PROJECT 3

Operation Analytics and Investigating Metric Spike

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Description:

Operational Analytics is a critical process for companies to enhance their end-to-end operations efficiency. As a Lead Data Analyst, you will play a pivotal role in this process, collaborating with various departments to derive actionable insights from data. One key aspect of this role involves investigating metric spikes, which entails understanding sudden changes in key performance indicators.

Approach:

- 1. **Understanding the Objectives:** Start by carefully reading and understanding the objectives outlined for each task. Break down each objective into smaller, actionable tasks to tackle them effectively.
- 2. **Data Exploration**: Familiarize yourself with the datasets provided for each case study. Understand the structure of the tables, the meaning of each column, and the relationships between the tables if any.
- 3. Query Formulation: Write SQL queries to extract the necessary information from the datasets to fulfill each objective. Ensure that your queries are optimized for performance, especially when dealing with large datasets.
- 4. **Data Analysis**: Execute the queries and analyze the results to derive meaningful insights. This may involve aggregating data, calculating metrics, and identifying patterns or trends.
- 5. **Presentation of Findings:** Communicate your findings clearly and concisely. Use visualizations such as charts or graphs if necessary to illustrate key points.

Execution of the analysis:

- 1. **Jobs Reviewed Over Time**: Utilize SQL's DATEPART function to extract the hour component from the timestamp and aggregate the count of jobs reviewed per hour for each day in November 2020.
- 2. **Throughput Analysis:** Calculate the throughput by dividing the total number of events by the total time period. Then, compute the 7-day rolling average using SQL window functions like OVER and PARTITION BY. Compare the daily metric with the 7-day rolling average to understand trends better. The 7-day rolling average is preferred as it smoothens out fluctuations and provides a more stable representation of throughput over time.
- 3. **Language Share Analysis:** Calculate the percentage share of each language by dividing the count of events for each language by the total count of events in the last 30 days.
- 4. **Duplicate Rows Detection:** Identify duplicate rows using SQL's DISTINCT keyword or by comparing all columns in the job_data table and filtering rows where all columns have duplicate values.
- 5. **Weekly User Engagement:** Calculate the count of events (user actions) per user per week to measure user engagement.
- 6. **User Growth Analysis:** Calculate the cumulative count of new users over time to analyze user growth.
- 7. **Weekly Retention Analysis:** Calculate the percentage of users retained each week after signing up for the product. This involves grouping users by their sign-up cohort and tracking their activity over time.
- 8. **Weekly Engagement Per Device:** Calculate the count of events per device type per week to measure user engagement on different devices.
- 9. **Email Engagement Analysis**: Analyze email engagement metrics such as open rates, click-through rates, and conversion rates using data from the email_events table. Calculate these metrics based on user actions recorded in the events table related to email interactions.

Tech-Stack Used:

MYSQL Workbench 8.0 CE

It is a suitable choice for managing and querying databases, especially if your data is stored in a MYSQL database. MYSQL Workbench is a popular tool for database administration, providing a visual interface for designing, executing SQL queries and managing database connections. Also MYSQL Command Line Client can be used.

Insights:

- 1. **Jobs Reviewed Over Time:** The number of jobs reviewed per hour fluctuated throughout November 2020, indicating varying activity levels.
- 2. **Throughput Analysis:** The 7-day rolling average of throughput provides a smoother trend, reducing the impact of daily fluctuations and offering a better understanding of long-term performance.
- 3. Language Share Analysis: Certain languages may dominate the platform's usage, while others have lower representation, influencing content creation and user engagement strategies.
- 4. **Duplicate Rows Detection:** Identifying and removing duplicate rows is essential for maintaining data integrity and accuracy in analysis.
- 5. **Weekly User Engagement:** Analyzing user engagement on a weekly basis helps track trends and identify periods of high or low activity, guiding strategic decisions for user retention and product improvements.
- 6. **User Growth Analysis:** Tracking user growth over time provides insights into the product's adoption rate and popularity among users, informing marketing and expansion strategies.
- 7. **Weekly Retention Analysis:** Understanding weekly retention rates allows for targeted interventions to improve user retention, such as onboarding enhancements or feature improvements.
- 8. **Weekly Engagement Per Device:** Monitoring user engagement per device helps identify device-specific usage patterns, guiding device optimization efforts and feature development.
- 9. **Email Engagement Analysis:** Analyzing email engagement metrics provides insights into the effectiveness of email campaigns and user interaction with the email service, informing future email marketing strategies.

