Combining data of some columns into one column

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vendors

clients

paper_shop_daily_sales

product_name	units	year_of_sal	e month_of_sa	ile day_of_s	ale vendor_	id client	_id
	-	-					
notebooks	2	2019	1	1	1	1	1
notebooks	3	2019	5	12	1	2	- 1
notebooks	1	2019	8	31	1	3	1
pencils	2	2019	5	2	2	1	1
pencils	5	2019	6	7	2	2	1
pencils	1	2019	9	11	3	3	1
crayons	1	2019	4	15	1	1	1
···	1	1	1	1	1	· · · ·	

paper_shop_monthly_sales

```
notebooks-150 | 2018 | 1
notebooks-200 | 2019 | 1
                         1 3
notebooks-30 | 2019 | 2
pencils-100 | 2018 | 1
pencils-50 | 2018 | 2
pencils-130 | 2019 | 1
                         | 3
```

CONCAT

```
SELECT vendor_name,
    vendor_surname,
    CONCAT(vendor_name, ' ' , vendor_surname) AS full_name
FROM vendors
```

• CONCAT ignores the NULL value

+ operator

```
SELECT vendor_name,
    vendor_surname,
    vendor_name + ' ' + vendor_surname AS full_name
FROM vendors
```

```
SELECT vendor_name,
    vendor_surname,
    vendor_name + ISNULL(' ' + vendor_surname, '') AS full_name
FROM vendors
```

Combining dates

paper_shop_daily_sales

product_name	units	year_of_sale	month_of_sale	day_of_sale	
	-		-	-	-
notebooks	2	2019	1	1	
notebooks	3	2019	5	12	
notebooks	1	2019	8	31	
pencils	2	2019	5	2	
pencils	5	2019	6	7	
crayons	2	2019	10	NULL	
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Combining dates

DATEFROMPARTS -> since SQL Server 2012

```
SELECT
    product_name,
    units,
    DATEFROMPARTS(
        year_of_sale,
        month_of_sale,
        day_of_sale) AS complete_date
FROM paper_shop_daily_sales
```

```
product_name | units | complete_date |
notebooks
                   2019-01-01
notebooks
                   2019-05-12
notebooks
                   2019-08-31
                   2019-05-02
pencils
                   2019-06-07
pencils
                   NULL
crayons
```

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Splitting data of one column into more columns

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Splitting products and units

```
paper_shop_monthly_sales
```

```
product_name_units | year_of_sale
notebooks-150
                2018
notebooks-200
                2019
notebooks-30
                2019
pencils-100
                2018
pencils-50
                2018
pencils-130
                2019
crayons-80
                2018
```

```
product_name_units |
 notebooks-150
 product_name | units |
  -----|
 notebooks | 150
SUBSTRING(string, start, length)
CHARINDEX(substring, string [,start])
```

SELECT SUBSTRING ('notebooks-150', 1, CHARINDEX('-', 'notebooks-150') - 1) AS product_name



```
SELECT SUBSTRING ('notebooks-150', 1, 9) AS product_name
```

```
| product_name |
|-----|
| notebooks |
```



```
SELECT CAST(
    SUBSTRING('notebooks-150', CHARINDEX('-', 'notebooks-150') + 1, LEN('notebooks-150'))
    AS INT) units
```



```
SELECT CAST(
    SUBSTRING('notebooks-150', 11, LEN('notebooks-150'))
    AS INT) units
```



```
SELECT CAST(
   SUBSTRING('notebooks-150', 11, 13)
   AS INT) units
```

```
| units |
|----|
| 150 |
```

```
| product_name | units |
|-----|
| notebooks | 150 |
```



```
LEFT(string, number_of_chars)
```

• Gets a number of characters from the left of a given string

```
RIGHT(string, number_of_chars)
```

Gets a number of characters from the right of a given string

```
REVERSE(string_expression)
```

Reverses a string

```
SELECT
   LEFT('notebooks-150', CHARINDEX('-', 'notebooks-150') - 1) AS product_name,
   RIGHT('notebooks-150', CHARINDEX('-', REVERSE('notebooks-150')) - 1) AS units
```

```
SELECT
   LEFT('notebooks-150', 9) AS product_name,
   RIGHT('notebooks-150', CHARINDEX('-', REVERSE('notebooks-150')) - 1) AS units
```

```
SELECT

LEFT('notebooks-150', 9) AS product_name,

RIGHT('notebooks-150', 4 - 1) AS units
```



```
SELECT
   LEFT('notebooks-150', 9) AS product_name,
   RIGHT('notebooks-150', 3) AS units
```

```
| product_name | units |
|-----|
| notebooks | 150 |
```

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Transforming rows into columns and vice versa

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Pivot tables in speadsheets

- Really common
- Allow to group data based of a specific set of columns
- Compute statistics of other columns



Using PIVOT

PIVOT: turns the unique values from one column into multiple columns.



