

1- What is the difference between GROUP BY and ORDER BY?

- **GROUP BY:**
Groups rows that have the same values in specified columns into summary rows (like "total sales per product").
 - **ORDER BY:**
Sorts the result set of a query based on one or more columns or expressions, either ascending (ASC) or descending (DESC).
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2- Why do we use HAVING instead of WHERE when filtering aggregate results?

- **WHERE:** Filters row *before* grouping/aggregation.
 - **HAVING:** Filters groups *after* aggregation.
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3- What are common beginner mistakes when writing aggregation queries?

- Forgetting to include all non-aggregated columns in the GROUP BY clause.
 - Using WHERE instead of HAVING to filter aggregated values.
 - Applying ORDER BY on non-existent or ambiguous columns after grouping.
 - Confusing the order of SQL clauses (must be: SELECT → FROM → WHERE → GROUP BY → HAVING → ORDER BY).
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4-When would you use COUNT(DISTINCT ...), AVG(...), and SUM(...) together?

- **When analyzing unique participation and performance:**
 - **COUNT(DISTINCT StudentID)** → number of unique students.
 - **AVG(CompletionPercent)** → average progress.
 - **SUM(Price)** → total revenue from enrollments.

5-How does GROUP BY affect query performance, and how can indexes help?

- GROUP BY requires sorting or hashing the data to group it, which can be resource-intensive on large tables.
- It can slow down performance if:
 - The table is large
 - There's no proper index on the grouping column(s)
- **Indexes improve performance by:**
 - Allowing faster retrieval and sorting of grouped values.
 - Supporting efficient lookups on columns used in GROUP BY or WHERE.