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Business Need for Data Warehouse

We are building a centralized data warehouse to streamline life insurance policy management and improve decision-making. This will enable better tracking of policy lapsation, customer retention, payment behaviours, and agent/branch performance. By consolidating data from multiple sources like web sales, agents, and banks, we ensure accurate insights and proactive strategies. The data warehouse will help analyse customer segments, optimize payment channels, and evaluate agent performance, ultimately reducing lapsation rates and enhancing business efficiency.

Data Warehouse Design Overview

Our data warehouse follows a constellation schema with three major fact tables:

Customer Retention Fact Table : Tracks policy lapsation trends, reinstatements, and premium payments to identify high-risk customers.

Agent & Branch Performance Fact Table : Evaluates agent performance, branch-level policy issuance, commissions earned.

Payment Analysis Fact Table : Analyzes payment behavior, success/failure rates, and the impact of autopay vs. non-autopay on retention.

These fact tables connect to multiple dimension tables to provide a holistic view of policy performance, customer behavior, and operational efficiency.

Dimensions & Hierarchies

The data warehouse is designed with well-structured dimensions that allow for efficient analysis across various hierarchies.

- Customer Dimension (dim_customers)

Attributes: Customer Key, Customer ID, Occupation, Marital Status, Age Group, Zip Code, City Key

Hierarchy: City → State → Country

- Policy Dimension (dim_policies)

Attributes: Policy Key, Policy Number, Status Code, Premium Frequency, Policy Type Key

Hierarchy: Policy Type → Lapsed/Non-Lapsed → Reinstatement Status

- Payment Method Dimension (dim_payment_methods)

Attributes: Payment Method Key, Auto Pay Key, Non-Auto Pay Key

Hierarchy: Payment Type → Autopay/Non-Autopay

- Agent & Branch Dimension

Agent Dimension (dim_agents): Agent Key, Agent ID, Agent Name, Status

Hierarchy: Agent → Branch → Region

Branch Dimension (dim_branches): Branch Key, Branch Name, Zip Code, City Key

Hierarchy: City → State → Country

- Time Dimension (dim_time)

Attributes: Time Key, Date, Day, Month, Quarter, Year

Hierarchy: Year → Quarter → Month → Day

Fact Tables & Measures

Our fact tables are designed to store quantitative metrics that allow for deep analytical insights.

- Customer Retention Fact Table (fact_customer_retention)

Foreign Keys: Customer Key, Policy Key, Payment Method Key, Issue Date Key, Lapsation Date Key, Reinstatement Date Key

Measures: Annual Income, Premium Amount, Sum Assured, Lapsation Flag (Yes/No), Reinstatement Flag (Yes/No), Autopay Enrolled (Yes/No)

- Agent & Branch Performance Fact Table (fact_agent_branch_performance)

