# **ONLINE SHOPPING DATA**

## Introduction

This report presents the design and querying of a database system for online shopping platform using SQL Server. Working with five CSV files customers, products, orders, order items, and payments. I created the OnlineShoppingDB and established table relationships with proper constraints. The task involved writing SQL queries to extract insights, update records, and create stored procedures, views, and functions. Each solution is backed by explanation and outputs, showing how structured data can be transformed into meaningful business insights.

## .1 Database Creation (OnlineShoppingDB)

Before building the database, it's important to understand the dataset and its purpose. To help with this, think about these simple questions:

- How can you organize the entities into separate tables?
- What kind of relationships exist between the entities—one-to-one, one-to-many, or many-to-many?
- What are the main entities in the dataset?
- How do these entities relate to each other?

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After creating the database, I proceeded to create the respective tables before importing the csv files containing data for the individual tables

### Table Adjustments

On reviewing the data in the respective files certain adjustments were made in respect of the data types which were incorporated at the time of creating the tables.

### **Customers Table**

- **customer\_id** is an INT for a simple numeric ID.
- name, email, phone, and country are NVARCHAR to store text with varying lengths and support different languages and special characters.

#### **Products Table**

- product\_id is an INT to uniquely identify each product.
- **product\_name** and **category** are NVARCHAR to store descriptive text.
- price is DECIMAL(10,2) for accurate currency representation.

#### **Orders Table**

- order\_id and customer\_id are INT for IDs.
- order\_date uses the DATE type to store just the date of the order.

### Order\_items Table

- order item id, order id, and product id are INT as they are identifiers.
- quantity is INT because you can't order partial items.
- **price\_each**, **Total\_price**, and **total\_amount** are DECIMAL(10,2) to handle monetary values accurately.

### **Payments Table**

- payment\_id and order\_id are INT for identifiers.
- payment date uses the DATE type to record the transaction date.
- payment\_method is NVARCHAR to store different text-based payment options.
- amount\_paid is DECIMAL(10,2) for accurate currency storage without rounding errors.

# .2 Importing CSV files

Working with Visual Studio Enterprise I load the data into the created tables using BULK INSERT code used to import large data files into SQL Server.

### BULK INSERT 'Table name'

This tells SQL Server to load data into the named table in the dbo schema.

#### FROM 'C:\'Path'\'filename'

It specifies the full path to the CSV file on your PC. This must be a folder that SQL Server has permission to access.

Tip: It is recommended to move files to a neutral location like C:\Temp before importing.

WITH (...)

This clause sets options for how the file is read.

FORMAT = 'CSV'

Declares that the file is in CSV format

(important for SQL 2022+).

FIRSTROW = 2 Skips the header row; starts inserting from

the second line.

FIELDTERMINATOR Defines that fields in each row are separated

=',' by commas.

ROWTERMINATOR = Defines a line break (LF) at the end of each

'0x0A' row (Unix-style).

TABLOCK Applies a table-level lock for better

performance during import.

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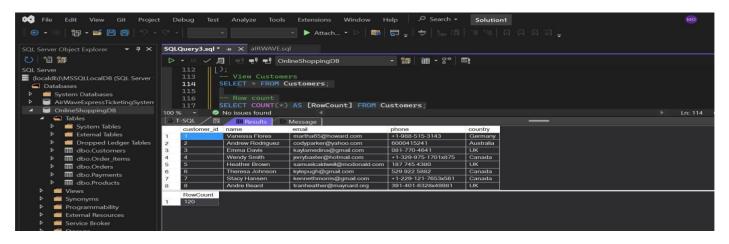
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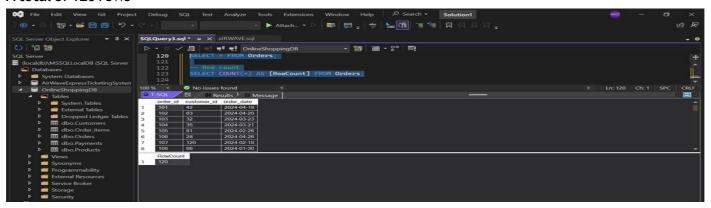
# 1. Querying the Tables

Use **SELECT** \* **FROM table\_name**; to get all data from the table. To count the rows, use **SELECT COUNT(\*) FROM table\_name.** With the following statement we can view all the data in the customer table.



