Google Playstore Dataset Analysis

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INTRODUCTION

Data Analysis is a process of inspecting, cleansing, transforming, and modeling data with the goal of discovering useful information, informing conclusions, and supporting decision-making. Data analysis has multiple facets and approaches, encompassing diverse techniques under a variety of names, while being used in different business, science, and social science domains.

The analytics team of the Google Play Store Developers or anyone who would like to host an app on Playstore anywhere in the world would love to check my through data analysis of each and every app leading to a well-organized and fruitful information. My analysis contains data on different apps category, their rating and reviews, total number of downloads, price and the app categories, which are most successful.

Google Playstore Dataset can be obtained from here on Kaggle. It was scrapped using JQuery and was published by Ms. Lavanya Gupta. It contains the following data fields: -

- APP The name of the app.
- CATEGORY Name of the Category to which, the app belongs, viz Family,
 Communications, Health, Investments, Beauty, and Games etc.
- RATING Displays the average rating of the app on Playstore.
- REVIEWS The count of total number of Reviews that the app has received on playstore.
- INSTALLS The count of total number of installs.
- TYPE Type of the App, Paid or Free.
- PRICE The Price of the app on Playstore.
- CONTENT RATING The content of the app is rated as per the titles like Everyone, Teens, 13+ or Adults, based on the content.
- GENRE The genre to which the app belongs.
- LAST UPDATED Date of the last update available for the app.

SCOPE OF ANALYSIS

Any person who wants to publish an app on Playstore would like to know what kind of apps are popular on Playstore and are in high demand. They would also like to know what kind of apps and which genre and categories receive the highest revenue, which would help them know the best category that can result into a high probability of success. The Analytics team and other stakeholders, who like to publish their apps on Playstore wishes to answer the following objectives: -

- 1. Predicting Category-wise Rating for Each App-Category.
- 2. Finding the Right Price Point for a given App-Category.
- 3. Predicting category-wise scope for Success of an App on Play-Store.
- 4. Finding the Best-Niche to Target for Augmented Growth.
- 5. Discovering Insights from Data to predict the best-strategies that facilitate growth.

Aim of this project is to answer the above objectives in the form of visualization by creating a dashboard to convey the answers effectively and efficiently.

ETL PROCESS

In computing, extract, transform, load (ETL) is a process in database usage to prepare data for analysis, especially in data warehousing. Data extraction involves extracting data from homogeneous or heterogeneous sources, while data transformation processes data by transforming them into a proper storage format/structure for the purposes of querying and analysis; finally, data loading describes the insertion of data into the final target database such as an operational data store, a data mart, or a data warehouse. A properly designed ETL system extracts data from the source systems, enforces data quality and consistency standards, conforms data so that separate sources can be used together, and finally delivers data in a presentation-ready format so that application developers can build applications and end users can make decisions.

Precisely, ETL is defined as a process that extracts the data from different RDBMS source systems, then transforms the data (like applying calculations, concatenations, etc.) and finally loads the data into the Data Warehouse system. ETL stands for Extract, Transform and Load.

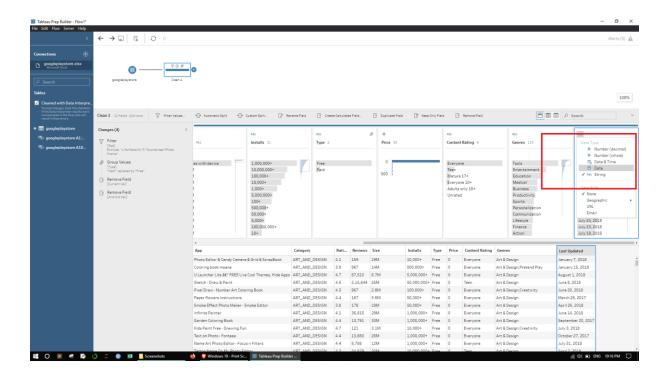
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Through the process of ETL, we are going to clean the dataset and bring all the entities to their proper data format.

