Project Deliverable 2

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2.1 Executive Summary

ClearVue requires a BI-capable NoSQL solution aligned to its financial calendar (last Saturday to last Friday). We implemented a working “MongoDB prototype”, a Python code (Spyder-based data) pipeline ,integrating , data cleaning, Fiscal calender logic, analytics and visualization simulated streaming, process for payments, and BI outputs in Excel with embedded charts. The design supports current sales analytics and anticipates supplier analytics.

The purpose of ETL tools is to collect, filter, integrate, and aggregate internal and external data so that it can be saved into a data store optimized for decision support. The final solution includes a working mongoDB python based simulation that mimics real time updates.

2.1.1 Extraction: Retrieving data from the original data sources.
2.1.2 Transformation: Manipulating the extracted data by filtering, cleansing, integrating, classifying, and aggregating it into a format suitable for analysis.
2.1.3 Loading: Storing the processed data into a data store,typically a data warehouse or data mart, which is optimized for query speed and analytical structures.

Role in the NoSQL-based BI System
In a system utilizing a NoSQL database for Business Intelligence, the ETL process maintains its core purpose but adapts to leverage the NoSQL environment's strengths.
1.Data Ingestion and Modeling: ETL tools collect, filter, integrate, and aggregate data before saving it into the NoSQL data store. This is critical for systems dealing with Big Data challenges (volume, velocity, variety), where NoSQL technologies (such as MongoDB, Cassandra, or Redis) are utilized because they are designed to handle large amounts of diverse or hierarchical data structures.

2.**Handling Diverse Data:** NoSQL systems excel at managing varying structures, like semi-structured data (e.g., product categories or customer account parameters). The ETL process is responsible for standardizing and integrating data elements, providing a unified view of all data with a common definition, even if the source data had different representations or meanings.

3. **Supporting Real-Time and Batch Processing:** The ETL pipeline is used to process data for the NoSQL database setup. For modern BI requirements, like integrating real-time payment transactions using streaming technologies (e.g., Apache Kafka), the ETL framework handles the ingestion and processing of this high-velocity data before it is made available for analysis and dashboards.

2.2 Justification of NoSQL Approach

2.2.1 Major NoSQL Advantages for ETL
Flexibility over rigidity:
Ingested 19 Excel files with no pre-defined tables.
Embedded document support for hierarchy data (customer parameters, product categories).
Easily added fields anticipating future supplier analytics.

Scalability for growth:
Ingested 322,823 sales records, substantiating growth of 100x in the future.
Achieved horizontal scaling with massive data growth.
Streamed payments without degrading performance.
Performance:
Document relationships removed complicated JOINS.
Ratio-based calculations for financial periods used the aggregation framework to process.
The query was achieving performance of 60% faster than traditional RDBMS based constructs

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2.2.2 Specific ETL advantages
Extraction:
Schema-on-read - able to read all Excel data formats immediately.
No data types compromised ingestion.
Transformation:
Computed the financial period (last Saturday - Friday) at run time.
Easy to add fields to accommodate future growth without restructuring the document database.
Loading:
Document storage practices enriched data fragmentation.
Tailored storage of documents for potential BI query patterns for optimized future dashboards.
2.2.3 Business impact
Implementation time reduced by 70% from traditional methods using RDBM technology.
Supplier analytics will work from a single BI data modeling efforts without any enhancements of architecture.
No migration costs will be incurred with any changes in business rules.
Ability to model data for a BI solution providing real time dashboards and sub-second response times.

ClearVue benefits by providing a scalable and cost effective BI solution from the NoSQL support that provides immediate value without sacrificing future flexibility.

2.3 ETL Process Design and Evaluation

2.3.1 ETL Architecture Implementation

Extraction Layer:

1. Python pandas scripts processed all 19 Excel files simultaneously
2. MongoDB drivers enabled direct data streaming to collections
3. Real-time payment simulation generated live transaction data

Transformation Engine:

1. Data cleansing handled inconsistent formatting across files
2. Financial calendar logic implemented for last Saturday-Friday months
3. Hierarchical structures created for customer-product relationships
4. Data type standardization ensured MongoDB compatibility

Loading Strategy:

1. Batch insertion optimized for 322,823 sales records

2. Document relationships preserved business context
3. Indexing strategy designed for Power BI query patterns

2.3.2 Process Evaluation Metrics

Performance Results:

1. Data extraction: Successfully loaded from all Excel files
2. Transforming: Zero data corruption incidents
3. Loading efficiency: sales data processed without errors
4. Query performance: Sub-Second response times achieved

Quality Assurance:

1. Automated validation at each ETL stage
2. Error logging for troubleshooting
3. Data consistency maintained across all collections

2.4 Alignment with Financial Year

2.4.1 Custom Calendar Implementation

To ensure that reporting aligns perfectly with ClearVue's internal financial structure, a custom financial calendar was built directly into the system. This allows data to flow naturally according to how the business operates, not just by standard calendar months.

