GamesABC Product
Revenue Analytics 2022
Power BI

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About the Project

The project goal is to create an Revenue Analysis dashboard for a Product team at a Games Development company.

There were **3 games**, which were presented at different time during the **10 month** period, were available for different timeframes and in **1-3 languages**.
A transaction based revenue model was applied with **pay-per-use** pricing tactics.

The Product Team needs **to analyze Revenue data** to plan product-market fit improvements, as well to set sales and marketing focus and KPIs. The dashboard shows data
- **at the end of the period** to gain insights about user groups and games performance,
- **in monthly dynamics** to review the sources of income and to define factors, impacting the Revenue changes.

The terms of the project:
February 15 - February 29 2024.

The technology stack:
- Initial dataset: two tables in **PostgreSQL** database,
- Dashboard: **Power BI**
- **Excel** - for testing purposes

Project Functionality
Requirements analysis and Design of the Reports
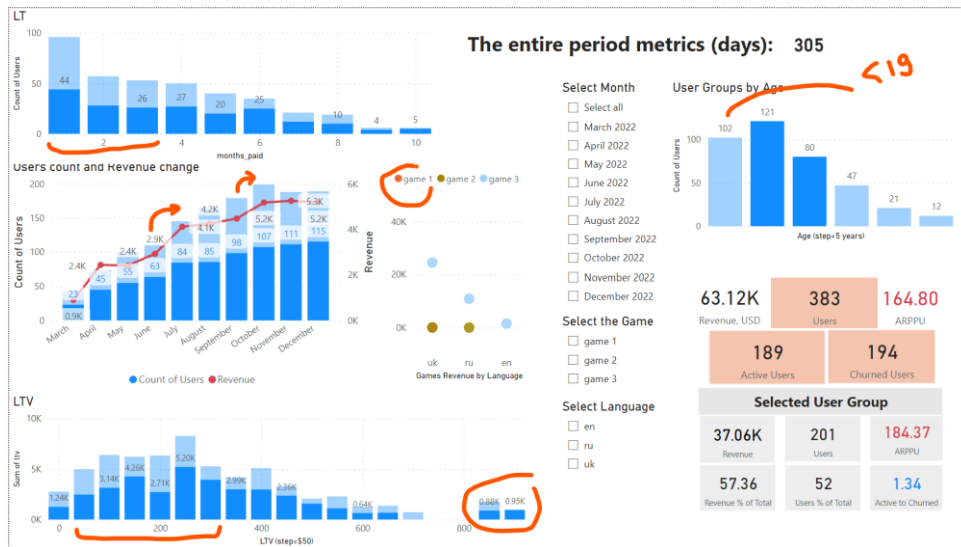

- **End of the period** report:
    1. **Summary metrics** totals (Revenue, User Count total and by status at the end of the period, ARPPU) should be compared with those for selected
        - Game (and language) and
        - User group.
    2. **Users should be grouped** by age, number of active months (LT), total spend (LTV).
    3. It should be possible to see data for selected group and games relatively to the entire scope of data, as well as absolute ones (i.e. **selected values filtering, as well as slicing should be available**).

- **Monthly analytics** report:
    1. Total Monthly Recurring Revenue (MRR) data should be provided for the 10-month period.
    2. MRR structure should be clear: revenue generated by New Returned and Retained Users.
    3. Churn rate and Retention rate change should be presented.
        - It should be possible to compare Churn rate for selected Game or user group with total Churn rate
    4. Factors impacting Revenue (including components of it's structure) and Churn Rate should include:
        - the change of User Count and
        - Games launch/ withdraw dates
    5. It should be possible to see data for selected user group and games relatively to the entire scope of data, as well as absolute ones (i.e. **selected values filtering, as well as slicing should be available**).