Foreign Keys: Agent Key, Branch Key, Policy Key

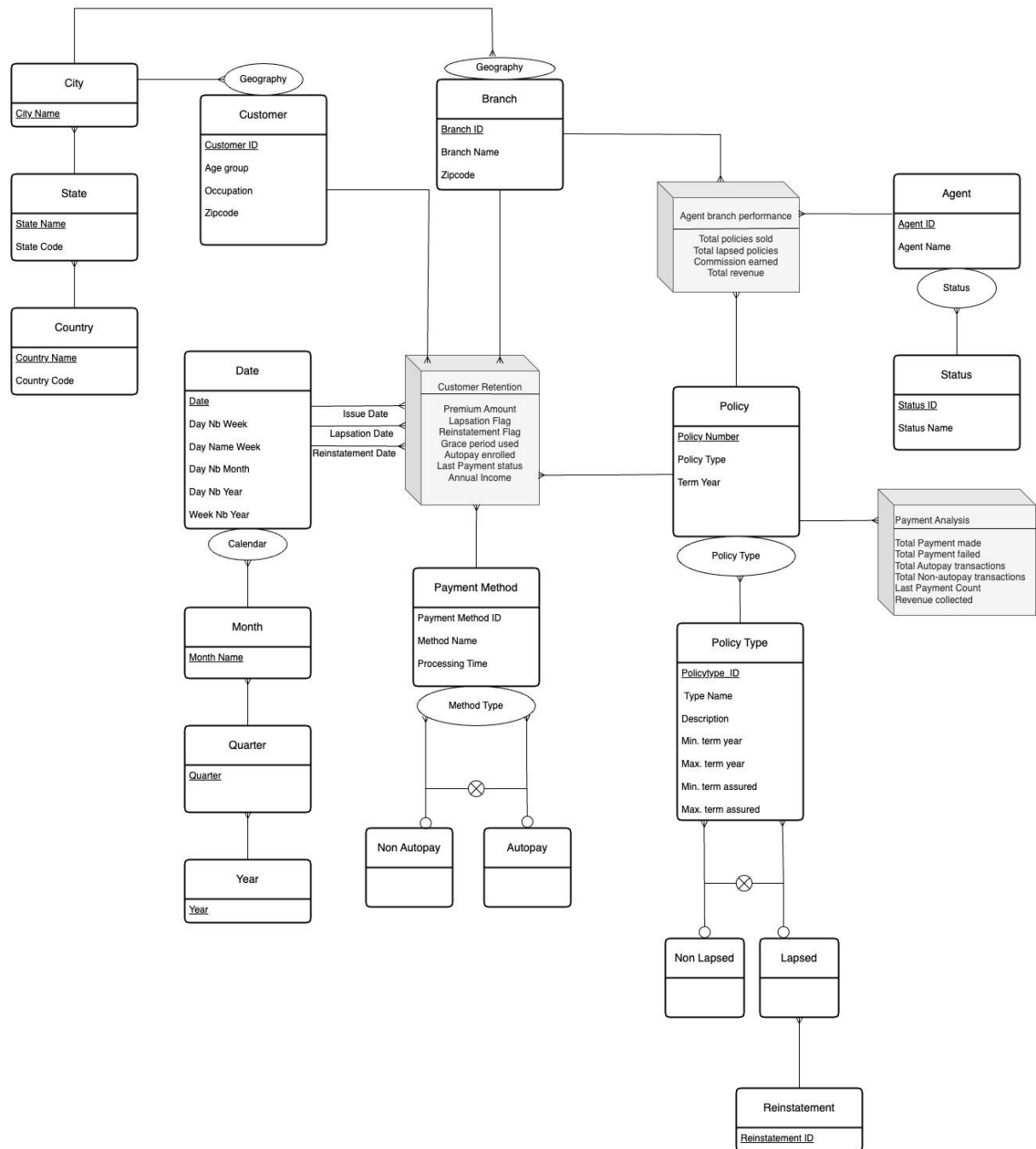
Measures: Total Policies Sold, Total Lapsed Policies, Commission Earned, Premium Revenue (Total Premium - Agent Commission)

- Payment Analysis Fact Table (fact_payment_analysis)