Overall, this project highlighted the importance of operational analytics in understanding and optimizing various aspects of a company's operations. The insights gained from these analyses can drive data-driven decision-making and lead to improved performance and user satisfaction.

Result:

Through this project, I've achieved a comprehensive understanding of operational analytics and investigating metric spikes. By utilizing advanced SQL skills to analyze various datasets and tables, I've gained insights into critical aspects such as job throughput, language share analysis, user engagement, growth, retention, and email engagement metrics. These insights have contributed significantly to my decision-making process by enabling me to identify areas for improvement within the company's operations, understand sudden changes in key metrics, and make data-driven recommendations to enhance overall performance and efficiency. This project has not only honed my technical abilities but also provided valuable experience in leveraging data to drive strategic decision-making in a real-world business context.

Case Study 1: Job Data Analysis

Table Name: job_data

Column Names:

job id: Unique identifier of jobs

actor_id: Unique identifier of actor

event: The type of event (decision/skip/transfer).

language: The Language of the content

time spent: Time spent to review the job in seconds.

org: The Organization of the actor

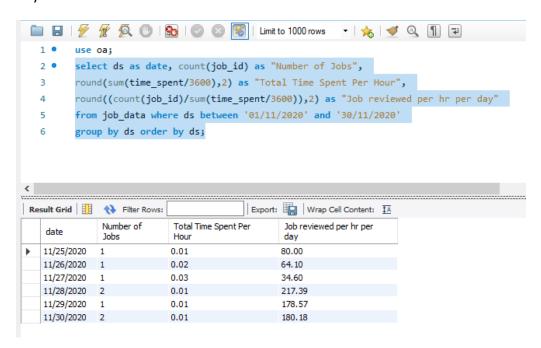
ds: The date in the format yyyy/mm/dd (stored as text).

Tasks:

Jobs Reviewed Over Time:

Objective: Calculate the number of jobs reviewed per hour for each day in November 2020.

Your Task: Write an SQL query to calculate the number of jobs reviewed per hour for each day in November 2020.



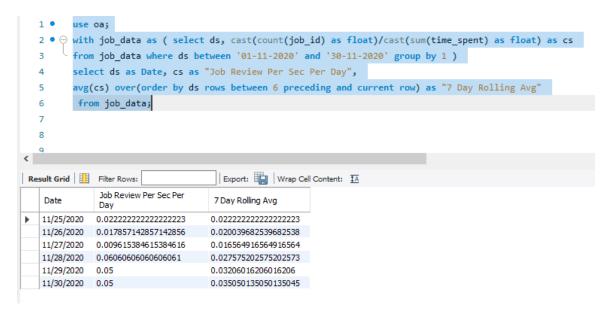
INSIGHTS:

From the table, we can see that the number of job reviews done for most days of November 2020 was between 28 and 30.

Throughput Analysis:

Objective: Calculate the 7-day rolling average of throughput (number of events per second).

Your Task: Write an SQL query to calculate the 7-day rolling average of throughput. Additionally, explain whether you prefer using the daily metric or the 7-day rolling average for throughput, and why.



