

This document contains exploratory analysis and in-depth exploration of the trends of purchase, delivery, items, payments, sellers and products of Target ecommerce business in Brazil. SQL queries have been used to pull data to analyse the impact of the company's business on the economy. Furthermore, analysis of sales, freight and payment methods have been conducted. This is a non-exhaustive study and only provides an overview of the business in the different states of Brazil.

Target Business Case

Analysis of Data Using
BigQuery

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1.1 Data type of columns in a table

geolocation table	
geolocation_zip_code_prefix	Integer
geolocation_lat	Float
geolocation_lng	Float
geolocation_city	String
geolocation_state	String
order_items table	
order_id	String
order_item_id	Integer
product_id	String
seller_id	String
shipping_limit_date	Timestamp
price	Float
freight_value	Float
orders_review table	
review_id	String
order_id	String
review_score	Integer
review comment title	String

review_creation_date	Timestamp
review_answer_timestamp	Timestamp
orders table	
order_id	String
customer_id	String
order_status	String
order_purchase_timestamp	Timestamp
order_approved_at	Timestamp
order_delivered_carrier_date	Timestamp
order_delivered_customer_date	Timestamp
order_estimated_delivery_date	Timestamp
payments table	
order_id	String
payment_sequential	Integer
payment_type	String
payment_installments	Integer
payment_value	Float
products table	
product_id	String
product_category	String
product_name_length	Integer
product_description_length	Integer
product_photos_qty	Integer
product_weight_g	Integer
product_length_cm	Integer
product_height_cm	Integer
product_width_cm	Integer
sellers table	
seller_id	String
seller_zip_code_prefix	Integer
seller_city	String
seller_state	String

1.2 Time period for which the data is given

The orders table have been used in this problem. Order_purchase_timestamp provides the exact time at which purchases have been made. Therefore, max and min functions can be used to pull out the latest and the first purchase. The result below shows that the first purchase was made on 4th September 2016 while the date of the latest purchase is 17th October 2018.

2. In-depth Exploration:

2.1 Is there a growing trend on e-commerce in Brazil? How can we describe a complete scenario? Can we see some seasonality with peaks at specific months?

For this problem, we have to check the increase of orders over time. So, for the first part, we “extract” the year from purchase order timestamp and the count of orders. We can group the query by year of purchase and order by count of orders, either ascending or descending. The increase of orders from 2016 to 2018 shows that there is a need for disruption in the ecommerce section of the business.

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```
1 SELECT
2   COUNT(order_id) count_of_orders,
3   EXTRACT (year
4   FROM
5   order_purchase_timestamp) AS year_of_purchase
6 FROM
7   `target-business-case-379707.Target_dataset.orders`
8 GROUP BY
9   year_of_purchase
10 ORDER BY
11   count_of_orders DESC
12 LIMIT
13   10
```

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Row	count_of_orders	year_of_purchas
1	54011	2018
2	45101	2017
3	329	2016


It can be easily seen from the above query that the number of orders placed has increased by a great margin from 2016 to 2017 and there is an 19.75% percent increase in orders from 2017 to 2018 as well. Hence, we can conclude that there is an increasing trend for ecommerce in Brazil.


Now let's see the seasonality of the same in terms of months of the years. As we see from the query results below, January 2018 has 7269 orders in comparison to 800 orders in January 2017. This is an increase of almost 10%. This pattern is true for every month of 2017 and 2018. The first month of orders that is available from the above data is for September 2016 when there were only 4 orders.

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```
1 SELECT
2     customer_state,
3     EXTRACT(month
4 FROM
5     | order_purchase_timestamp) AS month_of_order,
6     COUNT(order_id) AS total_orders
7 FROM
8     | `target-business-case-379707.Target_dataset.customers` AS c
9 JOIN
10    | `Target_dataset.orders` AS o
11 USING
12    | (customer_id)
13 GROUP BY
14     customer_state,
15     month_of_order
16 ORDER BY
17     total_orders DESC
18 LIMIT
19     10
```

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JOB INFORMATION		RESULTS	JSON	EXECUTION DETAILS	EXEC
Row	customer_state	month_of_order	total_orders		
1	SP	8	4982		
2	SP	5	4632		
3	SP	7	4381		
4	SP	6	4104		
5	SP	3	4047		
6	SP	4	3967		
7	SP	2	3357		
8	SP	1	3351		
9	SP	11	3012		
10	SP	12	2357		

