IMPLEMENTING BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE FOR GADGET-MART

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1. Introduction

1.1 Overview

Gadget-Mart is a multinational retail company that mainly deals with electronic products. The company is spread across different geographies across the world and has several product lines. This company does its business through online and stores. The Sales Team of Gadget-Mart would like to have data out of all their stores (and online sales) to be converted into useful information based on which they can analyze the Sales performance which will aid them in making vital decisions for allocating budgets.

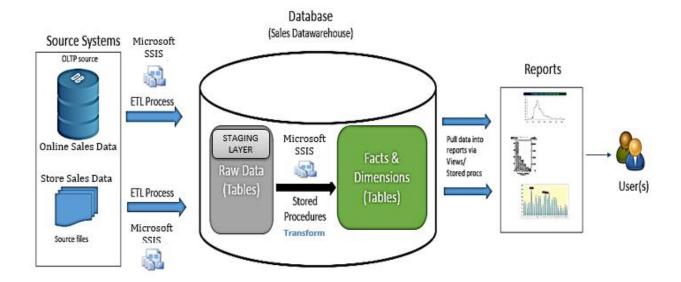
1.2 About the Project

We have built a Sales Data Platform which will accumulate data across all the systems (Online Sales and Store Sales) on Daily basis and consolidate in a Data warehouse into Facts and Dimensions. We have develop reports that will project this vast data into user friendly dashboard/charts that will help stakeholders to take decisions.

2. Architecture and Workflow

The company has many stores across the world that provide data of their daily transactions in flat files whereas the online sale data in captured in one or more OLTP systems. Our goal is to consolidate all the heterogeneous datasets into a single data warehouse from where we can build reports/dashboards for users.

The below figure provides a high level overview of the data flow and important components in our system.



3. Components and Functionalities:

3.1 Source:

Transaction data of stores (in files) and online sales data comes from OLTP system. (This data is simulated from Microsoft AdventureWorks Database).

3.2 ETL Process (Extraction Transform Load):

Extracts the data from source systems and load it into staging tables. We have used Microsoft SQL SERVER INTEGRATION SERVICES to implement the ETL process. All tables in the destination will be truncated and then loaded.

NAME	TYPE OF ARTIFACT	DESCRIPTION
Online_To_Staging.dtsx	SSIS Package	This package imports the
		data from online OLTP
		system to the Staging layer
Store_To_Staging.dtsx	SSIS Package	This package imports the
		data from the flat files
		(Store Sales data) to the
		Staging layer

3.3 Staging tables:

They hold the raw source data. Staging tables will be named under separate schema called "STAGING". E.g. "Staging. Sales". This is to logically differentiate the Staging tables. We have implemented default values to track the 'Staging Created Date' and 'Staging Created By'

Staging Tables
Staging.CountryMaster
Staging.CustomerMaster
Staging.OnlineSalesOrderDetail
Staging.OnlineSalesOrderHeader
Staging.ProductCategory
Staging.ProductMaster
Staging.SalesTerritory
Staging.StoreSales

3.4 Dimensions and Facts:

These are our main tables where-in our master/Lookup data (in Dimensions) and Measures like Sales data (in Facts) will reside.

- 1) All the dimension have the Identity column which will generate the DW keys.
- 2) All the dimensions tables will have primary key.
- 3) All keys in Facts (FK) refer to the Dimensions (PK)

TABLE NAME	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
DimCountry	Dimension	This table has master data of all countries
DimCustomer	Dimension	This table has master data of all customers
DimDate	Dimension	This table has the date keys for all the calendar dates. This table will be used to map the corresponding month/quarter/year for any date
DimLocation	Dimension	This table has master data of all locations at a city level
DimProduct	Dimension	This table has master data of all the products and their respective product groups
FactOnlineSales	Fact	This table has transactional data of Online Sales
FactStoreSales	Fact	This table has transactional data of Store Sales

3.5 Stored Procedures to transform the data:

We have created stored procedures that transform the data from Raw staging tables to the respective facts and dimensions. E.g. sp_LoadDimCountry will load the master country data into DimCountry.