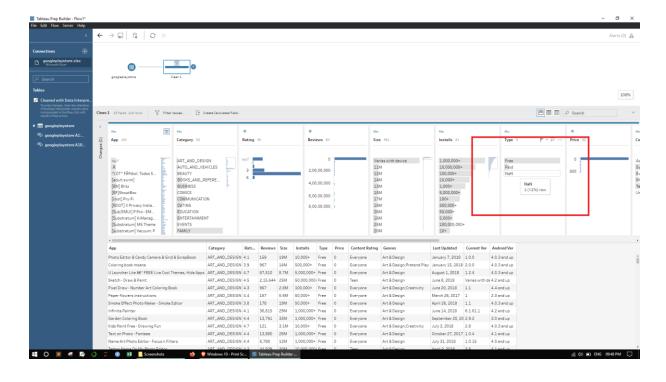
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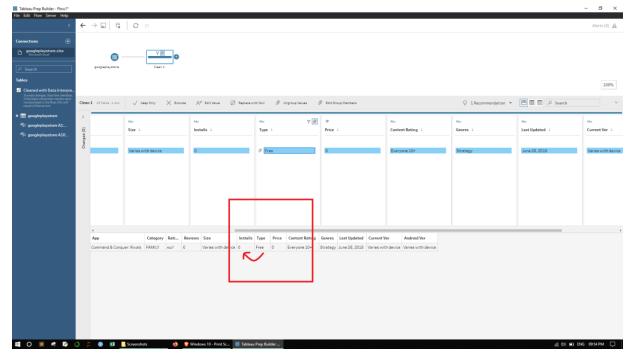
For this, the Alphabets icon on the top-left was clicked, and from the drop-down list, the date Tab was chosen.



Step 2: Replacing the Null Value in the Type-Cloumn.

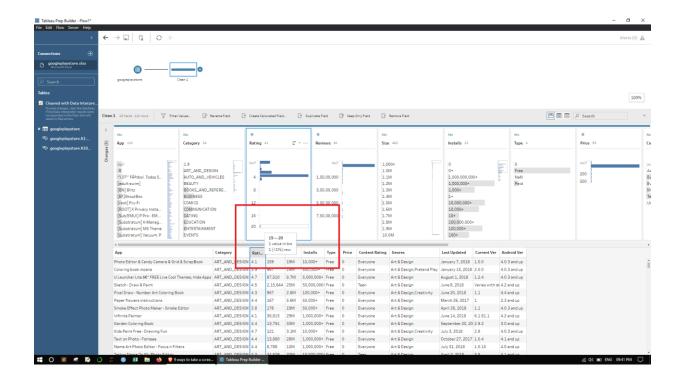
For this, the NaN value was replaced with "Free", since the corresponding price column mentioned the price of the app as zero. This was done by directly editing the content of the cell.





Step 3: Removing an outlier from the Ratings column.

The dataset had an entry with rating = 19. Now since rating can have values only from 0 to 5, this was clearly an outlier and a wrong value. The other entries of this row could not be trusted upon, so this particular entry was removed.

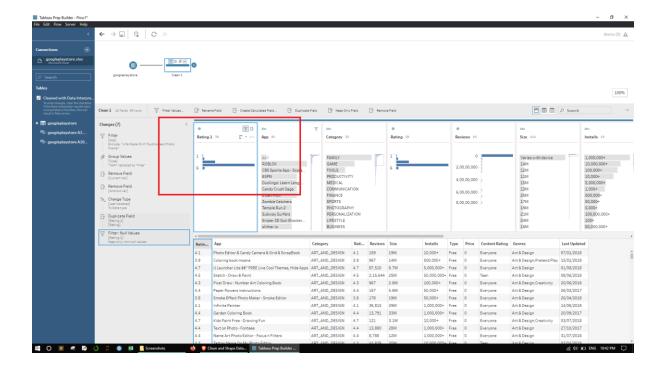


Step 4: Excluding the NULL values from the data.

There are a lot of null values in the data, and it's not possible to remove all the entries of null value as they are more than 10% of the total data entries. Instead, the null values were replaced by a central value of the column. This was done by using a FIXED LOD formula:

IF ISNULL ([RATING]) THEN { FIXED [CATEGORY] : MEDIAN ([RATING]) } ELSE [RATING] END

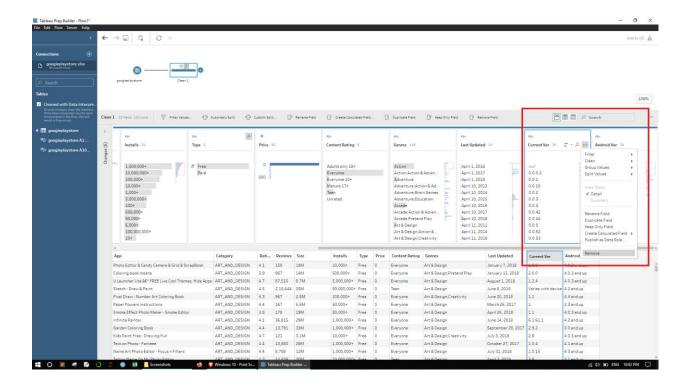
It was chosen to use Median instead of Mean or Mode, because the data was right-skewed, as evident from the graph in the below picture:



Thus, the null values were replaced with the median value of the column.