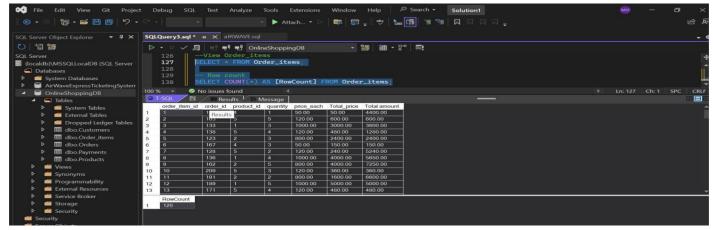
### Customer table:

A total of 120 rows



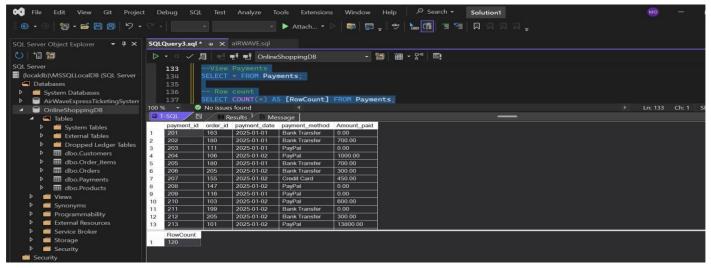
Order table:

A total of 120 rows.



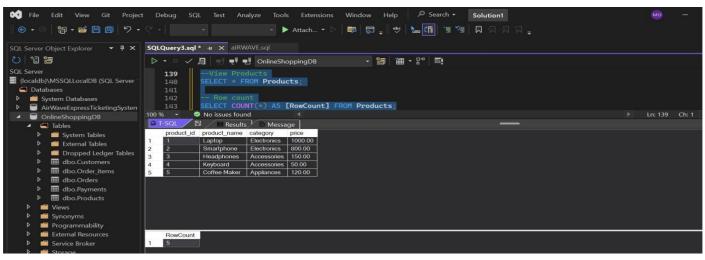
Order\_items table:

A total of 120 rows.



Payment table:

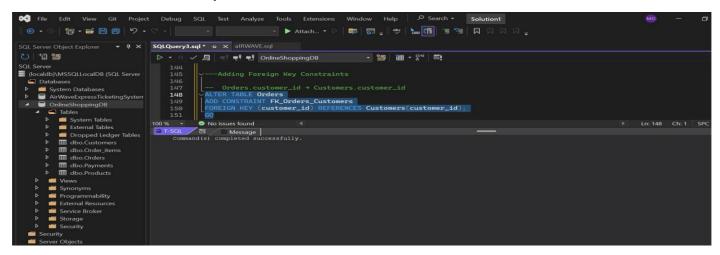
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Product table:

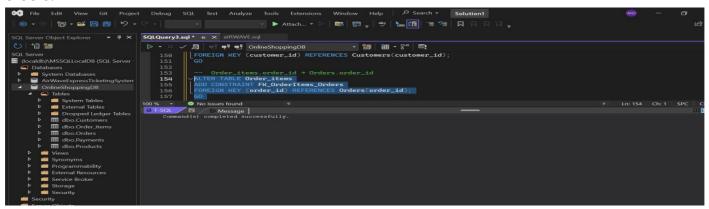
A total of 5 rows.

# 3. Relationships



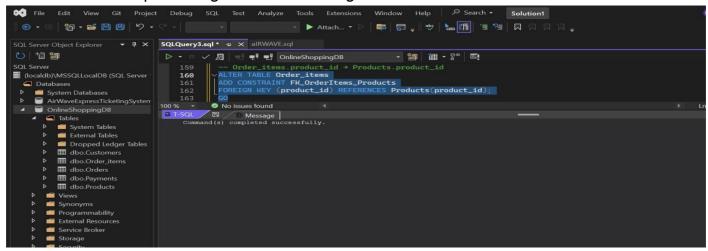
### FK\_Orders\_Customers

This constraint makes sure that each order in the Orders table is connected to a valid customer in the Customers table. It creates a one-to-many relationship, meaning one customer can place many orders.