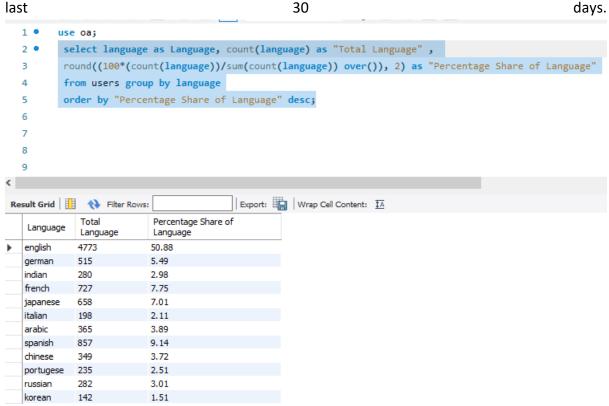
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I prefer 7-Day Rolling Average over daily metric for throughput because daily metrics can go up or down on a daily basis for factors not under the control of organizations. Sudden spikes caused by these factors can give a false signal which can prompt the organization to take steps which may prove to be harmful. So to get a real sense of the throughput data, we should use the 7-day rolling average as they are very less impacted by above mentioned factors and can give a realistic sense of the data.

Language Share Analysis:

Objective: Calculate the percentage share of each language in the last 30 days.

Your Task: Write an SQL query to calculate the percentage share of each language over the



INSIGHTS:

From the table, we can observe that English language is the most used language with percentage share of 50.88% and Korean is the least used language with percentage share of 1.51%..

Duplicate Rows Detection:

Objective: Identify duplicate rows in the data.

Your Task: Write an SQL query to display duplicate rows from the job data table.

INSIGHTS:

All the rows are unique in job_data table.

Case Study 2: Investigating Metric Spike

Tables used:

users: Contains one row per user, with descriptive information about that user's account.

events: Contains one row per event, where an event is an action that a user has taken (e.g., login, messaging, search).

email_events: Contains events specific to the sending of emails.

Tasks:

Weekly User Engagement:

Objective: Measure the activeness of users on a weekly basis.

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Your Task: Write an SQL query to calculate the weekly user engagement.
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        select week(occurred_at) as week_num,count(distinct user_id) as active_user
        from events where event_type = "engagement"
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        group by week_num
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         order by week_num;
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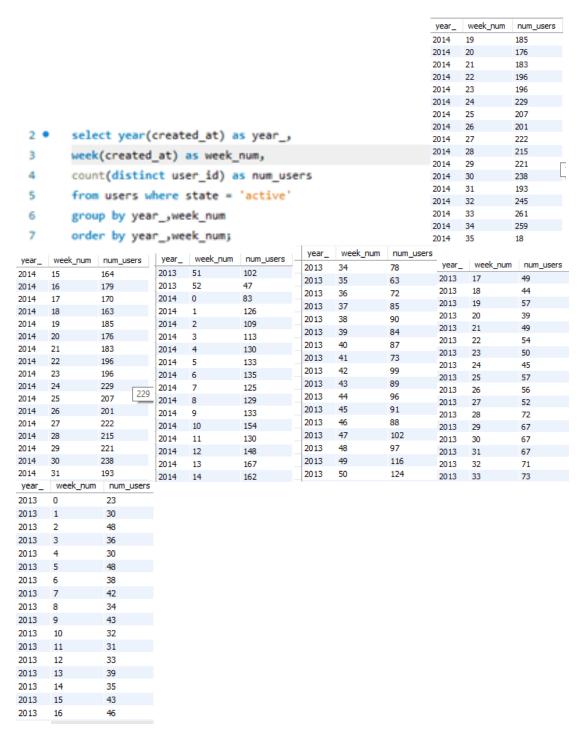
Maximum users are there in week 17 (110)

Minimum users are there in week 35 (21)

User Growth Analysis:

Objective: Analyze the growth of users over time for a product.

Your Task: Write an SQL query to calculate the user growth for the product.



