

Retail Customer Retention Analytics – TARGET

Project Overview:

Target Corporation, one of the largest retail chains in the United States, operates through hypermarkets, discount department stores, and e-commerce platforms. With growing competition from **Walmart, Amazon, and Costco**, retaining loyal customers has become a crucial challenge.

Target collects extensive data from customer transactions, loyalty memberships, and online interactions, but its current reporting lacks analytical depth to:

- Understand why customers are churning.
- Identify loyal vs. at-risk customers.
- Measure the impact of loyalty tiers, promotions, and influencer-driven campaigns.
- Guide region- and channel-specific retention strategies.

You are hired as a Power BI Analyst to design a Customer Retention Dashboard for Target that consolidates fragmented data and delivers real-time, actionable insights.

Project Objective:

Develop an interactive **Customer Retention Analytics Dashboard** in Power BI using Target's customer data that will:

- Consolidate customer demographics, purchase history, store/e-commerce performance, and loyalty data.
- Enable dynamic segmentation of high-value, repeat, and churned customers.
- Provide actionable insights to improve retention, loyalty engagement, and regional strategies.

(If you're unfamiliar with domain-specific terms, feel free to take the help of Google or AI tools like ChatGPT or Gemini to understand better and apply them effectively in your project.)

Dataset Description: [Link for Dataset](#)

1. **Customer_Demographics.csv**

Columns: Customer_ID, Age, Gender, Region, Income_Level, Membership_Since, Preferred_Channel (Store/Online)

2. **Customer_Transactions.csv**

Columns: Transaction_ID, Customer_ID, Store_ID, Product_Category (Groceries, Electronics, Apparel, Home & Living), Transaction_Date, Amount, Promotion_Applied (Yes/No)

3. **Store_Locations.csv**

Columns: Store_ID, Store_Type (Supercenter, Neighborhood Market, Sam's Club, Online), Region, Opening_Year

4. **Loyalty_Program.csv**

Columns: Customer_ID, Loyalty_Tier (Basic, Plus, Premium, Elite), Points_Earned, Points_Redeemed

5. **Churn_Labelled_Customers.csv**

Columns: Customer_ID, Last_Purchase_Date, Churn_Flag (0 = Active, 1 = Churned), Churn_Reason (Inactivity, Competitor, Low Engagement)

Tasks to be Performed:

(Please refrain from using AI to perform the tasks mentioned below, as it will only provide generic solutions.)

Task 1: Data Modeling & Cleaning (10 Marks)

- Load and transform datasets in Power Query
- Handle duplicates, missing values, and ensure correct data types
- Create calculated columns:
 - Membership_Duration = Today – Membership_Since
 - Extract Transaction_Year, Transaction_Month
- Create a basic Data Model view
 - One-to-Many: Customer_Demographics → Transactions, Loyalty_Program, Churn_Labelled_Customers

- Many-to-One: Transactions → Store_Locations

Task 2: Churn & Retention Metrics (10 Marks)

- Create **Churn Rate KPI** = (Churned Customers / Total Customers) * 100
- Visualize churn rate by:
 - **Region**
 - **Income Group**
 - **Channel (Store/Online)**
 - **Loyalty Tier**
- Funnel Chart: Total Customers → Repeat Customers → Churned

Task 3: Repeat Purchase Analysis (10 Marks)

- Segment customers:
 - **Low-Tier:** 0–3 purchases
 - **Mid-Tier:** 4–8 purchases
 - **High-Tier:** 9+ purchases
- Compare avg. purchase frequency by **Region, Age Group, Loyalty Tier**
- Identify **most purchased product categories** by loyal customers

Task 4: Promotion & Loyalty Impact (10 Marks)

- Calculate % of transactions with promotion applied.
- Compare average purchase amount with vs. without promotions.
- Analyze churn rate across loyalty tiers.
- Visualize Points Earned vs. Redeemed by Tier (Clustered Column Chart).
- Give recommendations to improve redemption & retention.

Task 5: Store & Channel Performance vs Retention (10 Marks)

- Merge store data with transactions
- Visualize:
 - Avg. transaction amount by **Store Type**
 - Churn rate by store type
 - Correlation between **store opening year & retention**

Task 6: Customer Lifetime Value (CLV) Analysis (10 Marks)

- CLV = Total Amount Spent / Membership Duration (Years)
- Segment customers into **Low, High CLV**
 - Above Average CLV as High
 - Below Average CLV value- Low
- Visualize:
 - CLV vs Days Since Last Purchase
 - CLV by Loyalty Tier & Region

Task 7: Final Dashboard & Executive Summary (20 Marks)

- Multi-page Power BI Report:
 - Page 1: KPIs (Churn, CLV, Repeat Rate)
 - Page 2: Loyalty & Promotion Impact
 - Page 3: Store/Channel Insights
 - Page 4: Segmentation (Churned, Repeat, High-Value)

- Slicers: Region, Channel, Income, Loyalty Tier
- Provide Top 3 Recommendations for Target:
 - Which customers to prioritize for retention?
 - Which channels are underperforming?
 - How to strengthen loyalty engagement?

