# Greenery Platform dbt Models

Documentation, Macros and Tests

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**Custom Project Documentation** 

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- brief note about tests and macros
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Welcome to the home page for the dbt documentation for Greenery's data models.

#### Project Structure

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A custom set of macros has been developed to simplify and improve data model DAGs. All macros are placed in the macros sub-folder and are fully documented.

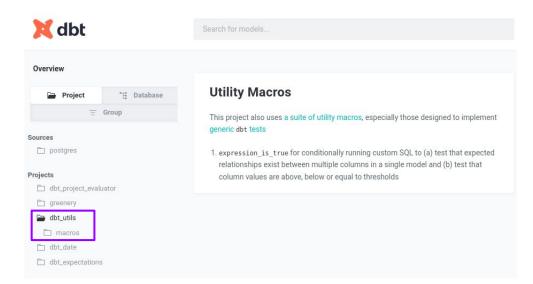
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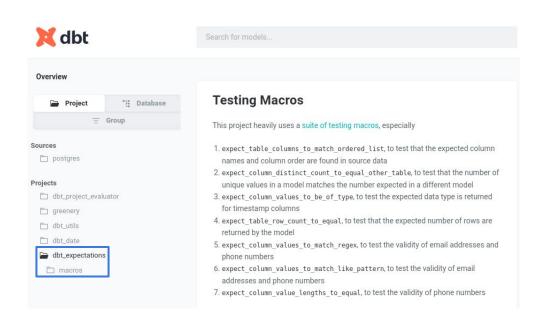
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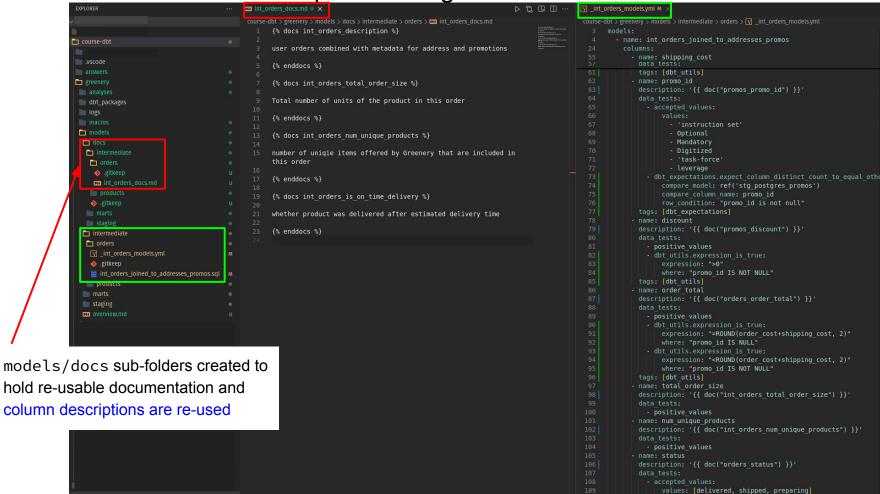
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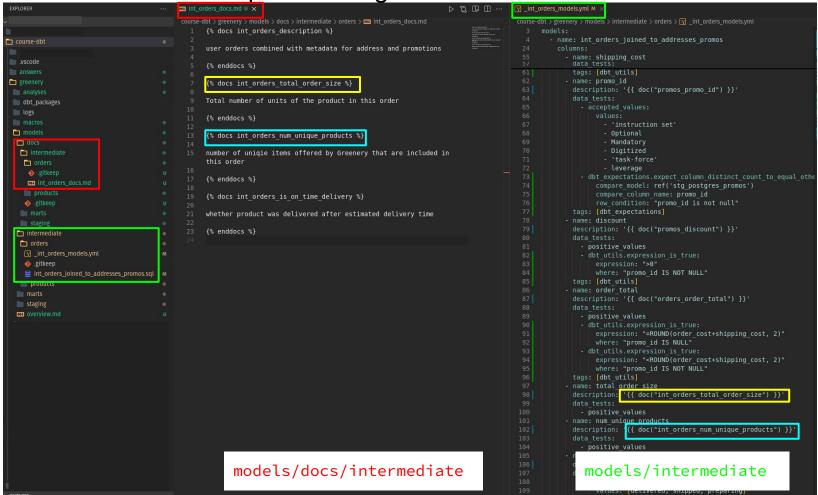
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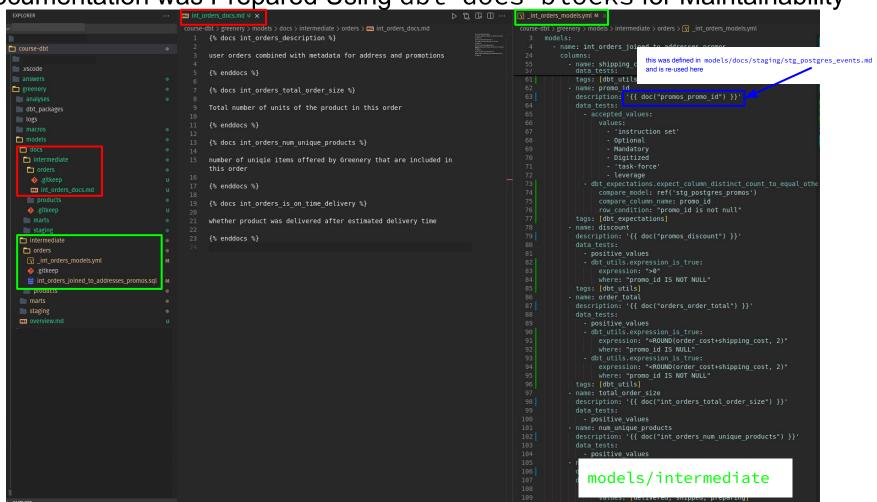
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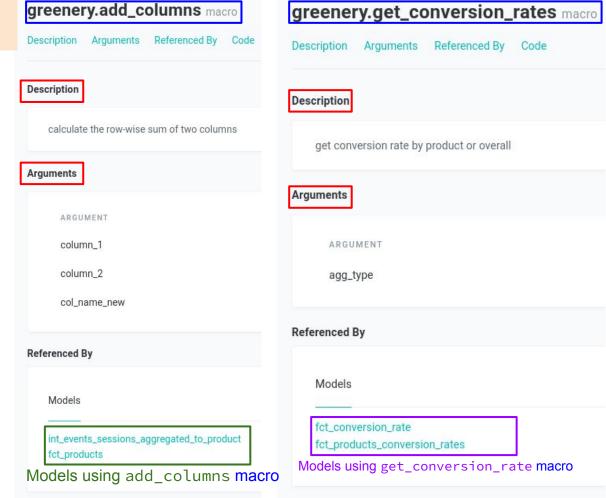
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Description and Arguments are documented

