

APEXTECH DATA SET ANALYSIS

Problem Statement:

ApexTech a global electronics retailer, is facing challenges in **sales performance, inventory management, supplier efficiency, and customer purchasing behavior**. The leadership team has hired you, a **Data Analyst**, to uncover **actionable insights** that will help optimize **sales, supply chain efficiency, and customer retention strategies**.

Your task is to **analyze real sales transactions** and provide **data-driven recommendations**.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

This project was developed to uncover actionable insights that will help optimize sales, supply chain efficiency, and customer retention strategies.

1. Determine the company's top 5 best revenue generating products to ascertain the products that generate more funds to the company for the past 6 months.
2. Determine the most loyal customers who have placed the most orders.
3. Ascertain the month with the highest sales volume and revenue.
4. Investigate and identify suppliers with high lead time and low reliability scores.
5. Ascertain the most popular payment methods.
6. Determine Customers Who Have Placed Orders but Later Canceled the Same Product
7. Determine the Top 3 Most Efficient Suppliers Based on Lead Time & Reliability
8. Identify Product Categories With the Highest Average Order Value
9. Find Customers Who Have Spent the Most in a Single Transaction
10. Provide data-driven recommendations for Sony Inc and other global electronic retailers to improve sales and future generation of revenue that would improve the company's overall productivity in coming years.

5 datasets were used for this analysis.

1. Dim_customers
2. Dim_dates
3. Dim_products
4. Dim_suppliers
5. Fact_sales

Dim_customers comprises of the following column headers

- Customer_id
- Customer name
- City
- Country

Dim_dates comprises of the following column headers

- Date_id
- Dates

Dim_products comprises of the following column headers

- Product_id
- Product_name
- Category
- Supplier
- Price

Dim_suppliers comprises of the following column headers

- Suppliers_id
- Suppliers_name
- Countrt
- Reliability_score
- Lead_time_day

Fact_sales comprises of the following column headers

- Order_id
- Customer_id
- Order_date
- Product_id
- Quantity
- Unit_price
- Discount
- Total_amount
- Status
- Payment_method

BUSINESS QUESTIONS

- Find the Top 5 Revenue-Generating Products Over the Last 6 Months
- Identify the Most Loyal Customers Who Have Placed More Than 10 Orders
- Find the Month With the Highest Sales Volume & Revenue
- Identify Suppliers With High Lead Times & Low Reliability Scores
- Find the Most Popular Payment Method for High-Value Orders (> \$1,000)
- Detect Customers Who Have Placed Orders but Later Canceled the Same Product
- Find Out-of-Stock Products That Have Been Sold Recently
- Rank the Top 3 Most Efficient Suppliers Based on Lead Time & Reliability
- Identify Product Categories With the Highest Average Order Value
- Find Customers Who Have Spent the Most in a Single Transaction

DATA CLEANING

Data Cleaning was done using Excel and the following changes were made

1. Changing Data types
2. Renaming Column Headers
3. Removing Duplicates
4. Correcting errors in spellings
5. Changing letter cases

METHODOLOGY

- Imported datasets into SQL using PostgreSQL schema.
- Created and joined dimension and fact tables with foreign key constraints.
- Applied data transformation and filtering (e.g., status = 'Delivered', date filters).
- Aggregated and grouped data using GROUP BY, JOIN, HAVING, and window functions.
- Generated insights from cleaned and queried data.
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KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPIs)

