the purchase frequency is observed to be low.



11) How does customer lifetime value vary for different customer acquisition channel?

If Data provided to this analysis, it would help in more deep diving of the insights and recommendation.

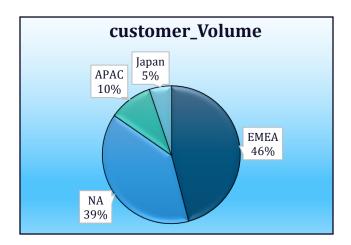
12) What is the correlation between customer age and purchase frequency?

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1.9 EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS

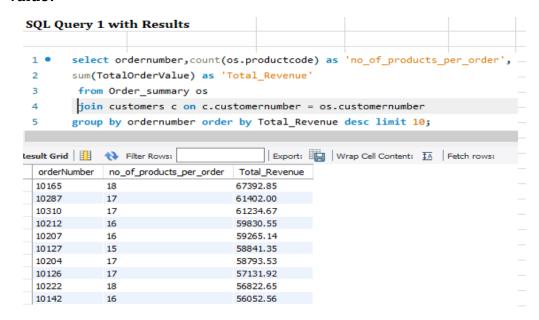
1) Which factors contribute to highest sales in a particular region?

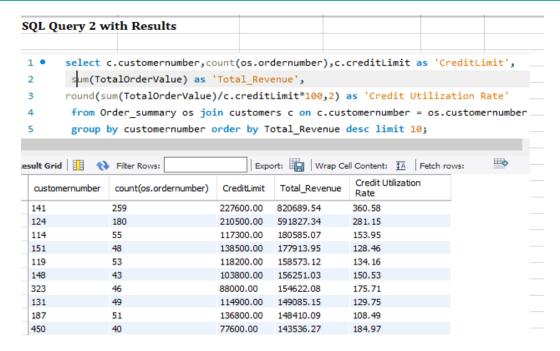
customer_Volume	order_volume	product_volume	Revenue	Employee_Volume	Office_count
45	153	109	4520712.28	6	2
38	119	109	3479191.91	6	3
10	38	109	1147176.35	2	1
5	16	81	457110.07	1	1
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INSIGHTS:- Following are the factors contributing to the highest sales in regions

- Customer Volume
- Order Volume
- ♣ No of Offices & Employees in Region
 - 2) How can customer purchasing patterns be influenced to increase average order value?





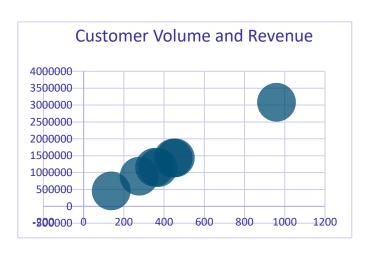
INSIGHTS: - Purchasing patterns be influenced in following ways to increase average order value

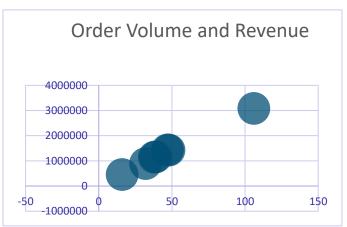
- Increasing number of products per order
- ♣ Increasing the Credit Limit will increase the order volume and revenue

3) What are the key drivers of sales growth, and how can they be leveraged for future success?



Territory	City	Customer Volume	Order Volume	No of Sales Rep Number	Average Revenue per Employee	Revenue	Average Credit Limit	No of Products contributed to Revenue
EMEA	Paris	959	106	4	770940.4	3083761.58	128387.7	109
EMEA	London	456	47	2	718475.35	1436950.7	94630.26	109
NA	San Francisco	445	48	2	714531.79	1429063.57	133540.9	109
NA	NYC	353	39	2	578794.86	1157589.72	88499.43	105
APAC	Sydney	370	38	2	573588.18	1147176.35	95277.84	109
NA	Boston	276	32	2	446269.31	892538.62	85480.43	106
Japan	Tokyo	137	16	1	457110.07	457110.07	88794.16	81