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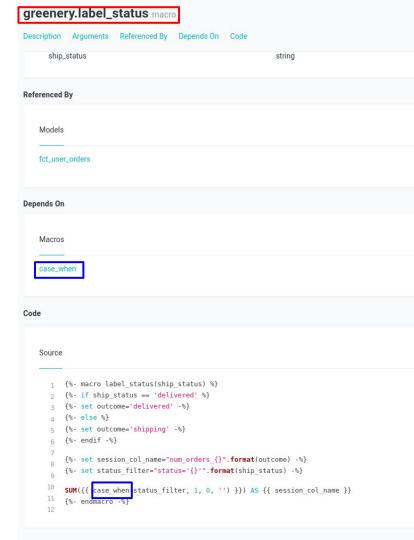
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the label\_status macro invokes another macro



## **Custom-Written Macros**

Re-usability within same **dbt** model, with different arguments

```
products purchase sessions AS (
        SELECT session id,
               product id,
               event type
12
       FROM dev db.dbt elsdes3gmailcom.int product purchases filtered
13
       -- (ADDED) get events showing the ID of the purchased product
14
       WHERE product id IS NOT NULL
   /* count number of sessions not ending in a purchase in which product page was
   viewed */
   product non purchase page views AS (
        SELECT product id.
               COUNT(*) AS num non purchase page views,
               COUNT(DISTINCT(session id)) AS num non purchase page view sessions
       FROM products non purchase sessions
       -- get page view event in product non-purchase sessions
24
       WHERE event type = 'page view'
25
       GROUP BY product id
    /* count number of sessions ending in a purchase in which product page was
    viewed */
   product purchase page views AS (
30
        SELECT product id,
31
               COUNT(*) AS num purchase page views,
32
               COUNT(DISTINCT(session id)) AS num purchase page view sessions
       FROM products purchase sessions
34
       -- get page view event in product purchase sessions
       WHERE event type = 'page view'
        GROUP BY product id
37
   /* count purchases */
   product purchases AS (
        SELECT product id,
41
               COUNT(DISTINCT(session id)) AS num purchases
       FROM products purchase sessions
        -- get add-to-cart events since only products in a cart can be purchased
       WHERE event type = 'add to cart'
       GROUP BY product id
                               Excerpt from intermediate/products/overall/int_events_sessions_aggregated_to_product model
```