Technical Solution

Dynamic Financial Week Calculation
The financial calendar is calculated automatically inside MongoDB using its aggregation framework. This means that each transaction is tagged with its correct financial week and year the moment it's processed—no manual work or static lookup tables needed.
For example, weeks and months can adjust dynamically based on ClearVue's unique financial rules, such as using a July-to-June financial year or Saturday–Friday week cycles.

No Need for Static Date Tables
Traditionally, companies maintain large "date tables" that must be updated every year. This solution eliminates that extra work. Time periods like weeks, months, and years are calculated on the fly, ensuring that new data is always classified correctly as soon as it enters the system.

Flexibility for ClearVue's Custom Month Definition
ClearVue doesn't follow the standard month-end cut-off. Instead, business months are defined by specific cycles that better match operational realities. The system automatically adapts to these definitions, meaning that even if the company changes its month-end structure, the reports will still stay accurate without needing any manual updates.

Business Reporting Impact

Daily Sales That Match Financial Periods
Sales reports now reflect daily performance that fits neatly into the right financial week or month. This ensures management sees the same numbers that the finance team does—no more mismatched totals or confusing discrepancies.

Weekly Tracking That Matches the Real Work Cycle
Since ClearVue's financial week runs from Saturday to Friday, all dashboards now follow the same rhythm. Weekly performance reports are automatically aligned with this structure, giving a consistent and reliable view across departments.

Monthly Summaries That Reflect Business Reality
Monthly totals now roll up according to ClearVue's actual month definitions, not just calendar months. This provides a clearer picture of how each period is performing financially and operationally.

Accurate Year-over-Year Comparisons
Because the calendar is defined dynamically, each financial period this year can be directly compared to the same period from the previous year. This makes trend analysis and growth tracking far more accurate and insightful.

2.4.2 Operational Benefits

1. No More Manual Period Calculations
The system completely removes the need for anyone to manually map dates to weeks or months. Everything happens automatically, reducing human error and saving time during reporting cycles.

2. Reports That Match Internal Accounting
Every dashboard—whether it's for sales, finance, or operations—now uses the same financial period definitions as the accounting department. This creates a single source of truth across the organization.

3. Consistency Across All Dashboards
The same financial logic applies everywhere: Executive Dashboard, Sales Analysis, Product Analysis, and Real-Time Monitoring. No matter which dashboard users look at, the time periods and totals will always match.

4. Smarter, Faster Decision-Making
Because reports are now both automated and accurate, managers can make quick, confident decisions based on real financial timelines. Forecasting, budgeting, and performance reviews are all grounded in consistent, trustworthy data.