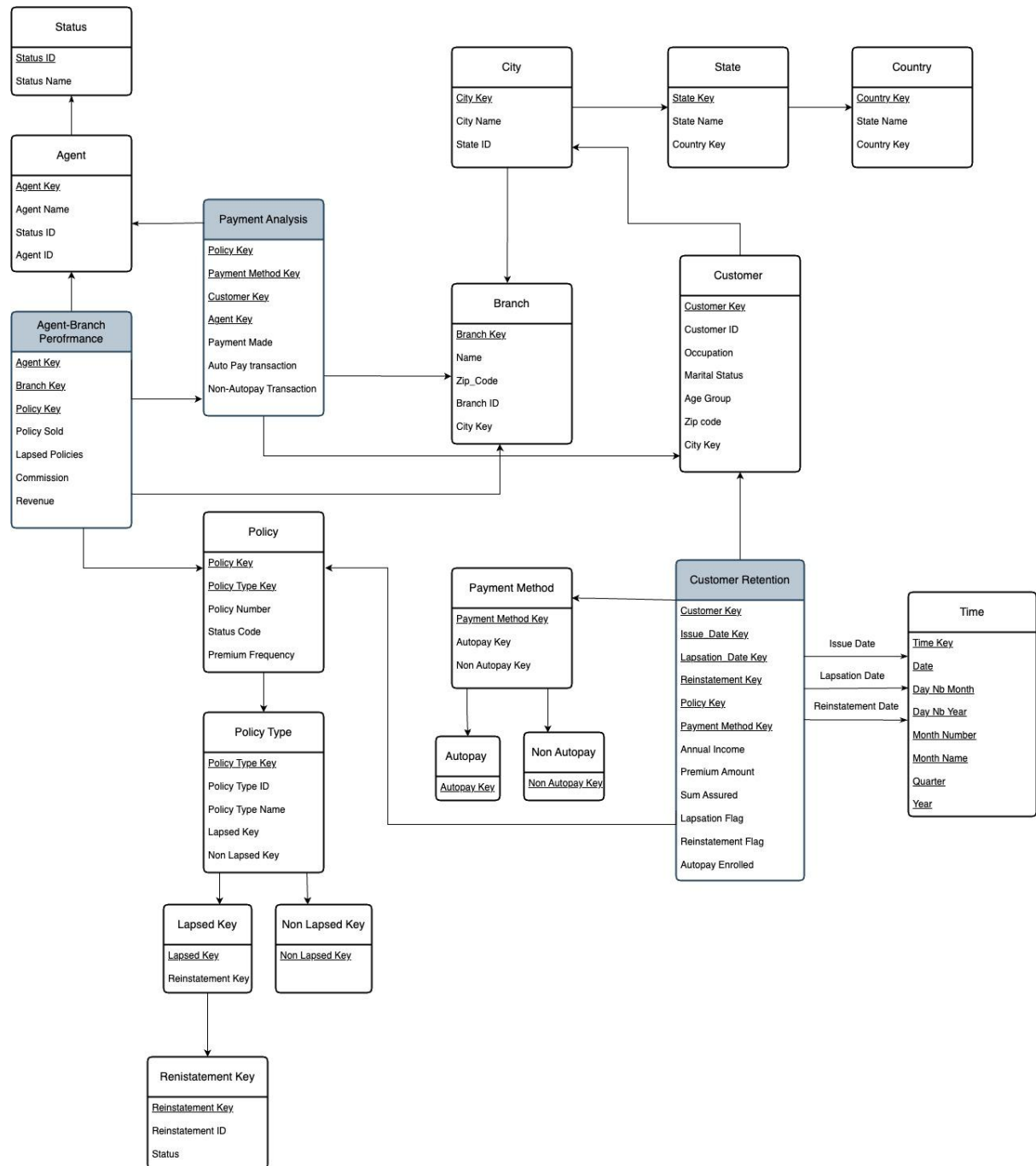
Foreign Keys: Policy Key, Customer Key, Payment Key, Agent Key

Measures: Total Payments Made, Total Auto Pay Transactions, Total Non-Auto Pay Transactions

