

SUBQUERY

Definition

- A Query within a Query.
- A subquery is a SELECT statement that is embedded in a clause of another SELECT statement.
- You can place the subquery in a number of SQL clauses:
 - ☐ WHERE clause
 - ☐ HAVING clause
 - ☐ FROM clause


In the syntax:

```
SELECT <COLUMN, ...>  
FROM <TABLE>  
WHERE EXPRESSION OPERATOR  
  ( SELECT <COLUMN, ...>  
    FROM <TABLE>  
    WHERE <CONDITION> );
```

- Expression Operator could be equality operators or comparison operator such as =, >, <, >=, <=. It can also be a text operator such as "LIKE". The portion in **red** is considered as the "inner query", while the portion in **green** is considered as the "outer query".

EXAMPLE:

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM employee  
      WHERE sal > (SELECT sal FROM EMP  
WHERE name='TOM');
```

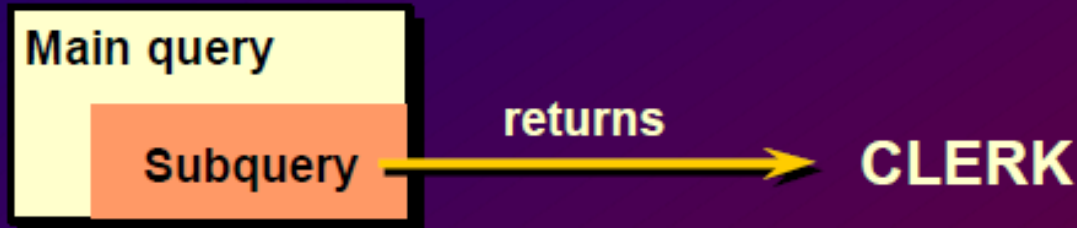
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- A subquery is a query within another query. The outer query is called as main query and inner query is called as subquery.
 - The subquery is often referred to as a nested SELECT, sub-SELECT, or inner SELECT statement.
 - The subquery generally executes first, and its output is used to complete the query condition for the main or outer query.

Guidelines for using subquery

- Enclose subqueries in parentheses.
- Place subqueries on the right side of the comparison operator.
- Do not add an ORDER BY clause to a subquery.
- Use single-row operators with singlerow subqueries.
- Use multiple-row operators with multiple-row subqueries.

Types of Subqueries

- **Single-row subquery**



- **Multiple-row subquery**



- **Multiple-column subquery**



Types of Subqueries

| Subquery | Description |
|--------------------------|---|
| Single-Row Subquery | Returns one row of results that consists of one column to the outer query |
| Multiple-Row Subquery | Returns more than one row of results to the outer query |
| Multiple-Column Subquery | Returns more than one column of results to the outer query |
| Correlated Subquery | References a column in the outer query. Executes the subquery once for every row in the outer query |
| Uncorrelated Subquery | Executes the subquery first and passes the value to the outer query |

▪ **Single-Row Subqueries**

A *single -row subquery* is one that returns one row from the inner SELECT statement. This type of subquery uses a single -row operator.

The operators that can be used with single-row subqueires are =, >, >=, <, <=, and <>.

Single-Row Subqueries

- **Return only one row**
- **Use single-row comparison operators**

| Operator | Meaning |
|----------|--------------------------|
| = | Equal to |
| > | Greater than |
| >= | Greater than or equal to |
| < | Less than |
| <= | Less than or equal to |
| <> | Not equal to |

Example

Display the employees whose job title is the same as that of employee 7369.

```
SQL> SELECT  ename, job
      2  FROM    emp
      3  WHERE   job =
      4           (SELECT  job
      5                  FROM    emp
      6                  WHERE   empno = 7369) ;
```


| ENAME | JOB |
|--------|-------|
| JAMES | CLERK |
| SMITH | CLERK |
| ADAMS | CLERK |
| MILLER | CLERK |

▪ Single row Subquery using group function

Consider an example of an employee table with employee name, job title, and salary of all employees whose salary is equal to the minimum salary.

Using Group Functions in a Subquery

```
SQL> SELECT  ename, job, sal
2  FROM      emp
3  WHERE     sal =
4             (SELECT  MIN(sal)
5              FROM      emp);
```



| ENAME | JOB | SAL |
|-------|-------|-------|
| ----- | ----- | ----- |
| SMITH | CLERK | 800 |

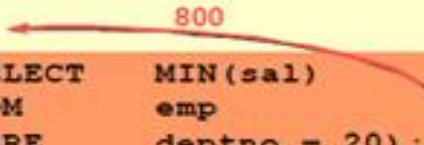
The MIN group function returns a single value

▪ Having Clause in subqueries

Not only WHERE clause can be used in subqueries but also HAVING clause.

HAVING Clause with Subqueries

