# 1) Practice Problems: Data Manipulation and Transaction Control

- Create a new table containing at least four columns of four different data types (CHAR, VARCHAR2, NUMBER, DATE). Name the table your\_first\_name\_your\_last\_name (substitute your\_first\_name with your first name and your\_last\_name with your last name).
- Insert a new record into the table created in Problem 1. When inserting a record, provide values for all columns. Use the default format for the date. Use the SELECT \* FROM your\_table\_name; command to display the content of the table (make sure to substitute your\_table\_name with the actual name of your table).
- Insert a new record into the table created in Problem 1. When inserting a
  record, provide values for selected columns only. Use the default format for
  the date. Use the SELECT \* FROM your\_table\_name; command to display
  the content of the table (make sure to substitute your\_table\_name with the
  actual name of your table).
- Update multiple values in the table created in Problem 1. Use the SELECT \*
  FROM your\_table\_name; command to display the content of the table
  (make sure to substitute your\_table\_name with the actual name of your table).
- Delete one specific row from the table created in Problem 1. Use the SELECT \* FROM your\_table\_name; command to display the content of the table (make sure to substitute your\_table\_name with the actual name of your table).
- Use the SELECT \* FROM your\_table\_name; command to display the content of the table (make sure to substitute your\_table\_name with the actual name of your table). Delete one specific row from the table created in Problem 1. Use the SELECT \* FROM your\_table\_name; command to display the content of the table (make sure to substitute your\_table\_name with the actual name of your table). Execute a command that undoes the deletion. Use the SELECT \* FROM your\_table\_name; command to display the content of the table (make sure to substitute your\_table\_name with the actual name of your table). Note: In Oracle Live , you need to execute all the commands together as a single transaction to make ROLLBACK work. Since Oracle Live auto commits transactions, you can't rollback after a command is executed (for instance, you can't first delete a record and then

use ROLLBACK to reverse the changes after DELETE was executed). To see how ROLLBACK works in Oracle Live, you need to include ROLLBACK within your transaction as suggested above.

- Save the changes permanently to the database.
- Create a script using substitution variables that allows a user to set a new value for one of the values in the table created in Problem 1 based on its PK value. Skip this problem if you use Oracle Live (it does not support substitution variables). Note: Some of the features and commands that we are learning in class might not be fully supported in Oracle Live. If you use Plus, substitution variables should work. If you use Oracle Live , either answer this question by following the studied concepts without testing it, or skip it.
- In the table created in Problem 1, find a column that contains numerical values and perform a meaningful arithmetic operation on data. If there is no such column, add a new column. Explain in a complete, coherent sentence what the query is intended to do.
- Delete the table created in Problem 1.

SOLUTION:			
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Statement 40
                     CREATE TABLE Chrissie_Raj (
student_id NUMBER PRIMARY KEY,
name VARCHAR2(50),
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                          description CHAR(100),
g_no NUMBER,
created_at DATE
                     Table created.
Statement 41
                     INSERT INTO Chrissie Raj (student_id, name, description, g_no, created_at)
VALUES (1, 'Chrissie Raj', 'Doing MS at George Mason University', 1465544, SYSDATE)
0 0 1
                     1 row(s) inserted.
Statement 42
                      INSERT INTO Chrissie_Raj (student_id, name, description, g_no, created_at)
VALUES (2, 'Venkatesh Chakravathi', 'Enrolled in AIT 524 Fall 2024', 1465545, SYSDATE)
0 D 🗓
                     1 row(s) inserted.
                      INSERT INTO Chrissie_Raj (student_id, name, description, g_no, created_at) VALUES (3, 'John Doe', 'Studying Data Science at GMU', 14655444, SYSDATE)
0 D 🗓
                     1 row(s) inserted.
Statement 44
                      INSERT INTO Chrissie_Raj (student_id, name, description, g_no, created_at)
VALUES (4, 'Jane Smith', 'Specializing in AI and Machine Learning', 14655445, SYSDATE)
0 0 1
                     1 row(s) inserted.
Statement 45
                      SELECT * FROM Chrissie_Raj
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                       STUDENT_ID NAME
                                                                                                                                                                                                                         CREATED_AT
                                                                       DESCRIPTION
                                                                                                                                                                                                          G_NO
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                                        Chrissie Raj
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                                        Jane Smith
                                                                       Specializing in AI and Machine Learning
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Statement 46
                      BEGIN
EXECUTE IMMEDIATE 'DROP TABLE Chrissie_Raj';
EXCEPTION
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WHEN OTHERS THEN

