PROJECT 3- Operation
Analytics and
Investigating Metric
Spike

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project aims analyzing user engagement and other activities using the provided dataset to gain meaningful insights and identify trends in the product. The data contains several tables for analysis. This project aims to answer key questions about how users interact with the product, how they engage through email, and what their behavior is like after sign-up. The goal is to measure the growth of users on a monthly, weekly, or yearly basis.

Operational analytics is a important process One of the key aspects is investigating metric spikes, which includes understanding sudden drops in user engagement, increases in sales, spikes in user engagement, and changes in the number of sign-ups or weekly retention. In this project, we leveraged SQL to answer these questions and gain better insights from the data.

Approach

To approach this project, I followed a structured methodology:

Data Exploration: First, I studied the provided database and identified the key tables: users, photos, comments, likes, follows, and tags. From those tables, I identified primary keys, foreign keys, and composite keys for better understanding.

SQL Queries: I executed SQL queries for the given tasks

Concepts used for querying: I used aggregation techniques, such as COUNT, GROUP BY, and HAVING, to calculate metrics like the most common days of the week users engage on Instagram and the top-performing users.

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For every question, I tried thinking of different approaches to improve my concept understanding.

.For any given question, the main tasks are to: 1] Identify the tables involved 2]
The required output 3] The function which will help in finding the required output

Tech-Stack Used

- 1. MySQL Workbench
- 2. MySQL
- 3. Microsoft Word.

MySQL Workbench: This integrated development environment (IDE) was used for SQL development, allowing for efficient database management, query writing.

MySQL: The relational database management system (RDBMS) used for storing and manipulating the data. It was ideal for querying and analyzing large datasets.

Microsoft Word: Used for documenting the project. For versions-

Insights

The following insights were derived while working on this project.

At first, monthly and weekly engagement metrics revealed how many active or passive users there were, the period in which the interaction was highest, and the types of events that users were most attracted to and engaged with the most. We used sign-up data to have a clear view of identifying the users who stayed and visited one week after signing up. Different types of devices were used for interacting with the service, and we also determined which types of devices were used the most. The behavior after first signing up helped assess how good the product was and identified the product users over time.

Result and Achievements

After working on this project I have successfully achieved the following -

This project involved working with a large dataset and solving complex querying problems, which required a deeper understanding of advanced SQL

Now understand the meaning of operational analytics and the investigation of metric spikes, as well as how they affect the user base and a company. I learned what valuable insights can be collected from data in the context of operational analytics. By leveraging SQL,

I was able to analyze large datasets and gain advanced understanding of users, their retention patterns, growth trends, and acquisition strategies.

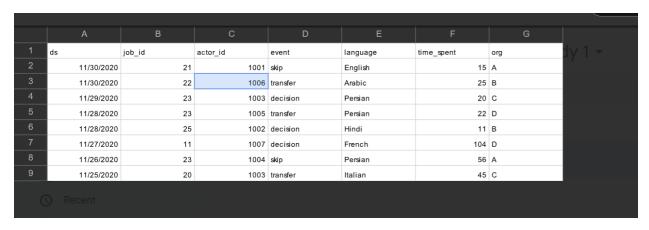
Additionally, I examined user activity and engagement on a weekly, monthly, and yearly basis

