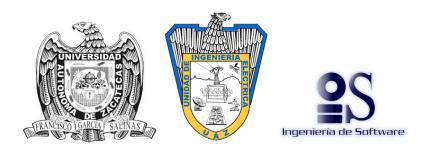
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# Database Systems Laboratory II Practice 13 -Using Subqueries

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### 1 Introduction

SQL language allows the realization of projection and selection of data from several tables to satisfy the needs of reports that may be required for a programmer, developer or end user.

In the theory class we saw the corresponding to chapter 7, in which we saw the subqueries and the utility they have to get more complex records

The use of subqueries is a technique that allows you to use the result of a SELECT table in another SELECT query. It allows solving complex queries by using previous results obtained through another query.

### 2 Development

### Activity 1

Write the section that describes the work developed in the following activities. Read all the choices carefully because there might be more than one correct answer. Choose all the correct answers for each question

Explain the reason for your answer.

#### **DEFINE SUBQUERIES**

- 1. Consider this generic description of a SELECT statement: SE-LECT selectlist FROM table WHERE condition GROUP BY expression1 HAVING expression2 ORDER BY expression3; Where could subqueries be used? (Choose all correct answers.)
  - A. selectlist
  - B. expression2
  - C. condition
  - D. expression1
  - E. table
  - F. expression3

Answer: C, E

The sub queries returns rows, these row can be used to be compared in a condition, this means we can use sub quieries in the WHERE and HAVING clauses, because we retrieve data to be compared and restrict the data.

- 2. A query can have a subquery embedded within it. Under what circumstances could there be more than one subquery? (Choose the best answer.)
- A. Subqueries can be embedded within each other with no practical limitations on depth.
- B. It is possible to embed a single-row subquery inside a multiple-row subquery, but not the other way around.
- C. The outer query can have multiple inner queries, but they must not be embedded withinMeach other.
- D. The outer query can include an inner query. It is not possible to have another query within the inner query.

Answer: D

There is no limit embedding, a query can have an inner sub query and that sub query can have an inner sub query, the limitation is in the logic of your needs, you must use the suitable operator depending of the kind of query

- 3. Consider this statement: select employeeid, lastname from employees where salary ¿ (select avg(salary) from employees); When will the subquery be executed? (Choose the best answer.)
  - A. It will be executed once for every row in the EMPLOYEES table.
  - B. It will be executed after the outer query.
  - C. It will be executed concurrently with the outer query.
  - D. It will be executed before the outer query

Answer: A

It works like the functions, the deepest query will be executed first because the results of the subquery are needed to compare and restrict the rows of the outer query

- 4. Consider this statement: select o.employeeid, o.lastname from employees o where o.salary "¿" (select avg(i.salary) from employees i where i.departmentid '=' a o.departmentid); When will the subquery be executed? (Choose the best answer.)
  - A. It will be executed once for every row in the EMPLOYEES table.
  - B. It will be executed after the outer query.
  - C. It will be executed concurrently with the outer query.
  - D. It will be executed before the outer query

Answer: D

The reason is because the outer query retrieve all the records, the sub query compares with the department id of the outer query, that means the comparisons will be executed once for each record of the table.

# DESCRIBE THE TYPES OF PROBLEMS THAT THE SUB-QUERIES CAN SOLVE

- 5. Consider the following statement: select lastname from employees join departments on employees.departmentid = departments.departmentid where departmentname='Executive'; and this statement: select lastname from employees where departmentid in (select departmentid from departments where departmentname='Executive'); What can be said about the two statements? (Choose two correct answers.)
- A. Both statements will always run successfully, even if there are two departments with DEPARTMENTNAME 'Executive.'
  - B. The two statements could generate different results.
- C. The first statement will always run successfully; the second statement will error if there are two departments with DEPARTMENT  $_{N}AME$  'Executive.'
  - D. The two statements should generate the same result.

Answer: A,D

Both queries will return the same result, it won't return an error if there are two departments with the same name because we are using the department id to differentiate the departments.

#### LIST THE TYPES OF SUBQUERIES

- 6. What are the distinguishing characteristics of a scalar subquery? (Choose two correct answers.)
  - A. A scalar subquery returns one row.
  - B. A scalar subquery cannot be used as a correlated subquery.
- C. A scalar subquery cannot be used in the SELECT LIST of the parent query.
  - D. A scalar subquery returns one column.

Answer: A, D

A scalar subquery returns exactly only one value, this value is used by the outer query.