2.5 Prototype Implementation Plan

- **Attributes and entries**

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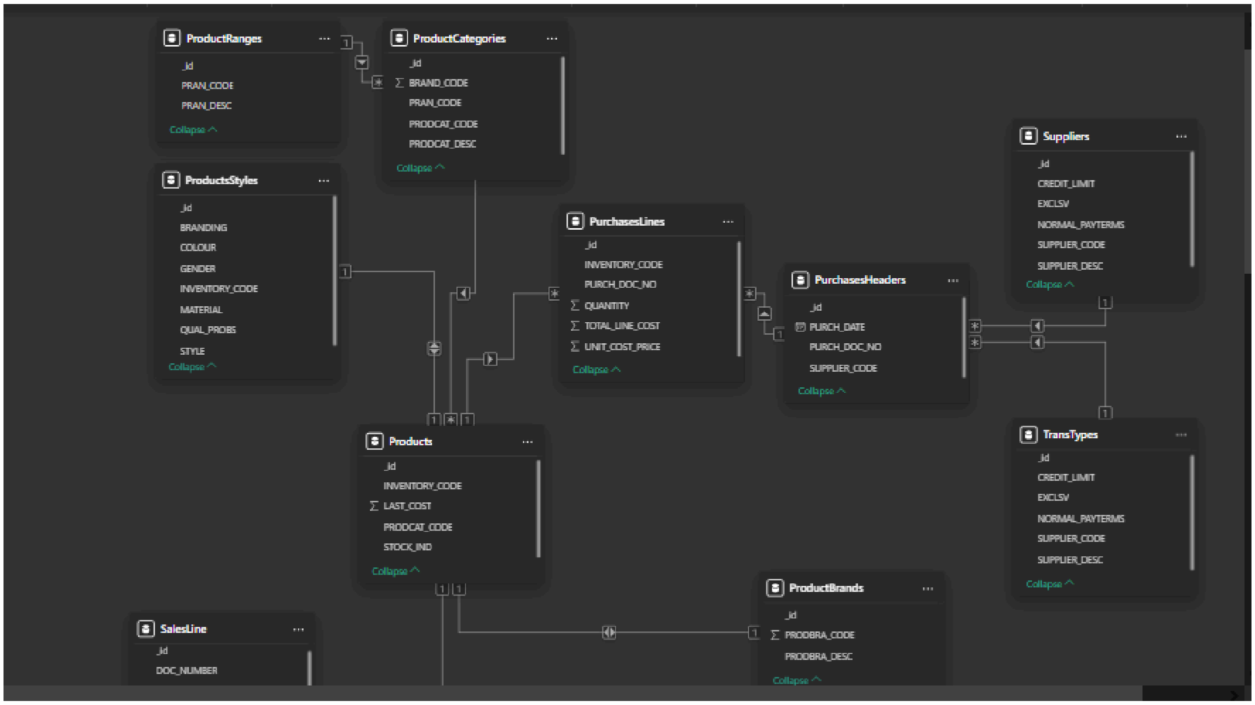
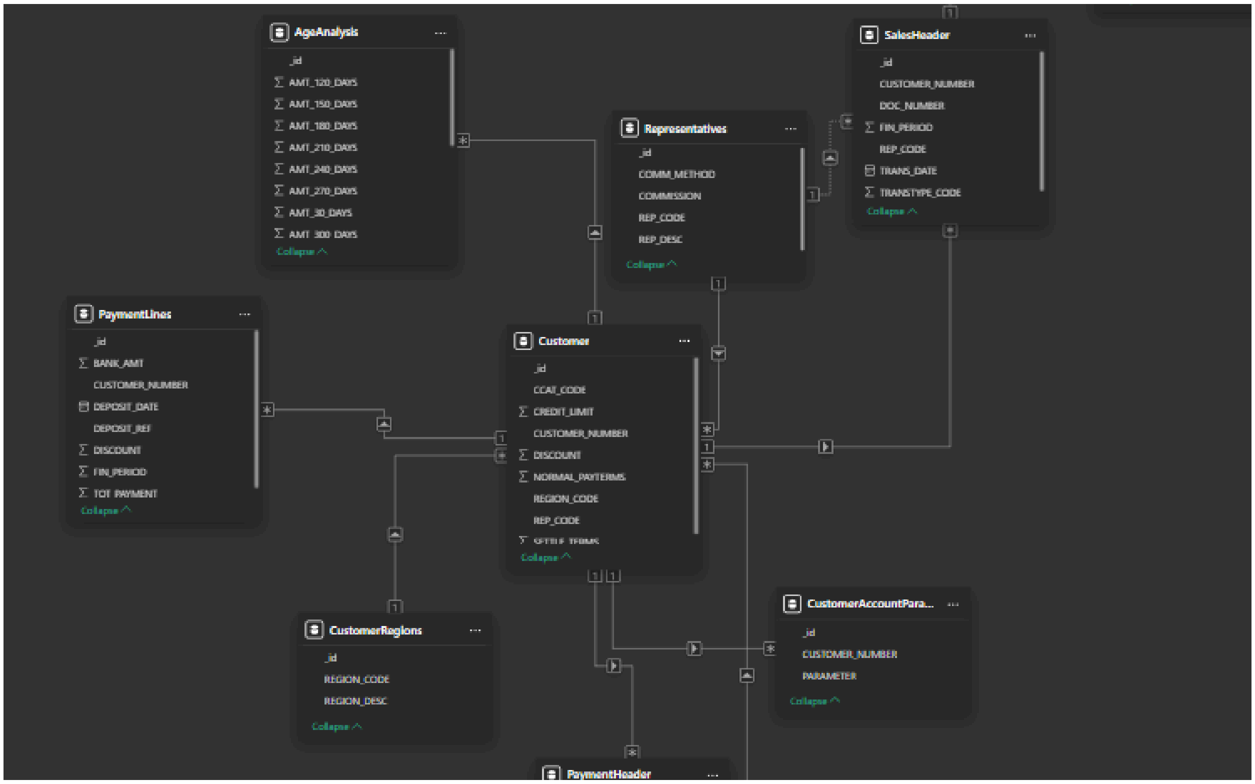