Screenshots and explanation

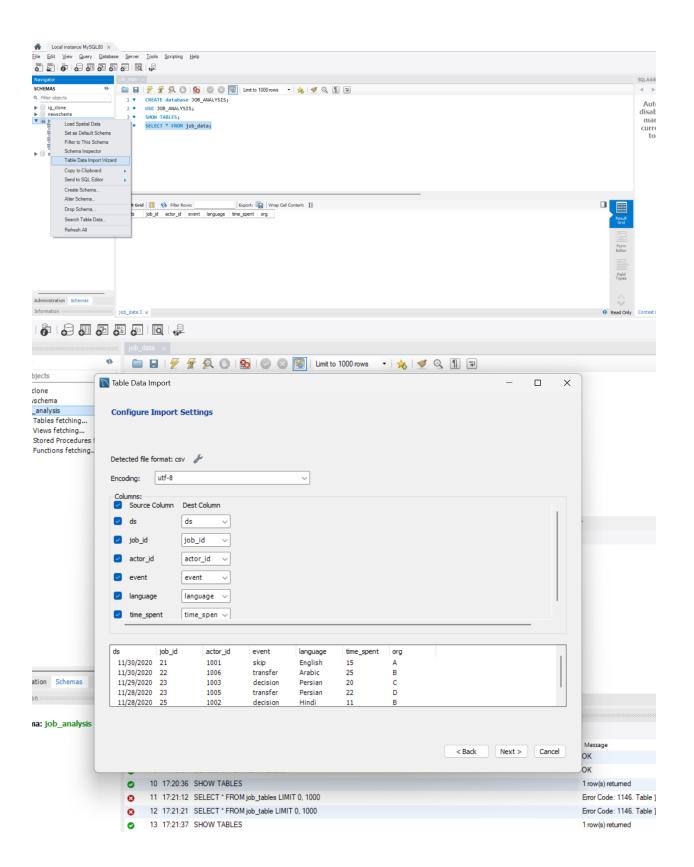
Case Study 1: Job Data Analysis

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

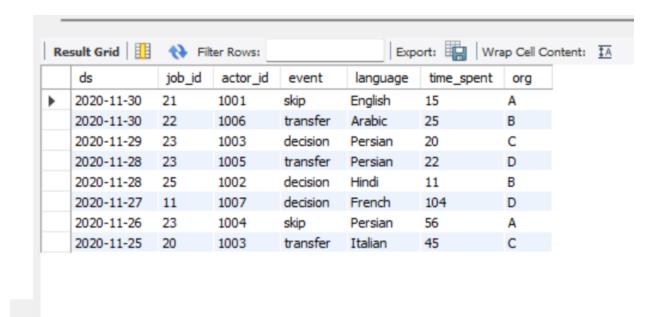
- job_id: Unique identifier of jobs
- · actor_id: Unique identifier of actor
- event: The type of event (decision/skip/transfer).
- language: The Language of the content
- time_spent: Time spent to review the job in seconds.
- org: The Organization of the actor
- ds: The date in the format yyyy/mm/dd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



.csv file provided as dataset for the project.



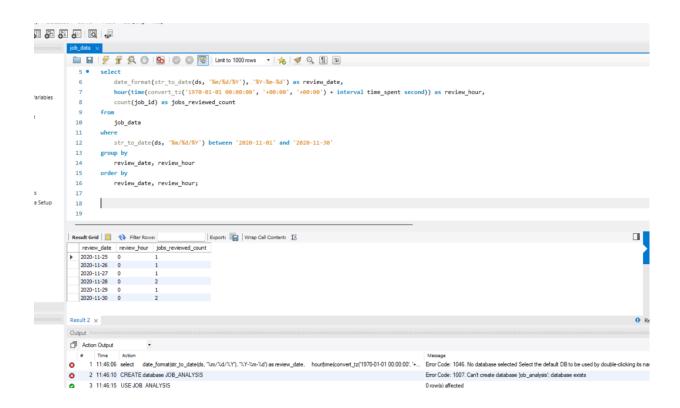
- 1. Create database as JOB_ANALYSIS.
- 2. Import the csv file use import wizard



All the required data is filled and now we will move on towards the 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.



So lets understand this question and query step by step-

The purpose of this query is to calculate the **number of jobs** reviewed per hour for each day in November 2020.

- 1. It uses the ds column to group data by day and derives the hour from the time_spent column.
- 2. The ds column, which contains dates in the format MM/DD/YYYY, is converted into a proper date format using str_to_date(). This ensures the date can be used for grouping and filtering.
- 3. The time_spent column represents the time spent reviewing a job in seconds. This value is added as an interval to a base timestamp
- 4. The query counts the number of job_id entries for each unique combination of review date and review hour.
- 5. The group by clause aggregates data by review_date and review_hour.
- 6. The order by clause ensures the output is sorted chronologically.