#### Without Macro

#### **OBJECTIVE**

Count page view sessions ending and not ending in a purchase, and number of purchases per product

> Line Numbers 18-26, 29-37, 39-46 = 25 lines

```
products purchase sessions AS (
        SELECT session id,
10
               product id,
               event type
        FROM {{ ref('int product purchases filtered') }}
        -- (ADDED) get events showing the ID of the purchased product
        WHERE product id IS NOT NULL
15
    /* count number of sessions not ending in a purchase in which product page was
    viewed */
    product non purchase page views AS (
19
        {{ count purchases views by product
            'page view', 'products non purchase sessions', 'product id'
21
        ) }}
22
    /* count number of sessions ending in a purchase in which product page was
    viewed */
    product purchase page views AS (
26
        {{ count purchases views by product
             'page view', 'products purchase sessions', 'product id'
28
        ) }}
29
30
    /* count purchases */
    product purchases AS (
32
        {{ count purchases views by product
                            'products purchase sessions', 'product id'
             'add to cart'
34
        ) }}
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```

#### With Macro

#### **OBJECTIVE**

Count page view sessions ending and not ending in a purchase, and number of purchases per product

Line Numbers 18-22, 25-29, 31-35 = 15 lines (40% reduction with macro)

Re-Use of same macro to calculate all three metrics

Excerpt from intermediate/products/overall/int\_events\_sessions\_aggregated\_to\_product model

# **Custom-Written Macros**

Re-usability across **dbt** models (to fully render the model)

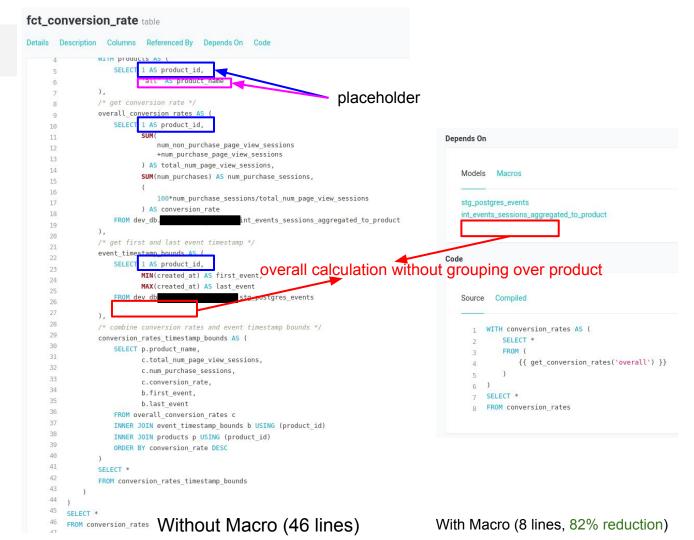
#### **By Product**

Calculate conversion rate by product using get\_conversion\_rate macro

