

Fetching

POSTGRESQL SUMMARY STATS AND WINDOW FUNCTIONS



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The four functions

Relative

- `LAG(column, n)` returns `column`'s value at the row `n` rows before the current row
- `LEAD(column, n)` returns `column`'s value at the row `n` rows after the current row

Absolute

- `FIRST_VALUE(column)` returns the first value in the table or partition
- `LAST_VALUE(column)` returns the last value in the table or partition

LEAD

Query

```
WITH Hosts AS (  
  SELECT DISTINCT Year, City  
  FROM Summer_Medals)  
  
SELECT  
  Year, City,  
  LEAD(City, 1) OVER (ORDER BY Year ASC)  
    AS Next_City,  
  LEAD(City, 2) OVER (ORDER BY Year ASC)  
    AS After_Next_City  
FROM Hosts  
ORDER BY Year ASC;
```

Result

| Year | City | Next_City | After_Next_City |
|------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| 1896 | Athens | Paris | St Louis |
| 1900 | Paris | St Louis | London |
| 1904 | St Louis | London | Stockholm |
| 1908 | London | Stockholm | Antwerp |
| 1912 | Stockholm | Antwerp | Paris |
| ... | ... | ... | ... |

FIRST_VALUE and LAST_VALUE

Query

```
SELECT
  Year, City,
  FIRST_VALUE(City) OVER
    (ORDER BY Year ASC) AS First_City,
  LAST_VALUE(City) OVER (
    ORDER BY Year ASC
    RANGE BETWEEN
      UNBOUNDED PRECEDING AND
      UNBOUNDED FOLLOWING
  ) AS Last_City
FROM Hosts
ORDER BY Year ASC;
```

Result

| Year | City | First_City | Last_City |
|------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| 1896 | Athens | Athens | London |
| 1900 | Paris | Athens | London |
| 1904 | St Louis | Athens | London |
| 1908 | London | Athens | London |
| 1912 | Stockholm | Athens | London |

- By default, a window starts at the beginning of the table or partition and ends at the current row
- `RANGE BETWEEN ...` clause extends the window to the end of the table or partition

Partitioning with LEAD

- `LEAD(Champion, 1)` without `PARTITION BY`

| Year | Event | Champion | Next_Champion |
|------|--------------|----------|---------------|
| 2004 | Discus Throw | LTU | EST |
| 2008 | Discus Throw | EST | GER |
| 2012 | Discus Throw | GER | SWE |
| 2004 | Triple Jump | SWE | POR |
| 2008 | Triple Jump | POR | USA |
| 2012 | Triple Jump | USA | null |

- `LEAD(Champion, 1)` with `PARTITION BY Event`

| Year | Event | Champion | Next_Champion |
|------|--------------|----------|---------------|
| 2004 | Discus Throw | LTU | EST |
| 2008 | Discus Throw | EST | GER |
| 2012 | Discus Throw | GER | null |
| 2004 | Triple Jump | SWE | POR |
| 2008 | Triple Jump | POR | USA |
| 2012 | Triple Jump | USA | null |

Partitioning with FIRST_VALUE

- `FIRST_VALUE(Champion)` without `PARTITION BY Event`

| Year | Event | Champion | First_Champion |
|------|--------------|----------|----------------|
| 2004 | Discus Throw | LTU | LTU |
| 2008 | Discus Throw | EST | LTU |
| 2012 | Discus Throw | GER | LTU |
| 2004 | Triple Jump | SWE | LTU |
| 2008 | Triple Jump | POR | LTU |
| 2012 | Triple Jump | USA | LTU |

- `FIRST_VALUE(Champion)` with `PARTITION BY Event`

| Year | Event | Champion | First_Champion |
|------|--------------|----------|----------------|
| 2004 | Discus Throw | LTU | LTU |
| 2008 | Discus Throw | EST | LTU |
| 2012 | Discus Throw | GER | LTU |
| 2004 | Triple Jump | SWE | SWE |
| 2008 | Triple Jump | POR | SWE |
| 2012 | Triple Jump | USA | SWE |

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Ranking

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The ranking functions

- `ROW_NUMBER()` always assigns unique numbers, even if two rows' values are the same
- `RANK()` assigns the same number to rows with identical values, skipping over the next numbers in such cases
- `DENSE_RANK()` also assigns the same number to rows with identical values, but doesn't skip over the next numbers