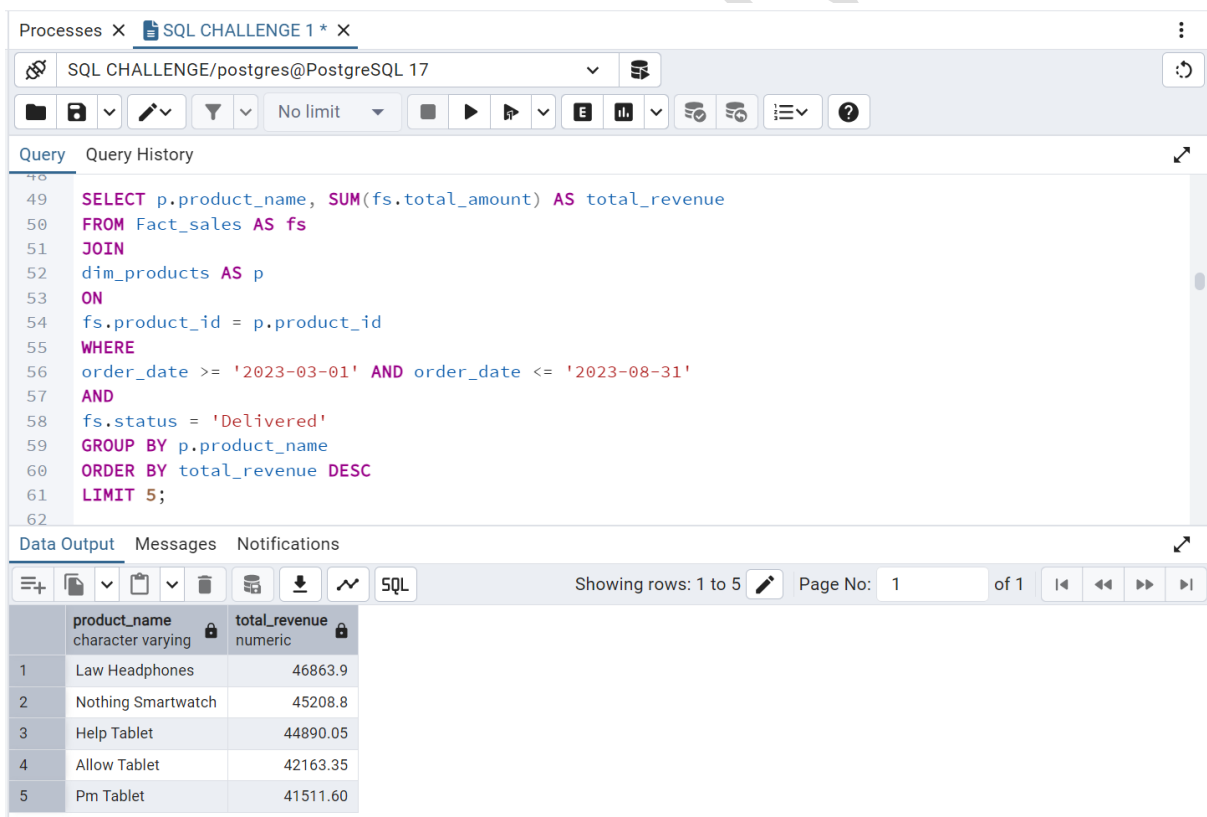
- **Total Delivered Orders:** 382
- **Top Revenue-Generating Product:** *Law Headphones* – ₦46,863.90
- **Top 5 Products by Revenue:** Dominated by *personal electronics* (Headphones, Smartwatches, Tablets)
- **Most Loyal Customers:** *Joshua Robinson & Jason Jordan* – 10 orders each
- **Peak Sales Month:** *September 2023* – ₦33,805.60 revenue
- **Highest Single Transaction:** *Joshua Robinson* – ₦13,305.00 (Qty: 5 units)
- **Most Popular Payment Method for High-Value Orders:** *Credit Card* – 94 transactions
- Product Category with Highest Avg. Order Value: *Tablets* – ₦5,897.96
- **Customers with Canceled Orders:** 40+ customers canceled specific items (e.g., *Elizabeth Osborn, Ronald Gilbert*)
- **Most Frequently Canceled Products:** *Law Headphones, Toward TV, Return TV*
- **Most Efficient Suppliers:**
 - *Phillips-Davenport* – Reliability: 100, Lead Time: 19 days
 - *Spencer Group* – Reliability: 95, Lead Time: 5 days
 - *Baker-Soto* – Reliability: 95, Lead Time: 12 days

- **Suppliers with Low Reliability & High Lead Times:**
 - *Owens-Reyes* – Reliability: 83, Lead Time: 20 days
 - *Wilson, Jimenez, and Lewis* – Reliability: 79, Lead Time: 11 days
- **High-Value Order Volume (>₦1,000):** Driven by Credit Card, PayPal, and Debit Card usage

