

Subqueries: Inline View

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Inline View Syntax – FROM

- Surround with () as with all subqueries
- You are allowed to use ORDER BY here!
 - Helpful for top-n queries
- Really useful for defining complex structures

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Inline View Syntax – JOIN

- Surround with () as with all subqueries
- Needs a PK/FK field in the SELECT clause
- Field aliases are REALLY critical to avoid ambiguous column error
- Use a different table alias to avoid confusion as well

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Reminders

▶ Make sure you include the PK/FK relationship(s) needed for the ON clause

▶ You need a table alias!

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Inline View Basic Usage

```
SELECT
  sub.field_name
FROM
  (
    SELECT
      named_column AS field_name,
      primary_id AS other
    FROM
      random_table
  ) sub
WHERE
  sub.other > 123
;
```

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Inline View Top-N Usage

```
SELECT
  top_n.section,
  top_n.section_count
FROM
  (
    SELECT
      req.sectionID AS section,
      COUNT(*) AS section_count
    FROM
      registration req
    GROUP BY
      req.sectionID
    ORDER BY
      section_count DESC
  ) top_n
WHERE
  top_n.section_count < 10
;
```

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Inline View JOIN Usage

```
SELECT
  reg.sectionID AS randa_sections
FROM
  registration reg
JOIN
  (
    SELECT
      stu.studentID, -- PK/PK Relationship
      stu.firstName,
      stu.lastName
    FROM
      students stu
    WHERE
      stu.phone LIKE '%77%'
  ) certain
ON
  certain.studentID = reg.studentID;
```

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