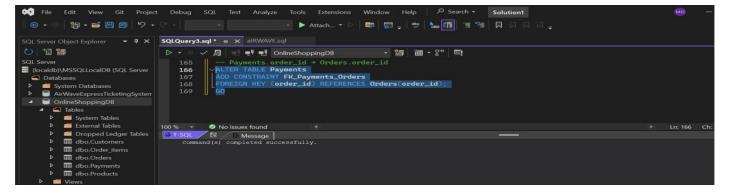
## • FK\_OrderItems\_Orders

This ensures that every item in the Order\_items table is linked to an actual order, helping to keep the data consistent and preventing items from existing without a related order.



### • FK\_OrderItems\_Products

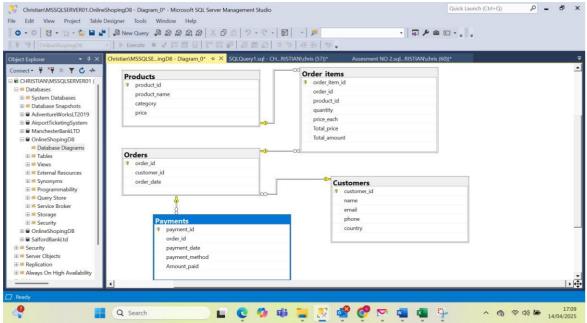
This constraint makes sure that every product in an order must already be listed in the Products table. It helps maintain accuracy by preventing the inclusion of products that don't exist.



### • FK\_Payments\_Orders

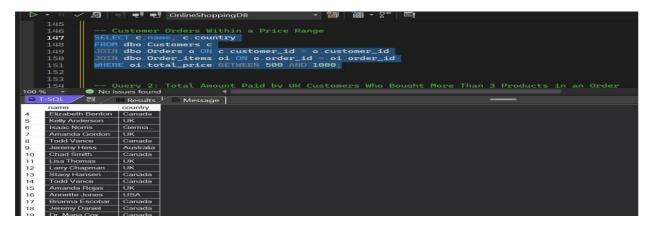
This ensures that every payment is linked to a valid order, helping with financial tracking and preventing payments from being recorded without a corresponding purchase.

### Database Diagram

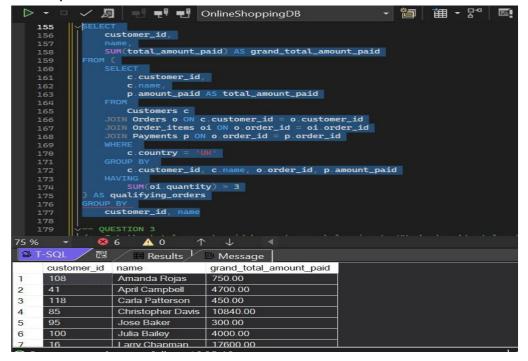


# 4. Answers to Questions 2 - 4

 Write a query that returns the names and countries of customers who made orders with a total amount between £500 and £1000.



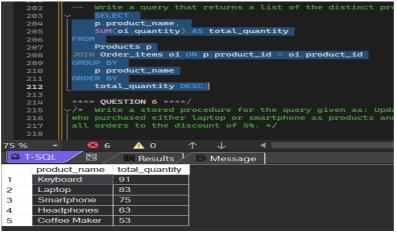
• Get the total amount paid by customers belonging to UK who bought at least more than three products in an order.



Write a query to find the top two highest payments from UK or Australia after applying a 12.2%
 VAT, rounding the results to the nearest whole number.

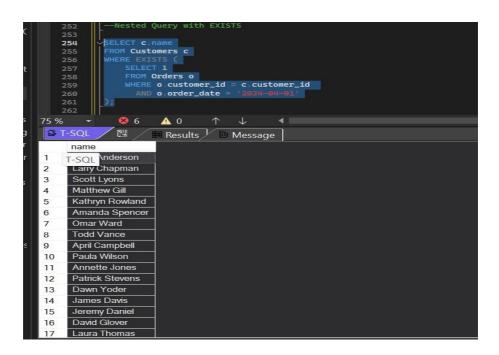
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• Write a query that returns a list of the distinct product\_name and the total quantity purchased for each product called as total\_quantity. Sort by total\_quantity.