SELECT * FROM paper_shop_monthly_sales

product_name_units	year_of_sale	month_of_sale
	-	-
notebooks-150	2018	1
notebooks-200	2019	1
notebooks-30	2019	2
pencils-100	2018	1
pencils-50	2018	2
pencils-130	2019	1
crayons-80	2018	1
	1	

Change

to

```
SELECT
    year_of_sale,
    notebooks,
    pencils,
    crayons
FROM
    (SELECT
    year_of_sale,
    SUBSTRING(product_name_units, 1, charindex('-', product_name_units)-1) AS product_name,
    CAST(SUBSTRING(product_name_units,
        charindex('-', product_name_units)+1, len(product_name_units)) AS INT) units
    FROM paper_shop_monthly_sales) AS sales
PIVOT (SUM(units)
FOR product_name IN (notebook, pencils, crayons))
AS paper_shop_pivot
```

```
SELECT

year_of_sale,
notebooks,
pencils,
crayons
```

```
SELECT
    year_of_sale,
    notebooks,
    pencils,
    crayons
FROM
    (SELECT
    year_of_sale,
    SUBSTRING(product_name_units, 1, charindex('-', product_name_units)-1) AS product_name,
    CAST(SUBSTRING(product_name_units,
        charindex('-', product_name_units)+1, len(product_name_units)) AS INT) units
    FROM paper_shop_monthly_sales) AS sales
```

year_of_sale	product_name	(units	
		 		
2018	notebooks		150	
2019	notebooks	2	200	
2019	notebooks	3	30	
2018	pencils	1	100	
2018	pencils	!	50	
2019	pencils	1 :	130	
2018	crayons	8	80	
2019	crayons	9	90	
2019	crayons	8	80	



```
SELECT
    year_of_sale,
    notebooks,
    pencils,
    crayons
FROM
    (SELECT
    year_of_sale,
    SUBSTRING(product_name_units, 1, charindex('-', product_name_units)-1) AS product_name,
    CAST(SUBSTRING(product_name_units,
        charindex('-', product_name_units)+1, len(product_name_units)) AS INT) units
    FROM paper_shop_monthly_sales) AS sales
PIVOT (SUM(units)
```



```
SELECT
    year_of_sale,
    notebooks,
    pencils,
    crayons
FROM
    (SELECT
    year_of_sale,
    SUBSTRING(product_name_units, 1, charindex('-', product_name_units)-1) AS product_name,
    CAST(SUBSTRING(product_name_units,
        charindex('-', product_name_units)+1, len(product_name_units)) AS INT) units
    FROM paper_shop_monthly_sales) AS sales
PIVOT (SUM(units)
FOR product_name IN (notebook, pencils, crayons))
```



```
SELECT
    year_of_sale,
    notebooks,
    pencils,
    crayons
FROM
    (SELECT
    year_of_sale,
    SUBSTRING(product_name_units, 1, charindex('-', product_name_units)-1) AS product_name,
    CAST(SUBSTRING(product_name_units,
        charindex('-', product_name_units)+1, len(product_name_units)) AS INT) units
    FROM paper_shop_monthly_sales) AS sales
PIVOT (SUM(units)
FOR product_name IN (notebook, pencils, crayons))
AS paper_shop_pivot
```



Using UNPIVOT

UNPIVOT: Turns columns into rows.

```
SELECT * FROM pivot_sales
```

```
| year_of_sale | notebooks | pencils | crayons |
|-----|
| 2018 | 150 | 150 | 80 |
| 2019 | 230 | 130 | 170 |
```

Using UNPIVOT - Turn product names into rows

```
SELECT * FROM pivot_sales
UNPIVOT
    (units FOR product_name IN (notebooks, pencils, crayons)
) AS unpvt
```

```
| year_of_sale | units | product_name |
  ----|
        150
                notebooks
2018
          150
2018
                | pencils
          80
2018
                crayons
          230
2019
                notebooks
          130
2019
                pencils
2019
          170
                crayons
```

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Congratulations!

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- Why cleaning data is important
- Removing blank spaces at the beginning and end of a string
- Filling numbers with leading zeros
- Unifying strings
- Similarity between strings

- Deal with missing data
- Avoid duplicate data
- Work with different formats of dates



- Deal with out of range values and inaccurate data
- Converting data with different types
- Matching patterns

- Combine data of some columns into one
- Split data of one column into more columns
- Transform rows into columns and vice versa

Thank you!

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