```
fct_products_conversion_rates table
Details Description Columns Referenced By Depends On Code
                 /* get conversion rate */
     10
                 product_conversion_rates AS (
                     SELECT product id,
     11
     12
                               num non purchase page view sessions
     13
                                                                                                Depends On
                               +num purchase page view sessions
     14
                           ) AS total num page view sessions,
                           num purchases AS num purchase sessions,
     16
                                                                                                    Models
                                                                                                            Macros
     17
                                100*num purchase sessions/total num page view sessions
     18
                           ) AS conversion rate
     19
                                                                                                    stg_postgres_products
                                                   int events sessions aggregated to product
                     FROM dev db
     20
                                                                                                    int_event__sessions_aggregated_to_product
                                                                                                       _postgres_events
                 /* get first and last event timestamp */
     22
                 event timestamp bounds AS (
                     SELECT
     24
                                                            implements calculation by product
                            product id,
     25
                           MIN(created at) AS first event,
     26
                           MAX(created at) AS last event
                     FROM dev db.
                                                  etg_postgres_events
     28
                     GROUP BY product id
     29
                                                                                                    Source Compiled
     30
                 /* combine conversion rates and event timestamp bounds */
     31
                 conversion rates timestamp bounds AS (
     32
                                                                                                          WITH conversion rates AS (
                     SELECT p.product_name,
     33
                                                                                                              SELECT *
                           c.total_num_page_view_sessions,
     34
                           c.num_purchase_sessions,
                                                                                                              FROM (
     35
                           c.conversion rate,
                                                                                                                  {{ get conversion rates('product') }}
     36
                           b.first event,
     37
                           b.last event
     38
                     FROM product conversion rates c
                                                                                                          SELECT *
     39
                     INNER JOIN event timestamp bounds b USING (product id)
                                                                                                          FROM conversion rates
     40
                     INNER JOIN products p USING (product id)
     41
                     ORDER BY conversion rate DESC
     42
     43
                 SELECT *
     44
                 FROM conversion_rates_timestamp_bounds
     45
     47
                                        Without Macro (49 lines)
                                                                                                           With Macro (8 lines, 84% reduction)
          FROM conversion rates
```

#### **Overall**

Calculate overall conversion rate using get\_conversion\_rate macro



## Impact of Macro on Conversion Rate Model DAGs

The use of a single macro to render both data models keeps their DAGs identical to each other, with only a single branch controlling the granularity of the calculation of the conversion rate

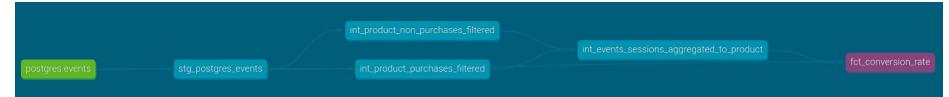
- Since the same metric is being calculated, it is intuitive that the DAG should only differ in the level at which the metric must be reported; all other aspects of the DAG can be the same
- The re-use of this single macro greatly helped to simplify these two model DAGs

#### By Product



Single branch adds grouping level at which conversion rate is reported

#### Overall



## **Summary:** Aggregated Impact of Macro on Models

- 1. 9 dbt macros were written and they reduced a total of 171 lines of SQL to 64 lines
- 2. Macros were used in 5 of 7 marts models and in 5 of 7 intermediate models
- 3. 7 of 9 macros reduced the number of lines of SQL, 2 of 9 macros increased the number of lines
- 4. 8 of 9 macros were used in data models and 1 of the 9 macros was called by another macro
- 5. 2 of 9 macros were each used in 2 different data models

# dbt Tests

# Testing Infrastructure

Built-in, Custom Tests and External Packages

#### **Built-in and Custom-Written Tests**

To start testing data models, built-in and custom (generic) dbt tests were used

#### **Built-in tests**

- 1. not\_null to ensure unexpected missing values were not found in a column
- 2. unique to ensure specific columns contained only unique values

#### Custom tests (see next page for code and models using these tests)

- 1. order\_before\_delivery to test that one timestamp column was chronologically earlier than another
- 2. positive\_values to ensure values in a column were positive (> 0)

#### greenery.test\_order\_before\_delivery macro used in 8 tests Description Arguments Referenced By Code This macro is not currently documented Arguments Details are not available for this macro. This may be due to the fact that this macro doesn't have any arguments or t Referenced By Data Tests order\_before\_delivery\_fct\_user\_orders\_first\_order\_date\_\_last\_order\_date order\_before\_delivery\_stg\_postgres\_orders\_created\_at\_\_delivered\_at order\_before\_delivery\_stg\_postgres\_orders\_created\_at\_\_estimated\_delivery\_at order\_before\_delivery\_stg\_postgres\_users\_created\_at\_updated\_at order\_before\_delivery\_int\_orders\_joined\_to\_addresses\_promos\_created\_at\_\_delivered\_at order\_before\_delivery\_int\_orders\_joined\_to\_addresses\_promos\_created\_at\_\_estimated\_delivery\_at order\_before\_delivery\_fct\_orders\_created\_at\_\_delivered\_at order\_before\_delivery\_fct\_orders\_created\_at\_\_estimated\_delivery\_at

#### Code

Source

