

Assignment 1 Part C - SE 02 Big Data & Analytics B

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Prerequisites:

The assignment is contained in a GitHub repository with the following link:

https://github.com/Dowiw/UE_library.git

This allows for more thorough team collaboration and version control of the assignment. It also allowed access throughout systems as an open repository.

To run:

- One must have **Git** to clone the repository.
- Also have **postgres** and **python3** to have the python script installed into your server and database.
- One must consider postgres user, postgres password and postgres initial database before running the python code.
- Recommended but not required: one must try to have **pgAdmin 4** to have a **better visualization of the data** and **querying into it**.

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Part 1 - Creation Script

The creation script code is housed in the builder python file. This has initial variables that are defined by the user to access the currently available database and postgres user.

```
builder.py > ...
1  import csv
2  import psycopg2
3  from psycopg2 import sql
4
5  # Configuration
6  HOST = "localhost"
7  USER = "postgres"
8  PASSWORD = "somerandompassword"
9  PORT = "5432"
10 initial_db = "postgres" # Initial Database
11 new_db_name = "library" # Database to create
12
13 # Connect to initial database first ('postgres')
14 print("Connecting to initial database...")
15 connection = psycopg2.connect(
16     dbname = initial_db,
17     user = USER,
18     password = PASSWORD,
19     host = HOST,
20     port = PORT
21 )
22 # Enable for database creations without transactions
23 connection.autocommit = True
24
```

The user must input the **correct host, user, password, port** and **initial_db** to ensure that no errors will occur.

Next, the script creates a new database called "library" from new_db_name.

```
25
26 # First sql module to create database
27 print(f"Creating new database: '{new_db_name}'")
28 cursor.execute(sql.SQL("CREATE DATABASE {}").format(sql.Identifier(new_db_name)))
29 print(f"Database '{new_db_name}' created successfully.")
30
31 # Initially connect to new db using root
32 print("Connecting to new database...")
33 new_connection = psycopg2.connect(
34     dbname = new_db_name,
35     user = USER,
36     password = PASSWORD,
37     host = HOST,
38     port = PORT
39 )
40
41 new_connection.autocommit = True
42 cursor = new_connection.cursor()
43 print("Connected!")
44
45
```

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Next, tables are created using the execution method within the sql import which executes a query based on the string passed.

```
46 # CREATE ALL TABLES
47 print("Creating tables...:")
48
49 # ID Type table
50 print("Creating id_type_code table...")
51 cursor.execute("""
52 CREATE TABLE id_type_code (
53     id_type_code INT PRIMARY KEY,
54     id_type_name TEXT NOT NULL
55 )
56 """)
57
```

Then, a query to fill up the tables is executed.

```
# FILL THE TABLES UP
print("Filling tables up with relevant data from csv files...")

# First filling up tables without foreign keys
print("Filling tables with no foreign keys...")

# Shift table
print("Filling shift table (independent)...")
cursor.execute("""
INSERT INTO shift (shift_id, shift_name, shift_start, shift_end)
VALUES (1, 'Morning', '08:00:00', '12:00:00'),
(2, 'Afternoon', '12:00:00', '16:00:00'),
(3, 'Evening', '16:00:00', '20:00:00'),
(4, 'Night', '18:00:00', '22:00:00')
""")
```

These are initial values that are tables with no foreign keys.

```
187 print("Filling tables with foreign keys...")
188
189 # Staff table
190 print("Filling staff table...")
191 with open('staff.csv', 'r') as f:
192     reader = csv.reader(f)
193     next(reader)
194     for row in reader:
195         cursor.execute(
196             """INSERT INTO staff (staff_id, staff_name, shift_id)
197             VALUES (%s, %s, %s)
198             ON CONFLICT (staff_id) DO UPDATE
199             SET staff_name = EXCLUDED.staff_name,
200             shift_id = EXCLUDED.shift_id;""",
201             row
202         )
203
```

The code above uses open to read through the csv files and execute them as strings.