Conceptual DW Model



Logical DW Model



DB Implementation

The screenshot displays the DBeaver SQL Editor interface for a PostgreSQL database named 'public@lifeinsurance_dw'. The Database Navigator on the left shows the database structure, including a 'lifeinsurance_dw' database with various schemas and tables. The central SQL Editor shows the following DDL commands:

```
-- DROP DATABASE IF EXISTS lifeinsurance_dw;
-- CREATE DATABASE lifeinsurance_dw;

-- Creating Dimension Tables
-- City, State, Country Hierarchy

CREATE TABLE dim_city (
    city_key SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    city_name VARCHAR(50),
    state_id INT REFERENCES dim_state(state_id) ON DELETE CASCADE
);

CREATE TABLE dim_state (
    state_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    state_name VARCHAR(50),
    country_key INT REFERENCES dim_country(country_key) ON DELETE CASCADE
);

CREATE TABLE dim_country (
    country_key SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    country_name VARCHAR(50)
);

-- Customer Dimension (dim_customers)

CREATE TABLE dim_customers (
    customer_key SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    customer_id VARCHAR(10) UNIQUE,
    occupation VARCHAR(100),
    marital_status VARCHAR(15) CHECK (marital_status IN ('Married', 'Unmarried', 'Divorced')),
    age_group VARCHAR(15),
    zip_code VARCHAR(10),
    city_key INT REFERENCES dim_city(city_key) ON DELETE CASCADE
);

-- Policy Type Generalized Hierarchy

CREATE TABLE dim_policy_type (
    policy_type_key SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    policy_type_id VARCHAR(15),
    policy_type_name VARCHAR(100),
    lapsed_key INT REFERENCES dim_lapsed(lapsed_key),
    non_lapsed_key INT REFERENCES dim_non_lapsed(non_lapsed_key)
);

CREATE TABLE dim_lapsed (
    lapsed_key SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    reinstatement_key INT REFERENCES dim_reinstatement(reinstatement_key)
);

CREATE TABLE dim_non_lapsed (
    non_lapsed_key SERIAL PRIMARY KEY
);

CREATE TABLE dim_reinstatement (
    reinstatement_key SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    reinstatement_id VARCHAR(15),
    status VARCHAR(20) CHECK (status IN ('Pending', 'Approved', 'Rejected'))
);

-- Policy Dimension (dim_policies)

CREATE TABLE dim_policies (
    policy_key SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    policy_number VARCHAR(15) UNIQUE,
    status_code VARCHAR(2),
    premium_frequency VARCHAR(15) CHECK (premium_frequency IN ('Monthly', 'Quarterly', 'Semi-Annually', 'Annually')),
    policy_type_key INT REFERENCES dim_policy_type(policy_type_key) ON DELETE CASCADE
);
```

The screenshot displays the DBeaver SQL Editor interface with two tabs open: 'Script-9' and 'DDL commands.sql'. The 'DDL commands.sql' tab is active, showing a series of PostgreSQL DDL commands for creating dimension and fact tables. The 'Database Navigator' on the left shows the project structure, including the 'lifeinsurance_dw' database and its schemas. The 'Project - General' tab at the bottom shows the 'DataSource' configuration.

```
-- Payment Method Dimension (dim_payment_methods)
CREATE TABLE dim_payment_methods (
    payment_method_key SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    auto_pay_key INT REFERENCES dim_auto_pay(auto_pay_key),
    non_auto_pay_key INT REFERENCES dim_non_auto_pay(non_auto_pay_key)
);

CREATE TABLE dim_auto_pay (
    auto_pay_key SERIAL PRIMARY KEY
);

CREATE TABLE dim_non_auto_pay (
    non_auto_pay_key SERIAL PRIMARY KEY
);

-- Agent Dimension (dim_agents)
CREATE TABLE dim_agents (
    agent_key SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    agent_id VARCHAR(10) UNIQUE,
    agent_name VARCHAR(100),
    status_id INT REFERENCES dim_status(status_id) ON DELETE CASCADE
);

CREATE TABLE dim_status (
    status_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    status_name VARCHAR(15) CHECK (status_name IN ('Active', 'Inactive'))
);

-- Time Dimension (dim_time)
CREATE TABLE dim_time (
    time_key SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    date DATE UNIQUE,
    day_nb_month INT,
    day_nb_year INT,
    month_number INT,
    month_name VARCHAR(15),
    quarter INT,
    year INT
);

-- Branch Dimension (dim_branches)
CREATE TABLE dim_branches (
    branch_key SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    branch_name VARCHAR(100),
    zip_code VARCHAR(10),
    branch_id VARCHAR(10) UNIQUE,
    city_key INT REFERENCES dim_city(city_key) ON DELETE CASCADE
);

-- Creating Fact Tables
-- Customer Retention Fact Table (fact_customer_retention)
CREATE TABLE fact_customer_retention (
    fact_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    customer_key INT REFERENCES dim_customers(customer_key) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    issue_date_key INT REFERENCES dim_time(time_key) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    lapsation_date_key INT REFERENCES dim_time(time_key) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    reinstatement_date_key INT REFERENCES dim_time(time_key) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    policy_key INT REFERENCES dim_policies(policy_key) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    payment_method_key INT REFERENCES dim_payment_methods(payment_method_key) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    annual_income NUMERIC(10,2),
    premium_amount NUMERIC(10,2),
    sum_assured NUMERIC(12,2),
    lapsation_flag BOOLEAN,
    reinstatement_flag BOOLEAN,
    autopay_enrolled BOOLEAN
);
```