PROJECT OBJECTIVE RESULTS

1. Find the Top 5 Revenue-Generating Products Over the Last 6 Months

The top 5 revenue generating products over the last 6 months are Lae Headphone geneating 46,863.9, Nothing Smartwatch generating 45,208.8, Help Tablet generating 44,890.05, Allow Tablet generating 42,163.35 and Pm tablet generating 41,511.60

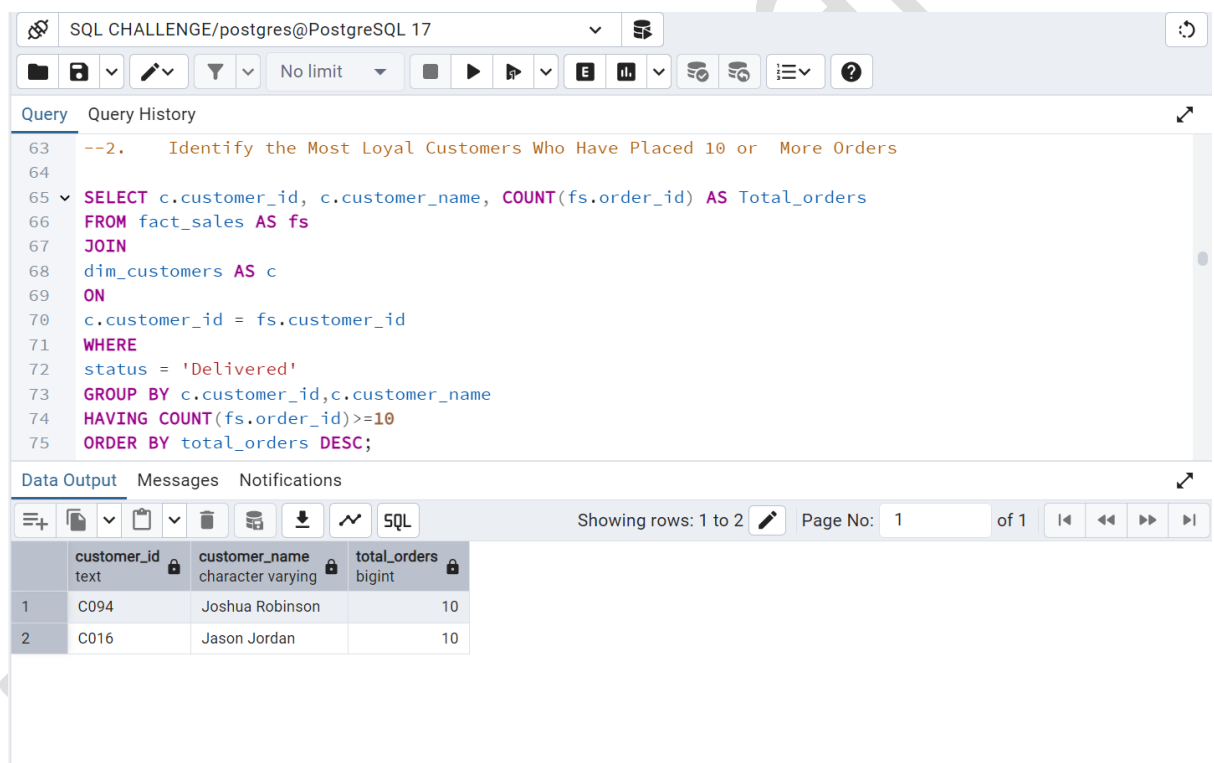


The screenshot shows a SQL IDE interface with a query editor and a results pane. The query is a SQL SELECT statement that filters for 'Delivered' orders from March 1, 2023, to August 31, 2023, and ranks the top 5 products by total revenue. The results pane displays a table with two columns: 'product_name' and 'total_revenue'.

	product_name character varying	total_revenue numeric
1	Law Headphones	46863.9
2	Nothing Smartwatch	45208.8
3	Help Tablet	44890.05
4	Allow Tablet	42163.35
5	Pm Tablet	41511.60

2. Identify the Most Loyal Customers Who Have Placed More Than 10 Orders.

The most loyal customers with 10 total orders are Joshua Robinson with order id CO94 and Jason Jordan with order id CO16



