



# Calculating Churn Rates

Analyze Data with SQL  
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# 1. GET FAMILIAR WITH THE DATA

# 1. Get familiar with the data

## 1. “How many different segments do you see”

We can see two different segments, 30 and 87

## 2. “Which months will you be able to calculate churn for”

We will be able to calculate churn for January, February and March

```
SELECT DISTINCT segment  
FROM subscriptions;
```

| segment |
|---------|
| 87      |
| 30      |

```
SELECT MIN(subscription_end),  
       MAX(subscription_end)  
FROM subscriptions;
```

| MIN(subscription_end) | MAX(subscription_end) |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2017-01-01            | 2017-03-31            |

## 2. CALCULATE CHURN RATE FOR EACH SEGMENT

## 2. Calculate churn rate for each segment

- Which segment has a lower churn rate?  
Segment 30 has a lower churn rate

| month      | churn rate 87 | churn rate 30 |
|------------|---------------|---------------|
| 2017-01-01 | 25.18         | 7.56          |
| 2017-02-01 | 32.03         | 7.34          |
| 2017-03-01 | 48.59         | 11.73         |

```
WITH months AS (  
  SELECT  
    '2017-01-01' as 'first_day',  
    '2017-01-31' as 'last_day'  
  UNION  
  SELECT  
    '2017-02-01' as 'first_day',  
    '2017-02-28' as 'last_day'  
  UNION  
  SELECT  
    '2017-03-01' as 'first_day',  
    '2017-03-31' as 'last_day'  
)  
cross_join AS (  
  SELECT *  
  FROM subscriptions  
  CROSS JOIN months  
)  
status AS (  
  SELECT id,  
    first_day AS month,  
    CASE  
      WHEN (segment = 87)  
        AND (subscription_start < first_day)  
        AND (subscription_end > first_day  
            OR subscription_end IS NULL) THEN 1  
      ELSE 0  
    END AS is_active_87,  
    CASE  
      WHEN (segment = 30)  
        AND (subscription_start < first_day)  
        AND (subscription_end > first_day  
            OR subscription_end IS NULL) THEN 1  
      ELSE 0  
    END AS is_active_30,  
    CASE  
      WHEN (subscription_end BETWEEN first_day AND last_day)  
        AND (segment = 87) THEN 1  
      ELSE 0  
    END AS is_canceled_87,  
    CASE  
      WHEN (subscription_end BETWEEN first_day AND last_day)  
        AND (segment = 30) THEN 1  
      ELSE 0  
    END AS is_canceled_30  
  FROM cross_join  
)  
status_aggregate AS (  
  SELECT month,  
    SUM(is_active_87) AS  
    active_87,  
    SUM(is_active_30) AS active_30,  
    SUM(is_canceled_87) AS  
    canceled_87,  
    SUM(is_canceled_30) AS  
    canceled_30  
  FROM status  
  GROUP BY month  
)  
SELECT month,  
  ROUND(100.0* (canceled_87) /  
    (active_87), 2) AS 'churn rate 87',  
  ROUND(100.0* (canceled_30) /  
    (active_30), 2) AS 'churn rate 30'  
FROM status_aggregate;
```

```
CASE  
  WHEN (subscription_end BETWEEN  
first_day AND last_day)  
    AND (segment = 30) THEN 1  
  ELSE 0  
END AS is_canceled_30  
FROM cross_join  
)  
status_aggregate AS (  
  SELECT month,  
    SUM(is_active_87) AS  
    active_87,  
    SUM(is_active_30) AS active_30,  
    SUM(is_canceled_87) AS  
    canceled_87,  
    SUM(is_canceled_30) AS  
    canceled_30  
  FROM status  
  GROUP BY month  
)  
SELECT month,  
  ROUND(100.0* (canceled_87) /  
    (active_87), 2) AS 'churn rate 87',  
  ROUND(100.0* (canceled_30) /  
    (active_30), 2) AS 'churn rate 30'  
FROM status_aggregate;
```

# 3. BONUS

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- **How would you modify this code to support a large number of segments?**

I would group by segment and erase the case where we check the segment one by one

| month      | segment | churn rate |
|------------|---------|------------|
| 2017-01-01 | 30      | 7.56       |
| 2017-01-01 | 87      | 25.18      |
| 2017-02-01 | 30      | 7.34       |
| 2017-02-01 | 87      | 32.03      |
| 2017-03-01 | 30      | 11.73      |
| 2017-03-01 | 87      | 48.59      |

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WITH months AS (  
  SELECT  
    '2017-01-01' as 'first_day',  
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  SELECT  
    '2017-02-01' as 'first_day',  
    '2017-02-28' as 'last_day'  
  UNION  
  SELECT  
    '2017-03-01' as 'first_day',  
    '2017-03-31' as 'last_day'  
)  
,  
cross_join AS (  
  SELECT *  
  FROM subscriptions  
  CROSS JOIN months  
)  
,  
status AS (  
  SELECT id,  
    first_day AS month,  
    segment,  
  
    CASE  
      WHEN subscription_start < first_day  
        AND (subscription_end > first_day  
            OR subscription_end IS NULL) THEN 1  
      ELSE 0  
    END AS is_active,  
    CASE  
      WHEN subscription_end BETWEEN first_day AND last_day  
      THEN 1  
      ELSE 0  
    END AS is_canceled  
  FROM cross_join  
)  
,
```

```
status_aggregate AS (  
  SELECT month,  
    segment,  
  
    SUM(is_active) AS active,  
    SUM(is_canceled) AS canceled  
  FROM status  
  GROUP BY month, segment  
)  
SELECT month,  
  segment,  
  ROUND(100.0 * canceled / active, 2)  
AS 'churn rate'  
FROM status_aggregate  
GROUP BY month, segment;
```