

Laboratory Activity 3:

Laboratory Title: Structured Query Language (SQL) - Basic Queries

Chapter No. and Topic: Chapter 2 - Structured Query Language (SQL)

Discussions:

This activity covers the basics of querying data from a table using SQL.

Activity Description:

Learn how to retrieve data using SELECT, filter with WHERE clauses, and sort results using ORDER BY.

Objectives:

- Write basic SQL queries using SELECT.
- Apply filters using WHERE clauses.
- Sort results using ORDER BY.

Materials:

- MySQL Workbench or SQL client

Procedure:

1. Open MySQL Workbench and connect to the LibraryManagement database.
2. Retrieve all columns from the Books table:

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SELECT * FROM Books;
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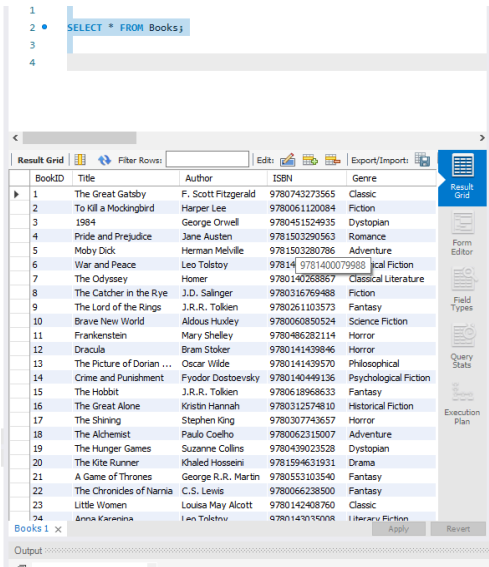
1. Retrieve books with the genre 'Fiction':

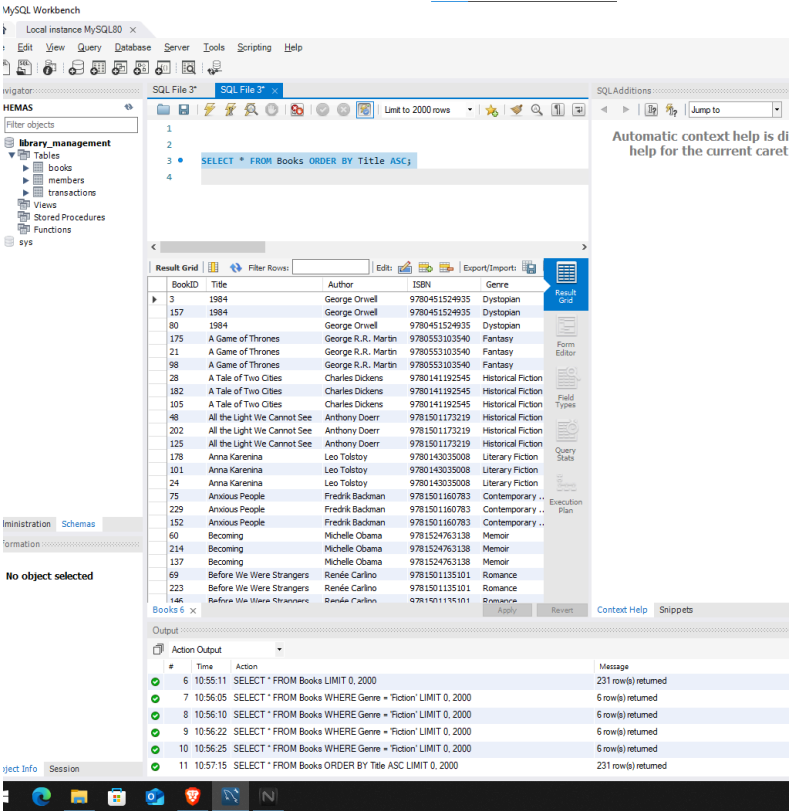
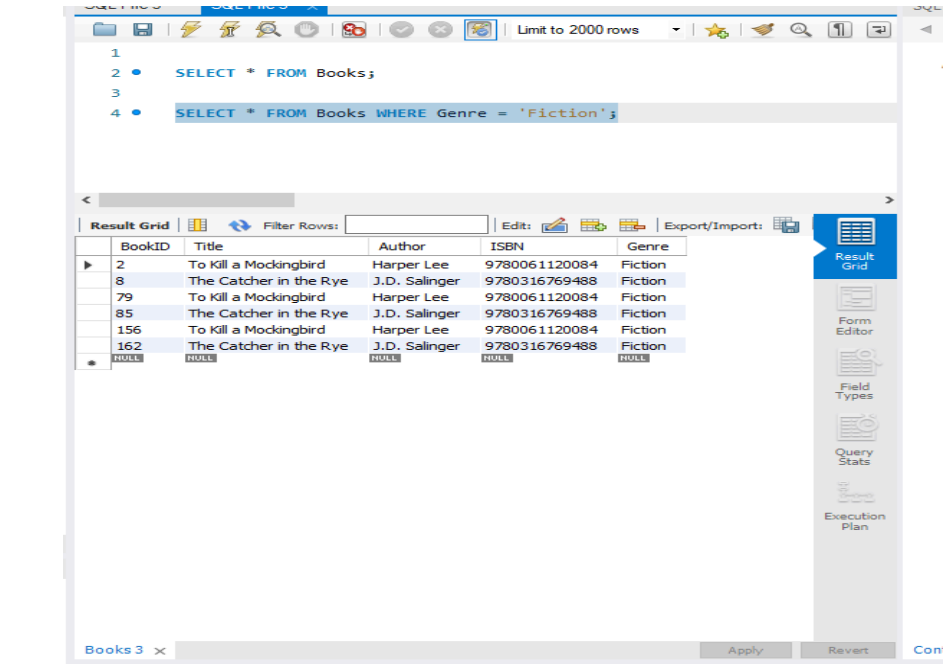
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SELECT * FROM Books WHERE Genre = 'Fiction';
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1. Sort the books by Title in ascending order:





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SELECT \* FROM Books ORDER BY Title ASC;

Result:

Basic queries to retrieve and filter data from the Books table.

Additional Questions/Discussions:

- How do WHERE and ORDER BY improve the functionality of SQL queries?
  - The **WHERE** clause filters records based on specific conditions, reducing unnecessary data retrieval and improving query efficiency. It ensures that only relevant data is processed and displayed.

- The **ORDER BY** clause sorts query results in ascending or descending order based on one or more columns, making data presentation more organized and meaningful. This improves readability and facilitates better data analysis.

**Conclusion:**

In this activity, students learned how to retrieve, filter, and sort data using SQL queries. They successfully used the **SELECT** statement to fetch data, the **WHERE** clause to filter specific records, and the **ORDER BY** clause to organize results. These fundamental SQL operations enhance data management by improving query efficiency and readability. Mastering these skills is essential for effectively handling and analyzing database information.