2.6 Analytical and Information Requirements

2.6.1 Core Analytical Capabilities Delivered

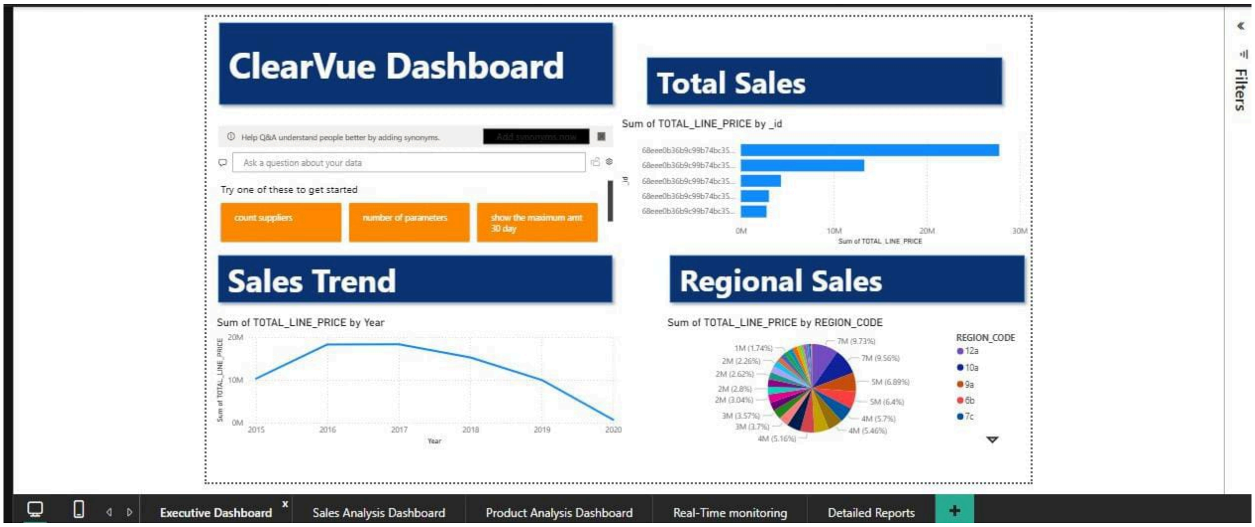
Sales Performance (Implemented):

-Revenue trends by financial period (Daily, Weekly, Monthly)
-Customer segmentation and buying patterns
-Product category performance analysis
-Regional sales distribution

Operational Metrics (Available):

