

SQL TIPS AND TRICKS

PART 31

Customer Retention and Customer Churn Analysis

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Sample Example-

	customer_id	transaction_date
▶	1	2023-01-15
	1	2023-02-10
	1	2023-03-05
	2	2023-01-20
	2	2023-02-15
	3	2023-01-25
	3	2023-02-20
	3	2023-04-10
	4	2023-02-05
	4	2023-03-07
	5	2023-03-10
	5	2023-04-12
	6	2023-01-15
	6	2023-03-18
	7	2023-02-25
	7	2023-04-05
	8	2023-01-30
	8	2023-03-01
	9	2023-02-12
	10	2023-01-18
	10	2023-02-28
	11	2023-03-22

RETENTION

Retention analysis involves calculating the percentage of customers who continue to use your service over a given period.

Steps:

1. Define the Time Periods:

Determine the time intervals for your analysis (e.g., monthly, weekly).

2. Identify Unique Customers:


Extract the list of unique customers for each time period.

3. Calculate Retention Rate:

Compare the list of customers in each period to the previous period to see who has stayed.


```
38 • WITH monthly_customers AS ( -- Extract unique customers per month
39     SELECT customer_id, DATE_FORMAT(transaction_date, '%Y-%m-01') AS month
40     FROM cus_transactions
41     GROUP BY customer_id, month
42 ),
43 retention AS ( -- Calculate retention
44     SELECT mc1.month AS month,
45         COUNT(DISTINCT mc1.customer_id) AS total_customers,
46         COUNT(DISTINCT mc2.customer_id) AS retained_customers
47     FROM monthly_customers mc1
48     LEFT JOIN monthly_customers mc2
49     ON mc1.customer_id = mc2.customer_id
50         AND mc2.month = DATE_FORMAT(DATE_ADD(mc1.month, INTERVAL 1 MONTH), '%Y-%m-01')
51     GROUP BY mc1.month
52 )
53 -- Select retention data
54 SELECT month, total_customers, retained_customers,
55     (retained_customers / total_customers) * 100 AS retention_rate
56 FROM retention
57 ORDER BY month;
```

Result Grid




Filter Rows:

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	month	total_customers	retained_customers	retention_rate
▶	2023-01-01	6	4	66.6667
	2023-02-01	7	2	28.5714
	2023-03-01	6	1	16.6667
	2023-04-01	3	0	0.0000

CHURN ANALYSIS

Churn analysis involves identifying the percentage of customers who stop using your service over a specified period.

Steps:

Define the Time Periods:

Similar to retention, determine the time intervals for your analysis.

2. Identify Churned Customers:

Identify customers who were active in one period but not in the subsequent period.

3. Calculate Churn Rate:

The churn rate can be calculated by comparing the number of churned customers to the total number of customers in the previous period.

```
68 • WITH monthly_customers AS ( -- Extract unique customers per month
69     SELECT customer_id, DATE_FORMAT(transaction_date, '%Y-%m-01') AS month
70     FROM cus_transactions
71     GROUP BY customer_id, month
72 ),
73 churn AS ( -- Calculate churn
74     SELECT mc1.month AS month,
75         COUNT(DISTINCT mc1.customer_id) AS total_customers,
76         COUNT(DISTINCT mc1.customer_id) - COUNT(DISTINCT mc2.customer_id) AS churned_customers
77     FROM monthly_customers mc1
78     LEFT JOIN monthly_customers mc2
79     ON mc1.customer_id = mc2.customer_id
80         AND mc2.month = DATE_FORMAT(DATE_ADD(mc1.month, INTERVAL 1 MONTH), '%Y-%m-01')
81     GROUP BY mc1.month
82 )
83 -- Select churn data
84 SELECT month, total_customers, churned_customers,
85     (churned_customers / total_customers) * 100 AS churn_rate
86 FROM churn
87 ORDER BY month;
```

Result Grid		Filter Rows:	Export:	Wrap Cell Content
	month	total_customers	churned_customers	churn_rate
▶	2023-01-01	6	2	33.3333
	2023-02-01	7	5	71.4286
	2023-03-01	6	5	83.3333
	2023-04-01	3	3	100.0000



THANK YOU

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