Project Scope

To complete the project it required:
- To transform initial datasets with SQL to get data, required for visualization:
  - **Users table** was enriched with LT, LTV and Status of the User at the end of the period. This table was needed for the period summary calculations.
  - **Transactions table** was enriched with month revenue and the previous month revenue for each user to make it easier to categorize Users and Revenue sources.
  - Additional calculations were made and added as columns for testing and alternative calculation purposes.
- Transformed table were loaded to PowerBI, where the data and model were checked and updated. Calendar table was added.
- Two dashboard pages were created,
  - up to 20 measures were added with DAX,
  - slicers on Month, User Age and Game Language were added to both of pages.
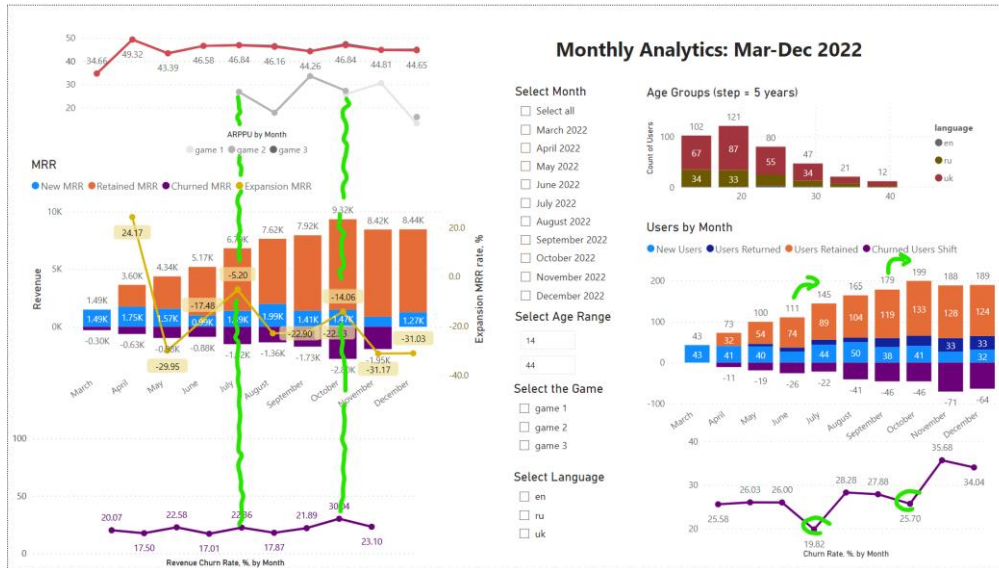
End of The Period
technical and logical details

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The report represents **baseline** for the first 10 month of products usage.

- Totals of Revenue, ARPPU and User Count (with decomposition to Active and Churned Users at the end of the period) **ignore any filters**.

- "Selected User Group" shows **absolute and relative to total metrics** for the selected group of Users.

- **Users are grouped** in bins with 5-year step. A big group of teenagers was identified. The largest part of the revenue was generated by users younger than 29.

  - User distribution among LT with 1-month step. Paid months are used instead of the time difference between the first and the last payments (due to the revenue model).

  - LTV summed in boundaries of groups with the step of $50. That allows to find groups of users with desirable LTV. Also, that shows anomalies.

- The scatter chart shows the Revenue amount in dimensions of **games and their languages**.

- **Change of user count and revenue by months**. That is the main subject of the project. It will be decomposed on the Monthly Analytics dashboard.

Monthly Analytics
technical and logical details

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The report represents
Revenue changes and Churn Rate
during the first 10 month of product launch.

- The **Revenue sources** were added to show the structure of MRR

- As **probable factors** of revenue change
  - the User Count by month was added. It consists of New, Retained, Returned users measures,
  - ARPPU by Games was added. It shows start and end o each Game usage.
  - Users age groups were split by languages

- The **Revenue Churn Rate** and **Retention Rate** were added to plan the marketing and sales efforts.

- It is possible to see **ARPPU and Revenue Churn Rate** of selected ser group or Game **relatevly** to total numbers.

- All the charts may be **filtered**
  - by Month from any of the chart of from slicer
  - by user Age and Language from binned age bar chart or from "between" slicer

Analysis results

- 80% of users are in age groups from 14 till 29 years old

- 27% of users are teenagers younger than 18. One of them has an anomaly large LTV.

- 60% of Users are engaged with the product from 2 to 6 months

- 56% of Users spent from $50 till $300 during the LT. Their LT has distribution close to normal, the average LT id 3,5 months. They played game 3 in Ukrainian and Russian.

  - Revenue from those, who played the Ukrainian version had a stable significant growth till November (may be related to game 1 launch in October)

- Increase of Revenue correlates with launch of new games. However, it looks like that does not have long time effect: the churn rate grows the next month.

  - ARPPU of new games is also lower, than of the initial one.

- English version of product has significantly higher Churn rate

- Revenue from existing users gets lower month by month, meanwhile the Revenue Churn rate grows.

Pitfalls and Resolutions

Non-Technical issues I faced

- How to select metrics to show?
- What should be the design of reports?
- Which parameters to calculate in SQL before loading to Power BI?
- How to define factors impacting the Revenue change?

Business Analysis practices helped a lot:

- Study of the Revenue and Unit Economics metrics, their decomposition (e.g. importance of Churn rate).
- Study and definition of applied Revenue model and pricing type (e.g. what data to use for LT calculation).
- Definition of possible business needs for data analysis in such a business and at such a stage (e.g. KYC, Product-Market fit).
- Definition of ER, scenarios of usage and Use Cases.

Technical issues I faced in Power BI

- How to group data?
- How to calculate number of users based on conditions?
- How to combine measures which calculate different User categories in one chart?
- How to ignore filters?
- How to move value on x-axis?
- How to ignore the first/ the last month?

Most of the difficulties were overcome by

- google search and
- parallel tests in SQL, Excel and Power BI,
- after the detailed decomposition of the metrics and tasks.