The screenshot shows a SQL query editor interface. The query is as follows:

```
--2. Identify the Most Loyal Customers Who Have Placed 10 or More Orders
SELECT c.customer_id, c.customer_name, COUNT(fs.order_id) AS Total_orders
FROM fact_sales AS fs
JOIN
dim_customers AS c
ON
c.customer_id = fs.customer_id
WHERE
status = 'Delivered'
GROUP BY c.customer_id, c.customer_name
HAVING COUNT(fs.order_id) >= 10
ORDER BY total_orders DESC;
```

The results of the query are displayed in a table with the following data:

	customer_id	customer_name	total_orders
1	CO94	Joshua Robinson	10
2	CO16	Jason Jordan	10

3. Find the Month With the Highest Sales Volume & Revenue

The month with the highest sales volume and revenue is September with 33,805.6 revenue generated and 4 orders made.

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Query Query History

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78
79 --3. Find the Month With the Highest Sales Volume & Revenue
80
81 SELECT d.date_id, TO_CHAR(order_date, 'YYYY-MM') AS sales_month,
82        COUNT(fs.order_id) AS total_orders,
83        SUM(fs.total_amount) AS total_revenue
84 FROM fact_sales AS fs
85 JOIN
86 dim_dates AS d
87 ON
88 fs.order_date = d.date
89 WHERE fs.status = 'Delivered'
90 GROUP BY sales_month, date_id
91 ORDER BY total_revenue DESC
92 LIMIT 1;
93

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	date_id text	sales_month text	totalOrders bigint	total_revenue numeric
1	20230926	2023-09	4	33805.6

4. Identify Suppliers With High Lead Times & Low Reliability Scores.

The customer with the highest lead time and low reliability scores is Owens Reyes with leadtime of 20 and reliability score of 83.

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Query Query History

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94 --4. Identify Suppliers With High Lead Times & Low Reliability Scores
95
96 SELECT s.supplier_name, s.lead_time_days, s.reliability_score
97 FROM dim_suppliers AS s
98 WHERE s.reliability_score <=85
99 AND
100 s.lead_time_days >=15
101 ORDER BY lead_time_days DESC
102

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Data Output Messages Notifications

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	supplier_name text	lead_time_days integer	reliability_score integer
1	Owens-Reyes	20	83

5. Find the Most Popular Payment Method for High-Value Orders (> \$1,000)

The top 5 payment methods for high value orders greater than \$1,000 are Credit card with 94 order

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Query Query History

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103
104 --5. Find the Most Popular Payment Method for High-Value Orders (> $1,000)
105
106 SELECT payment_method, COUNT(order_id) AS Order_count
107 FROM fact_sales
108 WHERE total_amount >1000
109 AND
110 status = 'Delivered'
111 GROUP BY payment_method
112 ORDER BY order_count DESC
113 LIMIT 5;
114

```

Data Output Messages Notifications

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	payment_method character varying	order_count bigint
1	Credit Card	94
2	PayPal	88
3	Debit Card	87
4	Bank Transfer	77

6. Detect Customers Who Have Placed Orders but Later Canceled the Same Product

There are a total of 388 customers who has placed orders and later canceled the same products, the list includes their names, product that was cancelled, their customer id, product id and the status.

Processes X SQL CHALLENGE 1 * X

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Query Query History

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115 --6. Detect Customers Who Have Placed Orders but Later Canceled the Same Product
116
117 SELECT DISTINCT
118 n.customer_name,
119 p.product_name,
120 o.customer_id,
121 o.product_id,
122 o.status
123 FROM fact_sales AS o
124 JOIN
125 dim_customers AS n
126 ON
127 o.customer_id = n.customer_id
128 JOIN
129 dim_products AS p
130 ON
131 o.product_id = p.product_id
132 WHERE
133 o.status = 'Canceled'

```

Data Output Messages Notifications

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	customer_name character varying	product_name character varying	customer_id character varying	product_id character varying	status character varying
1	Richard Becker	Score TV	C008	P040	Canceled

