SQL Database Manipulations: SELECT statements

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- SELECT is the most frequent command
 - Basic use:
 - SELECT attribute1, attribute2, ... FROM databasetable
 - SELECT * FROM databasetable

- SELECT WHERE clause:
 - Imposes a condition on the results

- = equals (comparison operator)
- AND, OR
- IN, NOT IN
- LIKE, NOT LIKE
- BETWEEN ... AND
- EXISTS, NOT EXISTS
- IS NULL, IS NOT NULL
- comparison operators

- AND operator
 - Combines two statements (concerning one or more tables)
 - SELECT

*

FROM

employees

WHERE

```
first_name = 'Denis' and gender = 'M;
```

- OR is the Boolean or
- Trick Question: How many records will this query return?

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SELECT
 *
FROM
 employees
WHERE
 last_name = 'Denis' AND gender = 'M' OR gender = 'F'
```

- Operator precedence:
 - AND < OR

SELECT

*

FROM

employees

WHERE

last name = 'Denis' AND (gender = 'M' OR gender = 'F')

- Quiz:
 - Retrieve all female employees with first name 'Aruna' or 'Kelly'

- IN, NOT IN
 - Checks for membership in lists
 - MySQL: faster than equivalent OR formulation

```
SELECT
 *
FROM
 employees
WHERE
 first name NOT IN ('Elvis','Kevin','Thomas');
```

- LIKE
 - Pattern matching
 - Wild cards
 - % means zero or more characters
 - _ means a single letter
 - [] means any single character within the bracket
 - ^ means any character not in the bracket
 - - means a range of characters

Like Examples

- WHERE name LIKE 't%'
 - any values that start with 't'
- WHERE name LIKE '%t'
 - any values that end with 't'
- WHERE name LIKE '%t%'
 - any value with a 't' in it
- WHERE name LIKE '_t%'
 - any value with a 't' in second position

Like Examples

- WHERE name LIKE '[ts]%'
 - any values that start with 't' or 's'
- WHERE name LIKE '[t-z]'
 - any values that start with 't', 'u', 'v', 'w', 'x', 'y', 'z'
- WHERE name LIKE '[!ts]%'
 - any value that does not start with a 't' or a 's'
- WHERE name LIKE '_t%'
 - any value with a 't' in second position

- BETWEEN ... AND ...
 - Selects records with a value in the range
 - endpoints included

```
SELECT

*

FROM

employees

WHERE

hire data between 1990-01-01 and 1999-12-31;
```

• SELECT DISTINCT

SELECT DISTINCT gender FROM employees

- Aggregate Functions
 - Applied to a row of a result table
 - COUNT
 - SUM
 - MIN
 - MAX
 - AVG

• SELECT COUNT

• SELECT COUNT(emp_no) FROM employees

• SELECT COUNT

• Combine COUNT with DISTINCT

SELECT

COUNT(DISTINCT first_name, last_name) FROM

employees

• Combine COUNT with DISTINCT

SELECT
 COUNT(DISTINCT emp_no)
FROM
 salaries
WHERE
 salary >=100000;

- ORDER BY
 - Orders result by default in ascending order
 - ASC ascending
 - DSC descending

```
SELECT
  *
FROM
  employees
WHERE
  hire_date > '2000-01-01'
ORDER BY first_name;
```

- GROUP BY
 - Just before ORDER BY in a query
 - Needed with aggregate functions
 - Example: Getting all first names in order

```
SELECT
first_name
FROM
employees
GROUP BY first name;
```

- GROUP BY
 - Example: Counting first names in the employee data base
 - Hint: you want to include the attribute on which you group

```
SELECT
   first_name, COUNT(first_name)
FROM
   employees
GROUP BY first_name
ORDER BY first_name;
```

- GROUP BY
 - Example: Counting first names in the employee data base
 - To make it look better, add an AS clause