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```
314 print("Builder script done!")
315
316 print("Done filling tables!")
317 print("Builder script done! Use the library database for queries!")
```

Finally, the finishing statement is printed out showing successful running.

Part 2 - Sample Data

The sample data is clonable within the GitHub repository inside the directory “csv_data”.

https://github.com/Dowiw/UE_library.git

Part 3 - SQL Queries and Results

Query 1:

Query		Query History	
1	-- 1. Count of books per Author that authored three books and more, and their loan count by copy (COUNT, GROUP BY, HAVING)		
2	SELECT a.author_name, COUNT(DISTINCT b.book_id) AS book_count, COUNT(l.loan_id) AS loan_count		
3	FROM author a		
4	JOIN book b ON a.author_id = b.author_id		
5	JOIN "copy" c ON b.book_id = c.book_id		
6	LEFT JOIN loan l ON c.copy_id = l.copy_id -- This LEFT JOIN for NULL books (no loans)		
7	GROUP BY a.author_name		
8	HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT b.book_id) > 3 -- Select only authors with books more than 3		
9	ORDER BY book_count;		
10			
11			

Data Output			Messages		Notifications	
Showing rows: 1 to 8	Page No: 1	of 1				
	author_name	book_count	loan_count			
	text	bigint	bigint			
1	Tyler Hernandez	4	2			
2	Jessica Taylor	4	12			
3	Madison Brooks	4	8			
4	Sophia Morris	4	8			
5	Alex Garcia	7	12			
6	Hannah Moore	7	21			
7	Chris Perez	8	20			
8	Rachel Evans	9	26			

The query shows the number of books by an author along with the number of loans of their copies which is cut down to those with 3 or more books in the library. This is important in our business context because **we want to be aware of the most constant contributors**. If an author is active and has books that are frequent within the loaning timeframe (January 2024 to May 2025), we may give **more focus to that author's works**.

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Query 2:

The screenshot shows a SQL query editor with a query history tab. The query is as follows:

```
-- 2. Find All Books Loaned in a Range ordered by date (Filtering with WHERE/BETWEEN)
SELECT l.borrow_date, b.book_title, c.copy_id, u.user_name
FROM loan l
JOIN "copy" c ON l.copy_id = c.copy_id
JOIN book b ON c.book_id = b.book_id
JOIN "user" u ON l.user_id = u.user_id
WHERE l.borrow_date BETWEEN '2025-01-01' AND '2025-03-31' -- Ensure this is the time frame wanted
ORDER BY borrow_date;
```

The results are displayed in a table with the following columns: borrow_date, book_title, copy_id, and user_name. The table shows 9 rows of data.

	borrow_date	book_title	copy_id	user_name
1	2025-01-01	The Glass Castle	123	Shae Calbreath
2	2025-01-04	The Whispering Wind	61	Brew Guild
3	2025-01-04	The Shadow's Edge	86	Theodosia Bindin
4	2025-01-08	The Enchanted Forest	52	Aurilia Lokier
5	2025-01-09	The Empty Throne	79	Benji Ciccoloi
6	2025-01-13	Darkwood Tales	70	Aurilia Lokier
7	2025-01-14	The Serpent's Coil	64	Rafferty Goodyer
8	2025-01-14	Seven Moons	34	Haskell Hanhart
9	2025-01-15	Man of Dreams	27	I iz Andrat

A green notification bar at the bottom right indicates "File saved successfully".

This query shows the loans that occurred within a timeframe. This is very important for our business context because it is showing **a traceback** of the data **ensuring that when something occurs (i.e. book is lost in library but returned in data)** an investigation can occur.

Query 3:

The screenshot shows a SQL query editor with a query history tab. The query is as follows:

```
-- 3. Top 5 Most Loaned Books (JOIN, COUNT, ORDER BY)
SELECT b.book_title, a.author_name, COUNT(l.copy_id) AS loan_count
FROM loan l
JOIN "copy" c ON l.copy_id = c.copy_id
JOIN book b ON c.book_id = b.book_id
JOIN author a ON b.author_id = a.author_id
GROUP BY b.book_title, a.author_name
ORDER BY loan_count DESC
-- Limit 5 can be modifiable to have an extensive ranking
LIMIT 5;
```

The results are displayed in a table with the following columns: book_title, author_name, and loan_count. The table shows 5 rows of data.

	book_title	author_name	loan_count
1	The Broken Arrow	Rachel Evans	8
2	The Secret Library	Jared Morgan	6
3	The Sapphire RI...	Jessica Taylor	6
4	Labyrinth of Lies	Nicole Hall	5
5	Darkwood Tales	Chris Perez	5

This query shows the top 5 most loaned books along with author name. This is relevant to our business context because **we want to know which books are the most popular throughout the business**. Ensuring that these **books are served to customers now and beyond**.

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Query 4:

```
Query History
31 LIMIT 5;
32
33
34 -- 4. Users Who Have Never Borrowed a Book (Subquery)
35 SELECT u.user_name, u.user_id
36 FROM "user" u
37 WHERE u.user_id NOT IN (
38     SELECT DISTINCT l.user_id FROM loan l
39 )
40
41
42 -- 5. Average Loan Duration Per User (CTE, Window Function) for books
```

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	user_name text	user_id [PK] integer
1	Kennith Hedon	1
2	Malorie Petri	10
3	Alicia Jagels	30
4	Rosco MacCallum	34
5	Katha Satch	37

This query is simple but powerful, it shows the users that have never borrowed a book at all. The data is **very important for the business** to assure that **data processing (which is quite costly) is reduced** and a **reach-out to inactive users** is implemented.

Query 5:

```
-- 5. Average Loan Duration Per User (CTE, Window Function) for bonus :- )
WITH loan_duration AS (
    SELECT
        l.user_id,
        (r.return_date - l.borrow_date) AS duration
    FROM loan l
    JOIN "return" r ON l.loan_id = r.loan_id
    WHERE r.return_date IS NOT NULL
)
SELECT
    u.user_name,
    ROUND(AVG(l.duration), 2) AS avg_loan_days
FROM "user" u
JOIN loan_duration l ON u.user_id = l.user_id
GROUP BY u.user_name
ORDER BY avg_loan_days DESC;
```

	user_name text	avg_loan_days numeric
1	Adi Sacher	22.00
2	Madeleine Giacomi	21.00
3	Anetta Tuvey	16.00
4	Ezra Sheber	15.50
5	Marti Ablott	15.50
6	Theodosia Bindin	15.00
7	Omar Songist	14.75
8	Amos Nenci	14.67
9	Brigg Surtees	14.00
10	Gaynor McCamish	14.00
11	Dwight Delong	14.00
12	Jaquith Garbert	14.00

This query shows the average loan duration of a user. This is important to our business context so that **we can determine which users have the tendency to return books very late (either on time or not)**. This is also helpful to determine **which users hog a book for a long time on average**.

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Part 4 - Challenges

The most challenging part was **generating relevant data**. The **developer (KB)** had to specify terms within mockaroo in Rust (a language that he never learned), other than that, data schemas for the csv files were also checked with an **LLM** to diversify results which included:

- Having users that have not borrowed or had overdue books
- Matching staff shift time to loan time and return time
- Having books currently borrowed (recent time and labelled as borrowed in copies table)
- Having a distribution of random durations between loan date and return date for data diversification

And all the little details to ensure that the queries produce results that are different.

Another challenge was **querying**. So many syntax errors had to occur before releasing a final product.

The more “easier” part of the assignment was the python builder which the developer just referred to slides given in the teams. The logic for creating, filling and ensuring correctness is following this because **the developer is not a python coder**. However, the results were smooth and the builder is functioning.

To sum it up, the assignment was a fun one. This just goes to show how much effort is required to create mock data to test databases, thinking hard about working queries and ensuring that these are relevant to a certain topic.