We can observe that the review_hour in the output is consistently 0 because the dataset does not include a specific time for the job reviews. The ds column only provides the date, and since there is no explicit hour information in the dataset, the query defaults to midnight when calculating the review hour.

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.

```
with daily_event_count as (
          ect
str_to_date(ds, '%m/%d/%Y') as event_date,
count(*) as total_events
     from
job_data
      group by
str_to_date(ds, '%m/%d/%Y')
 ),
rolling_average as (
select
a_event_date.
          a.event_date,
sum(b.total_events) as rolling_event_count,
round(sum(b.total_events) * 1000 / 604800, 4) as rolling_throughput_milliseconds -- Multiply by 1000
           daily_event_count a
      join
           daily_event_count b
          b.event_date between date_add(a.event_date, interval -6 day) and a.event_date
     event_date,
rolling_throughput_milliseconds
      "
rolling_average
  order by event_date;
                                    select
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etup
                    event_date rolling_throughput_milliseconds
                   2020-11-25 0.0017
                   2020-11-26 0.0033
                   2020-11-27 0.0050
                   2020-11-28 0.0083
                   2020-11-29 0.0099
                   2020-11-30 0.0132
```

The query calculates the **7-day rolling average** of throughput, which is the number of events per second over a 7-day window.

- 1. The str_to_date(ds, '%m/%d/%Y') function converts the ds column (which stores the date as a string) into a DATE format.
- 2. The count(*) function counts the number of events (job_id occurrences) for each day.
- 3. This part calculates the 7-day rolling sum of events (rolling_event_count) and the throughput per second over a 7-day window.

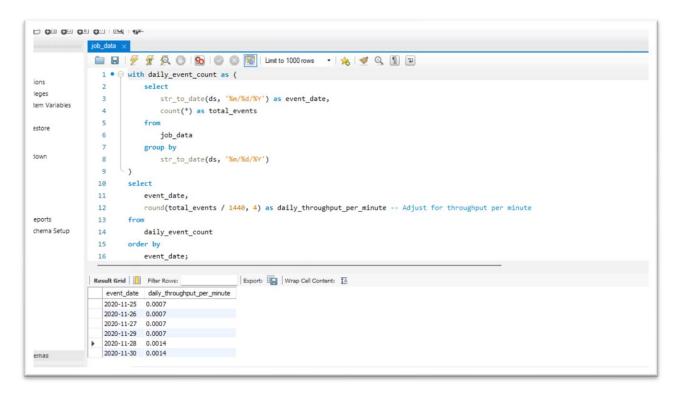
```
rolling_average as (
    select
        a.event_date,
        sum(b.total_events) as rolling_event_count,
        round(sum(b.total_events) * 1000 / 604800, 4) as rolling_throughput_milliseconds
from
        daily_event_count a
    join
        daily_event_count b
    on
        b.event_date between date_add(a.event_date, interval -6 day) and a.event_date
    group by
        a.event_date
)
```

a. The query is comparing two sets of data: one for the current day (a) and one for the previous 6 days (b).

b. For each day in a, it looks at the total events that happened from 6 days before that day to the current day (this is the 7-day window).

Now to compare **7-day rolling average throughput** and **daily throughput**

We will perform the same task with daily throughput as well



- 1. **Calculation**: For daily throughput, the total number of events for a given day is divided by the number of minutes in that day (1440 minutes).
- 2. **Result**: The daily throughput gives you the **events per minute for each** day, based only on that day's data.
- 3. For example:

On 2020-11-25, if there were 1 event, the calculation would be:

Daily Throughput=> 1/1440=0.0007 events per minute

This calculation is repeated for each day independently.

This was for daily avg.