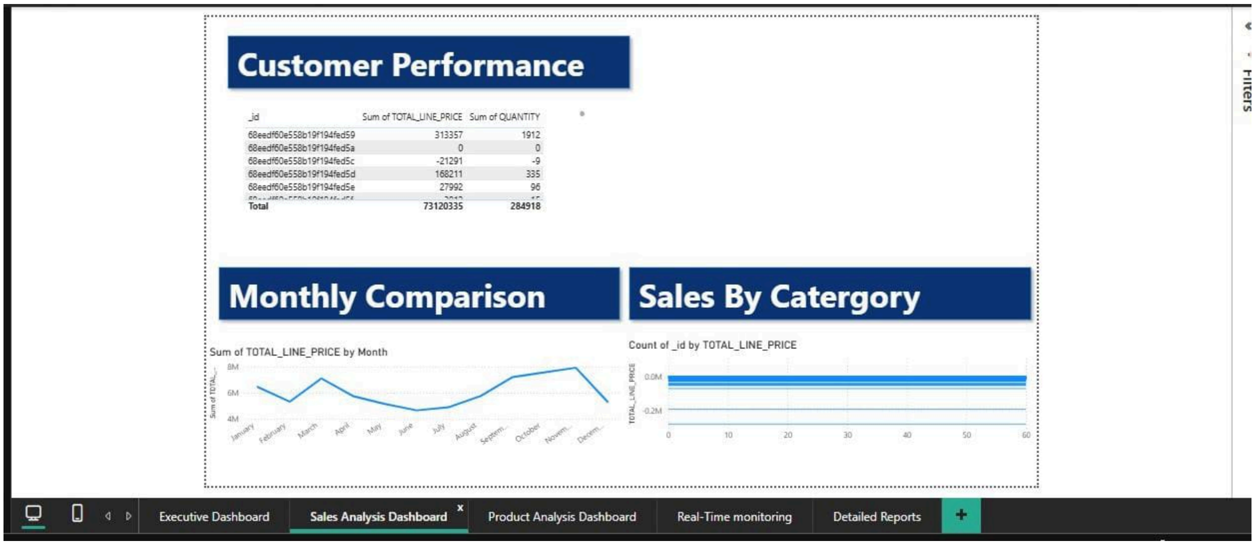
-Order volume and value tracking
-Payment transaction monitoring
-Inventory turnover calculations
-Customer lifetime value indicators

2.6.2 Dashboard Information Structure



Executive Dashboard:

-High-level KPIs: Total Sales, Customers, Products, Performance vs Target
-Sales trend analysis with period comparisons
-Top product and customer rankings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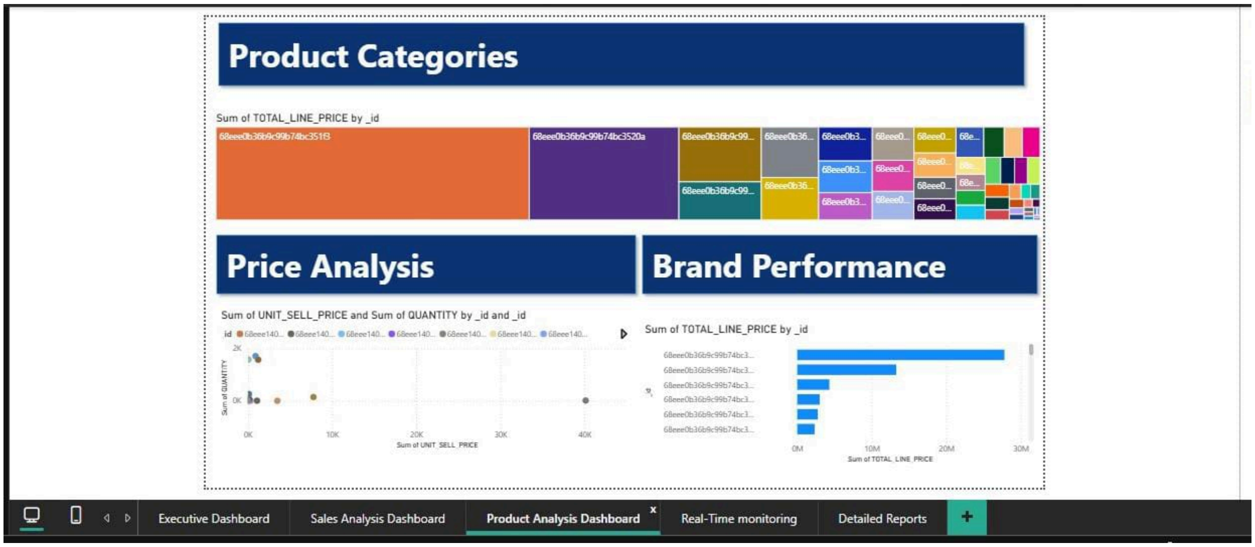
Sales Analysis Dashboard:

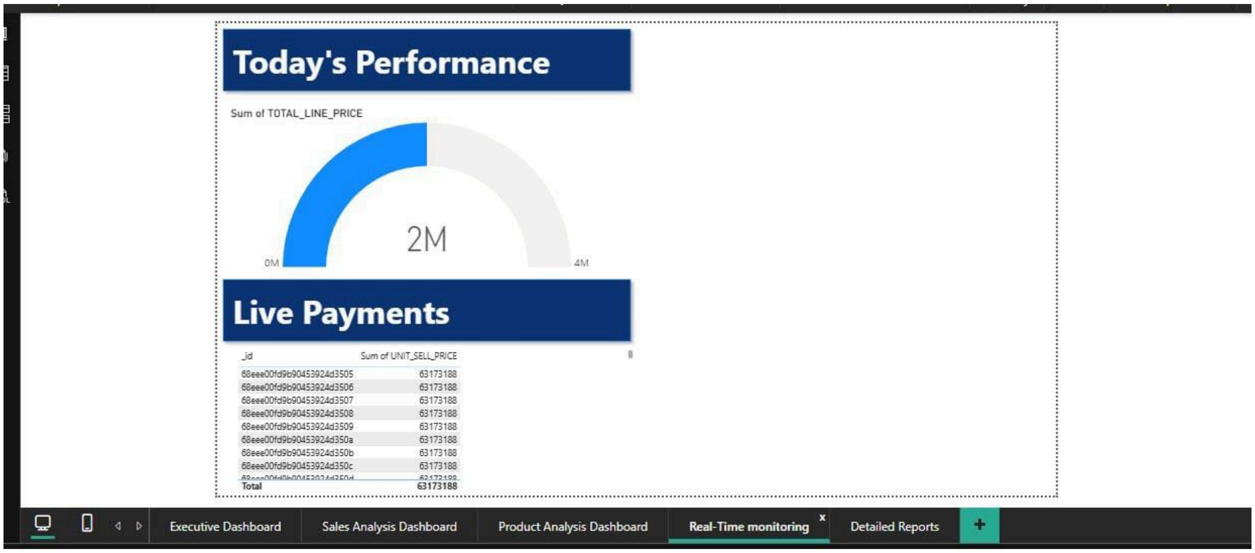
-Detailed transaction analysis

-Customer performance metrics
-Monthly comparison charts
-Category-based sales breakdown



Product Analysis Dashboard:

-Price analysis and optimization insights
-Brand performance tracking
-Inventory management metrics
-Product category performance



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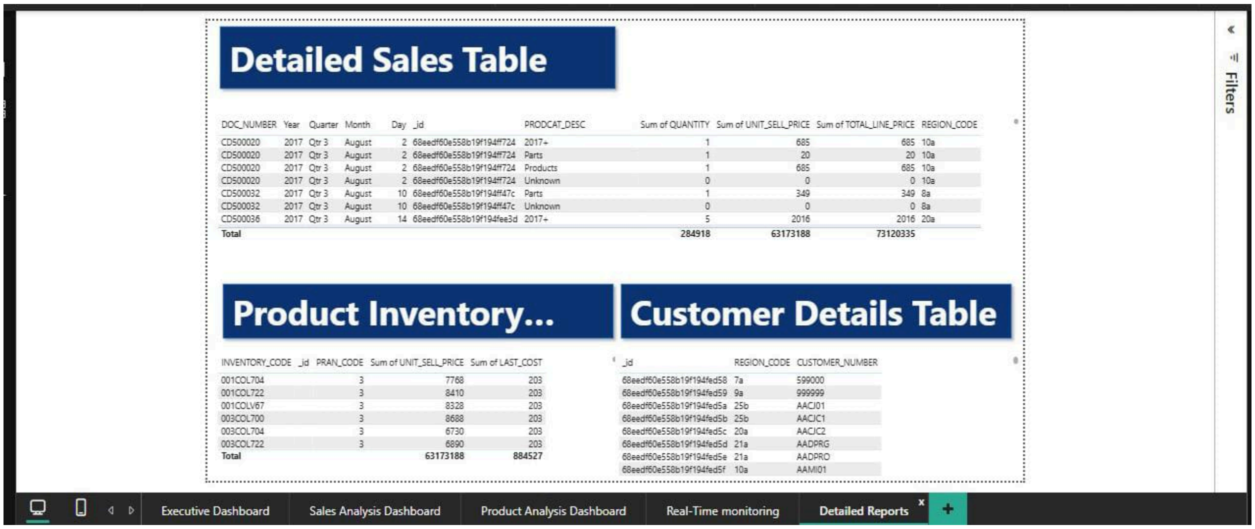
Real-time Monitoring:

-Live payment stream visualization
-Today's performance against targets

-Immediate anomaly detection



Detailed Sales Table

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CD500020	2017	Qtr 3	August	2	68eedf60e558b19f194ff724	Parts	1	20	20	10a
CD500020	2017	Qtr 3	August	2	68eedf60e558b19f194ff724	Products	1	685	685	10a
CD500020	2017	Qtr 3	August	2	68eedf60e558b19f194ff724	Unknown	0	0	0	10a
CD500032	2017	Qtr 3	August	10	68eedf60e558b19f194ff47c	Parts	1	349	349	8a
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CD500036	2017	Qtr 3	August	14	68eedf60e558b19f194fee3d	2017+	5	2016	2016	20a
Total							**284918**	**63173188**	**73120335**	

Product Inventory...

