

Retail Intelligence Platform - Final Submission Guide

Team BNZ - Snowflake x Accenture Hackathon

Complete Implementation Checklist

Phase 1: Environment Setup □

- Snowflake trial account created (US West - Oregon)
- Database `RETAIL_INTELLIGENCE_DB` created
- Schemas created: RAW, STAGING, ANALYTICS, MART
- Warehouse `RETAIL_WH` created and configured
- ACCOUNTADMIN role used for permissions

Phase 2: Data Ingestion □

- Downloaded Abt-Buy dataset from <https://dbs.uni-leipzig.de/files/datasets/Abt-Buy.zip>
- Created raw tables: ABT_PRODUCTS, BUY_PRODUCTS, PRODUCT_MAPPING_TRUTH
- Created file format and stage
- Loaded all CSV files successfully
- Verified data counts match expected values
- Data quality checks passed

Phase 3: Data Transformation □

- DBT project setup (or staging views created)
- STG_ABT_PRODUCTS created with cleaned data
- STG_BUY_PRODUCTS created with cleaned data
- Price conversions working correctly
- Text normalization applied (UPPER, TRIM)
- Null handling implemented

Phase 4: Feature Engineering with Snowpark □

- Snowpark Python environment configured
- Custom UDFs created (Jaccard similarity, Levenshtein distance)
- Product pair features table created
- Features include: name similarity, description similarity, price differences
- Token overlap calculated
- Feature validation completed

Phase 5: AI/ML with Cortex □

- PRODUCT_EMBEDDINGS** table created using EMBED_TEXT_768
- Embeddings generated for all products (ABT + BUY)
- PRODUCT_MATCHES_AI** table created with cosine similarity
- Match confidence levels assigned (HIGH, MEDIUM, LOW)
- Match ranking implemented (top N per product)
- PRODUCT_CATEGORIES** table created using COMPLETE LLM
- AI categorization applied to all products
- Semantic similarity threshold tuned (≥ 0.55)

Phase 6: Price Intelligence

- PRICE_INTELLIGENCE** view created
- Price differences calculated (absolute & percentage)
- Price positions identified (cheaper/parity)
- Competitiveness scores computed
- Category-level price analysis available
- Price opportunity identification working

Phase 7: Model Validation

- MATCH_VALIDATION** view created
- Ground truth comparison implemented
- Precision metrics calculated by confidence level
- MODEL_PERFORMANCE** view created
- OVERALL_PERFORMANCE** metrics available
- Accuracy $> 70\%$ for HIGH confidence matches
- Coverage metrics tracked

Phase 8: Cortex Analyst

- Semantic model YAML file created
- All tables properly defined in YAML
- Dimensions and measures configured
- Relationships defined
- Sample questions included
- YAML uploaded to CORTEX_ANALYST_STAGE
- Cortex Analyst tested with natural language queries
- At least 5 test questions validated

Phase 9: Snowflake Intelligence Dashboards

- Dashboard created in Snowsight
- Key metrics tiles added (match statistics, prices)
- Visualizations created (charts, graphs)

- Match confidence distribution chart
- Price position breakdown chart
- Category analysis charts
- Model performance metrics displayed
- Dashboard filters configured
- Screenshots captured

Phase 10: Streamlit Application □

- Streamlit app created in Snowflake
 - Connection to Snowflake configured
 - Product Matching** tab implemented
 - Price Intelligence** tab implemented
 - Category Analysis** tab implemented
 - Search Products** tab implemented
 - Model Performance** tab implemented
 - AI Assistant** tab with Cortex Analyst
 - Interactive filters working
 - Data export functionality added
 - Error handling implemented
 - App tested end-to-end
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Snowflake Features Used - Verification

Required Features ✓

Feature	Used	Evidence
Snowpark	✓	Custom Python UDFs for similarity calculations
DBT Projects	✓	Staging and analytics models for data transformation
Cortex AI - Embeddings	✓	EMBED_TEXT_768 for semantic product vectors
Cortex AI - Complete	✓	LLM for product categorization
Cortex Agents	✓	Cortex Analyst for natural language queries
AI/SQL	✓	VECTOR_COSINE_SIMILARITY for product matching
Snowflake Intelligence	✓	Interactive dashboards in Snowsight
Streamlit	✓	Full-featured web application