```
test that two columns are in chronological order
```

```
1 {% test order_before_delivery(model, column_name, field) %}
2
3    select *
4    from {{ model }}
5    where {{ field }} < {{ column_name }}
6
7
8    {% endtest %}</pre>
```

#### greenery.test\_positive\_values macro

used in 53 tests

Description Arguments Referenced By Code

nositive values fct products rank purchases

```
positive_values_fct_products_rank_purchases
positive_values_fct_products_avg_time_on_page_seconds
positive_values_int_products_purchase_abandoned_cart_sessions_summed_num_carts
positive_values_int_events_sessions_aggregated_to_product_num_non_purchase_page_view_sessions
positive_values_int_events_sessions_aggregated_to_product_num_purchase_page_view_sessions
positive_values_int_events_sessions_aggregated_to_product_num_purchases
positive_values_int_events_sessions_aggregated_to_product_num_page_views
positive_values_int_products_page_viewing_time_averaged_avg_time_on_page_seconds
positive_values_int_products_page_viewing_time_averaged_std_time_on_page_seconds
positive_values_int_orders_joined_to_addresses_promos_order_cost
positive_values_int_orders_joined_to_addresses_promos_shipping_cost
positive_values_int_orders_joined_to_addresses_promos_discount
positive_values_int_orders_joined_to_addresses_promos_order_total
positive_values_int_orders_joined_to_addresses_promos_total_order_size
positive_values_int_orders_joined_to_addresses_promos_num_unique_products
positive_values_int_products_daily_totals_num_page_views
positive_values_int_products_daily_totals_num_sessions
positive_values_int_products_daily_totals_num_orders
positive_values_fct_orders_order_cost
positive_values_fct_orders_discount
positive_values_fct_orders_order_total
positive_values_fct_orders_total_order_size
positive_values_fct_orders_num_unique_products
positive_values_fct_orders_delivery_time_seconds
                                                        partial list of tests
positive_values_fct_orders_delivery_delay_seconds
```

#### Code

#### source test that column values are positive

```
1  {% test positive_values(model, column_name) %}
2
3    select *
4    from {{ model }}
5    where {{ column_name }} < 0
7
8    endtest %}</pre>
```

## External Package - dbt-expectations

External dbt packages were used to perform more complex tests on data models dbt-expectations was the main package used for testing data models

#### The following macros from this package were used

- expect\_table\_columns\_to\_match\_ordered\_list
- 2. expect\_column\_distinct\_count\_to\_equal\_other\_table
- 3. expect\_column\_values\_to\_be\_of\_type
- 4. expect\_table\_row\_count\_to\_equal
- 5. expect\_column\_values\_to\_match\_regex
- 6. expect\_column\_values\_to\_match\_like\_pattern
- 7. expect\_column\_value\_lengths\_to\_equal

## External Package - dbt-utils

dbt-utils was another dbt package

It was used to run custom SQL to conditionally test the existence of expected relationships between multiple columns in the same model

The following macro from this package were used

exppression\_is\_true

# Test Suite Usage

Aggregated totals per layer and per model

## Aggregated Usage of dbt Model Tests

Below are the total number of tests run on each type of model (staging, intermediate and marts)

Type of Test	staging	intermediate	marts	total
built-in and custom	53	61	87	201
dbt-expectations	37	22	35	94
dbt-utils	5	5	19	29

## Aggregated Impact of Tests on staging Models (89% tested)

Below are the total number of tested and untested columns for staging models

Name	Untested Columns	Tested Columns
stg_postgres_users	1	8
stg_postgres_addresses	0	5
stg_postgres_promos	0	3
stg_postgres_products	0	4
stg_postgres_orders	3	13
stg_postgres_order_items	0	3
stg_postgres_events	1	8

#### Aggregated Impact of Tests on intermediate Models (100% tested)

Below are the total number of tested and untested columns for **intermediate** models

Name	Untested Columns	Tested Columns
<pre>int_product_purchases_filtered</pre>	0	7
<pre>int_product_non_purchases_filtered</pre>	0	7
<pre>int_events_sessions_aggregated_to_product</pre>	0	5
<pre>int_products_page_viewing_time_averaged</pre>	0	3
<pre>int_products_purchase_abandoned_cart_sessions_summed</pre>	0	2
int_products_daily_total	0	2
<pre>int_ordres_joined_to_addresses_promos</pre>	0	15

## Aggregated Impact of Tests on marts Models (100% tested)

Below are the total number of tested and untested columns for marts models

Name	Untested Columns	Tested Columns
fct_orders	0	15
fct_conversion_rates	0	6
fct_user_orders	0	12
fct_promo_orders	0	8
fct_products	0	10
fct_products_conversion_rates	0	6
fct_products_daily	0	4

## **Summary:** Aggregated Impact of Tests on Models

- 1. 100% of intermediate and marts model columns were tested
- 2. ~89% of staging model columns were tested
- 3. Total of 324 tests were invoked, across all models
- 4. ~200 built-in or custom tests were invoked
- 5. 95 dbt-expectations tests were invoked
- 6. the most invoked test was a custom-written dbt test positive\_values, which was used to ensure positive values existed across a column

# Impact of Tests on Model Accuracy

Model errors flagged by writing tests

## Column in fct\_orders Created to Calculate Delay Seconds

