PRODUCT AND CUSTOMER ANALYSIS

Case Study:

Deskify Office Supplies Co.

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Business Overview

Deskify Office Supply Co. is a leading retailer specializing in:

- **✓** Office supplies
- ✓ Technology & computer accessories
- **✓** Furniture

With a diverse product range tailored for **individual consumers** and **business clients**, Deskify has experienced consistent growth over the past four years. The company is committed to delivering high-quality, reliable, and efficient office solutions with a strong focus on customer satisfaction.



Problem Statement

Deskify currently relies on **Microsoft Excel** for:

- ✓ Monthly sales reporting
- ✓ Transaction analysis
- ✓ Data compilation from multiple sources

This process has become:

- ✓ Manual and time-consuming
- ✓ Error-prone, due to frequent data entry and consolidation
- ✓ Inefficient, especially given the increasing complexity and volume of transactions

As the business scales, this outdated system hinders the company's ability to gain timely and accurate insights.



Project Aim

To modernize Deskify's reporting infrastructure by:

- ✓ Developing a Power BI-based data model
- ✓ Centralizing all sales and transaction data sources
- ✓ Automating and streamlining data cleaning and transformation

This initiative will:

- Enhance reporting speed and accuracy
- ✓ Reduce manual intervention and errors
- ✓ Enable data-driven decision-making across departments



Data Collection & Automation

As part of Deskify's initiative to modernize and streamline reporting processes, the following actions were executed to ensure accuracy, scalability, and efficiency in data handling:

Data Collection & Cleansing

- ✓ Aggregated historical data across all operational regions to build a comprehensive dataset.
- ✓ Performed data normalization to standardize formats, eliminate redundancies, and ensure consistency in data flow across multiple sources.
- ✓ Conducted rigorous data validation checks on all source files to uphold data integrity and accuracy before integration into reporting systems.



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Automation & Process Optimization

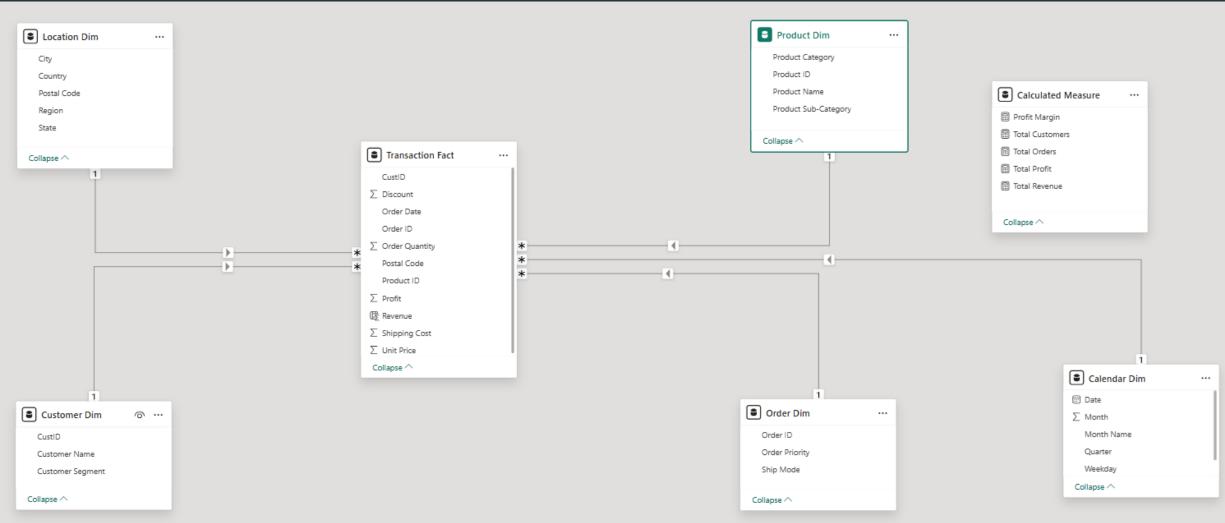
- ✓ Developed a centralized local report folder to streamline report updates via a simple drag-and-drop mechanism.
- ✓ Implemented automation scripts that trigger report generation upon file upload, eliminating repetitive manual steps and significantly reducing processing time.

Stakeholder Enablement

- ✓ Provided hands-on training sessions for all stakeholders on how to effectively use the new reporting system, access dashboards, and maintain file accuracy.
- ✓ Shared best practices for file handling and established guidelines to maintain data hygiene moving forward.







CUSTOMER ANALYSIS





DESCRIPTION OF TOOLS USED | CUSTOMER ANALYSIS

- ✓ **Cards (New):** To display Key Performance Indicators (KPI) such as Total Customers, Total Orders, Total Revenue, Total Profit and Profit Marin.
- ✓ Clustered Bar Chart: To explain Profit by Product Sub-Category.
- ✓ Clustered Column Chart: Explaining Total Profit by Customer Segment.
- ✓ Decomposition Tree: Breaking down Profit by Region and Customer Segment.
- ✓ Treemap: Showing Profit by Top Customers.
- ✓ Slicers: Filtering report across Product Categories and Years.



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Key Insights:

Top Performing Sub-Categories:

- ✓ **Binders** and **Paper** are the highest profit-generating products with \$260K and \$240K respectively.
- ✓ Copiers generated a loss of \$16K, indicating either pricing issues, low demand, or high return rates.