```
SQL> SELECT      deptno, MIN(sal)
2  FROM          emp
3  GROUP BY      deptno
4  HAVING        MIN(sal) >
5
6                (SELECT MIN(sal)
7                FROM      emp
                   WHERE    deptno = 20);
```



The SQL statement displays all the departments that have a minimum salary greater than that of department 20.

| DEPTNO | MIN(SAL) |
|--------|----------|
| 10 | 1300 |
| 30 | 950 |

SQL Subquery; INSERT Statement

Subquery can be used with INSERT statement to add rows of data from one or more tables to another table.

Lets try to group all the students who study Maths in a table 'maths_group'.

SYNTAX:

```
INSERT INTO <tablename>
      (column1, columns2,...)
      SELECT value1,value2,...
      FROM ... [rest of the query]
```

EXAMPLE:

```
INSERT INTO maths_group(id, name)
SELECT id, first_name || ' ' || last_name
FROM student_details WHERE subject= 'Maths';
```

SQL Subquery; Delete Statement

SYNTAX:

```
DELETE FROM <tablename>
        WHERE (condition)
              SELECT value1,value2,...
              FROM ... [rest of the query]
```

EXAMPLE:

```
SQL>
SQL> DELETE FROM Emp11
2     WHERE salary >
3       (SELECT AVG(salary)
4         FROM Emp11);

1 row deleted.

SQL>  select * from Emp11;

ID   FIRST_NAME LAST_NAME  START_DAT  END_DATE      SALARY CITY
-----
DESCRIPTION
-----
01   Jason      Martin    25-JUL-96  25-JUL-06    1234.56 Toronto
Programmer
```

SQL Subquery; Update Statement

SYNTAX:

```
UPDATE <tablename> SET (column =(      SELECT value1,value2,...
                                   FROM ... [rest of the query]
```

EXAMPLE:

```
SQL>
SQL> UPDATE Emp11
  2   SET salary =
  3   (SELECT AVG(salary)
  4   FROM Emp11);
```

2 rows updated.

```
SQL>
SQL> select * from Emp11
  2  ;
```

| ID | FIRST_NAME | LAST_NAME | START_DAT | END_DATE | SALARY | CITY |
|----|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| 01 | Jason | Martin | 25-JUL-96 | 25-JUL-06 | 1784.67 | Toronto |
| 05 | Robert | Black | 15-JAN-84 | 08-AUG-98 | 1784.67 | Vancouver |



Subqueries with EXISTS and with Not Exists

Example:

```
SELECT column1 FROM t1 WHERE EXISTS  
                                (SELECT * FROM t2);
```

Example:

```
Select CustomerID, CompanyName  
from customers as a  
where not exists  
(  select * from orders as b  
    where a.CustomerID = b.CustomerID  
      and ShipCountry <> 'UK' );
```

▪ Multiple-Row Subqueries

Subqueries that return more than one row are called *multiple-row subqueries*. You use a multiple -row operator, instead of a single -row operator, with a multiple -row subquery. The multiple -row operator expects one or more values.

Multiple-Row Subqueries

- **Return more than one row**
- **Use multiple-row comparison operators**

| Operator | Meaning |
|----------|---|
| IN | Equal to any member in the list |
| ANY | Compare value to each value returned by the subquery |
| ALL | Compare value to every value returned by the subquery |


```
SQL> SELECT      ename, sal, deptno
  2  FROM        emp
  3  WHERE       sal IN (SELECT      MIN(sal)
  4                        FROM        emp
  5                        GROUP BY deptno);
```

Example

Find the employees who earn the same salary as the minimum salary for departments.

The inner query is executed first, producing a query result containing three rows: 800, 950, 1300.

The main query block is then processed and uses the values returned by the inner query to complete its search condition. In fact, the main query would look like the following to the Oracle Server:

```
SQL> SELECT      ename, sal, deptno
  2  FROM        emp
  3  WHERE       sal IN (800, 950, 1300);
```

| Operator | Description |
|----------|--|
| >ALL | More than the highest value returned by the subquery |
| <ALL | Less than the lowest value returned by the subquery |
| <ANY | Less than the highest value returned by the subquery |
| >ANY | More than the lowest value returned by the subquery |
| =ANY | Equal to any value returned by the subquery (same as IN) |

Figure 7-11 Descriptions of ALL and ANY operator combinations

Using ANY Operator in Multiple-Row Subqueries

The ANY operator compares a value to *each* value returned by a subquery.

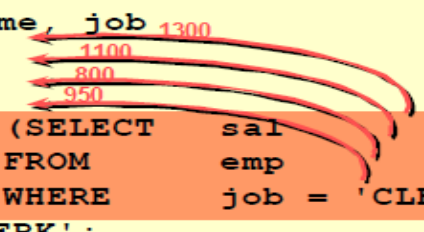
The example displays employees whose salary is less than any clerk and who are not clerks. The maximum salary that a clerk earns is \$1300. The SQL statement displays all the employees who are not clerks but earn less than \$1300.

<ANY means less than the maximum.

>ANY means more than the minimum.

=ANY is equivalent to IN.