In each procedure, following functionalities are implemented:

- 1) We are using variables to store the 'created date' and 'created by' attributes.
- 2) We use the in-built functions like GETDATE () and SYSTEM_USER VARIABLE
- 3) We use **LEFT** and **INNER joins** to pull data from multiple source/dimension tables.
- 4) We use a **temporary tables (# table)** to store the transformed source data.
- 5) We sync source data stored in the # table with the target table using MERGE functionality.

The Merge functionality has the following scenarios:

- a) If data is present in source and not in target then: **INSERT RECORD.**
- b) If data is present in source and present in target :- **UPDATE RECORD**
- c) If data is not present in source and present in target: **SOFT DELETE** THE RECORD IN TARGET (i.e. Mark the IsActive flag in the destination as 0).

STORE PROCEDURES	DESCRIPTION
sp_LoadFactOnlineSales	Transforms and Loads data into FactOnlineSales table from Staging
sp_LoadDimCountry	Transforms and Loads data into DimCountry table from Staging
sp_LoadDimProduct	Transforms and Loads data into DimProduct table from Staging
sp_LoadDimLocation	Transforms and Loads data into DimLocation table from Staging
sp_LoadDimCustomer	Transforms and Loads data into DimCustomer table from Staging
sp_LoadFactStoreSales	Transforms and Loads data into FactStoreSales table from Staging

We use SSIS package to execute all these store procedures:

PACKAGE	DESCRIPTION
EDW-Load-Facts_Dimensions.dtsx	This package executes all the store
	procedure that loads facts and dimensions
	in the prescribed order of execution

3.6 Views:

We have created de-normalized views on top of our tables that can readily be used by Reports to pull in the data.

VIEW NAME	DESCRIPTION
	Projects the Online Sales data in a de-normalized format. This view is built
vwFactOnlineSales	on top of FactOnlineSales
	Projects the Store Sales data in a de-normalized format. This view is built
vwFactStoreSales	on top of FactStoreSales

3.7 Reports:

Reports are created to project the data to users in dashboard, charts or drill down format across various subject areas.

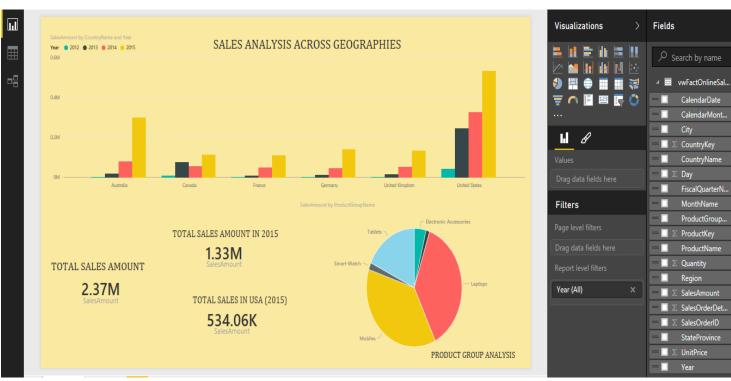
Following are the reports that are generated on top of FACTS and DIMENSIONS of datawarehouse

EXCEL REPORTS:

REPORT NAME	DESCRIPTION
Sales Trend Analysis	Provides a breakdown of Sales data across geographies and fiscal year
Product Sale Analysis	Provides detailed analysis of Sales across product lines
Apple Watch Trend	Gives the performance trend analysis of Apple watch over the last 3
	months

POWER BI DASHBOARD

The Power BI dashboard provides instant snapshot of the sales data across different dimensions and also provides important numbers for the Sales team.