END IF; END;

Statement 47

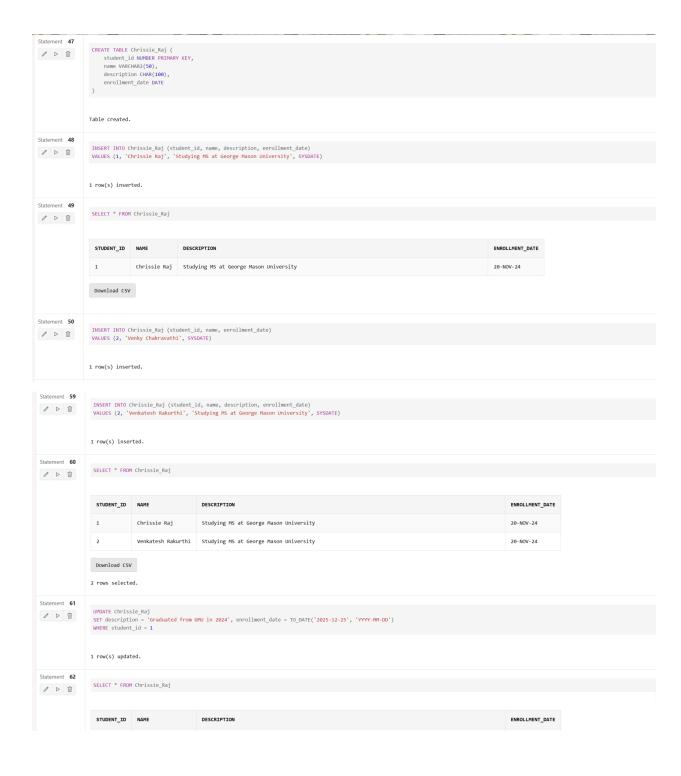
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CREATE TABLE Chrissie\_Raj (

student\_id NUMBER PRIMARY KEY.

IF SQLCODE != -942 THEN -- ORA-00942: Table does not exist RAISE;



STUDENT\_ID NAME DESCRIPTION ENROLLMENT\_DATE

1 Chrissie Raj Graduated from GMU in 2024 25-DEC-25

2 Venkatesh Rakurthi Studying MS at George Mason University 20-NOV-24

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UPDATE Chrissie\_Raj
SET description = 'Graduated from GMU in 2025', enrollment\_date = TO\_DATE('2025-12-25', 'YYYY-NM-DD')
WHERE student\_id = 1

1 row(s) updated.