On **2020-11-30**, the 7-day rolling average will include the total events from **2020-11-24** to **2020-11-30**, and then the throughput will be calculated as:

Rolling Throughput= Total Events from Nov 24 to Nov 30/604800 seconds in 7 days

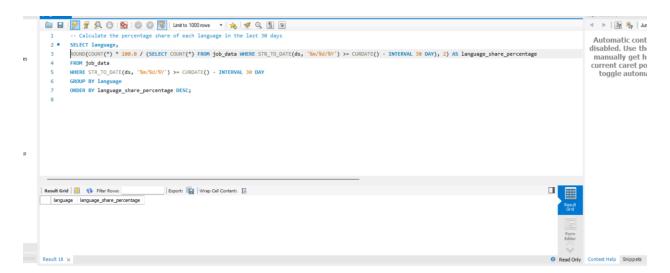
This results in a smoother, averaged value because it includes more data points.

Conclusion-

- 1. The key difference is that the daily throughput is a snapshot of a single day's events, while the 7-day rolling average throughput averages out fluctuations over a 7-day period to show trends
- 2. For long-term trend analysis I would choose 7-day rolling average throughput because it smooths out fluctuations and gives a clearer understanding of the trend.
- 3. For real-time analysis or detecting specific issues on a particular day, daily throughput would be more suitable.
- 4. We have only >10 entries in the given dataset, I would recommend using the daily throughput metric. Because-
- 5. With >10 entries, a 7-day rolling average would not provide meaningful insights because the rolling average requires a larger dataset to smooth out fluctuations and show trends effectively.
- 6. With a small dataset, simplicity is key. The daily throughput metric will be easy to interpret and will directly answer any questions

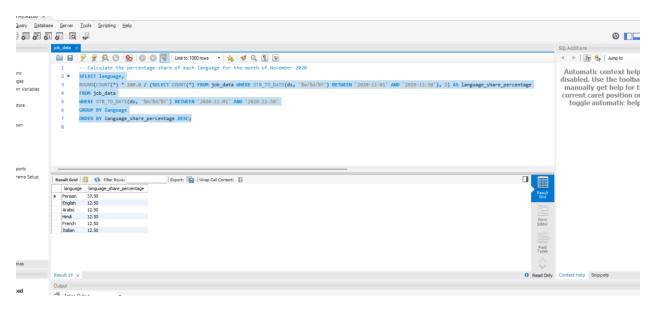
C. Language Share Analysis:

- 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.



When we did the calculation over the last 30 days ,as we can see the query has not returned any rows that's because its calculated for the last 30 days over the current timestamp.

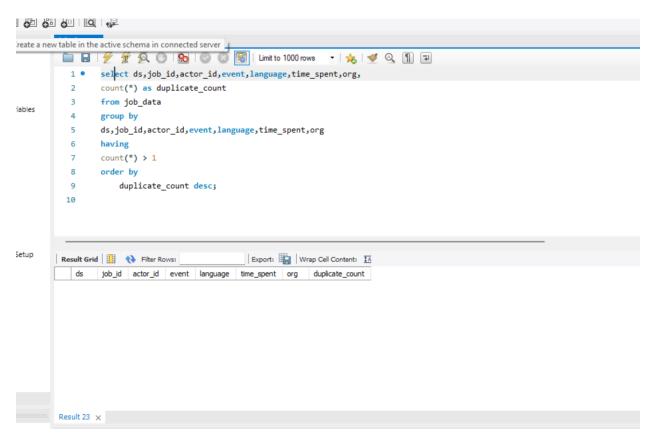
To calculate it for the month of November ----



This query is more designed for the given dataset ,which is of nov 2020 This query returns the lang percentage of each language.

D. Duplicate Rows Detection:

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



- 1. Group rows by the combination of columns: ds, job_id, actor_id, event, language, time_spent, and org.
- 2. Count the number of occurrences of each combination of values in these columns.
- count(*) > 1 filters out all groups that only have one occurrence (i.e., non-duplicates).
- 4. Filter out groups that have only one occurrence (i.e., non-duplicates).
- 5. Display the duplicate rows, sorted by how many times they appear in the dataset.