The screenshot shows the DBeaver SQL Editor interface. The left sidebar displays the database structure for 'postgres' on 'localhost:5435', with 'lifeinsurance_dw' selected. The main editor window shows a script with the following SQL commands:

```

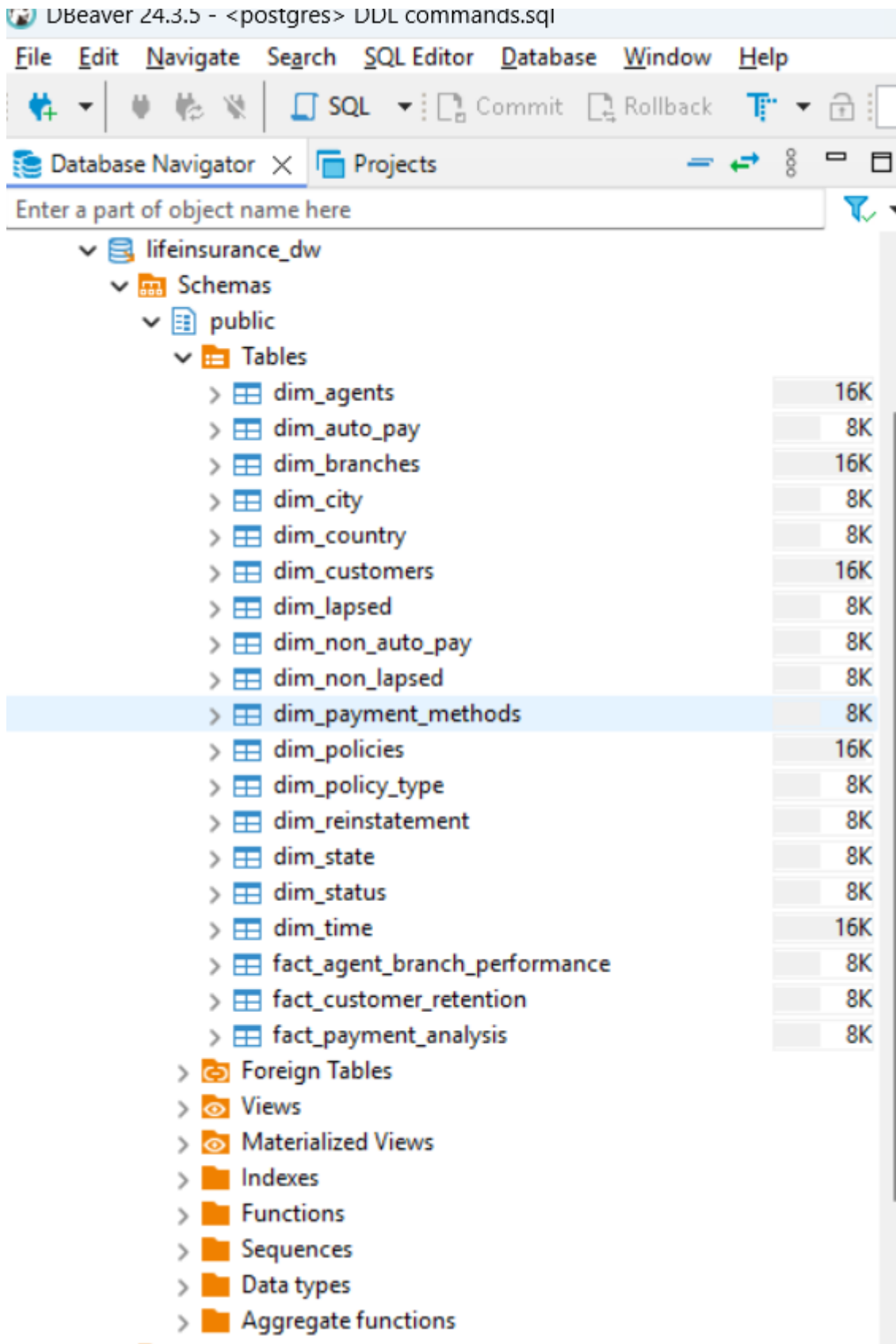
reinstatement_date_key INT REFERENCES dim_time(time_key) ON DELETE CASCADE,
policy_key INT REFERENCES dim_policies(policy_key) ON DELETE CASCADE,
payment_method_key INT REFERENCES dim_payment_methods(payment_method_key) ON DELETE CASCADE,
annual_income NUMERIC(10,2),
premium_amount NUMERIC(10,2),
sum_assured NUMERIC(12,2),
lapsation_flag BOOLEAN,
reinstatement_flag BOOLEAN,
autopay_enrolled BOOLEAN
);

-- Payment Analysis Fact Table (fact_payment_analysis)
CREATE TABLE fact_payment_analysis (
    fact_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    policy_key INT REFERENCES dim_policies(policy_key) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    payment_method_key INT REFERENCES dim_payment_methods(payment_method_key) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    customer_key INT REFERENCES dim_customers(customer_key) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    agent_key INT REFERENCES dim_agents(agent_key) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    total_payments_made INT,
    total_auto_pay_transactions INT,
    total_non_auto_pay_transactions INT
);

-- Agent-Branch Performance Fact Table (fact_agent_branch_performance)
CREATE TABLE fact_agent_branch_performance (
    fact_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    agent_key INT REFERENCES dim_agents(agent_key) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    branch_key INT REFERENCES dim_branches(branch_key) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    policy_key INT REFERENCES dim_policies(policy_key) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    total_policies_sold INT,
    total_lapsed_policies INT,
    commission_earned NUMERIC(10,2),
    premium_revenue NUMERIC(12,2)
);