Additional Features Used ☀️

- **Vector Search:** Semantic similarity using embeddings
 - **Dynamic Tables:** (Optional) For real-time updates
 - **Stages:** Internal stage for data loading
 - **Views:** Analytics and mart layer views
 - **UDFs:** Custom text processing functions
 - **Time Travel:** Data versioning capability
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📁 Deliverables Checklist

1. Code Repository □

```
retail-intelligence-platform/
├── README.md (comprehensive with setup instructions)
├── architecture_diagram.png
└── sql/
    ├── 01_setup.sql
    ├── 02_data_loading.sql
    ├── 03_transformations.sql
    ├── 04_ml_features.sql
    ├── 05_cortex_ai.sql
    └── 06_analytics.sql
└── snowpark/
    ├── feature_engineering.py
    ├── requirements.txt
    └── test_features.py
└── dbt/ (if used)
    ├── dbt_project.yml
    └── models/
└── cortex/
    ├── retail_semantic_model.yaml
    └── test_analyst.py
└── streamlit/
    ├── app.py
    └── requirements.txt
└── dashboards/
    ├── dashboard_queries.sql
    └── screenshots/
└── tests/
    └── data_quality.sql
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|   └── validation.sql  
└── docs/  
    ├── setup_guide.md  
    ├── user_guide.md  
    └── technical_documentation.md
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2. Documentation □

README.md with:

- Problem statement
- Solution overview
- Architecture diagram
- Setup instructions
- Features used
- Results and metrics
- Team information

Setup Guide with:

- Step-by-step installation
- Prerequisites
- Configuration details
- Troubleshooting section

Technical Documentation with:

- Data model diagrams
- SQL query explanations
- ML model details
- API documentation

User Guide with:

- Dashboard navigation
- Streamlit app usage
- Cortex Analyst queries
- Feature descriptions

3. Presentation Materials □

PowerPoint/PDF Slides (10-15 slides):

- Title slide with team name
- Problem statement

- Solution architecture
- Technical implementation
- Snowflake features showcase
- Demo screenshots
- Results and metrics
- Business value
- Future enhancements
- Q&A slide

Demo Video (3-5 minutes):

- Introduction (30 sec)
- Problem & solution overview (1 min)
- Live demo of key features (2-3 min)
- Results and impact (30 sec)
- Conclusion (30 sec)
- Professional quality audio/video
- Screen recordings of actual application

4. Screenshots & Visuals □

- Architecture diagram
- Data flow diagram
- Snowsight dashboard screenshots (at least 3)
- Streamlit app screenshots (all tabs)
- Cortex Analyst query examples
- SQL query examples with results
- Model performance charts
- Price intelligence visualizations

5. Test Results □

- Data quality test results
- Model performance metrics:
 - Overall accuracy: ____%
 - Precision by confidence level
 - Recall metrics
 - Coverage statistics
- Performance benchmarks:
 - Query response times

- Embedding generation time
- Dashboard load time

Sample outputs:

- Top 10 product matches
 - Price analysis results
 - Category distribution
 - AI-generated insights
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🎯 Key Metrics to Highlight

Quantitative Results

1. Data Scale

- Total products processed: ____
- Total matches generated: ____
- High confidence matches: ____

2. Model Performance

- Overall precision: ____%
- HIGH confidence precision: ____%
- MEDIUM confidence precision: ____%
- Recall rate: ____%

3. Business Insights

- Average price difference: ____%
- Products with >10% savings: ____
- Categories analyzed: ____
- Price opportunities identified: ____

4. Technical Performance

- Average query time: ____ ms
- Embedding generation time: ____ sec
- Dashboard load time: ____ sec
- Concurrent users supported: ____

Qualitative Results

1. Innovation

- Multi-strategy matching approach
- AI-powered categorization
- Natural language query interface
- Real-time price intelligence

2. User Experience

- Intuitive dashboard design
- Interactive filtering
- Natural language queries
- Export capabilities

3. Business Value

- Automated product matching
 - Competitive pricing insights
 - Market intelligence
 - Decision support
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Submission Guidelines

Before Submitting

1. Final Testing

- Run all SQL scripts from scratch
- Test Streamlit app end-to-end
- Verify all dashboards load correctly
- Test Cortex Analyst with 10+ queries
- Check all exports and downloads

2. Code Quality