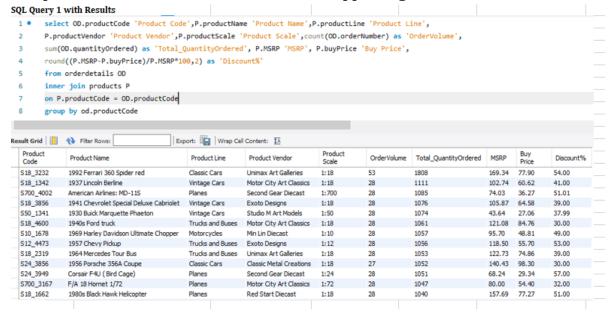


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INSIGHTS:- Following are the Key Drivers of Sales Growth

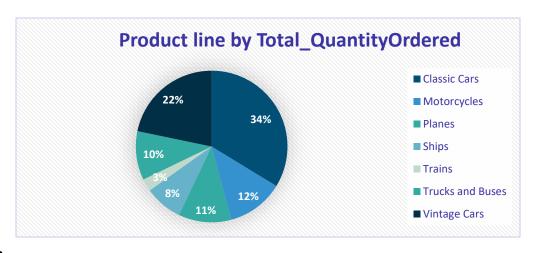
- ♣ No of Offices or Employees
- No of Customers

4) Which product features or attributes are most appealing to customers?



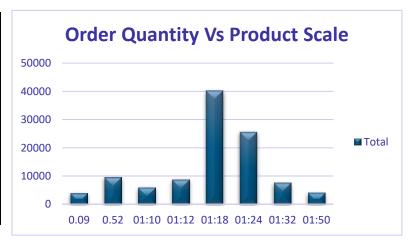
PIVOT 1

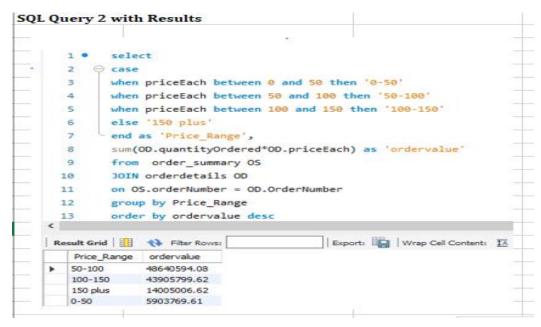
Row Labels	Sum of Total_ QuantityOrdered	Count of OrderVolume	Average of buyPrice	Average of MSRP	Average of Discount_perc
Classic Cars	33.72%	33.94%	64.65	118.30	45.22
Motorcycles	12.11%	11.93%	50.69	97.18	47.08
Planes	11.25%	11.01%	49.63	89.52	44.25
Ships	8.09%	8.26%	47.01	86.56	46.11
Trains	2.67%	2.75%	43.92	73.85	42.00
Trucks and					
Buses	10.43%	10.09%	56.33	103.18	46.45
Vintage Cars	21.73%	22.02%	46.07	87.10	46.62



PIVOT 2

Row	
Labels	Total_Quantity_Ordered
0.09	3882
0.52	9533
01:10	5964
01:12	8790
01:18	40243
01:24	25515
01:32	7578
01:50	4011





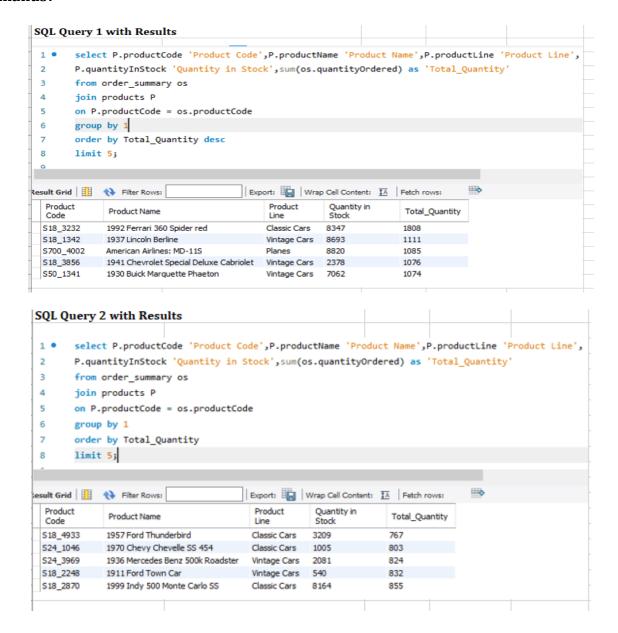
Price_Range	Ordervalue
50-100	48640594.08
100-150	43905799.62
150 plus	14005006.62
0-50	5903769.61