Statement 64

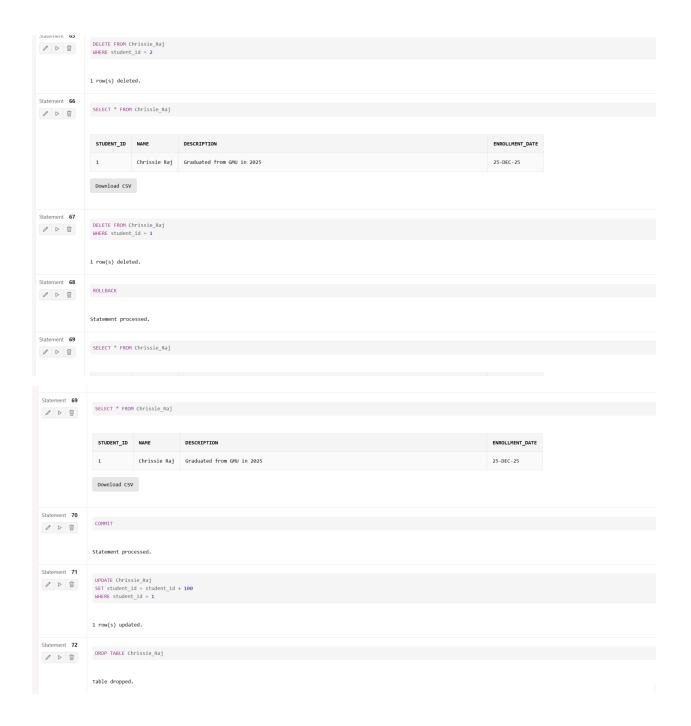
SELECT \* FROM Chrissie\_Raj

ST	UDENT_ID	NAME	DESCRIPTION	ENROLLMENT_DATE
1		Chrissie Raj	Graduated from GMU in 2025	25-DEC-25
2		Venkatesh Rakurthi	Studying MS at George Mason University	20-NOV-24

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#### 1. Create a New Table

The first problem requires creating a new table named after your first and last name, which should contain at least four columns of different data types: CHAR, VARCHAR2, NUMBER, and DATE. This task helps familiarize you with different data types available in and how to define columns

using these types to store different kinds of information. Creating a table is foundational for any database work since it establishes where the data will be stored.

#### Table Schema:

```
CREATE TABLE Chrissie_Raj (
    student_id NUMBER PRIMARY KEY,
    name VARCHAR2(50),
    description CHAR(100),
    enrollment_date DATE
);
```

This schema includes a student\_id (primary key), a name column for storing variable-length names, a description column for a fixed-length description, and enrollment\_date to store the enrollment date of a student.

#### 2. Insert a Record with All Columns

The next task involves inserting a record into the newly created table, providing values for all columns. This teaches how to insert data completely into each field of a table.

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```
INSERT INTO Chrissie_Raj (student_id, name, description,
enrollment_date)
VALUES (1, 'Chrissie Raj', 'Doing MS at George Mason
University', SYSDATE);
```

This shows how to insert all values, including the current system date (SYSDATE) for the enrollment date.

#### 3. Insert a Record with Selected Columns

This task involves inserting a new record by providing values for only selected columns, demonstrating flexibility in data insertion.

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```
INSERT INTO Chrissie_Raj (student_id, name, enrollment_date)
VALUES (2, 'Venkatesh Rakurthi', SYSDATE);
```

Here, only selected fields (student\_id, name, and enrollment\_date) are filled, leaving others (like description) as NULL.

### 4. Update Multiple Values

The next step is updating multiple columns in the table, which demonstrates how to modify existing data.

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```
UPDATE Chrissie_Raj
SET description = 'Graduated from GMU in 2024',
enrollment_date = TO_DATE('2024-06-15', 'YYYY-MM-DD')
WHERE student_id = 1;
```

This command changes both the description and the enrollment\_date for the record where student\_id is 1.

# 5. Delete One Specific Row

This task involves deleting a specific row from the table. This teaches how to remove unwanted data records from a table.

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```
DELETE FROM Chrissie_Raj
WHERE student_id = 2;
SELECT * FROM Chrissie_Raj;
```

The DELETE statement is used to remove the record where student\_id is 2, and the SELECT statement is used to verify the current content of the table.

#### 6. Delete a Row and Use ROLLBACK

This part involves deleting a specific row and then rolling back the deletion, demonstrating transaction control in Oracle. However, Oracle Live automatically commits changes, meaning ROLLBACK can only work if all commands are executed together in a single transaction.

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```
DELETE FROM Chrissie_Raj
```

```
WHERE student_id = 1;

ROLLBACK;

SELECT * FROM Chrissie_Raj;
```

# 7. Save Changes Permanently

This requires saving changes to the database permanently using the COMMIT command. It ensures that all previous changes, such as updates and deletions, are saved:

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COMMIT;
```

This command finalizes all modifications, making them permanent in the database.

# 8. Script with Substitution Variables

This part asks to create a script using substitution variables to update a value in the table based on its primary key (PK). Oracle Live doesn't support substitution variables, so this problem is only applicable if using Plus.