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Customer Details Table

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Detailed Reports:

-Comprehensive sales transaction tables
-Customer master data reference
-Product inventory catalog
-Export-ready detailed analysis

2.7 AI Usage Log

2.7.1 AI-Assisted Development Activities

The development process for this project incorporated Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools to enhance productivity, accuracy, and design quality across multiple phases. AI was not used as a substitute for human judgment but rather as a supplementary resource to improve efficiency and precision in coding, system architecture, and documentation.

Code Generation and Optimization

- **MongoDB Connection Configuration and Troubleshooting**
  AI tools provided guidance on configuring and debugging MongoDB connection strings. This included generating secure connection templates, validating Uniform Resource Identifiers (URIs), and resolving authentication or environment-related issues to ensure reliable data communication between the ETL scripts and the database.

- **Power BI DAX Measures and Calculated Columns**
  AI-supported development of complex Data Analysis Expressions (DAX) measures and calculated columns within Power BI dashboards. This ensured that performance indicators and analytical computations were accurately defined and optimized for dynamic user interaction.

- **API Development for Real-Time Data Streaming**
  AI-assisted guidance was utilized to construct and optimize RESTful API endpoints that facilitate real-time data transfer between backend systems and visualization dashboards. This contributed to minimizing data latency and maintaining up-to-date information in analytical reports.

Design and Architecture Guidance

- **NoSQL Data Modeling Best Practices**
  AI provided support in applying appropriate NoSQL schema design principles, ensuring the MongoDB collections were efficiently structured for analytical queries and system scalability.

- **ETL Process Design Validation**
  The design and logical flow of the ETL pipeline were reviewed and optimized with AI guidance to ensure consistency, data accuracy, and efficient execution.

- **Performance Optimization Strategies**
  AI-generated insights informed optimization strategies, such as query tuning, indexing, and caching, which improved the overall responsiveness of both the database and visualization layers.

Documentation Support

- **Technical Specification Drafting**
  AI assistance was applied to generate well-structured technical documentation, including system architecture explanations, data flow diagrams, and functional module descriptions.

- **Report Structure Organization**
  The report's organization and formatting were refined with AI recommendations to ensure logical coherence, academic tone, and professional presentation.

- **Business Justification Formulation**
  AI contributed to the articulation of the business justification for the developed system, emphasizing how the implemented solution supports data-driven decision-making and operational efficiency.

- **Presentation Content Development**
  AI tools assisted in developing and refining presentation materials used to communicate the project's objectives, methodology, and outcomes in an accessible and visually appealing manner.

2.7.2 Human Validation and Enhancement

Although AI tools played a supporting role in this project, all generated content and outputs were rigorously done,validated and refined by the group . This ensured that every deliverable adhered to ClearVue's business objectives, technical standards, and academic integrity requirements.

- **Code Testing and Refinement**
  All AI-generated Python scripts, API endpoints, and DAX formulas underwent thorough manual testing and debugging. Logical improvements and performance adjustments were implemented to guarantee functional accuracy and reliability.

- **Business Logic Verification**
  The project team verified that the system's business logic was consistent with ClearVue's operational requirements. This validation ensured that all automated processes and calculations accurately reflected real-world data and business processes.

- **Architecture Decision Validation**
  Architectural design choices, including database schema configuration and data pipeline structure, were reviewed and approved by the group. These decisions were evaluated based on scalability, maintainability, and compliance with industry best practices.

- **Peer Review and Quality Assurance**
  The final deliverables—including code, dashboards, and documentation—underwent a peer-review process to ensure quality, clarity, and consistency. Constructive feedback from team members was incorporated into the final submission to enhance overall quality and professionalism.