INSIGHTS:- Following are the probable product feature or attributes attractive to the customers

- Product Category Cars (Classic Cars and Vintage Cars) yield high revenue and order volume
- ♣ Product Scale of 1:18 and 1:24 yield high revenue and order volume compare to others
- ♣ Product with price ranging 50 to 100 is yield high revenue followed by 100-150 which clearly states affordable pricing attracts customer the most

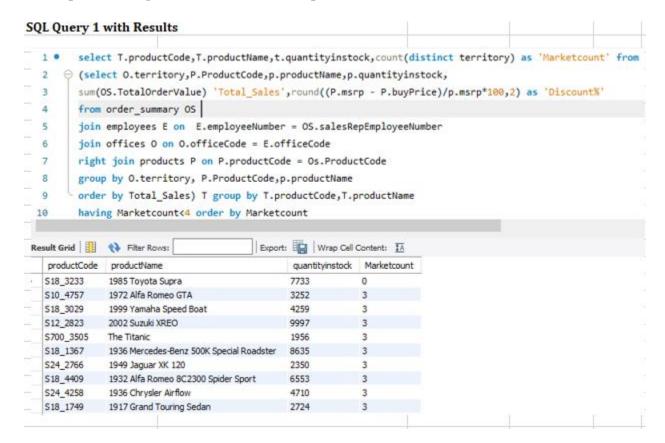
5) How can the product mix be optimized to cater to changing market demands?



RECOMMENDATION: - Product Mix can be Optimized by following ways

- Bundling Top selling Products and providing a discount
- Bundling Top selling Quantity with least sold Quantity
- ♣ Increasing the Inventory by procuring "1941 Chevrolet Special Deluxe Cabriolet" since the stock in hand is less when compared to other top selling products

6) Are there any specific market segments where a particular product is underperforming, and how can it be improved?



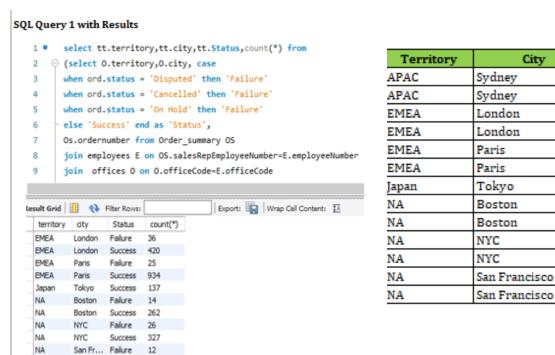
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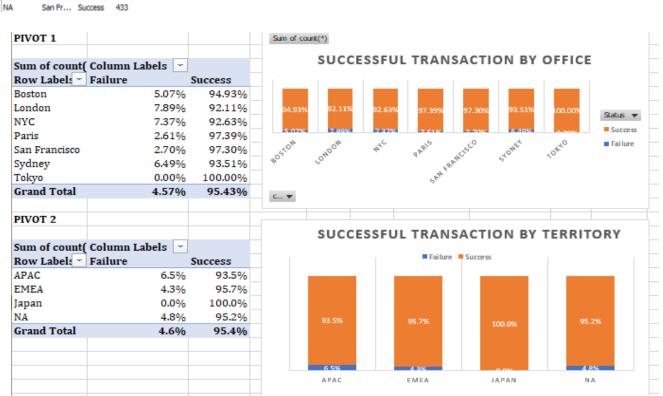
- Product '1985 Toyota Supra' is not being sold anywhere
- Above products are underperforming that these products are not even being sold in a particular territory

RECOMMENDATION: -

- Product '1985 Toyota Supra' should be discontinued for further procurement
- ♣ Existing stock of above products should be forced for sales as a complement or Grand Sale to clear the stock
- ♣ Above Products can be bundled with other products for discounted rate for top customers, for promotion

7) What are the main factors that influence customer loyalty and repeat purchases?