```

The bottom of the interface shows a 'Project - General' tab with 'DataSource' selected.



Fact Tables (few samples)

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The screenshot shows a SQL query editor with the following query:

```
select * from fact_customer_retention;
```

Below the editor is a table viewer titled "fact_customer_retention 1". It displays the first row of data from the query result. The table has the following columns and values:

	fact_id	customer_key	issue_date_key	lapsation_date_key	reinstatement_date_key	policy_key	payment_id
1	123	123	123	123	123	123	123

Dimension Tables:

The screenshot shows a SQL editor window. The top part displays the query: `select * from dim_agents da`. Below the query, the table `dim_agents` is selected, and its columns are visible: `agent_key`, `agent_id`, `agent_name`, and `status_id`. The `agent_key` column is highlighted with a blue background.

```
select * from dim_branches db
```

dim_branches 1 X

```
select * from dim_branches db
```

 Enter a SQL expression to filter results (use Ctrl+Space)

123 branch_key	A-Z branch_name	A-Z zip_code	A-Z branch_id	123 city_key

```
select * from dim_customers
```

dim_customers 1 X

```
select * from dim_customers
```

 Enter a SQL expression to filter results (use Ctrl+Space)

123 customer_key	A-Z customer_id	A-Z occupation	A-Z marital_status	A-Z age_group	A-Z zip_code	123 city_key

```
select * from dim_lapsed dl
```

dim_lapsed 1 X

```
select * from dim_lapsed dl
```

 Enter a SQL expression to filter results (use Ctrl+Space)

123 lapsed_key	123 reinstatement_key

Primary Events

In our data warehouse, we focus on key events related to policy management, customer retention, agent performance, and payment processing. One of the most critical events is policy lapsation, which occurs when a customer fails to make timely premium payments, leading to policy termination. To track and analyze lapsation trends, we capture events like policy issuance, premium payments, lapsation, and reinstatement.

Another key event is payment transactions, where we monitor AutoPay vs. Non-AutoPay methods, successful vs. failed payments, and grace period utilization. Understanding payment behavior helps in optimizing payment channels and reducing missed payments.

Additionally, we track agent and branch performance by capturing events such as policies sold, commissions earned. This allows us to identify top-performing agents and branches while also highlighting areas for improvement.

By capturing these primary events in our data warehouse, we can generate meaningful insights that help improve customer retention, optimize payment processes, and enhance overall business performance.