- 7. Which comparison operator can be used with multiple-row subqueries? (Choose the best answer.)
  - A. ALL
  - B. ANY
  - C. IN
  - D. NOT IN
  - E. All the above can be used.

#### Answer: E

All the operators shown in the answer are used to compare multiple results retrieved by a sub query, ALL and ANY need an comparing operator.

#### WRITE SINGLE-ROW AND MULTIPLE-ROW SUBQUERIES

- 8. Consider this statement: select lastname, (select count(\*) from departments) from employees where salary = (select salary from employees); What is wrong with it? (Choose the best answer.)
- A. The statement will run but is extremely inefficient because of the need to run the second subquery once for every row in EMPLOY-EES.
- B. The statement will fail if the second query returns more than one row.
- C. The statement will fail because the subquery in the SELECT list references a table that is not listed in the FROM clause.
  - D. Nothing is wrong—the statement should run without error.

#### Answer: C

The WHERE clause are using a single-row operator (=) and the sub query will returns more than one row, you need to use the correct operator, the operator depends of the kind of sub query used.

- 9. Which of the following statements are equivalent? (Choose two answers.)
- A. select employeeid from employees where salary; all (select salary from employees where departmentid=10);
- B. select employeeid from employees e join departments d on e.departmentid= d.departmentid where e.salary; (select min(salary) from employees) and d.departmentid=10;
- C. select employeeid from employees where salary not  $\xi$ = any (select salary from employees where departmentid=10);
- D. select employeeid from employees where salary; (select min(salary) from employees where departmentid=10);

#### Answer: A, D

Both queries returns the same result, both will returns the employee id of the employees with less salary then all the salaries of the employees of department 10.

- 10. Consider this statement, which is intended to prompt for an employee's name and then find all employees who have the same job as the first employee: select lastname, employeeid from employees where jobid = (select jobid from employees where lastname = 'Name'); What would happen if a value were given for Name that did not match with any row in EMPLOYEES? (Choose the best answer.)
  - A. The statement would return every row in the table.
  - B. The statement would fail with an error.
  - C. The statement would return all rows where JOBID is NULL.
  - D. The statement would return no rows.

#### Answer: C

The name do not match, the sub query return no rows, there is no row to compare an the syntax are good, the query will success but nothing is retrieved.

### Activity 2:

• How can you best design subqueries such that they will not fail with "ORA01427: single-row subquery returns more than one row" errors?

The easy way is using multiple row operators, these operators works for one or more results, but the correct way is to design the sub query and observe and choose what kind of operator must be used, single-row operators are used by single-row queries, multiple-row operators are used by multiple-row queries.

• Star Transformation. An extension of the use of subqueries as an alternative to a join is to enable the star transformation often needed in data warehouse applications. Consider a large table recording sales. Each sale is marked as being of a particular product to a particular buyer through a particular channel. These attributes are identified by codes, used as foreign keys to dimension tables with rows that describe each product, buyer, and channel. To identify all sales of books to buyers in Germany through Internet orders, one could run a query like this:

select ... from sales s, products p, buyers b, channels c where s.prodcode=p.prodcode and s.buycode=b.buycode and s.chancode=c.chancode and p.product='Books' and b.country='Germany' and c.channel='Internet'; This query uses the WHERE clause to join the tables and then to filter the results. The following is an alternative query that will yield the same result: select ... from sales where prodcode in (select prodcode from products where product='Books') and buycode in (select buycode from buyers where country='Germany') and chancode in (select chancode from channels where channel='Internet); The rewrite of the first statement to the second is the star transformation. Apart from being an inherently more elegant structure (most SQL developers with any sense of aesthetics will agree with that), there are technical reasons why the database may be able to execute it more efficiently than the original query. Also, star queries are easier to maintain; it is very simple to add more dimensions to the query or to replace the single literals ('Books,' 'Germany,' and 'Internet') with lists of values.

NOTE (on the JOB): There is an instance initialization parameter, STARTRANSFORMATIONENABLED, which (if set to true) will permit the Oracle query optimizer to re-write code into star queries. Sometimes there is a choice between using a subquery or using some other technique: the star transformation is a case in point. Which is better?

I think the second one are the best option, it is less code, it is simplest to understand i think, it has a better structure and it is more easy to modify the query, maybe the option depend of the likes of the developer but we need to keep it simple.

