

# OLDEST BUSINESS IN THE WORLD

## Project description

An important part of business is planning for the future and ensuring that the business survives changing market conditions. Some businesses do this remarkably well and last for hundreds of years. In this project, you'll explore data from BusinessFinancing.co.uk on the world's oldest businesses: when were they founded, and which industries do they belong to?



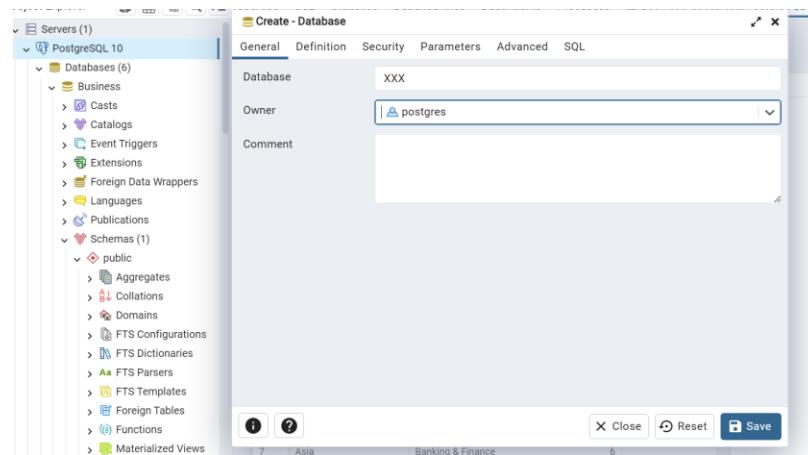
*Image: St. Peter Stiftskeller, founded 803. Credit: [Pakeha](#).*

## DATA PREPARATION

First step to perform is to upload the dataset to a SQL database. In this case I am using “PostgreSQL” to run this project.

This step is not necessary if you already have your data in a SQL server. In this case I wanted to do the project from scratch and follow all the steps from database creation, to creating the table to loading the data and finally querying the data to answer the questions.

- **Create database**

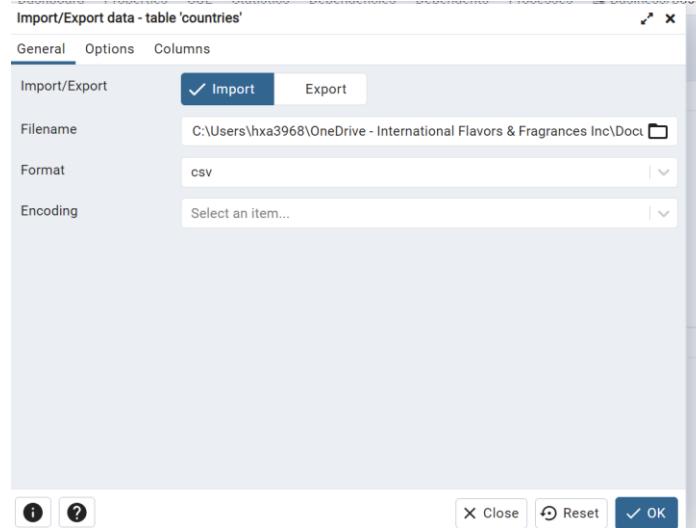


- **Create table**

```
Query  Query History
1 CREATE TABLE countries(
2   country_code varchar(50),
3   country  varchar(50),
4   continent varchar(50))

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CREATE TABLE
Query returned successfully in 175 msec.
```

- **Import csv file**



## QUESTIONS TO ANSWERED

**What are the oldest and newest founding years**

- Oldest founding year

Query    Query History

```

1 SELECT business,year_funded
2 FROM business
3 ORDER BY year_funded ASC
4 LIMIT 1

```

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	business	year_funded
1	Kongō Gumi	578

- Newest founding year

Query    Query History

```

1  SELECT business,year_funded
2  FROM business
3  ORDER BY year_funded DESC
4  LIMIT 1

```

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	business	year_funded
1	Meridian Corporation	1999

**How many businesses were founded before 1000?**

```

SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT business) as NUMBER_OF_BUSINESS
FROM business
WHERE year_funded<1000

```

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number_of_business
6

**Which businesses were founded before 1000?**

```

23  SELECT DISTINCT business,year_funded
24  FROM business
25  WHERE year_funded<1000
26  ORDER BY year_funded