Thinking ahead

Our data warehouse enables advanced OLAP operations to analyze policy lapsation, payment behavior, agent performance, and customer retention. These operations provide insights that drive business decisions, optimize payment processes, and improve customer engagement. Below are the key OLAP queries designed for analysis.

1. What is the quarterly premium revenue collected, and how does it vary by payment method?

Operation: ROLLUP

Res1 ← ROLLUP(fact_payment_analysis, dim_time → quarter, dim_payment_methods → payment_method, SUM(total_premium_paid) AS QuarterlyRevenue)

Insight: This analysis helps in understanding revenue trends and the contribution of different payment methods to total collections.

2. How does policy lapsation vary across different policy types and reinstatement statuses?

Operation: DRILLDOWN

Res1 ← DRILLDOWN(fact_customer_retention, dim_policies → policy_type, dim_lapsed → reinstatement_status, COUNT(lapsed_policies))

Insight: This allows us to drill down into lapsation trends based on policy types and reinstatement rates, helping to identify high-risk policies.

3. Which agent and branch have the highest policy sales, and how do they compare in terms of lapsation?

Operation: ROLLUP

Res1 ← ROLLUP(fact_agent_branch_performance, dim_agents → agent_name, dim_branches → branch_name, SUM(policies_sold) AS TotalSales, SUM(lapsed_policies) AS LapsedPolicies)

Insight: This helps in evaluating agent and branch efficiency by comparing sales and lapsation rates.

4. What is the success rate of policy reinstatement after lapsation?

Operation: DICE

Res1 ← DICE(fact_customer_retention, (lapsation_flag = '1' AND reinstatement_flag = '1'))

Res2 ← ROLLUP(Res1, dim_time → year, COUNT(reinstated_policies) / COUNT(lapsed_policies) * 100 AS ReinstatementRate)

Insight: Helps in understanding how often customers reinstate their policies after lapsation and identifying opportunities to improve reinstatement strategies.

5. What percentage of payments are AutoPay vs. Non-AutoPay, and how does it impact lapsation?

Operation: DRILLACROSS

Res1 ← DRILLACROSS(fact_payment_analysis, fact_customer_retention)

Res2 ← ROLLUP(Res1, dim_payment_methods → payment_method, COUNT(total_payments)

AS TotalPayments, COUNT(lapsed_policies) AS LapsedPolicies)

Insight: Helps in understanding the relationship between payment methods and lapsation trends, guiding strategies to encourage AutoPay adoption.

6. How do lapsation rates vary across different customer income groups and age segments?

Operation: ROLLUP

Res1 ← ROLLUP(fact_customer_retention, dim_customers → age_group, dim_customers → annual_income, COUNT(lapsed_policies) AS LapsedPolicies)

Insight: Helps in segmenting high-risk customer groups based on demographics, supporting targeted retention efforts.

7. How does premium payment behavior vary over time, and which months show higher overdue payments?

Operation: DICE + ROLLUP

Res1 ← DICE(fact_payment_analysis, (payment_status = 'Overdue'))

Res2 ← ROLLUP(Res1, dim_time → month, COUNT(overdue_payments) AS MonthlyOverdues)

Insight: Helps in identifying seasonal payment trends and planning proactive reminders for customers.

8. Which agents contribute the most revenue, and what percentage of their policies are lapsed?

Operation: DRILLDOWN

Res1 ← DRILLDOWN(fact_agent_branch_performance, dim_agents → agent_name, SUM(premium_revenue) AS TotalRevenue, COUNT(lapsed_policies) AS LapsedPolicies)

Res2 ← ROLLUP(Res1, (lapsed_policies / policies_sold) * 100 AS LapsationRate)

Insight: Helps in evaluating the effectiveness of agents in selling and retaining policies.

9. How do different branches compare in terms of total policies issued and lapsation rates?

Operation: ROLLUP

Res1 ← ROLLUP(fact_agent_branch_performance, dim_branches → branch_name, COUNT(total_policies_issued) AS TotalPolicies, COUNT(lapsed_policies) AS LapsedPolicies)

Insight: Helps in assessing the performance of different branches and understanding which locations experience higher lapsation.