

## **Project Structure Overview – SMECompany (SQL)**

This project is designed to simulate how a small-to-medium enterprise (SME) might manage and analyze its business data using SQL. The project is structured in stages that reflect a real-world data management workflow:

### **1. Database Creation**

- A database called smecompany is created to store all the tables and business data.

### **2. Table Design and Creation**

- Several tables are created to represent key parts of the business:
  - customers: stores customer details like name, email, and phone number.
  - orders: stores order information such as order date and total amount.
  - products: contains product information, pricing, and inventory.
  - employees: holds employee records like names, titles, and hire dates.
  - Temporary and error tables are also included to demonstrate more advanced SQL use cases.

### **3. Data Insertion and Modification**

- Sample data is inserted into each table.
- Operations like updating, deleting, and truncating data are demonstrated.

### **4. Data Cleaning and Transformation**

- Techniques like trimming, replacing values, and formatting are applied to clean messy data.

### **5. Data Retrieval and Analysis**

- SQL queries are written to:
  - Filter and sort data.
  - Perform grouping and aggregation.
  - Use CASE WHEN logic for categorizing customers and sales.
  - Join multiple tables to combine data for analysis.
  - Create calculated fields like discounts and customer types.

### **6. Advanced SQL Features**

- Common Table Expressions (CTEs) and Window Functions are used for more complex analysis.
- Temporary tables are created for intermediate steps and reusable queries.

## **7. Stored Procedures**

- Basic stored procedures are written to automate tasks like displaying customer data or inserting values into temp tables.

## **8. Insights**

- Queries provide insights like:
  - Which customers spend the most?
  - Customer order trends.
  - How product categories perform.
  - Sales patterns over time.

## **9. Report and Documentation**

- A technical report was written to explain everything for technical stakeholders.
- A README file summarizes the project for GitHub.
- Key SQL queries are included to demonstrate the logic behind the analysis.