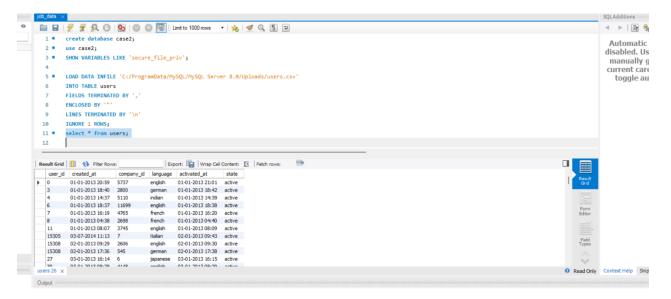
Case Study 2: Investigating Metric Spike

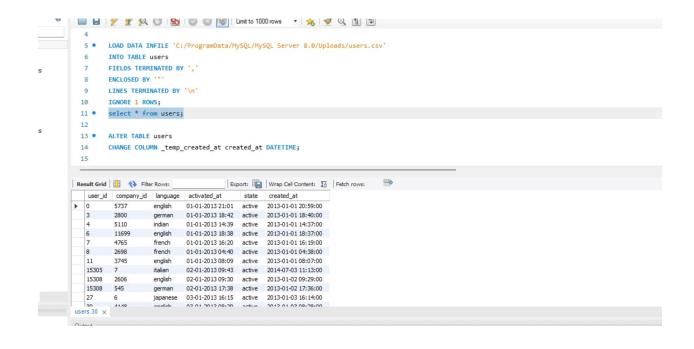
You will be working with three tables:

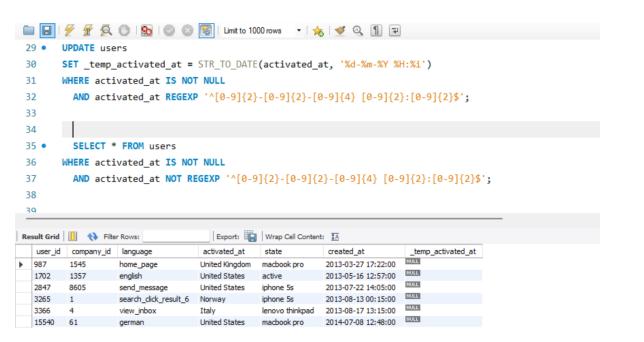
- users: Contains one row per user, with descriptive information about that user's account.
- **events**: Contains one row per event, where an event is an action that a user has taken (e.g., login, messaging, search).
- email_events: Contains events specific to the sending of emails.

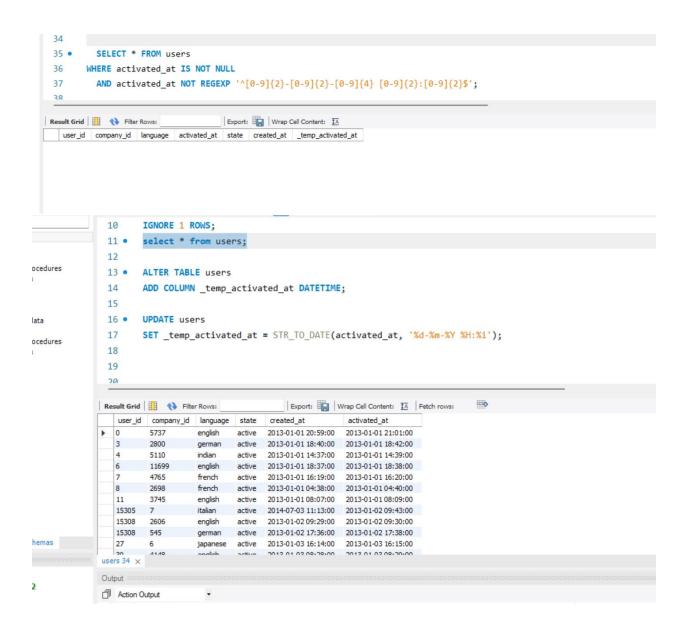
To move to the question part we will import the data to workbench as per instyructed in the guide video—

Screenshots for the same-









1. users table:

- user_id (INT) Unique identifier for each user.
- created_at (DATETIME) The date and time when the user was created (converted from VARCHAR).
- company_id (INT) The ID of the company the user is associated with.
- language (VARCHAR(50)) The language preference of the user.
- activated_at (DATETIME) The date and time when the user was activated (converted from VARCHAR).
- state (VARCHAR(50)) The state or status of the user.