Customer Segments:

- ✓ Corporate clients are the most profitable segment, contributing over \$530K in profits.
- ✓ **Small Businesses** and **Consumers** lag behind, indicating a potential growth opportunity or lack of engagement.

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Key Insights:

Regional Profitability:

- ✓ Northwest (\$569K) and Nunavut (\$340K) are the most profitable regions.
- ✓ Yukon (\$6.4K) and Quebec (\$14.4K) have very low contributions, signalling underperformance or low market penetration.

Top Customers:

- ✓ Emily Phan and Deborah Brumfield lead in customer profitability.
- ✓ There's significant profit concentration among a few high-value customers.



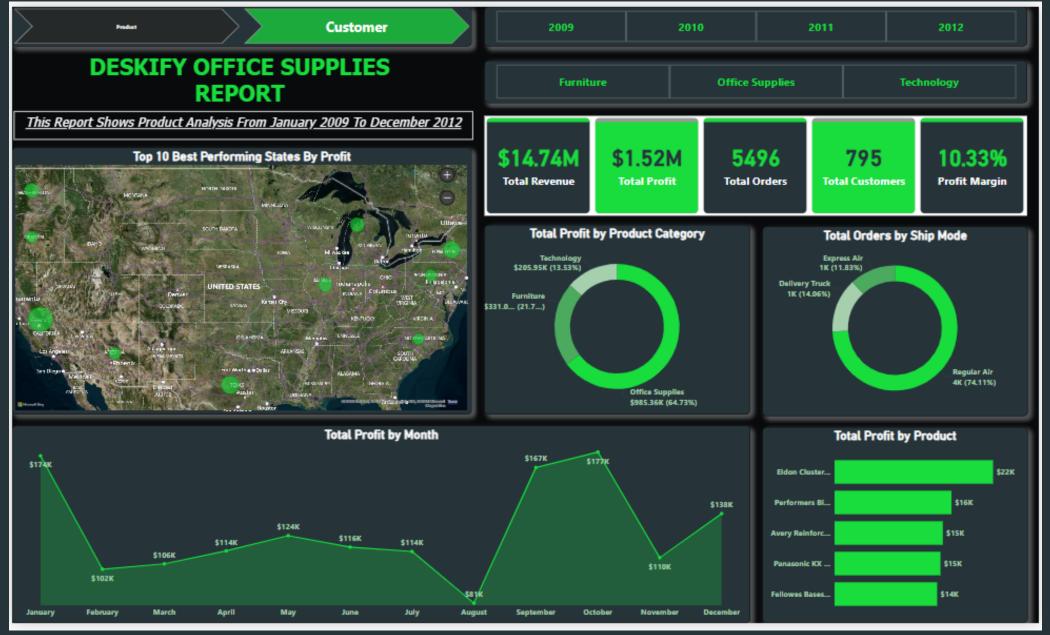
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Recommendations:

- ✓ **Expand B2B Focus**: Invest more in the **Corporate** segment with tailored offers, premium services, and loyalty programs.
- ✓ Address Loss-Making Sub-Categories: Conduct a detailed review of Copiers to identify root causes of negative profit.
- ✓ Regional Strategy: Consider targeted marketing and sales strategies in low-performing regions (Yukon, Quebec).
- ✓ Customer Retention: Strengthen relationships with top customers via exclusive perks and personalized service.



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- ✓ Clustered Bar Chart: To explain Total Profit by Product Sub-Categories.
- ✓ **Donut Chart:** Explaining Total Profit by Product Category and Total Orders by Ship Mode.
- ✓ Area Chart: Visualising Profit Trend overtime.
- ✓ Map: Showing Top 10 Best Performing States.
- ✓ Slicers: Filtering report across Product Categories and Years.



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Key Insights:

Total Revenue & Profit:

- ✓ Over **\$14.74M** in revenue and **\$1.52M** in profit with a **10.33% profit** margin.
- ✓ 5,496 orders from 795 customers, suggests potential to increase average revenue per customer.

Profit by Product Category:

- ✓ Office Supplies dominate profit share (64.73%), followed by Technology (13.53%).
- ✓ Furniture lags behind, indicating possible inefficiencies or lower demand.



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Key Insights:

Best Performing States:

✓ High profits from eastern states like New York, Pennsylvania, and California, implying strong customer bases or market saturation there.

Order Delivery Preferences:

✓ **Regular Air** shipping dominates (74.11% of orders), while **Express Air** has low usage, potential cost-saving lever.

Profit by Month:

✓ **October and September** see peak profits (\$177K and \$167K), while **August** underperforms significantly.



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Recommendations:

- ✓ Promote Office Supplies: Double down on marketing and inventory for this category to sustain growth.
- ✓ **Boost Underperforming Months**: Run sales promotions or campaigns in low-profit months (e.g., **August**) to balance monthly performance.
- ✓ **Shipping Optimization**: Encourage customers to adopt **Regular Air** or optimize Express Air usage to reduce fulfilment costs.
- ✓ **Explore Technology Sales**: There's untapped potential in **Technology** products, consider bundling or upselling them.
- ✓ Analyse Furniture Sales: Investigate customer pain points (pricing, delivery, styles) in the Furniture category.



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