

Subject: Data Modeling and Analysis for Fetch Rewards - Brands and Receipt Rewards

Hi Team,

Currently the data is being generated in a JSON structure having 3 main files, brands, receipts, and users. Owing to the unstructured nature of the json format, it is difficult to perform analysis on it directly. So, I propose to create a data warehouse to store this data in tables. This will make generating reports and performing analytics easier and faster. I've attached a diagram of the proposed data model for your review. Please email or slack me if you have any questions.

Before finalizing the database model, I would appreciate if you could clarify my questions regarding the following:

Relationship Questions:

1. I notice there's no direct relationship between brands and receipts in the JSON files except for the `cpg_id` (stored as rewards product partner ID in the receipts item list). Could we implement a clearer mapping between these tables to directly match brands with scanned receipt items?
2. The "brand code" in Receipts Items doesn't match the corresponding field in the Brands table. Are these meant to represent different concepts, or should we standardize them?

Data Quality Issues:

While processing the data in Python I found a few quality issues in the data:

1. Missing Values: Many columns in the data do not have values present.

Receipts	Users	Brands
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bonusPointsEarned 575	active 0	barcode 0
bonusPointsEarnedReason 575	role 0	category 155
pointsEarned 510	signUpSource 48	categoryCode 650
purchasedItemCount 484	state 56	name 0
rewardsReceiptItemList 440	_id_\$oid 0	topBrand 612
rewardsReceiptStatus 0	createdDate_\$date 0	_id_\$oid 0
totalSpent 435	lastLogin_\$date 62	cpg_\$id_\$oid 0
userId 0	dtype: int64	cpg_\$ref 0
id\$oid 0		brandCode 234
createDate_\$date 0		dtype: int64
dateScanned_\$date 0		
finishedDate_\$date 551		
modifyDate_\$date 0		
pointsAwardedDate_\$date 582		
purchaseDate_\$date 448		
dtype: int64		

As you can see, so many columns have missing/null values. We should evaluate which of these fields are critical for analysis and develop strategies to address these gaps.

2. Duplicates: Approximately half the records in the Users table appear to be duplicated. I recommend removing these redundancies before migration to the data warehouse.
3. Data Distribution: There are no receipts with "Accepted" status, and other receipt statuses show uneven distribution. This imbalance could impact analytics and future predictive modeling. We should collect additional data for more comprehensive analysis.

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rewards_receipt_status
FINISHED 518
SUBMITTED 434
REJECTED 71
PENDING 50
FLAGGED 46
Name: count, dtype: int64
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Processing Efficiency:

1. Currently, item lists are embedded within receipt data, requiring additional processing. Would it be possible to provide this information in a separate JSON file?
2. Our analytical queries currently require resource-intensive SQL operations. When finalizing the data model, we should optimize for our most frequent query patterns to improve performance. This will ensure efficient processing.

I believe addressing these issues will help us implement a robust data warehouse that can serve as a solid foundation for our analytics initiatives.

Please let me know your thoughts via Slack or email.

Thank you!