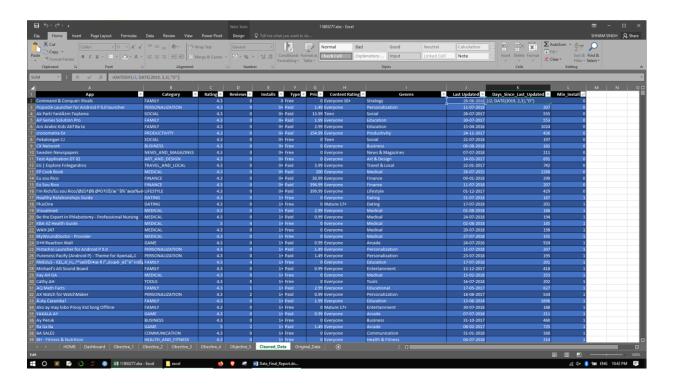
Step 5: Dropping Unwanted rows from the Dataset

Some of the columns in the dataset are of no use for the analysis purpose like, Current_Version, Android_Version and App_Size. These were dropped from the dataset.

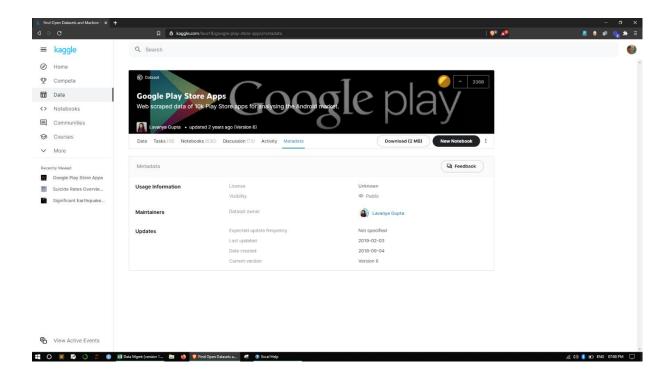


Step 6: Creating a Calculated field in excel

This was done after the cleaning process was already done in the tableau prep. From the Last Update column, a new column was created, Days_Since_Last_Update which was done by using a DATEDIF Formula:

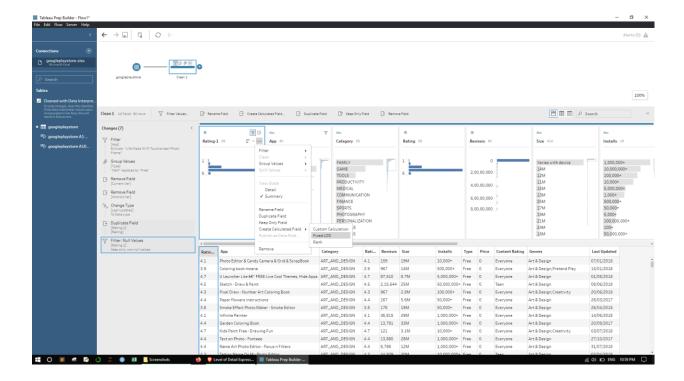


The date chosen for the DATEDIF formula is 03-02-2019, because the dataset was last updated on this day. This was done instead of using NOW() Function to avoid the extra carry of days since February 2019.



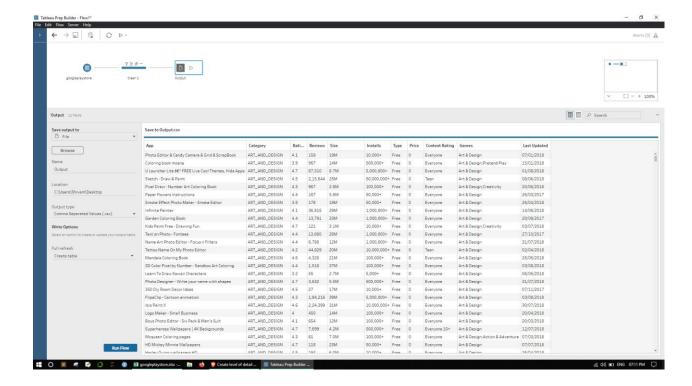
Step 6: The Flow in Tableau Prep

The flow in the Tableau Prep Builder can be summarized as:



Step 7: Dataset After Cleaning

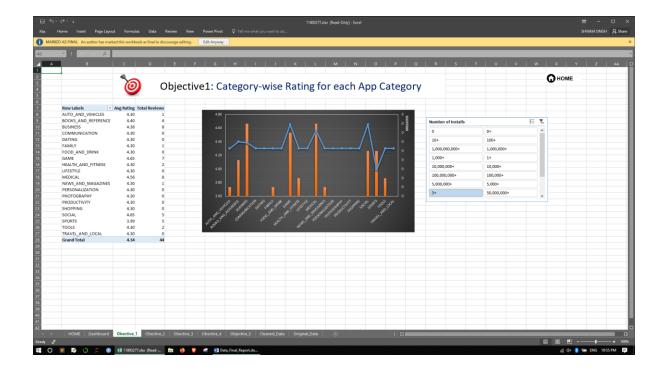
After the Dataset was cleaned, It was exported to a .CSV format and converted to a table in Excel for further analysis.



ANALYSIS OF DATASET

1. Predicting Category-wise Rating for Each App-Category:

The Category-wise rating for each app category tells us the user-satisfaction with an app. The apps are rated from 0 to 5 and their avg. rating is present in the dataset, under the RATING column. We create a pivot-table with Category as Row Label and Avg. Rating as a Value column. We also keep a count of the reviews under the column header Total Reviews, to further strengthen the analysis process by counterchecking the app rating with number of reviews.

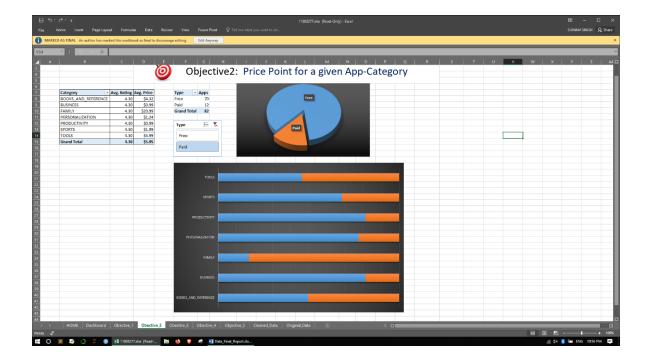


From the analysis, it is very clear that the average rating for all the categories is around 4.35. But, from the contrast of reviews received in each app category, only some of the categories are doing very good. They have a very high number of downloads as well as reviews to justify the accuracy of their ratings. Thus, from the analysis, we can be sure that categories like Family and Communication are doing exceptionally well, this is actually true because of the large number of apps in these two categories.

2. Finding the Right Price Point for a given App-Category:

It is a very tough decision to select an optimal price-point for an app that we want to put on Playstore. By analyzing the trend, we can decide for the right pricing-point to launch an app in any category. This can be done by using a pivot-table for categories against their respective avg. price.

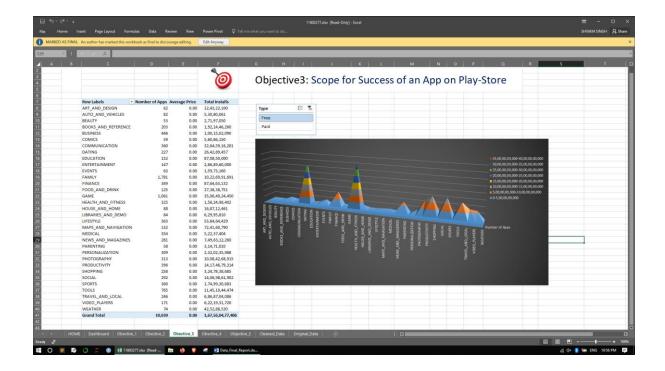
As a matter of fact, more than 82% of the apps on Playstore are free. These apps have to depend on advertisements or subscriptions or they are not-for-profit apps. This is shown using a pie-chart below:



From the analysis, it is evident that there are categories like Finance, Health and Family which although have only a small number of apps under each category but they generate higher revenue. Means, most of these apps are paid. Still, they have significant high number of downloads which show that people are still buying these products. Thus, in my opinion the best strategy is to launch an app in a category which has less number of apps and charge upfront. This will be the best idea to succeed in the long-term.