2. email_events table:

- user_id (INT) Unique identifier for each user (foreign key).
- occurred_at (DATETIME) The date and time when the email event occurred (converted from VARCHAR).
- action (VARCHAR(50)) The type of action performed (e.g., sent, opened, clicked).
- user_type (VARCHAR(50)) The type of user (e.g., admin, regular).

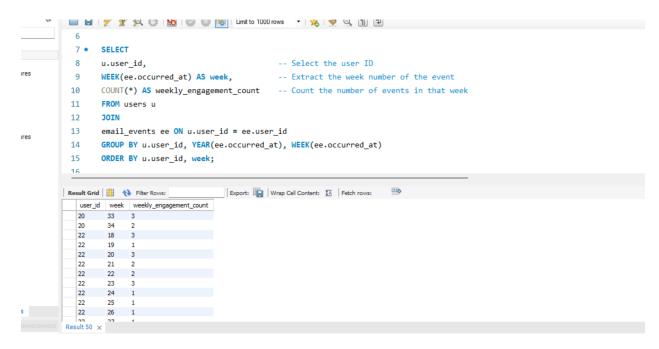
3. events table:

- user_id (INT) Unique identifier for each user (foreign key).
- occurred_at (DATETIME) The date and time when the event occurred (converted from VARCHAR).
- event_type (VARCHAR(50)) The type of the event (e.g., login, purchase).
- event_name (VARCHAR(100)) The specific name of the event.
- location (VARCHAR(100)) The location where the event occurred.
- device (VARCHAR(50)) The device used during the event.
- user_type (VARCHAR(50)) The type of user performing the event.

A. Weekly User Engagement:

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

We are asked to calculate the weekly user engagement. This means we need to determine how active each user was on a weekly basis, based on the data available.



For this-

- We need to join the users table and the email_events table to combine user information with their respective events.
- Extract the year and week from the occurred_at timestamp in email_events (because we want the engagement per week).
- Count how many events the user performed in each week.

• Finally, display the result for each user, by week.

JOIN email_events ee ON u.user_id = ee.user_id: This combines the users table and email_events table by matching the user_id column from both tables.

The query gives you the **weekly engagement count** for each user, based on the activities they performed during the week.

B. User Growth Analysis:

- o 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.

To calculate user growth over time for a product, we need to analyze how the number of users has increased over time (such as by day, week, or month). For this task, we can track how many users were created over a period of time and see how the user base has grown.'

```
1 • SELECT
                                        -- Extract the year directly from created_at
         YEAR(created at) AS year,
         MONTH(created_at) AS month, -- Extract the month directly from created at
3
4
         COUNT(user_id) AS new_users_count -- Count the number of new users for each year-month pair
5
     FROM
         users
7
     WHERE
8
         created_at IS NOT NULL -- Ensure created_at is not NULL
9
     GROUP BY
L0
         YEAR(created_at),
                                    -- Group by year
         MONTH(created at)
                                    -- Group by month
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      WHERE
           created_at IS NOT NULL -- Ensure created_at is not NULL
8
      GROUP BY
9
0
          YEAR(created at),
                                           -- Group by year
1
           MONTH(created at)
                                           -- Group by month
2
      ORDER BY
3
           year, month;
                                           -- Order results by year and month
4
```

Result Grid			Exp
year	month	new_users_count	
2013	1	226	
2013	2	225	
2013	3	200	
2013	4	252	
2013	5	289	
2013	6	295	
2013	7	392	
2013	8	405	
2013	9	330	
2013	10	390	
2013	11	399	
esult 56	17	106	

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.

We need to calculate how many users return to the product each week after they first sign up.

STEPS-

Each user has a **sign-up date**, which is when they first created an account. This is the **start point** for measuring their retention.