Source table

Query

```
SELECT
  Country, COUNT(DISTINCT Year) AS Games
FROM Summer_Medals
WHERE
  Country IN ('GBR', 'DEN', 'FRA',
              'ITA', 'AUT', 'BEL',
              'NOR', 'POL', 'ESP')
GROUP BY Country
ORDER BY Games DESC;
```

Result

| Country | Games |
|---------|-------|
| GBR | 27 |
| DEN | 26 |
| FRA | 26 |
| ITA | 25 |
| AUT | 24 |
| BEL | 24 |
| NOR | 22 |
| POL | 20 |
| ESP | 18 |

Different ranking functions - ROW_NUMBER

Query

```
WITH Country_Games AS (...)  
  
SELECT  
  Country, Games,  
  ROW_NUMBER()  
    OVER (ORDER BY Games DESC) AS Row_N  
FROM Country_Games  
ORDER BY Games DESC, Country ASC;
```

Result

| Country | Games | Row_N |
|---------|-------|-------|
| GBR | 27 | 1 |
| DEN | 26 | 2 |
| FRA | 26 | 3 |
| ITA | 25 | 4 |
| AUT | 24 | 5 |
| BEL | 24 | 6 |
| NOR | 22 | 7 |
| POL | 20 | 8 |
| ESP | 18 | 9 |

Different ranking functions - RANK

Query

```
WITH Country_Games AS (...)  
  
SELECT  
  Country, Games,  
  ROW_NUMBER()  
    OVER (ORDER BY Games DESC) AS Row_N,  
  RANK()  
    OVER (ORDER BY Games DESC) AS Rank_N  
FROM Country_Games  
ORDER BY Games DESC, Country ASC;
```

Result

| Country | Games | Row_N | Rank_N |
|---------|-------|-------|--------|
| GBR | 27 | 1 | 1 |
| DEN | 26 | 2 | 2 |
| FRA | 26 | 3 | 2 |
| ITA | 25 | 4 | 4 |
| AUT | 24 | 5 | 5 |
| BEL | 24 | 6 | 5 |
| NOR | 22 | 7 | 7 |
| POL | 20 | 8 | 8 |
| ESP | 18 | 9 | 9 |

Different ranking functions - DENSE_RANK

Query

```
WITH Country_Games AS (...)  
  
SELECT  
  Country, Games,  
  ROW_NUMBER()  
    OVER (ORDER BY Games DESC) AS Row_N,  
  RANK()  
    OVER (ORDER BY Games DESC) AS Rank_N,  
  DENSE_RANK()  
    OVER (ORDER BY Games DESC) AS Dense_Rank_N  
FROM Country_Games  
ORDER BY Games DESC, Country ASC;
```

- `ROW_NUMBER` and `RANK` will have the same last rank, the count of rows

Result

| Country | Games | Row_N | Rank_N | Dense_Rank_N |
|---------|-------|-------|--------|--------------|
| GBR | 27 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| DEN | 26 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| FRA | 26 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| ITA | 25 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| AUT | 24 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| BEL | 24 | 6 | 5 | 5 |
| NOR | 22 | 7 | 7 | 5 |
| POL | 20 | 8 | 8 | 6 |
| ESP | 18 | 9 | 9 | 7 |

- `DENSE_RANK` 's last rank is the count of unique values being ranked

Ranking without partitioning - Source table

Query

```
SELECT
  Country, Athlete, COUNT(*) AS Medals
FROM Summer_Medals
WHERE
  Country IN ('CHN', 'RUS')
  AND Year = 2012
GROUP BY Country, Athlete
HAVING COUNT(*) > 1
ORDER BY Country ASC, Medals DESC;
```

Result

| Country | Athlete | Medals |
|---------|-------------------|--------|
| CHN | SUN Yang | 4 |
| CHN | Guo Shuang | 3 |
| CHN | WANG Hao | 3 |
| ... | ... | ... |
| RUS | MUSTAFINA Aliya | 4 |
| RUS | ANTYUKH Natalya | 2 |
| RUS | ISHCHENKO Natalia | 2 |
| ... | ... | ... |