Task 8: Video explanation: Expressing the finding and actionable insights (20 Marks)

(The summary should be in your own words and must not be generated using AI. Please don't write a script and read it aloud. Also, screen share and show the key findings. Marks will be deducted for failing to do so.)

Content: 3-5 minute video explaining:

- Introduction to the project.
- Problem statement.
- Key findings and insights.

Evaluation: Video quality, clarity of explanation, and presentation.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Quality of analysis and visualizations.
- Clarity in explanations and insights.
- Adherence to instructions and deliverables.

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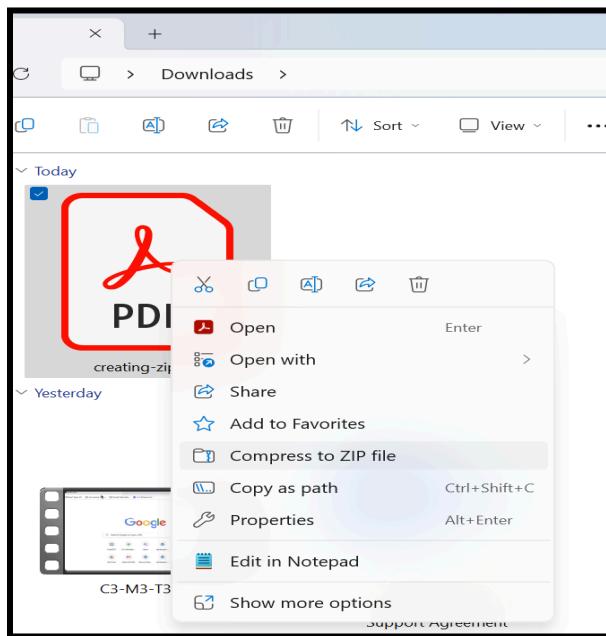
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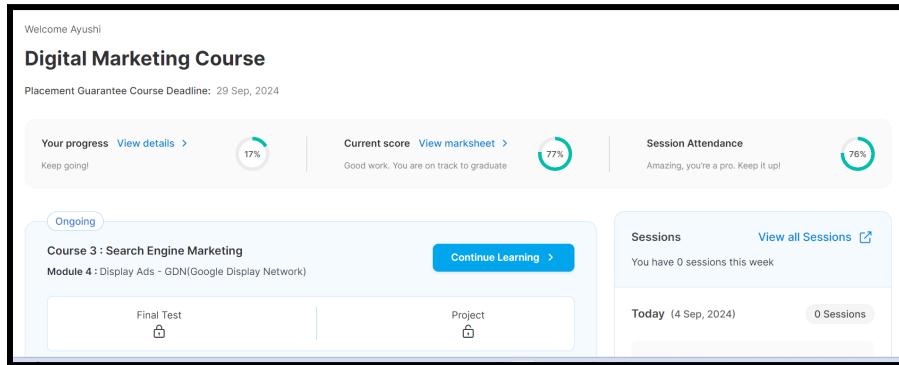
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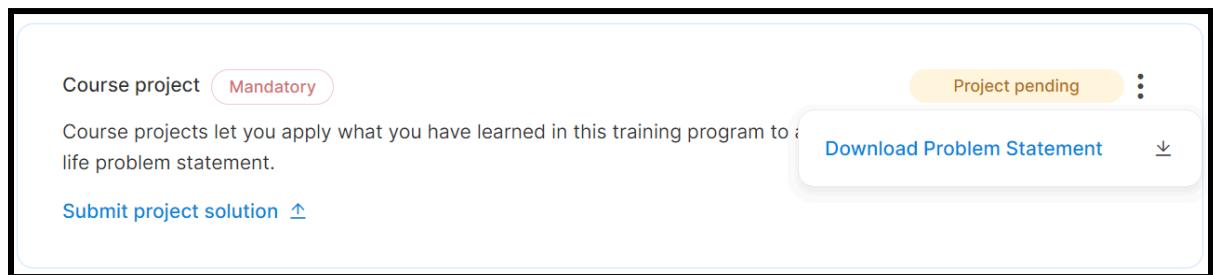
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