

THE CASE STATEMENT



SQL

```
SELECT
    column_name(s)
CASE
    WHEN condition_1 THEN result_1
    WHEN condition_2 THEN result_2
    ...
    ELSE
END AS
FROM
    table_name;
```

The Case Statement is used within a Select Statement when we want to return a specific value based on a condition. Its syntax can vary depending on what we want to show.

```
1 SELECT
2     emp_no,
3     first_name,
4     last_name,
5     CASE
6         WHEN gender = 'M' THEN 'Male'
7         ELSE 'Female'
8     END AS gender
9 FROM
10    employees;
```

emp_no	first_name	last_name	gender
10003	Parto	Bamford	Male
10004	Christan	Koblick	Male
10005	Kyoichi	Makiak	Male
10006	Anneke	Preusla	Female
10007	Tzvetan	Zelinski	Female
10008	Saniva	Kalloufi	Male

CASE
WHEN... THEN...
ELSE...
END AS...

In this example, when the value of the column is M, it will return "Male", and if it is F, "Female". As simple as that. The syntax of the case constructs starts with the keyword "Case" followed by "When", and a conditional expression containing the word "Then". After that, we have "Else" as a final expression if all conditions mentioned turn out false. Furthermore, "End" is an obligatory part of the syntax.

```
12 SELECT
13     emp_no,
14     first_name,
15     last_name,
16     CASE gender
17         WHEN 'M' THEN 'Male'
18         ELSE 'Female'
19     END AS gender
20 FROM
21     employees;
```

emp_no	first_name	last_name	gender
10001	Georgi	Facello	Male
10002	Bezael	Simmel	Female
10003	Parto	Bamford	Male
10004	Christan	Koblick	Male
10005	Kyoichi	Makiak	Male
10006	Anneke	Preusla	Female

Now, to explore another way in which we can rewrite the Case Statement. We can obtain the same result by putting the name of the column once right after the word "Case". Then, we should write the corresponding value after the "WHEN" keyword without using the equals operator. When using the IF NOT NULL syntax, we can't do what we did here and place 'gender' after 'CASE' – the screenshot below is an example of when we can't do this but its not that deep – we're pretty advanced at reading SQL code now.

```

25 • SELECT
26     e.emp_no,
27     e.first_name,
28     e.last_name,
29     CASE
30         WHEN dm.emp_no IS NOT NULL THEN 'Manager'
31         ELSE 'Employee'
32     END AS is_manager
33 FROM
34     employees e
35     LEFT JOIN
36     dept_manager dm ON dm.emp_no = e.emp_no
37 WHERE
38     e.emp_no > 109998;

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41 • SELECT
42     emp_no,
43     first_name,
44     last_name,
45     IF(gender = 'M', 'Male', 'Female') AS gender
46 FROM
47     condition
48
49

```

The first expression within the parentheses is the condition which we want to be true. If it is true, then the return value will be the second expression of this construct. If it's false, the return value will be the one written in the third place, being 'Female', so this structure is an unspoken IF THEN ELSE setup.

```

35     LEFT JOIN
36     dept_manager dm ON dm.emp_no = e.emp_no
37 WHERE
38     e.emp_no >
39
40
41 • SELECT
42     emp_no,
43     first_name,
44     last_name,

```

IF vs CASE

you can have just one conditional expression

we can have multiple conditional expressions

```

50 • SELECT
51     dm.emp_no,
52     e.first_name,
53     e.last_name,
54     MAX(s.salary) - MIN(s.salary) AS salary_difference,
55     CASE
56         WHEN MAX(s.salary) - MIN(s.salary) > 30000 THEN 'Salary was raised by more than $30,000'
57         WHEN MAX(s.salary) - MIN(s.salary) BETWEEN 20000 AND 30000 THEN
58             'Salary was raised by more than $20,000 but less than $30,000'
59         ELSE 'Salary was raised by less than $20,000'
60     END AS salary_increase
61 FROM
62     dept_manager dm
63     JOIN
64     employees e ON e.emp_no = dm.emp_no
65     JOIN
66     salaries s ON s.emp_no = dm.emp_no
67 GROUP BY s.emp_no;

```

The SQL CASE Statement - Exercise #1

Retrieve the employee number (`emp_no`), first name (`first_name`), and last name (`last_name`) of all employees from the `employees` table whose employee number is greater than 10005. Join this information with the data from the department manager `dept_manager` table to add a fourth column named `is_manager`, containing the string `'Manager'` if the employee number of the given employee is not a null value, and `'Employee'` otherwise.

This topic is covered in

[Lecture 258: The SQL CASE Statement](#)

```
1 SELECT
2   e.emp_no,
3   e.first_name,
4   e.last_name,
5   CASE
6     WHEN dm.emp_no IS NOT NULL THEN 'Manager'
7   ELSE 'Employee'
8   END AS is_manager
9 FROM
10  employees e
11 LEFT JOIN
12  dept_manager dm
13 ON e.emp_no = dm.emp_no
14 WHERE e.emp_no > 10005;
15
```

Run query

Reset

Result

Success

The SQL CASE Statement - Exercise #2

Your analytics task is to decide if the salary raises of all managers whose employee numbers over 10005 have been significant. To do this, you need to retrieve the following table containing eight columns:

emp_no	first_name	last_name	hire_date	min_salary	max_salary	salary_difference	salary_raise
10006	Alexa	Bamford	1989-05-02	40000	60000	20000	significant
10007	Trevian	Zakaria	1984-02-10	52734	88070	35336	significant
10008	Serge	Kaloupek	1994-09-15	48671	52568	5897	insignificant

- `emp_no` from the `dept_manager` table.
- `first_name`, `last_name`, and `hire_date` from the `employees` table.
- `min_salary`, `max_salary`, and `salary_difference` from the `salaries` table.

`salary_raise` to indicate whether the raise is

```
1 SELECT
2   dm.emp_no,
3   e.first_name,
4   e.last_name,
5   e.hire_date,
6   MIN(s.salary) AS min_salary,
7   MAX(s.salary) AS max_salary,
8   MAX(s.salary) - MIN(s.salary) AS salary_difference,
9   CASE
10    WHEN MAX(s.salary) - MIN(s.salary) <= 10000 AND MAX(s.salary) - MIN(s.salary) > 0
11  THEN 'insignificant'
12    WHEN MAX(s.salary) - MIN(s.salary) > 10000 THEN 'significant'
13  ELSE 'salary decrease'
14  END AS salary_raise
15 FROM
16  dept_manager dm
17 JOIN
18  employees e ON dm.emp_no = e.emp_no
19 JOIN
20  salaries s ON s.emp_no = dm.emp_no
```

Run query

Reset

Result

Success

The full syntax is on MYSQL

The SQL CASE Statement - Exercise #3

Retrieve the employee number (`emp_no`), first name (`first_name`), and last name (`last_name`) of all employees from the `employees` table who also have records in the department employees table `dept_emp`. Add a fourth column named `current_status` displaying `"Currently working"` if their contract in the `dept_emp` table ends on or after January 1, 2025, or later. Otherwise, display `"No longer with the company"`. Use GROUP BY on the employee number, first name, and last name to obtain the desired result.

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```
1 SELECT
2   e.emp_no,
3   e.first_name,
4   e.last_name,
5   CASE
6     WHEN MAX(de.to_date) > '2024-12-31' THEN "Currently working"
7   ELSE "No longer with the company"
8   END AS current_status
9 FROM
10  employees e
11 JOIN
12  dept_emp de
13 ON e.emp_no = de.emp_no
14 GROUP BY e.emp_no, e.first_name, e.last_name;
```

Run query

Reset

Result

Success