```
SQL> SELECT  empno, ename, job 1300
      2 FROM    emp           1100
      3 WHERE   sal < ANY     800
      4         (SELECT sal    950
      5          FROM    emp
      6          WHERE   job = 'CLERK')
      7 AND     job <> 'CLERK';
```



| EMPNO | ENAME | JOB |
|-------|--------|----------|
| 7654 | MARTIN | SALESMAN |
| 7521 | WARD | SALESMAN |

Using ALL Operator in Multiple-Row Subqueries

The ALL operator compares a value to *every* value returned by a subquery. The example displays employees whose salary is greater than the average salaries of all the departments.

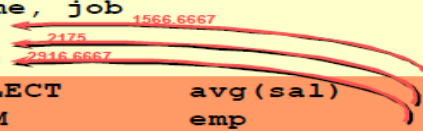
The highest average salary of a department is \$2916.66, so the query returns those employees whose salary is greater than \$2916.66.

>ALL means more than the maximum and

<ALL means less than the minimum.

The NOT operator can be used with IN, ANY, and ALL operators

```
SQL> SELECT empno, ename, job
2 FROM emp
3 WHERE sal > ALL
4 (SELECT avg(sal)
5 FROM emp
6 GROUP BY deptno);
```



| EMPNO | ENAME | JOB |
|-------|-------|-----------|
| 7839 | KING | PRESIDENT |
| 7566 | JONES | MANAGER |
| 7902 | FORD | ANALYST |
| 7788 | SCOTT | ANALYST |

Using IN Operator in Multiple-Row Subqueries

The IN keyword treats each value as a member of a set and tests whether each row in the main query is a member of the set.

```
SELECT * FROM FinancialData  
WHERE Code IN ( SELECT Code FROM  
FinancialCodes WHERE type = 'revenue' );
```

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SINGLE ROW AND MULTIPLE ROW SUBQUERY

SINGLE ROW SUBQUERY

Subqueries that can return only one or zero rows to the outer statement are called **single-row subqueries**.

Single-row subqueries are subqueries used with a comparison operator in a WHERE, or HAVING clause.

MULTIPLE ROW SUBQUERY

Subqueries that can return more than one row (but only one column) to the outer statement are called **multiple-row subqueries**.

Multiple-row subqueries are subqueries used with an IN, ANY, or ALL clause.

Multiple-Column Subquery

- In multiple-column subqueries, rows in the subquery results are evaluated in the main query in pair-wise comparison. That is, column-to-column comparison and row-to-row comparison.
- For example, the following statement lists all items whose quantity and product id match to an item of order id 200.

```
SELECT order_id, product_id, quantity  
FROM item WHERE (product_id, quantity) IN  
( SELECT product_id, quantity FROM item WHERE order_id =  
200)AND order_id = 200;
```

Nested Subquery

Nested Subqueries

A subquery is nested when you are having a subquery in the where or having clause of another subquery.

Get the result of all the students who are enrolled in the same course as the student with ROLLNO 12.

```
Select *  
From result  
where rollno in (select rollno  
                  from student  
                  where courseid = (select courseid  
                                     from student  
                                     where rollno = 12));
```


Correlated subquery

Correlated Subquery

A **Correlated Subquery** is one that is executed after the outer query is executed. So correlated subqueries take an approach opposite to that of normal subqueries. The correlated subquery execution is as follows:

- The outer query receives a row.
- For each candidate row of the outer query, the subquery (the correlated subquery) is executed once.
- The results of the correlated subquery are used to determine whether the candidate row should be part of the result set.
- The process is repeated for all rows.

Correlated Subqueries differ from the normal subqueries in that the nested SELECT statement refers back to the table in the first SELECT statement.

To find out the names of all the students who appeared in more than three papers of their opted course, the SQL will be

```
Select name
from student A
Where 3 < (select count (*)
          from result b
          where b.rollno = a.rollno);
```

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN Non-Correlated AND Correlated SUBQUERY

| Correlated SUBQUERY | Non-Correlated SUBQUERY |
|--|--|
| Correlated subquery is one whose value depends upon some variable that receives its value in some outer query. | Non correlated subquery first executes the inner most query . |
| Correlated query is evaluated in top-down manner. | Non correlated subquery is evaluated in a bottom-up-manner. |
| Correlated subquery improves the performance of SQL. | Non –correlated subquery needs to be evaluated repeatedly hence, it does not improve the efficiency or performance of SQL. |

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUBQUERY AND Correlated SUBQUERY

SUBQUERY

The inner query is executed only once
The inner query will get executed first and the output of the inner query used by the outer query.

The inner query is not dependent on outer query.

Ex: `SELECT cust_name, dept_no
FROM Customer WHERE cust_name
IN (SELECT cust_name FROM
Customer);`

Correlated SUBQUERY

The outer query will get executed first and for every row of outer query, inner query will get executed. So the inner query will get executed as many times as no. of rows in result of the outer query. The outer query output can use the inner query output for comparison.

The inner query and outer query dependent on each other

Ex: `SELECT cust_name, dept_id
FROM Cust WHERE cust_name in
(SELECT cust_name FROM dept
WHERE cust.dept_id=dept.dept_id);`



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