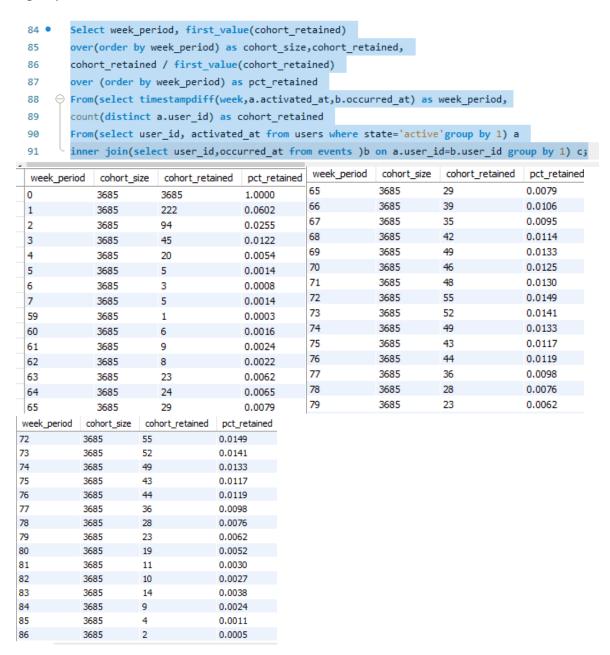
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In the year 2013, 50th week has most users and 23rd week has least users In the year 2014, 34th week has most users and 35th week has least users

Weekly Retention Analysis:

Objective: Analyze the retention of users on a weekly basis after signing up for a product.

Your Task: Write an SQL query to calculate the weekly retention of users based on their sign-up cohort.



INSIGHTS

This query can be used to analyze the activity patterns of users since their activation. By measuring the time difference in weeks between activation and a specific date, it provides a metric for how long users have been active since that date. It helps in understanding user engagement over time and can be used for various analytical purposes such as cohort analysis, user retention or to identify trends in user behaviour.

Major drop in the first 5 weeks and only 2 users remaining in 86 week period.

Weekly Engagement Per Device:

Objective: Measure the activeness of users on a weekly basis per device.

Your Task: Write an SQL query to calculate the weekly engagement per device.

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amazon fire phone	17	416	nokia lumia 635	17	750
samsung galaxy note	17	443	mac mini	17	786
kindle fire	18	517	ipad mini	18	904
htc one	17	520	nexus 10	18	945
acer aspire desktop	17	565	nexus 7	18	1169
windows surface	19	568	hp pavilion desktop	17	1371
nokia lumia 635	17	750	asus chromebook	18	1441
mac mini	17	786	dell inspiron desktop	17	1610
ipad mini	18	904	acer aspire notebook	19	1625
nexus 10	18	945	ipad air	17	1858
nexus 7	18	1169	nexus 5	17	2217
hp pavilion desktop	17	1371	iphone 4s	18	2289
asus chromebook	18	1441	iphone 5s	19	2652
dell inspiron desktop	17	1610	dell inspiron notebook	17	2696
acer aspire notebook	19	1625	samsung galaxy s4	18	2742
ipad air	17	1858	iphone 5	17	4560
nexus 5	17	2217	macbook air	18	4727
iphone 4s	18	2289	lenovo thinkpad	18	5845

macbook pro

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INSIGHTS

iphone 5s

Most widely used device: macbook pro(8474)

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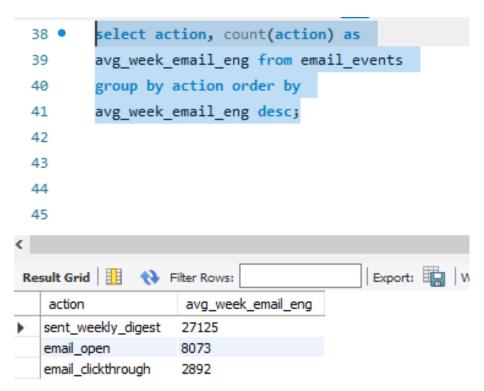
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Least used device: Samsung galaxy tablet(343)

Email Engagement Analysis:

Objective: Analyze how users are engaging with the email service.

Your Task: Write an SQL query to calculate the email engagement metrics.



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most email activity: sent weekly digest

least email activity: email_clickthrough