```

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	business character varying (50)	year_funded integer
1	Kongō Gumi	578
2	St. Peter Stifts Kulinarium	803
3	Staffelter Hof Winery	862
4	Monnaie de Paris	864
5	The Royal Mint	886
6	Sean's Bar	900

**Exploring the categories: Select the business name, founding year, and country code from businesses, and category from categories**

```

28  SELECT year_funded,business, category
29  FROM business
30  LEFT JOIN categories
31  ON business.category_code=categories.category_code
32  WHERE year_funded<1000
33  ORDER BY year_funded

```

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	year_funded integer	business character varying (50)	category character varying (50)
1	578	Kongō Gumi	Construction
2	803	St. Peter Stifts Kulinarium	Cafés, Restaurants & Bars
3	862	Staffelter Hof Winery	Distillers, Vinthers, & Breweries
4	864	Monnaie de Paris	Manufacturing & Production
5	886	The Royal Mint	Manufacturing & Production
6	900	Sean's Bar	Cafés, Restaurants & Bars

**Counting the categories: what other industries constitute the oldest companies around the world, and which industries are most common.**

In [0]:

```

41  SELECT COUNT (category) AS INDUSTRIES,category
42  FROM business
43  LEFT JOIN categories
44  ON business.category_code=categories.category_code
45  GROUP BY category
46  ORDER BY COUNT (category) DESC
47  LIMIT 10

```

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	industries	category
	bigint	character varying (50)
1	37	Banking & Finance
2	22	Distillers, Vintners, & Breweries
3	19	Aviation & Transport
4	16	Postal Service
5	15	Manufacturing & Production
6	7	Media
7	6	Agriculture
8	6	Food & Beverages
9	6	Cafés, Restaurants & Bars
10	4	Energy

## Oldest business by continent: where in the world these really old businesses are?

Query Query History

```

1  SELECT MIN(year_funded) AS oldest, continent
2  FROM business
3  LEFT JOIN countries
4  on business.country_code=countries.country_code
5  GROUP BY continent
6  ORDER BY oldest
7

```

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	oldest	continent
	integer	character varying (50)
1	578	Asia
2	803	Europe
3	1534	North America
4	1565	South America
5	1772	Africa
6	1809	Oceania

Joining everything for further analysis: join the three tables (**business**, **categories**, **countries**)

business	year_funded	category	country	continent
Spinzar Cotton Company	1930	Agriculture	Afghanistan	Asia
ALBtelecom	1912	Telecommunications	Albania	Europe
Andbank	1930	Banking & Finance	Andorra	Europe
Liwa Chemicals	1939	Manufacturing & Production	United Arab Emirates	Asia
Bank of the Province of Buenos Aires	1822	Banking & Finance	Argentina	South America
Yerevan Ararat Brandy-Wine-Vodka Factory	1877	Distillers, Vintners, & Breweries	Armenia	Asia
Australia Post	1809	Postal Service	Australia	Oceania
St. Peter Stifts Kulinarium	803	Cafés, Restaurants & Bars	Austria	Europe
Azerbaijan Caspian Shipping Company	1858	Aviation & Transport	Azerbaijan	Asia

- Counting categories by continent: which are the most common categories for the oldest businesses on each continent?

In [0]:

Query    Query History

continent	category	count
Africa	Banking & Finance	17
Europe	Distillers, Vintners, & Breweries	12
Africa	Aviation & Transport	10
Africa	Postal Service	9
Europe	Manufacturing & Production	8
Asia	Aviation & Transport	7
Asia	Banking & Finance	6
North America	Distillers, Vintners, & Breweries	5

- Filtering counts by continent and category: what are the categories with higher number than 5

The screenshot shows a database query interface with the following details:

**Query History:** No limit

**Query:**

```
1 SELECT continent, category, COUNT(*) AS count
2 FROM business
3 INNER JOIN categories|
4 ON business.category_code=categories.category_code
5 INNER JOIN countries
6 ON business.country_code=countries.country_code
7 GROUP BY continent, category
8 HAVING COUNT(*) > 5
```

**Data Output:** The results of the query are displayed in a table:

	continent character varying (50)	category character varying (50)	count bigint
1	Africa	Aviation & Transport	10
2	Africa	Postal Service	9
3	Africa	Banking & Finance	17
4	Asia	Aviation & Transport	7
5	Asia	Banking & Finance	6
6	Europe	Distillers, Vintners, & Breweries	12
7	Europe	Manufacturing & Production	8