3. Predicting category-wise scope for Success of an App on Play-Store:

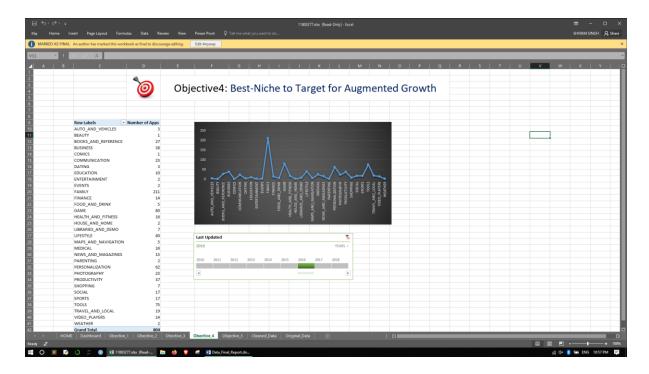
Although the apps seem to be performing very well at the first glance, but not all apps are equally successful on Playstore. This is analyzed by creating a Pivot table of Number of apps in each app category and Total installs, respectively.



Thus, from this analysis it is quite clear that the gaming Category has the most number of downloads and it the most popular apps category. This is because of the fact that Games already have a target-audience and they are directed from other platforms to these Gaming Apps on Playstore. Thus, it is a great idea to have a following or a platform presence already before launching an app on Playstore, as it gives more turn-around ratio.

4. Finding the Best-Niche to Target for Augmented Growth:

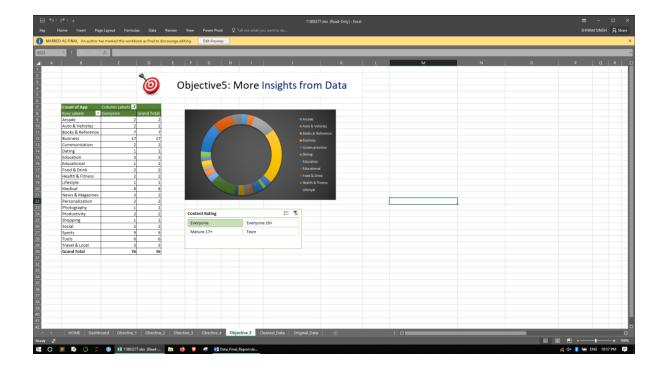
This question is same as the previous question, but here we are trying to identify the target-audience for the probability of highest success. It is quite evident that one should launch apps in a particular niche, especially targeting the categories which have least number of apps like Finance and Health. These apps need skilled efforts for their development and maintenance. Targeting one or more of these categories will allow producing for a category which has scarce resources, thus less competition. To verify this, we need to see the apps which have gone unmaintained for a long time, thus being discarded by the developers team itself.



From this chart, it is clear that most of the apps are in running mode but a lot of the apps in categories with bulk options are discarded. On the other hand, Apps in categories with scarce options are doing very well. From the analysis, it is now pretty certain that to succeed on Playstore, one needs to create an app for a very specific niche, which have less number of total apps and charge upfront. People would pay for the less options available to them.

5. Finding Discovering Insights from Data to predict the best-strategies that facilitate growth:

As already discussed in previous Objectives, the best way to augment growth opportunities is to create an app for a very specific niche, which have less number of total apps and charge upfront. People would pay for the less options available to them. Categories like BEAUTY PRODUCTS, FINANCE and HEALTH are the top categories to publish. Let's analyze the type of content which is the best-suited for success. For this analysis, we create another pivot table with Category and Genre to which the app belongs and against all entries we map the count of apps in each specific content rating, like for everyone, adults etc.



Thus, from this analysis it is certain that not all apps do well on Playstore. There are a lot of apps, rated for Everyone and 13+. These two categories, in themselves constitute for about 50% of the share in total apps category. Adult apps are very few, they mainly belong to the DATING Category and FINANCE Category. Hence, it is advisable to create apps which have healthy content and can be marked FOR EVERYONE. This would increase the total number of audience for the app by significant number and thus, increase the turn-around rate.

Summary:

Thus, from all the analysis we can conclude that the best way to grow on Playstore is to publish apps which are nice-specific and have a high demand but the available options are limited. Then, one should try to opt for bringing the engaged audience already using the app from some other platform to the app on Playstore. One must also try to maintain the app by releasing updates on a regular basis. The content rated FOR EVERYONE is considered good as it engages mere people.

Final Dashboard



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