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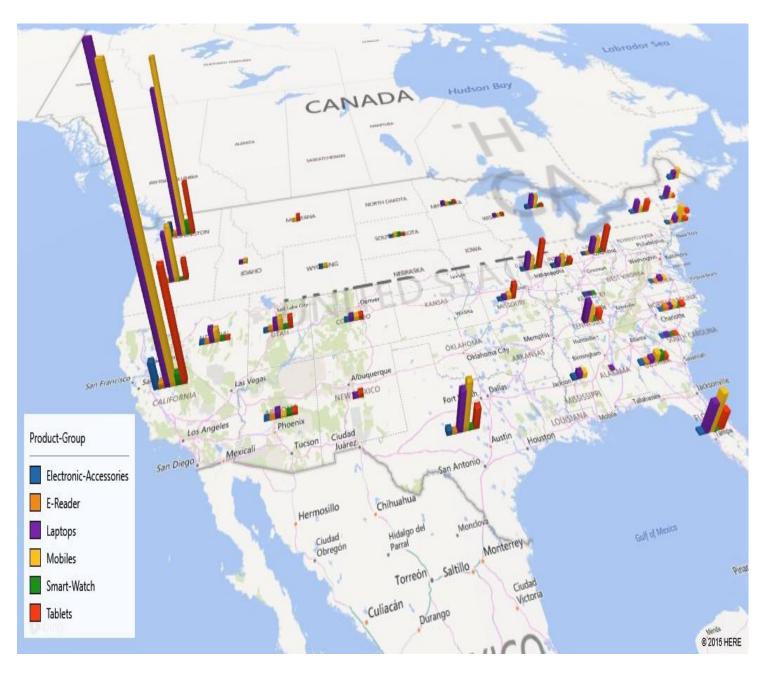
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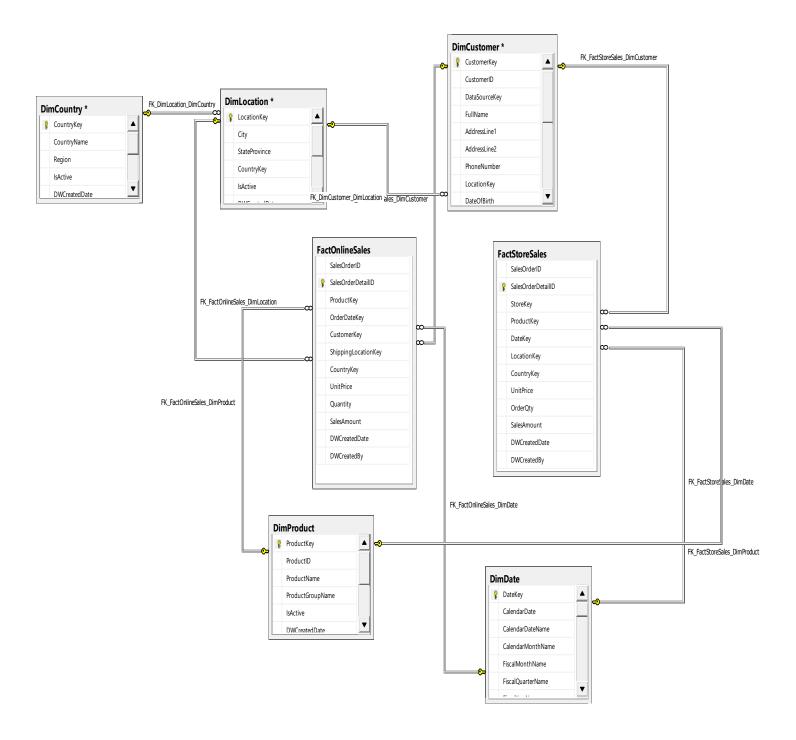
Power Map

Power Map provides a 3D data visualization of the data on a geographical map. Following is the screen shot which has been taken after the DW data was projected using Power Map.

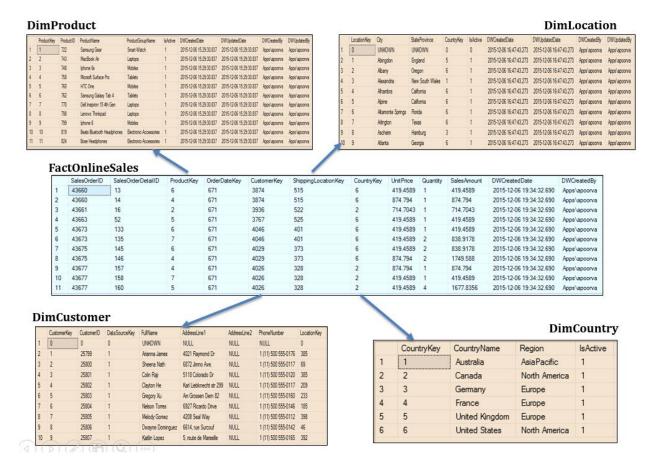


4 Database Design and Sample Data:

The following is the database design for this project:



Sample Data:



5 Deployment:

All the scripts and deployment steps are placed in the parent folder of this document.

Please refer to the Readme file for more details.