Expression (CTE) has been created where the total_payment variable has been defined, year and month have been extracted. This CTE has been used for the next select statement, where two case statements have been used to get the total spend for 2017 and 2018 separately. Percentage formula has then been used to find the percentage increase of cost of orders from 2017 to 2018.

```

1  WITH
2  t1 AS (
3  SELECT
4  SUM(payment_value) total_payment,
5  EXTRACT (year
6  FROM
7  order_purchase_timestamp) AS year,
8  EXTRACT (month
9  FROM
10 order_purchase_timestamp) AS month
11 FROM
12 `target-business-case-379707.Target_dataset.payments` p
13 JOIN
14 `Target_dataset.orders` o
15 USING
16 (order_id)
17 GROUP BY
18 year,
19 month)
20 SELECT
21 round((((total_spend_2018-total_spend_2017)*100/total_spend_2017),2) AS percent_incr_spend
22 FROM (
23 SELECT
24 SUM(CASE
25 WHEN year = 2017 AND month BETWEEN 1 AND 8 THEN t1.total_payment
26 ELSE
27 0
28 END
29 ) AS total_spend_2017,
30 SUM(CASE
31 WHEN year = 2018 AND month BETWEEN 1 AND 8 THEN t1.total_payment
32 ELSE
33 0
34 END
35 ) AS total_spend_2018
36 FROM
37 t1) AS a;

```

Query results

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Row	percent_incr_spend			
1		136.98		

4.2 Mean & Sum of price and freight value by customer state

Order_items has been joined with customers and orders table in this problem to get all the relevant fields in this problem. Mean and total price and freight value has been obtained from the order items table. They have been grouped by the states of the customers and 10 results have been shown in the results.

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```

1 SELECT
2     customer_state,
3     ROUND(AVG(oi.price),2) avg_price,
4     ROUND(AVG(oi.freight_value),2) avg_freight_value,
5     ROUND(SUM(oi.price),2) total_price,
6     ROUND(SUM(oi.freight_value),2) total_freight_value
7 FROM
8     `Target_dataset.customers`
9 JOIN
10    `Target_dataset.orders` AS o
11 USING
12    (customer_id)
13 JOIN
14    `Target_dataset.order_items` oi
15 USING
16    (order_id)
17 GROUP BY
18     customer_state
19 LIMIT
20     10;

```

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JOB INFORMATION		RESULTS	JSON	EXECUTION DETAILS		EXECUTION GRAPH	PREVIEW
Row	customer_state	avg_price	avg_freight_value	total_price	total_freight_value		
1	MT	148.3	28.17	156453.53	29715.43		
2	MA	145.2	38.26	119648.22	31523.77		
3	AL	180.89	35.84	80314.81	15914.59		
4	SP	109.65	15.15	5202955.05	718723.07		
5	MG	120.75	20.63	1585308.03	270853.46		
6	PE	145.51	32.92	262788.03	59449.66		
7	RJ	125.12	20.96	1824092.67	305589.31		
8	DF	125.77	21.04	302603.94	50625.5		
9	RS	120.34	21.74	750304.02	135522.74		
10	SE	153.04	36.65	58920.85	14111.47		

5. Analysis on sales, freight and delivery time

5.1 Find time_to_delivery & diff_estimated_delivery

Order Id is selected and difference of dates is obtained by DATEDIFF function. The DATEDIFF function helps in finding the difference between purchase of the product and the delivery date. This has been aliased as time to delivery. The difference between estimated delivery of the order and the actual date of delivery is pulled using the same function. The issue with the dataset is that there are a lot of null values. Therefore, we have to use having is not null function to get the non-null values. The query is ordered by time to delivery in descending fashion to get a feel of the data and to check whether the query is getting the right results.