```
SELECT delivered_at,
       estimated_delivery_at,
       DATEDIFF (
           second, created_at, estimated_delivery_at
       ) AS estimated_delivery_time_seconds,
       datediff(second, created_at, delivered_at) AS delivery_time_seconds,
           CASE
               WHEN delivered at > estimated delivery at
               THEN ABS (
                   DATEDIFF(second, delivered_at, estimated_delivery_at)
               ELSE NULL
           END
       ) AS delivery_delay_seconds
FROM stg_postgres_orders
```

## Expected Values for delivery\_delay\_seconds

If an order is delayed, then the calculated delivery\_delay\_seconds is non-NULL and correctly contains the delivery delay in seconds

If an order is on-time, then the calculated value is NULL

Tests Implemented for Expected Values in delivery\_delay\_seconds

Below are the three dbt tests that were implemented to ensure that values in the delivery delay column were expected

```
- name: delivery_delay_seconds
- dbt_utils.expression_is_true:
        expression: "IS NULL"
        where: "delivered_at < estimated_delivery_at"
- dbt_utils.expression_is_true:
        expression: "IS NULL"
        where: "delivery_time_seconds < estimated_delivery_time_seconds"
- dbt_utils.expression_is_true:
        expression: "IS NULL"
        expression: "IS NULL"
        where: "delivery_time_seconds IS NOT NULL"</pre>
```

#### Sample Data to Assess Test Outcomes

```
SELECT ...
FROM stg_postgres_orders
WHERE delivered_at IN ('2021-02-17 23:30:34', '2021-02-13 15:13:09')
OR estimated_delivery_at IN ('2021-02-14 23:35:14', '2021-02-16 07:08:04')
OR order_id = '8385cfcd-2b3f-443a-a676-9756f7eb5404'
```

delivered_at	estimted_delivery_at	estimated_deliver y_time_seconds	delivery_time_seco nds	delivery_delay_sec onds
2021-02-17 23:30:34	2021-02-12	86400	518400	432000
2021-02-13 15:13:09	2021-02-16 15:13:09	432000	172800	NULL
NULL	2021-02-12 10:15:26	53078169	NULL	NULL
2021-02-15 23:35:14	2021-02-12 23:35:14	259200	345600	86400
NULL	2021-02-12 07:08:04	432000	NULL	NULL

#### If an order is not yet delivered...

If an order is not yet delivered, then the delivered\_at column is NULL and the first test passes since the < operator only compares non-NULL values but this NULL does not mean the order was delivered on time (as expected from page 37)

delivered_at	estimted_delivery_at	estimated_deliver y_time_seconds	delivery_time_seco nds	delivery_delay_sec onds
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## If an order is not yet delivered...

delivery\_delay\_seconds column is NULL and **the second test passes** as expected **but** this NULL also does not mean the order was delivered on time (as expected from page 37)

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## If an order is not yet delivered...

If an order is not yet delivered, then the delivery\_time\_seconds column is NULL and the third test fails since the CASE WHEN logic

- 1. expects this column to only be NULL for on-time deliveries
- 2. does not expect this column to be NULL in other cases (such as this one)

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## **Summary:** Impact of Tests on Model Accuracy

NULLs are occurring in delivery\_delay\_seconds under the wrong scenarios

The implementation of tests using the dbt-expectations package have identified a flaw in the implementation of determining the order delivery delay

Future work should focus on fixing this error or excluding this column from the fct\_orders model