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```
UPDATE Chrissie_Raj
SET description = '&new_description'
WHERE student_id = &student_id;
```

This allows a user to provide a new description for a specific student\_id.

## 9. Arithmetic Operation on a Numeric Column

This task asks for performing an arithmetic operation on a numerical column, such as incrementing a value. If there is no numerical column available, one should be added.

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```
UPDATE Chrissie_Raj
SET student_id = student_id + 100
WHERE student_id = 1;
-- This query increases the `student_id` by 100 for the student with `student_id = 1`.
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#### 10. Delete the Table

Finally, the task asks to delete the table created in Problem 1. This demonstrates the ability to completely remove a table and its data from the database.

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```
DROP TABLE Chrissie_Raj;
```

This command removes the entire table and all the data within it.

# 2)Practice Problems: Restricting Rows and Sorting Data

Before starting these problems, update the JustLee Books database by executing the JLDB\_Build\_Extended.sql script. You can find the script in the "Class Databases" folder.

- Write an SQL query to retrieve records from one of the tables in the JustLee Books database. In a search condition, include one or more arithmetic comparison operators (=, !=, >, <, >=, etc.). Explain in a complete, coherent sentence what the query is intended to do.
- Write an SQL query to retrieve records from one of the tables in the JustLee Books database. In a search condition, include the BETWEEN ...
   AND operator. Explain in a complete, coherent sentence what the query is intended to do.
- Write an SQL query to retrieve records from one of the tables in the JustLee Books database. In a search condition, include the IN operator.
   Explain in a complete, coherent sentence what the query is intended to do.
- Write an SQL query to retrieve records from one of the tables in the JustLee Books database. In a search condition, include the LIKE operator with either % or \_ (or both). Explain in a complete, coherent sentence what the query is intended to do.
- Write an SQL query to retrieve records from one of the tables in the JustLee Books database. In a search condition, include the IS NULL operator. Explain in a complete, coherent sentence what the query is intended to do.
- Write an SQL query to retrieve records from one of the tables in the JustLee Books database. In a search condition, include multiple conditions using logical operators AND and OR. Explain in a complete, coherent sentence what the query is intended to do.
- Write a complex SQL query to retrieve records from one of the tables in the JustLee Books database. In a search condition, use logical operators to join multiple conditions that include at least one of the arithmetic operators and one of the special operators. Use the ORDER BY statement to order the output. Explain in a complete, coherent sentence what the query is intended to do.

- List the title and publish date of any computer book published in 2005. Perform the task of searching for the publish date by using one of the three methods: a) a range operator, b) a logical operator, and c) a search pattern operation.
- Write an SQL query to address the following scenario: A manager at JustLee Books requests a list of the titles of all books generating a profit of at least \$10.00. The manager wants the results listed in descending order, based on each book's profit.
- Write an SQL query to address the following scenario: A customer service representative is trying to identify all books in the Computer or Family Life category and published by Publisher 1 or Publisher 3. However, the results shouldn't include any book selling for less than \$45.00.

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SELECT \* FROM books WHERE cost > 20.0

ISBN	TITLE	PUBDATE	PUBID	COST	RETAIL	DISCOUNT	CATEGORY
4981341710	BUILDING A CAR WITH TOOTHPICKS	18-MAR-06	2	37.8	59.95	3	CHILDREN
8843172113	DATABASE IMPLEMENTATION	04-JUN-03	3	31.4	55.95	-	COMPUTER
3957136468	HOLY GRAIL OF ORACLE	31-DEC-05	3	47.25	75.95	3.8	COMPUTER
1915762492	HANDCRANKED COMPUTERS	21-JAN-05	3	21.8	25	-	COMPUTER
9959789321	E-BUSINESS THE EASY WAY	01-MAR-06	2	37.9	54.5	-	COMPUTER
2491748320	PAINLESS CHILD-REARING	17-JUL-04	5	48	89.95	4.5	FAMILY LIFE
2147428890	SHORTEST POEMS	01-MAY-05	5	21.85	39.95	-	LITERATURE