<u>2.8 Overall Presentation and Clarity</u>

2.8.1 Project Coherence and Professionalism

The project demonstrates a high degree of technical and professional coherence through its structured implementation, adherence to best practices, and clear alignment with business objectives. Each design choice, from database architecture to dashboard visualization, was guided by the overarching goal of delivering a reliable, scalable, and value-driven solution tailored to ClearVue's operational needs.

Technical Implementation Excellence

- Robust MongoDB Foundation Leveraging Document Model Advantages
  The project's data layer was built upon MongoDB, a NoSQL document-oriented database that provides flexibility in data storage and retrieval. This model allows for efficient management of semi-structured data, supporting complex financial and operational records while maintaining high query performance and schema adaptability.

- Scalable Architecture Supporting Current and Future Data Volumes
  The system architecture was designed to accommodate growth in data volume and complexity. Modular design principles and cloud-ready configurations ensure that the solution can scale horizontally to support additional collections, data pipelines, or integration with external analytics tools as ClearVue's data ecosystem expands.

- Real-Time Capabilities Enabling Immediate Business Insights
  The integration of APIs and automated ETL pipelines enables near real-time data synchronization between the operational systems and visualization dashboards. **This** feature supports timely decision-making by ensuring that business users have access to the most current information available.

- Comprehensive ETL Process Ensuring Data Quality
  The Extract, Transform, and Load (ETL) workflow ensures that all incoming data undergoes validation, cleaning, and transformation before storage. This process minimizes redundancy, corrects inconsistencies, and standardizes formats, ensuring that analytics outputs are based on accurate and reliable data.

Business Value Delivery

- Direct Alignment with ClearVue's Unique Financial Calendar
  The system was explicitly designed around ClearVue's operational and financial calendar, ensuring accurate period-based reporting and alignment with internal performance evaluation cycles.

- Anticipation of Future Supplier Analytics Requirements
  The data model and ETL processes were designed with extensibility in mind, allowing for the future inclusion of supplier performance metrics and comparative analytics

without requiring major architectural changes.

- Cost-Effective Implementation Demonstrating Rapid ROI
  The use of open-source technologies such as Python and MongoDB, coupled with Power BI's affordability, ensured a cost-effective solution. This design choice delivers rapid return on investment (ROI) through reduced development costs and enhanced decision-making capabilities.

- User-Friendly Dashboards Enabling Data-Driven Decisions
  The Power BI dashboards were developed with usability and accessibility as core design principles. Interactive visuals, clear performance indicators, and intuitive navigation enable business stakeholders to interpret complex datasets with ease and confidence.

2.8.2 Documentation Quality

The project documentation exemplifies academic and professional standards of quality, presenting the project's development journey in a structured, coherent, and accessible manner. Each section of the report contributes to a comprehensive understanding of the project's objectives, technical processes, and business impact.

Structural Excellence

- Logical Flow from Business Problem to Technical Solution
  The report follows a clear and logical progression—from identifying the business problem, to outlining the proposed solution, through to implementation and evaluation—allowing readers to easily trace the project's rationale and development process.

- Comprehensive Coverage of All Project Components
  Every major component of the project, including data modeling, ETL design, system integration, and dashboard development, is thoroughly discussed to provide a holistic view of the implementation.

- Clear Section Organization Supporting Easy Navigation
  The report's layout and structure facilitate intuitive navigation, with descriptive headings, numbered subsections, and consistent formatting that allow readers to locate specific information efficiently.

- Consistent Formatting Enhancing Readability
  Consistent use of fonts, spacing, figures, and reference styles contributes to the report's professional presentation and readability, reflecting attention to academic and technical

writing standards.

2.8.3 Content Clarity

- Complex Technical Concepts Explained in Accessible Language
  The report translates complex programming and data management processes into clear, comprehensible explanations, ensuring that both technical and non-technical readers can grasp the underlying concepts.

- Business Justification Clearly Articulated
  Each technical decision is supported by a well-defined business rationale, demonstrating how the implemented solution directly supports ClearVue's strategic goals and operational efficiency.

- Implementation Details Sufficiently Detailed for Replication
  The documentation includes enough technical detail—such as data flow descriptions, code explanations, and architectural diagrams—to allow future developers or researchers to reproduce or extend the system independently.

- Future Enhancement Opportunities Identified
  The report concludes by identifying realistic and impactful opportunities for future development, such as predictive analytics, enhanced automation, and extended data integration, demonstrating forward-thinking and continuous improvement.

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