Retention refers to how many of the users who signed up in a particular week **return** in the subsequent weeks. For example:

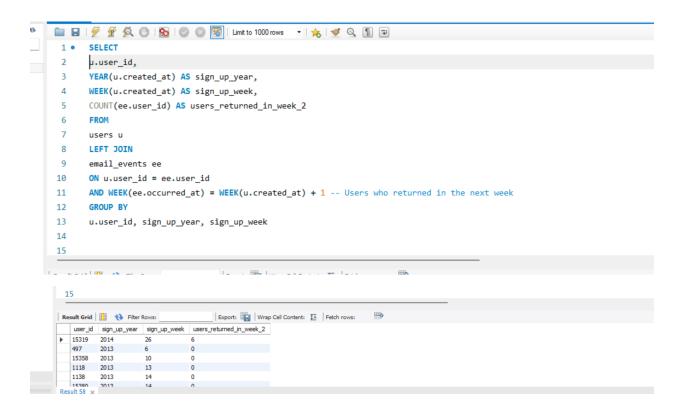
• If 100 users signed up in the first week of January, and 60 of them returned in the second week, the retention for that group of users in the second week is 60%.

We need to measure how many users who signed up in **each week** are still active in the **following weeks**.

For example:

- Week 1: 100 users signed up.
- Week 2: 60 of those 100 users returned.
- Week 3: 50 of the 100 users returned.

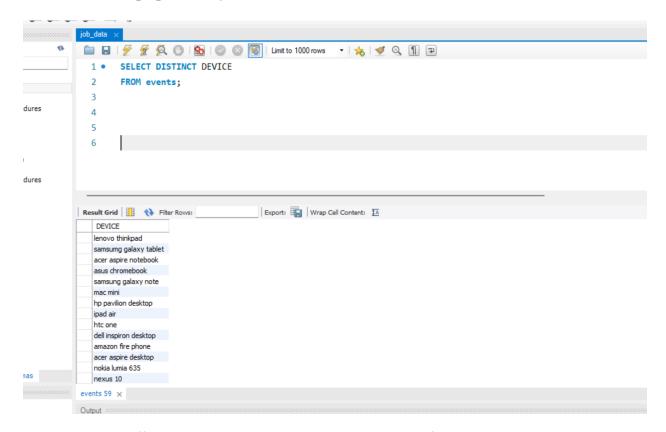
- 1. Identify when users signed up (the "sign-up date").
- 2. Track if they came back in subsequent weeks after their sign-up.
- 3. Count how many users are active each week after they signed up.



- YEAR(u.created_at) and WEEK(u.created_at): We extract the year and week from the user's sign-up date.
- We join the email_events table to check if the user was active in the subsequent weeks.
- AND WEEK(ee.occurred_at) = WEEK(u.created_at) + 1: We focus
 on users who signed up in a specific week and check if they were
 active in the next week (i.e., Week 2).

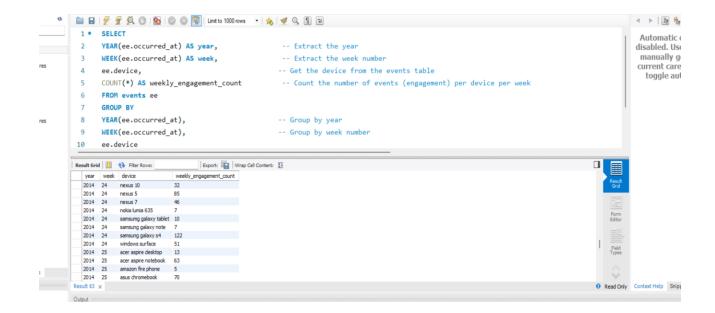
D. Weekly Engagement Per Device:

- 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.



We use YEAR() in the query to extract the year from the occurred_at timestamp to ensure that the week number (WEEK()) is correctly mapped within the context of a specific year.

- 1. Week 1 of 2023 and Week 1 of 2024 will both have the same week number (1), but they belong to different years.
- 2. By using YEAR(), we make sure that the engagement data is grouped and analyzed correctly for each year.



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.