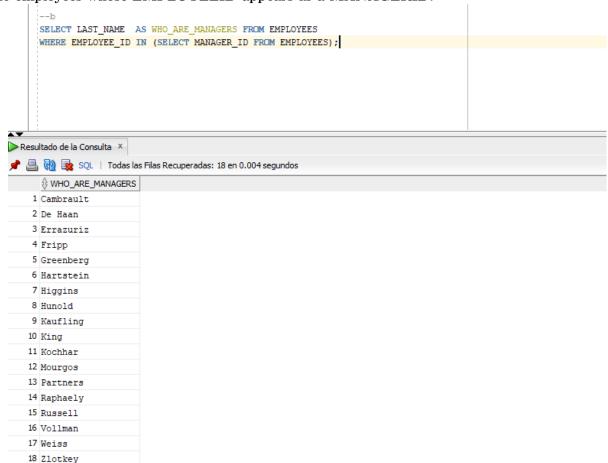
## Activity 3:

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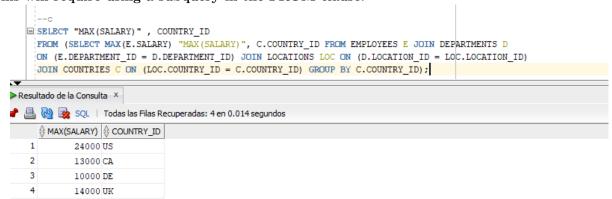
a) Write a query that uses subqueries in the column projection list. The query will report on the current (date of today) numbers of departments and staff:



b) Write a query to identify all the employees who are managers. This will require using a subquery in the WHERE clause to select all the employees whose EMPLOYEEID appears as a MANAGERID:



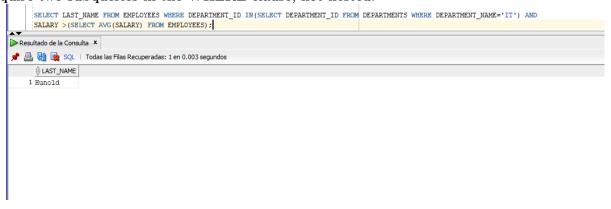
c) Write a query to identify the highest salary paid in each country. This will require using a subquery in the FROM clause:



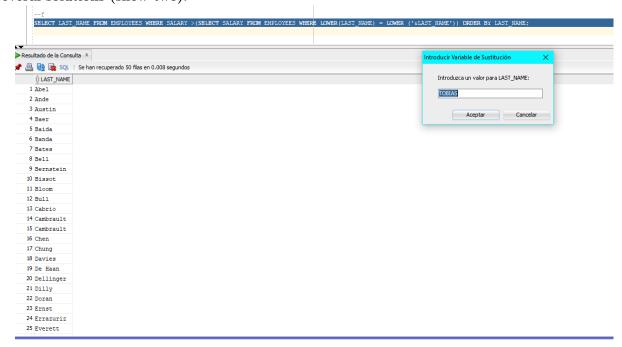
d) Write a query that will identify all employees who work in departments located in the United Kingdom. This will require three levels of nested subqueries in the WHERE clause:



e) Write a query to identify all the employees who earn more than the average and who work in any of the IT departments. This will require two subqueries in the WHERE clause, not nested:



f) Write a query to determine who earns more than Mr. Tobias. Write a query to determine who earns more than Mr. Taylor. Write the sentence to be useful no matter the number of rows returned by the subquery in the WHERE clause (use ¿ operator). There can be several solutions (show two):



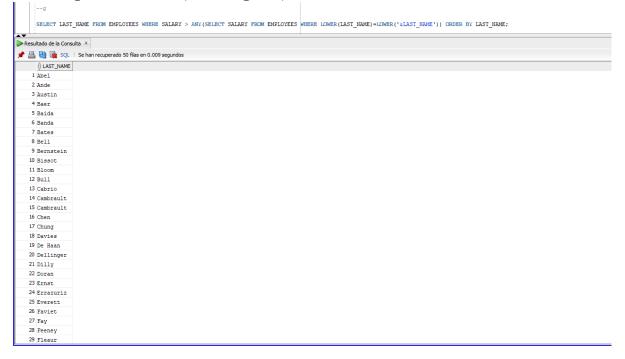
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SELECT LAST\_NAME FROM EMPLOYEES WHERE EMPLOYEE\_ID IN (SELECT EMPLOYEE\_ID FROM EMPLOYEES WHERE SALARY > (SELECT SALARY FROM EMPLOYEES WHERE LOWER(LAST\_NAME)
LUWER ('&LAST\_NAME'))) GROER BY LAST\_NAME;

