



E-Commerce Sales & Revenue Analysis

(SQL | MySQL)



Project Overview

This project analyzes **e-commerce sales transactions** using SQL to uncover insights related to **revenue performance, customer purchasing behavior, product effectiveness, order fulfillment, and revenue leakage**.

The analysis simulates a real-world online retail environment where customer behavior, product demand, and operational efficiency directly influence business performance. The project demonstrates how SQL can be used beyond querying data—to support **strategic business decisions** around growth, retention, and operations.



Business Objectives

- ★ Measure overall revenue and sales performance
 - ★ Understand customer buying behavior (one-time vs repeat buyers)
 - ★ Identify top-performing and underperforming products
 - ★ Analyze order fulfillment health and cancellations
 - ★ Quantify revenue leakage due to incomplete orders
 - ★ Provide actionable recommendations for revenue growth
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Dataset Description

The project uses four relational tables:



Customers Table

Column	Description
customer_id	Unique customer identifier
first_name	Customer first name
last_name	Customer last name
signup_date	Customer onboarding date
gender	Customer gender
region	Geographic region

Orders Table

Column	Description
order_id	Unique order identifier
customer_id	Linked customer
order_date	Order placement date
order_status	Order lifecycle status
payment_mode	Payment method
order_amount	Total order revenue

Order Items Table

Column	Description
order_id	Linked order
product_id	Product identifier
quantity	Units purchased
price	Item price

Products Table

Column	Description
product_id	Product identifier
product_name	Product name
category	Product category

Analysis Workflow

Step 1: Data Understanding & Sanity Checks

- ❖ Validated table relationships
 - ❖ Verified date ranges and data coverage
 - ❖ Ensured revenue consistency across orders
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Step 2: Revenue & Sales Trend Analysis

Key Questions:

- ❖ How much total revenue is generated?
- ❖ How many orders actually generate revenue?
- ❖ Are there seasonal revenue patterns?

Key Insights:

- ❖ Total revenue ≈ **₹407K**
 - ❖ **561 out of 1000 orders** generate revenue
 - ❖ Average spend ≈ **₹1,190 per order**
 - ❖ Revenue shows **seasonal trends**
 - ❖ ~₹97K revenue lost due to cancellations
 - ❖ Significant revenue stuck in *Processing* orders
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Step 3: Customer Purchase Behavior

Key Questions:

- ❖ How many customers actually make purchases?
- ❖ Are customers repeat buyers or one-time buyers?

Key Insights:

- ❖ **641 out of 1000 customers** made purchases

- ❖ **316 One-Time Buyers, 108 Repeat Buyers**
 - ❖ Avg orders per customer: **1.32**
 - ❖ One-time buyers contribute more total revenue
 - ❖ Avg revenue per customer **≈ ₹1,400**
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Step 4: Product & Category Performance

Key Questions:

- ❖ Which products drive the most revenue?
- ❖ Which categories perform best and worst?

Key Insights:

- ❖ Top revenue products: *Headphones, Children's Books, Loafers, Lipsticks*
 - ❖ Best categories: *Electronics, Apparels, Beauty, Books*
 - ❖ High-volume products differ from high-value products
 - ❖ Identified worst-performing products for inventory review
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Step 5: Order Funnel & Fulfillment Analysis

Key Questions:

- ❖ How healthy is the order fulfillment pipeline?
- ❖ Are cancellations increasing?

Key Insights:

- ❖ **482 Completed, 229 Processing, 136 Cancelled** orders
 - ❖ Completion rate **≈ 48%**
 - ❖ Cancellation rate **≈ 14%**
 - ❖ Cancellations increasing year-over-year
 - ❖ Revenue loss due to cancellation **≈ ₹97K**
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Step 6: Advanced Business Insights

- ❖ Small % of customers drive large % of revenue
 - ❖ Top-selling products are also top revenue contributors
 - ❖ Revenue leakage is measurable and preventable
 - ❖ Faster order completion can unlock trapped revenue
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Key Findings

- ★ Strong first-time customer value, weak retention
 - ★ Revenue leakage through cancellations and delays
 - ★ Product performance varies by volume vs value
 - ★ Fulfillment efficiency directly impacts revenue realization
 - ★ High-value customers exist but need prioritization
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Business Recommendations

Customer Retention Strategy

- ❖ Convert one-time buyers into repeat customers via post-purchase offers

Operational Improvements

- ❖ Reduce processing delays and pending orders
- ❖ Improve checkout and payment completion flow

Product & Inventory Optimization

- ❖ Promote high-margin, low-volume products
- ❖ Bundle slow-moving items with best sellers

Revenue Protection

- ❖ Proactively intervene on high-risk orders
 - ❖ Reduce cancellation-driven revenue loss
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SQL Concepts Used

- ★ Joins (INNER JOIN)
 - ★ Aggregations (SUM, AVG, COUNT)
 - ★ CASE WHEN logic
 - ★ Grouping & segmentation
 - ★ Funnel analysis
 - ★ Revenue and KPI derivation
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Project Skills Demonstrated

- ★ Business problem-solving using SQL
 - ★ Revenue and sales analytics
 - ★ Customer behavior analysis
 - ★ Product performance evaluation
 - ★ Translating data into executive insights
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Tools Used

- ★ MySQL Workbench
 - ★ SQL
 - ★ Relational Database Design
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