```

1 SELECT
2   o.order_id,
3   DATE_DIFF(order_delivered_customer_date,order_purchase_timestamp,DAY) AS time_to_delivery,
4   DATE_DIFF(order_delivered_customer_date,order_estimated_delivery_date,DAY) AS diff_estimated_delivery
5 FROM
6   `target-business-case-379707.Target_dataset.orders` o
7 JOIN
8   `Target_dataset.customers` c
9 USING
10  (customer_id)
11 JOIN
12   `Target_dataset.order_items` oi
13 USING
14  (order_id)
15 GROUP BY
16   o.order_id,
17   time_to_delivery,
18   diff_estimated_delivery
19 HAVING
20   time_to_delivery IS NOT NULL
21 ORDER BY
22   time_to_delivery desc
23 LIMIT
24   5

```

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JOB INFORMATION		RESULTS	JSON	EXECUTION DETAILS	EXECUTION GRAPH	PREVIEW
Row	order_id	time_to_delivery	diff_estimated_delivery			
1	ca07593549f1816d26a572e06...	209	181			
2	1b3190b2dfa9d789e1f14c05b...	208	188			
3	440d0d17af552815d15a9e41a...	195	165			
4	0f4519c5f1c541ddec9f21b3bd...	194	161			
5	285ab9426d6982034523a855f...	194	166			

5.2 Group data by state, take mean of freight_value, time_to_delivery, diff_estimated_delivery

In this section of the problem, mean of freight value, time to delivery and difference in delivery estimation has been taken. The data has been ordered by from the highest to the lowest average time of delivery for the first 5 states. The top 5 states are RR, AP, AM, AL and PA.

```
1 SELECT
2   c.customer_state,
3   ROUND(AVG(oi.freight_value),2) avg_freight_value,
4   ROUND(AVG(DATE_DIFF(order_delivered_customer_date,order_purchase_timestamp,DAY)),2) AS
5   avg_time_to_delivery,
6   ROUND(AVG(DATE_DIFF(order_delivered_customer_date,order_estimated_delivery_date,DAY)),2) AS
7   avg_diff_estimated_delivery
8 FROM
9   `target-business-case-379707.Target_dataset.orders` o
10 JOIN
11   `Target_dataset.customers` c
12 USING
13   (customer_id)
14 JOIN
15   `Target_dataset.order_items` oi
16 USING
17   (order_id)
18 GROUP BY
19   c.customer_state
20 HAVING
21   avg_time_to_delivery IS NOT NULL
22 ORDER BY
23   avg_time_to_delivery DESC
24 LIMIT
25   5
```

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JOB INFORMATION						RESULTS	JSON	EXECUTION DETAILS	EXECUTION GRAPH	PREVIEW
Row	customer_state	avg_freight_value	avg_time_to_delivery	avg_diff_estimated_delivery						
1	RR	42.98	27.83	-17.43						
2	AP	34.01	27.75	-17.44						
3	AM	33.21	25.96	-18.98						
4	AL	35.84	23.99	-7.98						
5	PA	35.83	23.3	-13.37						

5.3 Top 5 states with lowest average freight value

Here the only change of the query from the above one is that it is ordered by average freight value in ascending order.

```
1 SELECT
2   c.customer_state,
3   ROUND(AVG(oi.freight_value),2) avg_freight_value,
4   ROUND(AVG(DATE_DIFF(order_delivered_customer_date,order_purchase_timestamp,DAY)),2) AS
5   avg_time_to_delivery,
6   ROUND(AVG(DATE_DIFF(order_delivered_customer_date,order_estimated_delivery_date,DAY)),2) AS
7   avg_diff_estimated_delivery
8 FROM
9   `target-business-case-379707.Target_dataset.orders` o
10 JOIN
11   `Target_dataset.customers` c
12 USING
13   (customer_id)
14 JOIN
15   `Target_dataset.order_items` oi
16 USING
17   (order_id)
18 GROUP BY
19   c.customer_state
20 HAVING
21   avg_time_to_delivery IS NOT NULL
22 ORDER BY
23   avg_freight_value
24 LIMIT
25   5
```

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EXECUTION DETAILS

EXECUTION GRAPH

PREVIEW

Row	customer_state	avg_freight_value	avg_time_to_delivery	avg_diff_estimated_delivery	
1	SP	15.15	8.26	-10.27	
2	PR	20.53	11.48	-12.53	
3	MG	20.63	11.52	-12.4	
4	RJ	20.96	14.69	-11.14	
5	DF	21.04	12.5	-11.27	

5.4 Top 5 states with highest average freight value

Here the query has been arranged in descending of average freight value and the top 5 values have been displayed.

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```
1 SELECT
2   c.customer_state,
3   ROUND(AVG(oi.freight_value),2) avg_freight_value,
4   ROUND(AVG(DATE_DIFF(order_delivered_customer_date,order_purchase_timestamp,DAY)),2) AS
avg_time_to_delivery,
5   ROUND(AVG(DATE_DIFF(order_delivered_customer_date,order_estimated_delivery_date,DAY)),2) AS
avg_diff_estimated_delivery
6 FROM
7   `target-business-case-379707.Target_dataset.orders` o
8 JOIN
9   `Target_dataset.customers` c
10  USING
11   (customer_id)
12 JOIN
13   `Target_dataset.order_items` oi
14  USING
15   (order_id)
16 GROUP BY
17   c.customer_state
18 HAVING
19   avg_time_to_delivery IS NOT NULL
20 ORDER BY
21   avg_freight_value desc
22 LIMIT
23   5
```