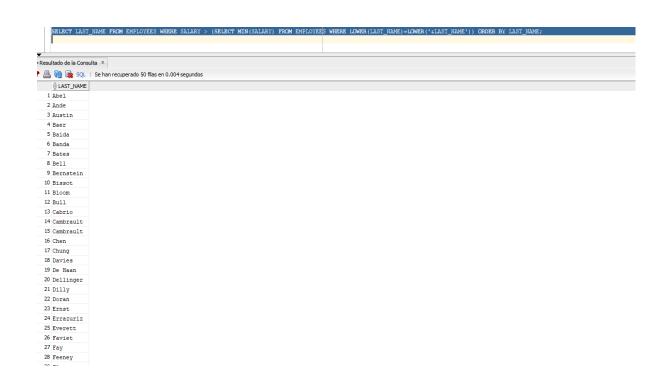
### Resultado de la Consulta X

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\$ LAST\_NAME
1 Abel 2 Ande 3 Austin 4 Baer 5 Baida 6 Banda 7 Bates 8 Bell 9 Bernstein 10 Bissot 11 Bloom 12 Bull 13 Cabrio 14 Cambrault 15 Cambrault 16 Chen 17 Chung 18 Davies 19 De Haan 20 Dellinger 21 Dilly 22 Doran 23 Ernst 24 Errazuriz 25 Everett

g) Later exercise included a query that attempted to find all employees whose salary is higher than that of a nominated employee. There are other queries that will run successfully; construct two other solutions, one using the ANY comparison operator, the other using the MIN aggregation function. Now that you have several solutions, do they all give the same result? All these "solutions" are in fact just ways of avoiding error. They do not necessarily give the result the user wants, and they may not be consistent. What change needs to be made to give a consistent, unambiguous, result?



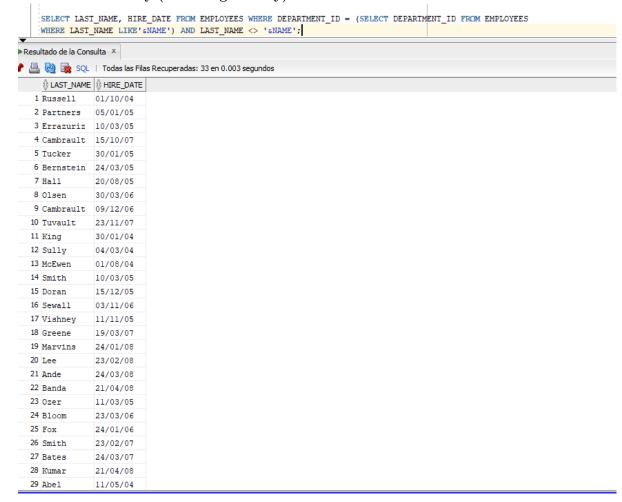


h) Design a query that will prompt for a department name (no matter if the input is lower or upper case) and list the last name of every employee in that department, use a subquery in the WHERE clause: For instance, if the input is a department name with the string



### Activity 4:

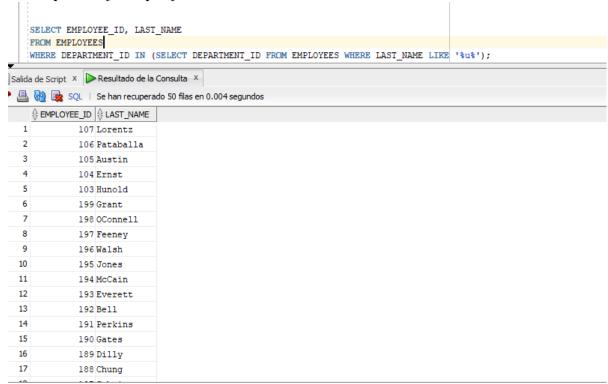
You will write complex queries using nested SELECT statements. For practice questions, you may want to create the inner query first. Make sure that it runs and produces the data that you anticipate before you code the outer query. 1. The HR department needs a query that prompts the user for an employee last name. The query then displays the last name and hire date of any employee in the same department as the employee whose name they supply (excluding that employee). For example, if the user enters Zlotkey, find all employees who work with Zlotkey (excluding Zlotkey).



2. Create a report that displays the employee number, last name, and salary of all employees who earn more than the average salary. Sort the results in order of ascending salary.