INSIGHTS: - High Success ratio in terms of shipping status is the main factor for customer loyalty and repeat purchases

Status

Failure

Success

Failure

Success

Failure

Success

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count(*)

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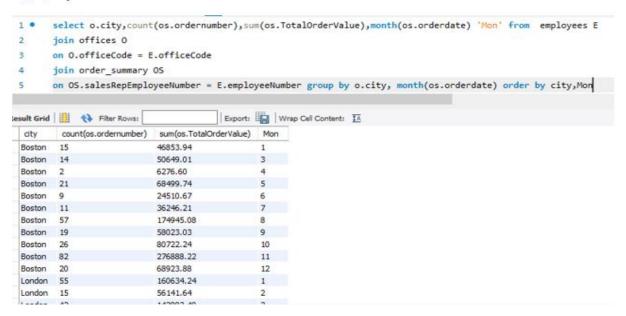
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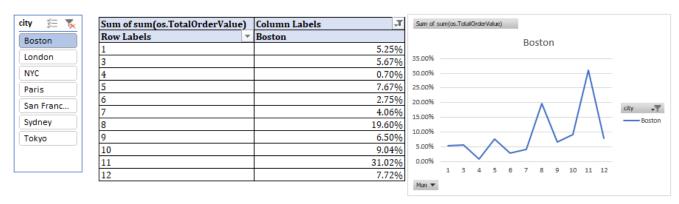
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8) How do customer preferences differ based on geographic location, and how can marketing campaigns be customized accordingly?

SQL Query 1 with Results



PIVOT



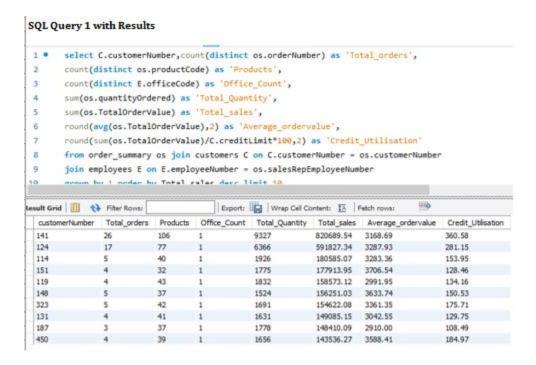
INSIGHTS:

- November month is the peak revenue month for almost all cities due to the Christmas Season
- ♣ January is the second peak revenue month for Japan whereas that's not the case with Australia which depicts April
- This Infers that the Sale is good during Christmas or New year in most of the city.
- ♣ Highest sales is also attributed to the summer holidays which varies per region

RECOMMENDATION:-

- ♣ 2 months prior to the festival and summer holidays, the inventory check for in stock vs demand to be analyzed and corrected
- Off seasons when the market is having less demand, requires more promotion and discounts to improve sales

9) What are the characteristics of high-value customers, and how can similar customers be targeted for acquisition?



customerNumber	Total_orders	Products	Office_Count	Total_Quantity	Total_sales	Average_ordervalue	Credit_Utilisation
141	26	106	1	9327	820689.54	3168.69	360.58
124	17	77	1	6366	591827.34	3287.93	281.15
114	5	40	1	1926	180585.07	3283.36	153.95
151	4	32	1	1775	177913.95	3706.54	128.46
119	4	43	1	1832	158573.12	2991.95	134.16
148	5	37	1	1524	156251.03	3633.74	150.53
323	5	42	1	1691	154622.08	3361.35	175.71
131	4	41	1	1631	149085.15	3042.55	129.75
187	3	37	1	1778	148410.09	2910	108.49
450	4	39	1	1656	143536.27	3588.41	184.97

INSIGHTS:

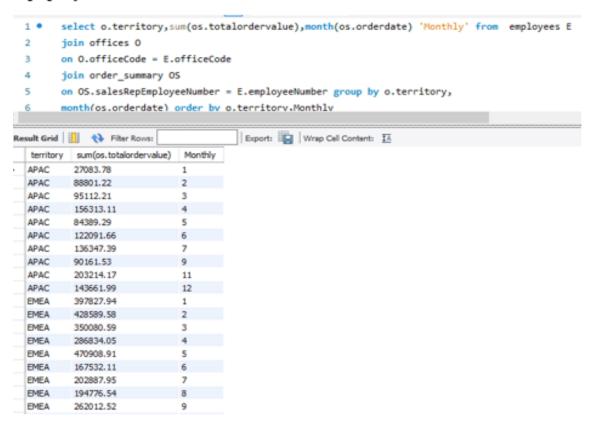
- High Order Volume in a given period
- ♣ High Average Sales per Order
- High Quantity of products (Bulk Order)
- Who utilizes and purchases over and above credit limit

RECOMMENDATION: - To acquire higher valued customer

- Sales team should focus on evaluating existing customer for untapped potential
- Marketing team to target big corporates for acquisition, who can purchase in bulk and in regular frequency.