```
SELECT
   first_name, COUNT(first_name)
FROM
   employees
GROUP BY first_name
ORDER BY first_name;
```

- Using MySQL Workbench Β 2 Create a new database called TEST 3 4 Create a table R with attributes A and B of 2 type INT 2 3 3 1 Insert these values into R using insert 2 3 statements such as INSERT INTO R(A,B) 3 9 VALUES(3,9); 4 2 4 2
- Use a SELECT statement to insure that the table is correct (including the double values)

 Obtain a table that lists the average value of B (AVG) for all values of A

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	2
	2
	4
	1
	3
	1
)	2

3 9

4 2

4 2

SELECT A, AVG(B) as BAve FROM R GROUP BY A;

• Obtain the same table, but in descending order of A

SELECT A, AVG(B) AS bAve FROM R GROUP BY A ORDER BY A DESC;

 Create a table that contains only the unique value pairs for A and B

SELECT DISTINCT * FROM R;

 How many entries does the table have with and without uniqueness constraints?

SELECT

COUNT(A,B) AS numberOfRecords FROM

R;

SELECT

COUNT(DISTINCT A,B) AS numberOfRecords FROM

R;

• Find the average and the number of counts for all Bvalues depending on the A-value

Α	countb	aveB
1	3	3.0000
2	2	2.0000
3	3	4.0000
4	2	2.0000

SELECT

A, COUNT(B) AS countb, AVG(B) AS aveB FROM

R

Α	countb	aveB
1	3	3.0000
2	2	2.0000
3	3	4.0000
4	2	2.0000

 Do the same, but make sure that we do not count double rows twice

SELECT

A, COUNT(B) AS countb, AVG(B) AS aveB FROM (

SELECT DISTINCT A,B FROM R) AS AUnique GROUP BY A;

Α	countb	aveB
1	3	3.0000
2	2	2.0000
3	3	4.0000
4	1	2.0000

- Select the count of B-values and average of B-values where the A value is at least 3
 - We modify this with a WHERE clause
 - The WHERE is applied to all tuples first, then the grouping and the calculation of the aggregate function happens

SELECT

A, COUNT(B) AS countb, AVG(B) AS aveB FROM

(SELECT DISTINCT A, B FROM R) AS AUnique WHERE A > 2 GROUP BY A;

Α	countb	aveB
3	3	4.0000
4	1	2.0000

Having

- A WHERE clause applies to all the rows, but it cannot apply to the groups created by the GROUP BY
 - For this, SQL introduces the HAVING clause
 - Just like a WHERE clause, but refers to aggregated data

Having

Syntax of Having

SELECT column_name(s)
FROM table_name
WHERE condition
GROUP BY column_name(s)
HAVING condition
ORDER BY column name(s);

Having

- Difference between WHERE and HAVING
 - WHERE is only for selecting tuples
 - HAVING can only refer to the group-by-ed attribute

- Insert another double tuple 1, 1
- Get count and average of the B-values in dependence on A where the count is 2 or less

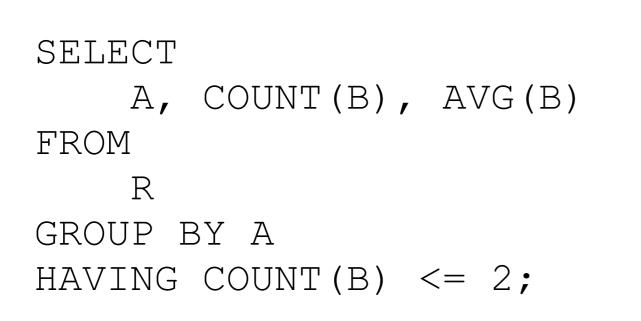


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Α	В	Α	COUN	IT(B)	AVG(B)
1	2	2	2		2.0000
1	3	4	2		2.0000
1	4				
2	1				
2	3				
3	1				
3	2				
3	9				
4	2				
4	2				
1	1				
1	1				

 Get count and average of the B-values in dependence on A where A is less than or equal to 2

SELECT	
A, COUNT(B),	AVG(B)
FROM	
R	
WHERE	
A <= 2	
GROUP BY A;	

Table 1			
Α	В		
1	2		
1	3		
1	4		
2	1		
2	3		
3	1		
3	2		
3	9		
4	2		
4	2		
1	1		
1	1		

Table 1-1			
Α	COUNT(B)	AVG(B)	
1	5	2.2000	
2	2	2.0000	

- LIMIT gives the maximum number of rows returned
 - Can be used for a sample
 - Can be used with ORDER BY ASC

- Use the employees database
 - Find the five employees that have made the most money
 - Hint: The Salary table has the information but employees have different salaries over time

SELECT

first_name, last_name, MAX(salary)
FROM
salaries,

employees

WHERE

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employees.emp_no = salaries.emp_no
GROUP BY salaries.emp_no
ORDER BY MAX(salary) DESC
LIMIT 5;
```

Table 1

first_name last_name MAX(salary)				
Tokuyasu	Pesch	158220		
Xiahua	Whitcomb	155709		
Tsutomu	Alameldin	155377		
Willard	Baca	154459		
Ibibia	Junet	150345		