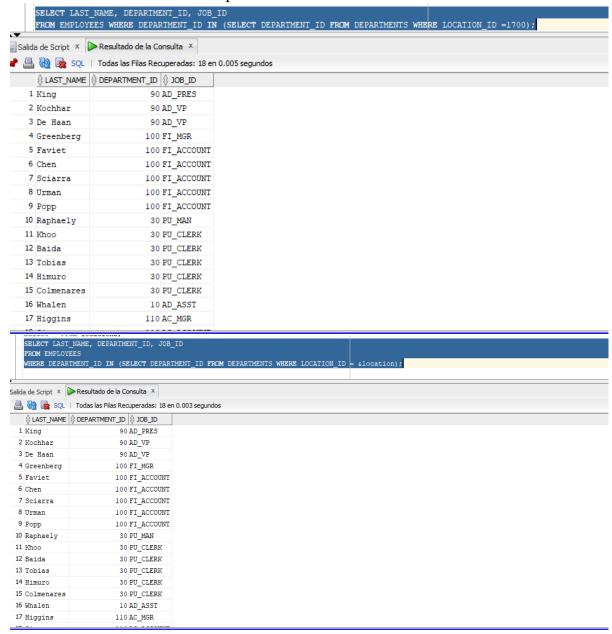


3. Write a query that displays the employee number and last name of all employees who work in a department with any employee whose last name contains the letter "u." Save your SQL statement as lab1303.sql. Run your query.

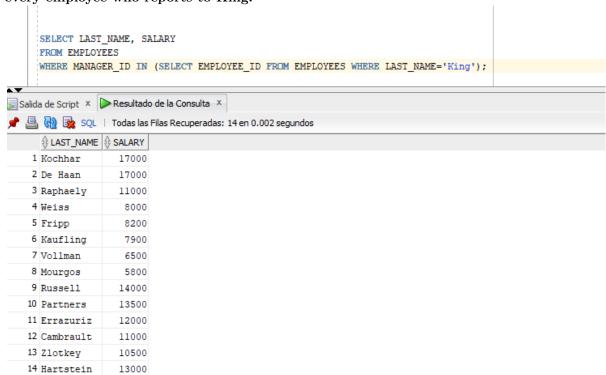


4. The HR department needs a report that displays the last name, department number, and job ID of all employees whose department location ID is 1700

Modify the query so that the user is prompted for a location ID. Save this to a file named lab1304.sql.



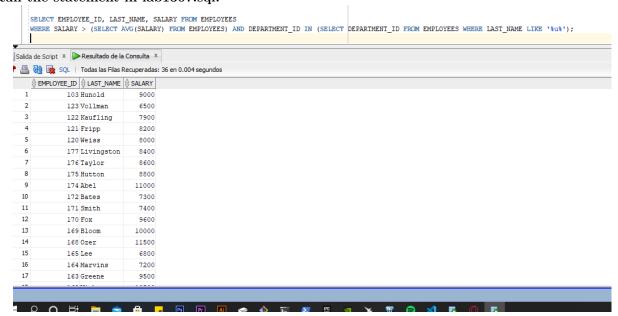
5. Create a report for HR that displays the last name and salary of every employee who reports to King.



6. Create a report for HR that displays the department number, last name, and job ID for every employee in the Executive department.



7. Modify the query in lab1303.sql to display the employee number, last name, and salary of all employees who earn more than the average salary, and who work in a department with any employee whose last name contains a "u." Resave lab1303.sql as lab1307.sql. Run the statement in lab1307.sql.



### 3 PRE-EVALUATION

Practices pre-Assessment for Database Systems Laboratory II Pre-Assessment PRACTICE 13 carried out by student

- 1 COMPLIES WITH THE REQUESTED FUNCTIONALITY YES
- 4 HAS THE CORRECT INDENTATION YES
- 6 HAS AN EASY WAY TO ACCESS THE PROVIDED FILES YES
- 7 HAS A REPORT WITH IDC FORMAT YES
- 8 REPORT INFORMATION IS FREE OF SPELLING ERRORS YES
- 9 DELIVERED IN TIME AND FORM YES
- 10 IS FULLY COMPLETED (SPECIFY THE PERCENTAGE COMPLETED) YES,100 percent

### 4 Conclusion

This was a very complete practice, always it is important to review and practice

I found the practice interesting, I think I could learn more since in the examples that come in the oracle document they are very few and very simple or at least they only give you the idea, in this practice I was able to practice more with the subqueries and improve on it.