10) How can marketing strategies be tailored to target specific demographic segments in different regions?

SQL Query 1 with Results

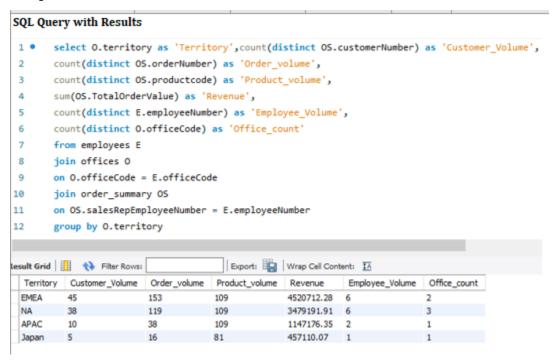




Row Labels -	Sum of Revenue
1	397827.94
2	428589.58
3	350080.59
4	286834.05
5	470908.91
6	167532.11
7	202887.95
8	194776.54
9	262012.52
10	551617.49
11	965730.45
12	241914.15
Grand Total	4520712.28



11) What are the potential untapped markets based on demographic indicators, and how can market penetration be increased?



Territory	Average Order Volume Per Customer	Average Revenue Per Customer		Average Revenue per Office	Rank - Average Order Volume Per Customer	Rank - Average Revenue Per Customer	Rank - Average Revenue per Employee	Rank - Average Revenue per Office
EMEA	3.4	100460.273	753452.0467	2260356	2	2	1	1
NA	3.1	91557.6818	579865.3183	1159731	4	3	2	2
APAC	3.8	114717.635	573588.175	1147176	1	1	3	3
Japan	3.2	91422.014	457110.07	457110	3	4	4	4

INSIGHTS:-

- ♣ APAC is the market untapped which has lot of potential
- ♣ APAC has highest Order per customer and Highest Revenue per customer which is operating with just 1 office and 2 employees
- ♣ Japan has been exposed to just 81 products for orders out of 109 product variances.

RECOMMENDATION:-

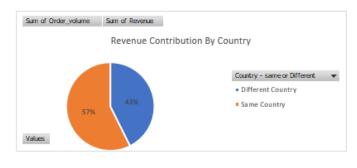
- ♣ More offices can be operated in APAC region to increase customer base and revenue
- Marketing strategies should be devised for Japan to expose all product variance unless if there is any country specific restriction on any products

12) How do customer preferences and behavior differ based on demographic factors, and how can they be leveraged for personalized marketing campaigns?



PIVOT 1

Row Labels	-	Sum of Order_volume	Sum of Revenue
Different Country		139	4156096.56
Same Country		187	5448094.05
Grand Total		326	9604190.61



PIVOT 2

Row Labels	-	Sum of Order_volume	Sum of Revenue
Different City		284	8406523.15
Same City		42	1197667.46
Grand Total		326	9604190.61



INSIGHTS:-

- Most Customers prefer buying it from same country.
- ♣ City does not play major role in orders.
- Madrid is the City where the customers order the most for highest revenue from office in Paris

RECOMMENDATION:-

- ♣ ABC Retail should open new offices in country for much more smoother order experience in terms of low shipping cost, to tailor products or sales region wise.
- ABC Retail should aim at centralizing the offices within a country, as customers don't really order based on the city of the office.

1.10 FUTURE ANALYSIS

Following Insights can be brought up if we get following info

Data	Insights
Customer Age & Gender	Categorization of customers based on the Age as Young and Old and Gender, to promote marketing and products for target audience.
Relationship of Order and Payment	To establish the number of days between Order Date and Payment Date to identify the customers based on the delinquency of payment and credit limit utilization for loyalty-based promotions.
Customer Onboarding Date	To determine the lifetime of the customer and company relationship for loyalty-based promotions.