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SELECT \* FROM books
WHERE pubdate BETWEEN TO\_DATE('2003-01-01', 'YYYY-MM-DD') AND TO\_DATE('2005-12-31', 'YYYY-MM-DD')

ISBN	TITLE	PUBDATE	PUBID	COST	RETAIL	DISCOUNT	CATEGORY
1059831198	BODYBUILD IN 10 MINUTES A DAY	21-JAN-05	4	18.75	30.95	-	FITNESS
0401140733	REVENGE OF MICKEY	14-DEC-05	1	14.2	22	-	FAMILY LIFE



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3437212490	COOKING WITH MUSHROOMS	28-FEB-04	4	12.5	19.95	-	COOKING
3957136468	HOLY GRAIL OF ORACLE	31-DEC-05	3	47.25	75.95	3.8	COMPUTER
1915762492	HANDCRANKED COMPUTERS	21-JAN-05	3	21.8	25	-	COMPUTER
2491748320	PAINLESS CHILD-REARING	17-JUL-04	5	48	89.95	4.5	FAMILY LIFE
0299282519	THE WOK WAY TO COOK	11-SEP-04	4	19	28.75	-	COOKING
8117949391	BIG BEAR AND LITTLE DOVE	08-NOV-05	5	5.32	8.95	-	CHILDREN
9247381001	HOW TO MANAGE THE MANAGER	09-MAY-03	1	15.4	31.95	-	BUSINESS
2147428890	SHORTEST POEMS	01-MAY-05	5	21.85	39.95	-	LITERATURE

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Statement 286 

SELECT \* FROM books
WHERE category IN ('FITNESS', 'COOKING', 'COMPUTER')



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WHERE category IN ('FITNESS', 'COOKING', 'COMPUTER')

ISBN	TITLE	PUBDATE	PUBID	COST	RETAIL	DISCOUNT	CATEGORY
1059831198	BODYBUILD IN 10 MINUTES A DAY	21-JAN-05	4	18.75	30.95	-	FITNESS
8843172113	DATABASE IMPLEMENTATION	04-JUN-03	3	31.4	55.95	-	COMPUTER
3437212490	COOKING WITH MUSHROOMS	28-FEB-04	4	12.5	19.95	-	COOKING
3957136468	HOLY GRAIL OF ORACLE	31-DEC-05	3	47.25	75.95	3.8	COMPUTER
1915762492	HANDCRANKED COMPUTERS	21-JAN-05	3	21.8	25	-	COMPUTER
9959789321	E-BUSINESS THE EASY WAY	01-MAR-06	2	37.9	54.5	-	COMPUTER
0299282519	THE WOK WAY TO COOK	11-SEP-04	4	19	28.75	-	COOKING

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7 rows selected.

#### Statement 28



SELECT \* FROM books WHERE discount IS NULL

ISBN	TITLE	PUBDATE	PUBID	COST	RETAIL	DISCOUNT	CATEGORY
1059831198	BODYBUILD IN 10 MINUTES A DAY	21-JAN-05	4	18.75	30.95	-	FITNESS
0401140733	REVENGE OF MICKEY	14-DEC-05	1	14.2	22	-	FAMILY LIFE

#### Statement 287



SELECT \* FROM books WHERE discount IS NULL

ISBN	TITLE	PUBDATE	PUBID	COST	RETAIL	DISCOUNT	CATEGORY
1059831198	BODYBUILD IN 10 MINUTES A DAY	21-JAN-05	4	18.75	30.95	-	FITNESS
0401140733	REVENGE OF MICKEY	14-DEC-05	1	14.2	22	-	FAMILY LIFE
8843172113	DATABASE IMPLEMENTATION	04-JUN-03	3	31.4	55.95	-	COMPUTER
3437212490	COOKING WITH MUSHROOMS	28-FEB-04	4	12.5	19.95	-	COOKING
1915762492	HANDCRANKED COMPUTERS	21-JAN-05	3	21.8	25	-	COMPUTER
9959789321	E-BUSINESS THE EASY WAY	01-MAR-06	2	37.9	54.5	-	COMPUTER
0299282519	THE WOK WAY TO COOK	11-SEP-04	4	19	28.75	-	COOKING
8117949391	BIG BEAR AND LITTLE DOVE	08-NOV-05	5	5.32	8.95	-	CHILDREN
9247381001	HOW TO MANAGE THE MANAGER	09-MAY-03	1	15.4	31.95	-	BUSINESS
2147428890	SHORTEST POEMS	01-MAY-05	5	21.85	39.95	-	LITERATURE