Ranking without partitioning

Query

```
WITH Country_Medals AS (...)  
  
SELECT  
  Country, Athlete, Medals,  
  DENSE_RANK()  
    OVER (ORDER BY Medals DESC) AS Rank_N  
FROM Country_Medals  
ORDER BY Country ASC, Medals DESC;
```

Result

| Country | Athlete | Medals | Rank_N |
|---------|-------------------|--------|--------|
| CHN | SUN Yang | 4 | 1 |
| CHN | Guo Shuang | 3 | 2 |
| CHN | WANG Hao | 3 | 2 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... |
| RUS | MUSTAFINA Aliya | 4 | 1 |
| RUS | ANTYUKH Natalya | 2 | 3 |
| RUS | ISHCHENKO Natalia | 2 | 3 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... |

Ranking with partitioning

Query

```
WITH Country_Medals AS (...)  
  
SELECT  
  Country, Athlete,  
  DENSE_RANK()  
    OVER (PARTITION BY Country  
          ORDER BY Medals DESC) AS Rank_N  
FROM Country_Medals  
ORDER BY Country ASC, Medals DESC;
```

Result

| Country | Athlete | Medals | Rank_N |
|---------|-------------------|--------|--------|
| CHN | SUN Yang | 4 | 1 |
| CHN | Guo Shuang | 3 | 2 |
| CHN | WANG Hao | 3 | 2 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... |
| RUS | MUSTAFINA Aliya | 4 | 1 |
| RUS | ANTYUKH Natalya | 2 | 2 |
| RUS | ISHCHENKO Natalia | 2 | 2 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... |

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Paging

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What is paging?

- **Paging:** Splitting data into (approximately) equal chunks
- **Uses**
 - Many APIs return data in "pages" to reduce data being sent
 - Separating data into quartiles or thirds (top middle 33%, and bottom thirds) to judge performance

Enter NTILE

- `NTILE(n)` splits the data into `n` approximately equal pages

Paging - Source table

Query

```
SELECT
  DISTINCT Discipline
FROM Summer_Medals;
```

- Split the data into 15 approx. equally sized pages
- $67/15 \simeq 4$, so each each page will contain four or five rows

Result

```
| Discipline |
|-----|
| Wrestling Freestyle |
| Archery |
| Baseball |
| Lacrosse |
| Judo |
| Athletics |
| ... |
```

(67 rows)

Paging

Query

```
WITH Disciplines AS (  
  SELECT  
    DISTINCT Discipline  
  FROM Summer_Medals)  
  
SELECT  
  Discipline, NTILE(15) OVER () AS Page  
FROM Disciplines  
ORDER BY Page ASC;
```

Result

| Discipline | Page |
|---------------------|------|
| Wrestling Freestyle | 1 |
| Archery | 1 |
| Baseball | 1 |
| Lacrosse | 1 |
| Judo | 1 |
| Athletics | 2 |
| ... | ... |

Top, middle, and bottom thirds

Query

```
WITH Country_Medals AS (  
  SELECT  
    Country, COUNT(*) AS Medals  
  FROM Summer_Medals  
  GROUP BY Country),  
  
SELECT  
  Country, Medals,  
  NTILE(3) OVER (ORDER BY Medals DESC) AS Third  
FROM Country_Medals;
```

Result

| Country | Medals | Third |
|---------|--------|-------|
| USA | 4585 | 1 |
| URS | 2049 | 1 |
| GBR | 1720 | 1 |
| ... | ... | ... |
| CZE | 56 | 2 |
| LTU | 55 | 2 |
| ... | ... | ... |
| DOM | 6 | 3 |
| BWI | 5 | 3 |
| ... | ... | ... |

Thirds averages

Query

```
WITH Country_Medals AS (...),

Thirds AS (
  SELECT
    Country, Medals,
    NTILE(3) OVER (ORDER BY Medals DESC) AS Third
  FROM Country_Medals)

SELECT
  Third,
  ROUND(AVG(Medals), 2) AS Avg_Medals
FROM Thirds
GROUP BY Third
ORDER BY Third ASC;
```

Result

| Third | Avg_Medals |
|-------|------------|
| 1 | 598.74 |
| 2 | 22.98 |
| 3 | 2.08 |

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