Total rows: 388 Query complete 00:00:00.188 CRLF Ln 134, Col 1

7. Rank the Top 3 Most Efficient Suppliers Based on Lead Time & Reliability

The 3 most efficient suppliers based on leadtime and reliability are

- Philips-Davenport from Uzbekistan with reliability score of 100 and lead time of 19days
- Spencer Group from Isreal with reliability score of 95 and lead time of 5days
- Baker-soto from Maldives with reliability Score of 95 and leadtime of 12days

Processes X SQL CHALLENGE 1 * X

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Query Query History

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146
147 --8. Rank the Top 3 Most Efficient Suppliers Based on Lead Time & Reliability
148
149 SELECT *
150 FROM dim_suppliers
151 ORDER BY reliability_score DESC, lead_time_days ASC
152 LIMIT 3;

```

Data Output Messages Notifications

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	supplier_id text	supplier_name text	country character varying	reliability_score integer	lead_time_days integer
1	S002	Phillips-Davenport	Uzbekistan	100	19
2	S005	Spencer Group	Israel	95	5
3	S010	Baker-Soto	Maldives	95	12

8. Identify Product Categories With the Highest Average Order Value

The product categories with the highest average order value are: Tablet with apr 5898 avg order value, Laptop with 5151 avg order value, TV with apr 4713 avg order value, Headphone with apr 4542 order value, Mobile with 3928 avg order value and Smartwatch with 3174.8 avg order value

Processes X SQL CHALLENGE 1 * X

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Query Query History

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153
154 --9. Identify Product Categories With the Highest Average Order Value
155
156 SELECT p.category, AVG(fs.total_amount) AS avg_order_value
157 FROM fact_sales AS fs
158 JOIN dim_products AS p
159 ON fs.product_id = p.product_id
160 WHERE fs.status = 'Delivered'
161 GROUP BY p.category
162 ORDER BY avg_order_value DESC;
163
164

```

Data Output Messages Notifications

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	category character varying	avg_order_value numeric
1	Tablet	5897.9582191780821918
2	Laptop	5151.0025773195876289
3	TV	4712.6094827586206897
4	Headphones	4541.5485294117647059
5	Mobile	3928.2991379310344828
6	Smartwatch	3174.8080000000000000

Total rows: 6 Query complete 00:00:00.102 CRLF Ln 162, Col 31

9. Find Customers Who Have Spent the Most in a Single Transaction

The customer who has spent the most in a single transaction is Joshua Robinson with customer id CO94 with 13,305 orders.

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DATA-DRIVEN RECOMMENDATIONS

1. ENCOURAGE PATRONAGE OF PRODUCTS THAT GENERATES LESS REVENUE

More qualified sales person should be employed to advertise the products that generates less revenue. Discounts can be given to encourage high sales and this can boost up the revenue in the future.

2. GIVE DISCOUNTS FOR MORE ORDER PURCHASE

Only 2 people purchase above 10 orders, which is not good enough therefore discount can be given to individuals that made 2 or more orders. This would encourage patronage of bulk orders and increase the number of orders purchase over time.

3. ENCOURAGE MORE SALES AND PURCHASE IN OTHER MONTHS OF THE YEAR.

Experts should be engaged that would look into the factors that made sales volumn and revenue to be high in the month of September, and these factors can be applied in other months of the year to improve sales and revenue.

4. MONITOR AND VISUALIZE SUPPLIER KPIS

What gets measured gets managed. **What to Track:**

- On-time delivery rate
- Fill rate
- Average and variance in lead time
- Quality metrics
- Communication responsiveness

5. RENEGOTIATE LEAD TIME OR PENALTY CLAUSES

Introduce penalties for delays or bonuses for early/on-time delivery. Or restructure contracts to include more agile terms for suppliers.

6. GIVE BONUSES TO BEST CUSTOMERS

Joshua Robinson who has been the customer who has spent the most on a single transaction should be given bonuses that would encourage other customers to spend more to attract such bonuses.

7. Bundle or Cross-Sell

Create product bundles (e.g. 3 for \$10) or themed kits — this raises perceived value and average order value.

Offer "**frequently bought together**" suggestions or discounts.

8. Analyze the "Why" Behind Cancellations of Already Ordered Products

Analyze why products are being cancelled after order, reach out to the customers, offer them discounts or free shipping.

Encourage them with a rebuy policy where they get free gift for reordering any product that they previously cancelled.

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