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#### Statement 288

SELECT \* FROM books WHERE title LIKE 'HOW%'

SELECT \* FROM books
WHERE title LIKE 'HOW%'

ISBN	TITLE	PUBDATE	PUBID	COST	RETAIL	DISCOUNT	CATEGORY
0132149871	HOW TO GET FASTER PIZZA	11-NOV-06	4	17.85	29.95	1.5	SELF HELP
9247381001	HOW TO MANAGE THE MANAGER	09-MAY-03	1	15.4	31.95	-	BUSINESS

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SELECT \* FROM books
WHERE pubid IN (1, 3) AND retail >= 20.0

ISBN	TITLE	PUBDATE	PUBID	COST	RETAIL	DISCOUNT	CATEGORY
0401140733	REVENGE OF MICKEY	14-DEC-05	1	14.2	22	-	FAMILY LIFE
8843172113	DATABASE IMPLEMENTATION	04-JUN-03	3	31.4	55.95	-	COMPUTER
3957136468	HOLY GRAIL OF ORACLE	31-DEC-05	3	47.25	75.95	3.8	COMPUTER
1915762492	HANDCRANKED COMPUTERS	21-JAN-05	3	21.8	25	-	COMPUTER
9247381001	HOW TO MANAGE THE MANAGER	09-MAY-03	1	15.4	31.95	-	BUSINESS

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Statement 290 

SELECT \* FROM books
WHERE (cost > 20.0 OR retail >= 50.0) AND category = 'COMPUTER'
ORDER BY retail DESC

ISBN	TITLE	PUBDATE	PUBID	cost	RETAIL	DISCOUNT	CATEGORY
3957136468	HOLY GRAIL OF ORACLE	31-DEC-05	3	47.25	75.95	3.8	COMPUTER
8843172113	DATABASE IMPLEMENTATION	04-JUN-03	3	31.4	55.95	-	COMPUTER
9959789321	E-BUSINESS THE EASY WAY	01-MAR-06	2	37.9	54.5	-	COMPUTER
1915762492	HANDCRANKED COMPUTERS	21-JAN-05	3	21.8	25	-	COMPUTER

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SELECT title, pubdate
FROM books
WHERE pubdate BETWEEN TO\_DATE('2005-01-01', 'YYYY-NM-DD') AND TO\_DATE('2005-12-31', 'YYYY-NM-DD')
AND category = 'COMPUTER'

TITLE	PUBDATE	
HOLY GRAIL OF ORACLE	31-DEC-05	
HANDCRANKED COMPUTERS	21-JAN-05	

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SELECT title, pubdate FROM books WHERE pubdate BETWEEN TO\_DATE('2005-01-01', 'YYYY-NM-DD') AND TO\_DATE('2005-12-31', 'YYYY-NM-DD') AND category = 'COMPUTER'

TITLE	PUBDATE
HOLY GRAIL OF ORACLE	31-DEC-05
HANDCRANKED COMPUTERS	21-JAN-05

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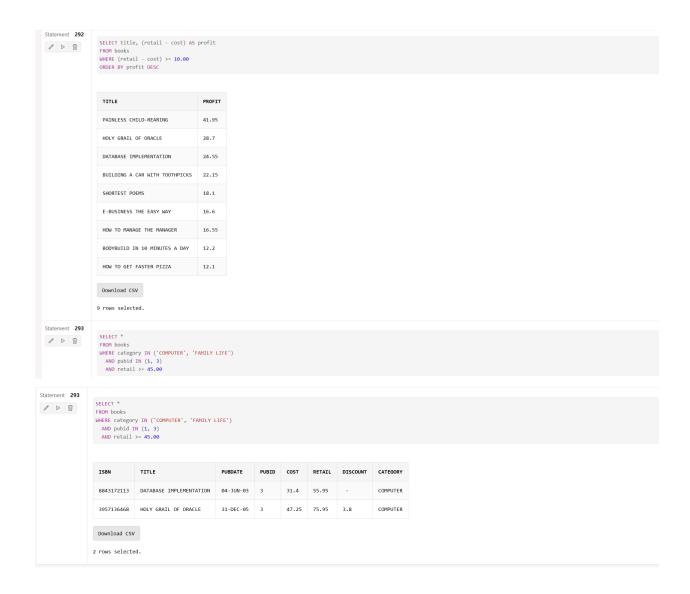
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#### Statement 29