- Add comments to complex queries
- Include error handling
- Use consistent formatting
- Remove hardcoded credentials

- Add logging where appropriate

3. Documentation Review

- Check for typos and grammar
- Verify all links work
- Ensure screenshots are clear
- Update version numbers
- Add contact information

4. Performance Optimization

- Add appropriate indexes
- Optimize slow queries
- Cache frequently used results
- Review warehouse sizing

Submission Checklist

- All code pushed to GitHub/GitLab
- README.md is complete and clear
- Documentation is comprehensive
- Presentation slides finalized
- Demo video recorded and uploaded
- Screenshots captured and organized
- Test results documented
- Requirements.txt/dependencies listed
- No sensitive data or credentials in code
- License file included (if required)

What to Submit

1. GitHub Repository URL with:

- Public access enabled
- Clear README
- All code and documentation

2. Presentation Deck (PDF format)

3. Demo Video (MP4, hosted on YouTube/Vimeo or included in repo)

4. Snowflake Account Details (for judges to test):

- Account URL
- Read-only username/password

- Database and schema names
- Dashboard URLs
- Streamlit app URL

5. Submission Form with:

- Team name: BNZ
 - Use case: Retail Intelligence Platform
 - Features used: (list all)
 - GitHub URL
 - Video URL
 - Any special instructions
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🌟 Tips for Standing Out

Technical Excellence

1. Advanced Features

- Implement multiple matching strategies
- Use ensemble methods for categorization
- Add confidence calibration
- Implement A/B testing framework

2. Performance Optimization

- Optimize vector similarity calculations
- Use materialized views strategically
- Implement caching layers
- Add query profiling

3. Code Quality

- Write clean, documented code
- Use design patterns
- Implement comprehensive testing
- Add CI/CD pipeline

User Experience

1. Dashboard Design

- Professional visualizations
- Intuitive navigation
- Responsive layout
- Helpful tooltips

2. Streamlit App

- Modern UI/UX
- Fast response times
- Error messages that guide users
- Export functionality

3. Documentation

- Clear setup instructions
- Visual diagrams
- Use case examples
- Troubleshooting guide

Business Impact

1. Quantify Value

- Cost savings identified
- Time saved vs manual matching
- Accuracy improvement
- Scale achieved

2. Real-World Application

- Explain use cases
- Show scalability
- Discuss deployment strategy
- Address data privacy

3. Future Roadmap

- Enhancement ideas
- Additional features
- Integration possibilities

- Scaling strategy
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Support Resources

Snowflake Documentation

- Cortex AI: <https://docs.snowflake.com/en/user-guide/snowflake-cortex>
- Snowpark: <https://docs.snowflake.com/en/developer-guide/snowpark/python/index>
- Streamlit: <https://docs.streamlit.io/>
- DBT: <https://docs.getdbt.com/>

Community Support

- Snowflake Community: <https://community.snowflake.com/>
- Stack Overflow: Tag [snowflake-cloud-data-platform]
- GitHub Discussions

Hackathon Specific

- Review hackathon rules and judging criteria
 - Check submission deadline
 - Verify required features are used
 - Confirm submission format
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Final Checklist Before Submission

- All features from requirements are implemented
- Code runs without errors
- Documentation is complete
- Presentation is polished
- Demo video is ready
- Test results are documented
- Repository is public
- All team members reviewed
- Submission form filled out
- Deadline confirmed

Backup copy saved

Good Luck!

You've built an impressive AI-powered Retail Intelligence Platform using Snowflake's cutting-edge features. Make sure to:

1. **Test everything** one final time
2. **Document thoroughly** - judges love clear docs
3. **Show business value** - not just technical prowess
4. **Practice your demo** - first impressions matter
5. **Submit early** - don't wait until the last minute

Remember: Your solution solves a real business problem using advanced AI and modern data engineering practices. Be confident and highlight the innovation!

Questions or Issues?

If you encounter any problems:

1. Check the Snowflake documentation
2. Review error messages carefully
3. Test queries in isolation
4. Use Snowflake's query profiler
5. Check community forums

Team BNZ - You've got this! 