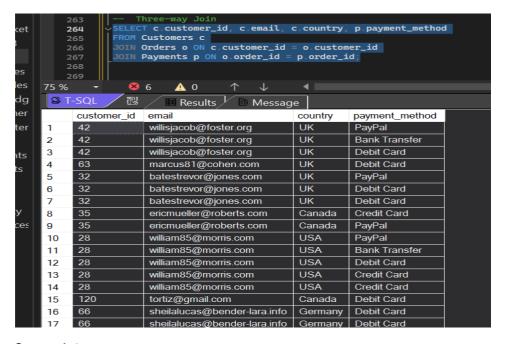
• Write a stored procedure for the query given as: Update the amount\_paid of customers who purchased either laptop or smartphone as products and amount\_paid>=£17000 of all orders to the discount of 5%.

- Write at least five queries of your own and provide a brief explanation of the results which each query returns. You should make use of all the following at least once:
- i. Nested query including use of EXISTS or IN
- ii. Joins
- iii. System functions
- iv. Use of GROUP BY, HAVING and ORDER BY clauses.



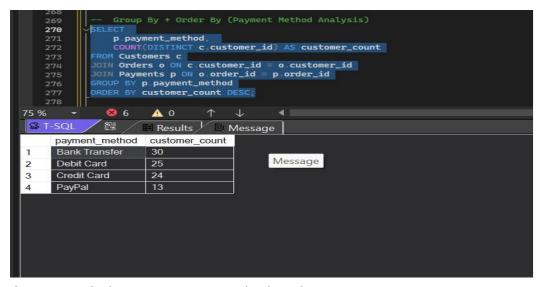
Nested query including use of EXISTS

Returns names of customers who placed at least one order after April 1, 2024.



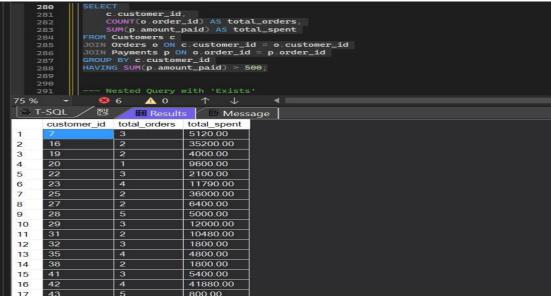
### 3-way Join

Joins Customers, Orders, and Payments tables to display each customer's email, country, and how they made their payment.



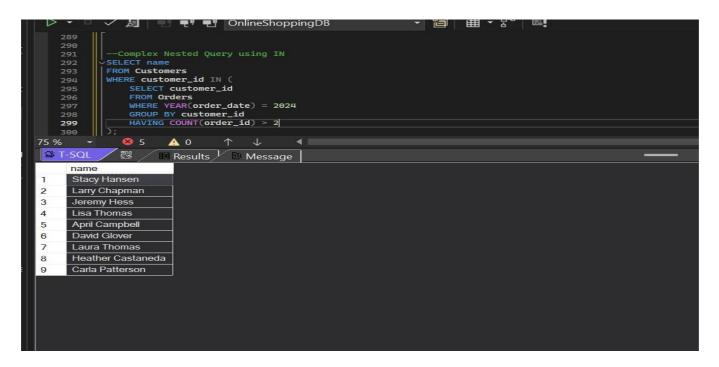
Group By + Order By (Payment Method Analysis)

It shows how many customers used each payment method, helping identify the most popular options.



System Functions - Total Spending

This query uses aggregate functions (COUNT and SUM) to calculate how many orders each customer made and their total spending. It then filters to show only customers who spent more than 500.



Nested Query using IN

Finds customers who placed more than 3 orders in 2024.

Function - Evaluate Customer Spending

## Conclusion

The OnlineShoppingDB is a solid solution for e-commerce platforms. It ensures data security, integrity, and performance while supporting important features like user management, order processing, and inventory tracking. With good design and best practices, it provides a reliable base for smooth operations and future growth.