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JOB INFORMATION		RESULTS	JSON	EXECUTION DETAILS	EXECUTION GRAPH	PREVIEW
Row	customer_state	avg_freight_value	avg_time_to_delivery	avg_diff_estimated_delivery		
1	RR	42.98	27.83	-17.43		
2	PB	42.72	20.12	-12.15		
3	RO	41.07	19.28	-19.08		
4	AC	40.07	20.33	-20.01		
5	PI	39.15	18.93	-10.68		

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Query completed.

```
1 SELECT
2     c.customer_state,
3     ROUND(AVG(oi.freight_value),2) avg_freight_value,
4     ROUND(AVG(DATE_DIFF(order_delivered_customer_date,order_purchase_timestamp,DAY)),2) AS
avg_time_to_delivery,
5     ROUND(AVG(DATE_DIFF(order_delivered_customer_date,order_estimated_delivery_date,DAY)),2) AS
avg_diff_estimated_delivery
6 FROM
7     `target-business-case-379707.Target_dataset.orders` o
8 JOIN
9     `Target_dataset.customers` c
10 USING
11     (customer_id)
12 JOIN
13     `Target_dataset.order_items` oi
14 USING
15     (order_id)
16 GROUP BY
17     c.customer_state
18 HAVING
19     avg_time_to_delivery IS NOT NULL
20 ORDER BY
21     avg_freight_value desc
22 LIMIT
23     5
```

5.5 Top 5 states with lowest average time to delivery

In this part of the problem, the query has been arranged in ascending of average time to delivery and the top 5 values have been displayed.


```
1 SELECT
2     count(o.order_id) total_orders,
3     payment_type,
4     EXTRACT (month
5 FROM
6     order_purchase_timestamp) AS month_of_order
7 FROM
8     `target-business-case-379707.Target_dataset.payments` p
9 JOIN
10    `Target_dataset.orders` o
11 USING
12    (order_id)
13 GROUP BY
14     payment_type,
15     month_of_order
16 order by total_orders desc
17 LIMIT
18     10;
```

The count of orders based on the number of payment installments are provided below. The query hasn't been ordered to show the nature of the data for the limit of 10 rows. Orders, order_items and payments have been joined and data has been grouped by year and payment_installments. From the initial query it seems that payment installments of 1 number seems to be a preferred option in 2018 and 2017, though ordering the query by payment_installments desc might show different results.

on that we can decide the instruments to improve ecommerce sales in the times that have less traffic to the website / ecommerce platform.

- Some states like MS, MA have very less sales. We have to diagnose the exact issues with these states. Economic conditions, lack of awareness and adoption of technology might be some of the issues. Proper studies need to be undertaken if sales can be increased in tandem with ROI or not. If not, it might be a better option to concentrate more towards the states like RJ and MG that have medium sales and might have the potential to provide more sales.
- One of the main issues with the ecommerce system seems that there is a big difference between estimated delivery date and actual delivery date of the order. This may result in bad customer experience. Also, null values in customer delivery date might indicate lack of follow up for reviews from the customer. This data is extremely important to understand customer experience and ensure customer retention.

8. Recommendations

- Analyse department data to check which department needs recruitment. Also, there is a need to check why there was such a huge spike in order from 2016 to 2017 and then steady growth in 2018.
- Diagnose possible issues with customer support to ensure a seamless experience for customers. Check product and price parity and if there is a requirement for market research for the Brazilian market. The market might seem quite diverse in terms of economic quality of life and social acceptance.
- Most of the customers chose to pay for the product in one go or two installments. It might be the case that there are customers who not opting for the product because of lack of awareness that they can pay with 12 installments. This awareness needs to be generated with the help of ads.
- Customer reviews need to be collected. Proactive follow-up by emails and app notifications to review the product and the delivery is imperative, because null values in customer delivery date indicates lack of follow-up.
- Time of day analysis needs to be done for different time zones, because Brazil has four time zones. Brazilian people have late dinners and stay up late. Therefore, there might be an opportunity to increase sales in evening and night time.