SELECT title, (retail - cost) AS profit FROM books WHERE (retail - cost) >= 10.00 ORDER BY profit DESC

TITLE	PROFIT
PAINLESS CHILD-REARING	41.95
HOLY GRAIL OF ORACLE	28.7
DATABASE IMPLEMENTATION	24.55
BUILDING A CAR WITH TOOTHPICKS	22.15
SHORTEST POEMS	18.1
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# 1. SQL Query with Arithmetic Comparison Operators

I wrote a query to retrieve records from the JustLee Books database using arithmetic comparison operators. Specifically, I used the > operator to filter books with a cost greater than 20.0. This allowed me to identify books with higher pricing, which could be useful for analyzing premium items.

# 2. SQL Query with BETWEEN ... AND Operator

I used the BETWEEN ... AND operator to retrieve records within a specific range of publication dates. The query focused on retrieving books that were published between two given dates. This helped me find books released during a particular time frame, making it easier to analyze books published in a specific year or period.

## 3. SQL Query with the IN Operator

I used the IN operator to filter records based on multiple possible values in the category column. By specifying categories like 'FITNESS', 'COOKING', and 'COMPUTER', I was able to retrieve all books that belong to any of these groups. This filtering helped me gather books from different genres that are related in some way.

### 4. SQL Query with the LIKE Operator

I used the LIKE operator with the % wildcard to find records where the book title starts with 'HOW'. The % wildcard allowed for any sequence of characters after 'HOW'. This was useful for pattern matching, particularly to find books that have similar titles or belong to the same series.

# 5. SQL Query with IS NULL Operator

I wrote a query using the IS NULL operator to retrieve records where the discount column had no assigned value (NULL). This allowed me to identify books that were missing discount information, which is helpful for data validation and updating incomplete records.

#### 6. SQL Query with Multiple Conditions (AND and OR Logical Operators)

I combined multiple conditions using AND and OR logical operators to filter books that were published by publishers with pubid of 1 or 3 and had a retail price of at least \$20.00. This approach allowed me to refine the query to target books from specific publishers while ensuring they met a minimum price point.

### 7. Complex SQL Query with Logical Operators and ORDER BY

I wrote a complex query that included multiple conditions, combining arithmetic and special operators, and added an ORDER BY clause to sort the results by retail price in descending order. This helped me display the most expensive books first, which is useful for analyzing high-value products.

# 8. Retrieve Titles and Publish Dates of Books Published in 2005 (Computer Category)

I wrote a query to find books published in 2005 specifically in the 'COMPUTER' category. By using the BETWEEN operator for the publication date, I was able to filter results to focus only on books released during that year. This was helpful for analyzing computer books published in a specific time period.

### 9. Retrieve Titles of Books Generating a Profit of At Least \$10.00

I calculated the profit by subtracting cost from retail and used this calculation to filter books that generated a profit of at least \$10.00. The results were sorted in descending order by profit to easily identify the most profitable books, helping to understand which books contributed the most to revenue.

# 10. Retrieve Books in Specific Categories and Published by Specific Publishers, Price Greater Than \$45.00

I wrote a query to retrieve books from either the 'COMPUTER' or 'FAMILY LIFE' categories that were published by Publisher 1 or Publisher 3. Additionally, I filtered out books priced below \$45.00. This approach allowed me to focus on higher-value books that met both category and publisher criteria, which could be used for targeted marketing or inventory management.