

Supply Chain Inventory Optimization with SQL



Business Overview/Problem

TechElectro Inc. is currently facing multiple inventory management challenges that are impacting its operational efficiency and customer satisfaction:

- A. Overstocking:** The company often has surplus inventory for certain products, which ties up valuable capital and reduces available storage space.
- B. Understocking:** High-demand products frequently run out of stock, leading to missed sales and frustrated customers.
- C. Customer Satisfaction:** These inventory issues directly affect customer satisfaction, causing delays and disappointment when customers cannot find the products they need.

Project Rationale

Inventory optimization involves efficiently managing a company's stock to meet customer demands without overstocking or understocking. By leveraging **SQL**, this project aims to bring a data-driven approach to inventory management, improving both operational efficiency and customer experience. Here's why this approach is crucial for TechElectro Inc.:

- A. Cost Reduction:** SQL-based inventory management helps reduce costs by avoiding overstocking.
- B. Enhanced Customer Satisfaction:** Keeping inventory levels optimal ensures products are readily available, increasing customer loyalty.
- C. Competitive Edge:** Quick adjustments to market trends and customer demands give TechElectro a strong advantage.

D. Profitability: Reduced waste and better cash flow contribute to a healthier bottom line through more accurate inventory control.

Aim of The Project

This project aims to address TechElectro Inc.'s inventory management challenges by implementing a comprehensive, SQL-driven inventory optimization system. The key objectives include:

A. Optimal Inventory Levels: Use SQL analytics to determine the right stock levels for each product, avoiding overstock and understock situations.

B. Data-Driven Decisions: Enable better decision-making through the power of SQL, reducing costs while improving customer satisfaction.

About The Dataset

We will work with three key datasets:

1. Sales Data

- ✓ **Product ID:** Unique identifier for each product.
- ✓ **Sales Date:** Date of product sale.
- ✓ **Sales Quantity (Units):** Number of units sold.
- ✓ **Product Cost (USD per Unit):** Cost per product unit.

2. Product Information Data

- ✓ **Product ID:** Unique product identifier.
- ✓ **Product Category:** Type of product.
- ✓ **Promotions:** Indicator of whether the product was on promotion.

3. External Information Data

- ✓ **Sales Date:** Date of sale.
- ✓ **GDP (Gross Domestic Product) (USD):** Economic data.
- ✓ **Inflation Rate (%):** Percentage change in prices.
- ✓ **Seasonal Factor:** Indicator for seasonal effects.

Project Scope

The project will cover the following areas:

A. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA): Use SQL to explore patterns, correlations, and

statistics without visualization.

B. Optimal Inventory Levels: Apply SQL-based optimization techniques to set ideal stock levels for each product.

C. Documentation and Recommendations: Provide thorough documentation, including SQL scripts and methods used in the project.

D. Deployment: Integrate the SQL-driven system with TechElectro's existing supply chain for real-world application.

E. Data Transformation: Prepare and clean the data to make it ready for analysis.

F. Data Analysis: Analyze trends and generate actionable insights.

G. Data Visualization: Present insights visually for better communication.

H. Interpretation and Insight Generation: Generate clear insights and strategies from the analysis.

Tech Stack

Tool: MySQL will be the primary tool used for:

A. Mathematical Operations: Performing calculations on the data.

B. Data Analysis and Manipulation: Managing, transforming, and analyzing large datasets to drive inventory decisions.

C. Inventory Optimization: Applying SQL logic to set reorder points, calculate safety stock, and automate stock monitoring.