



Did you know that the average return from investing in stocks is [10% per year](#) (not accounting for inflation)? But who wants to be average?!

You have been asked to support an investment firm by analyzing trends in high-growth companies. They are interested in understanding which industries are producing the highest valuations and the rate at which new high-value companies are emerging. Providing them with this information gives them a competitive insight as to industry trends and how they should structure their portfolio looking forward.

You have been given access to their `unicorns` database, which contains the following tables:

### dates

Column	Description
<code>company_id</code>	A unique ID for the company.
<code>date_joined</code>	The date that the company became a unicorn.
<code>year_founded</code>	The year that the company was founded.

### funding

Column	Description
<code>company_id</code>	A unique ID for the company.
<code>valuation</code>	Company value in US dollars.
<code>funding</code>	The amount of funding raised in US dollars.
<code>select_investors</code>	A list of key investors in the company.

### industries

Column	Description
<code>company_id</code>	A unique ID for the company.
<code>industry</code>	The industry that the company operates in.

### companies

Column	Description
<code>company_id</code>	A unique ID for the company.
<code>company</code>	The name of the company.
<code>city</code>	The city where the company is headquartered.
<code>country</code>	The country where the company is headquartered.
<code>continent</code>	The continent where the company is headquartered.

Projects Data DataFrame as `data_types`

-- Check columns and data types for specific tables

```
SELECT table_name, column_name, data_type
FROM information_schema.columns
WHERE table_name IN ('dates', 'funding', 'industries', 'companies')
ORDER BY table_name, ordinal_position;
```

index	...	↑↓	table_name	...	↑↓	column_name	...	↑↓	data_type	...
			0			companies			company_id	integer
			1			companies			company	character varying
			2			companies			city	character varying
			3			companies			country	character varying
			4			companies			continent	character varying
			5			dates			company_id	integer
			6			dates			date_joined	date
			7			dates			year_founded	integer
			8			funding			company_id	integer
			9			funding			valuation	bigint
			10			funding			funding	bigint
			11			funding			select_investors	character varying
			12			industries			company_id	integer
			13			industries			industry	character varying

Rows: 14

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Projects Data DataFrame as `d`

--- Overview of table dates

```
SELECT *
FROM dates
LIMIT 5;
```

...	↑↓	c...	...	↑↓	date_joined	...	↑↓	year...	...	↑↓
			0		189			2017-06-24T00:00:00.000		1919
			1		848			2021-06-01T00:00:00.000		2019
			2		556			2022-02-15T00:00:00.000		2011
			3		999			2021-11-17T00:00:00.000		2020
			4		396			2021-10-21T00:00:00.000		2021

Rows: 5

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Projects Data DataFrame as `f`

--- Overview of table funding

```
SELECT *
FROM funding
LIMIT 5;
```

...	↑↓	c...	...	↑↓	v...	...	↑↓	f...	...	↑↓	select_investors	...	↑↓
			0		189			4000000000		0	EQT Partners		
			1		848			1000000000		1000000000	Dragonfly Captial, Qiming Venture Partners, ...		
			2		556			2000000000		1000000000	Blackstone, Bessemer Venture Partners		
			3		999			1000000000		1000000000	Goldman Sachs Asset Management, 3L		
			4		396			2000000000		1000000000	Insight Partners, Softbank Group, Connect Ve...		

Rows: 5

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Projects Data    DataFrame as `i`

--- Overview of table industries

SELECT \*  
FROM industries  
LIMIT 5;

...	↑↓	c...	...	↑↓	industry	...	↑↓
0		189			Health		
1		848			Fintech		
2		556			Internet software & services		
3		999			Internet software & services		
4		396			Fintech		

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Projects Data    DataFrame as

--- Overview of table companies

SELECT \*  
FROM companies  
LIMIT 5;

...	↑↓	c...	...	↑↓	company	...	↑↓	city	...	↑↓	country	...	↑↓	contin...	...	↑↓
0		189			Otto Bock HealthCare			Duderstadt			Germany			Europe		
1		848			Matrixport						Singapore			Asia		
2		556			Cloudinary			Santa Clara			United States			North America		
3		999			PLACE			Bellingham			United States			North America		
4		396			candy.com			New York			United States			North America		

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The output

Your query should return a table in the following format:

industry	year	num_unicorns	average_valuation_billions
industry1	2021	---	---
industry2	2020	---	---
industry3	2019	---	---
industry1	2021	---	---
industry2	2020	---	---
industry3	2019	---	---
industry1	2021	---	---
industry2	2020	---	---
industry3	2019	---	---

Where `industry1`, `industry2`, and `industry3` are the three top-performing industries.

Projects Data DataFrame as

```
SELECT
    i.industry,
    COUNT(*) AS number_of_companies
FROM industries AS i
INNER JOIN dates AS d
    USING(company_id)
WHERE EXTRACT(YEAR FROM d.date_joined) IN (2019, 2020, 2021)
GROUP BY i.industry
ORDER BY number_of_companies DESC
LIMIT 3;
```

...	↑↓	industry	...	↑↓	number_of_com...	...	↑↓
0		Fintech			173		
1		Internet software & services			152		
2		E-commerce & direct-to-consumer			75		

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Projects Data DataFrame as

```
SELECT
    i.industry,
    EXTRACT(YEAR FROM d.date_joined) AS year,
    COUNT(i.company_id) AS num_unicorns,
    ROUND(AVG(f.valuation), 2) AS avg_valuation
FROM industries AS i
INNER JOIN dates AS d
    USING(company_id)
INNER JOIN funding AS f
    USING(company_id)
WHERE EXTRACT(YEAR FROM d.date_joined) IN (2019, 2020, 2021)
GROUP BY i.industry, year
ORDER BY year ASC
```

...	↑↓	industry	...	↑↓	num...	...	↑↓	avg_v...	...	↑↓
0		Artificial intelligence			2019			14		4500000000
1		Auto & transportation			2019			6		4166666666.67
2		Consumer & retail			2019			3		3666666666.67
3		Cybersecurity			2019			4		2250000000
4		Data management & analytics			2019			4		11500000000
5		E-commerce & direct-to-consumer			2019			12		2583333333.33
6		Edtech			2019			1		1000000000
7		Fintech			2019			20		6800000000
8		Health			2019			3		3333333333.33
9		Internet software & services			2019			13		4230769230.77
10		Mobile & telecommunications			2019			4		2000000000
11		Other			2019			9		2888888888.89
12		Supply chain, logistics, & delivery			2019			8		3000000000
13		Travel			2019			3		4000000000
14		Artificial intelligence			2020			3		4000000000
15		Auto & transportation			2020			5		3000000000

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Projects Data DataFrame as

--- CTE1 top\_performing\_industries

```
WITH top_performing_industries AS
(
    SELECT
        i.industry,
        COUNT(*) AS number_of_companies
    FROM industries AS i
    INNER JOIN dates AS d
        USING(company_id)
    WHERE EXTRACT(YEAR FROM d.date_joined) IN (2019, 2020, 2021)
    GROUP BY i.industry
    ORDER BY number_of_companies DESC
    LIMIT 3
),
```

--- CTE2 top\_valuation

```
top_valuation AS
(
    SELECT
        i.industry,
        EXTRACT(YEAR FROM d.date_joined) AS year,
        COUNT(i.company_id) AS num_unicorns,
        ROUND(AVG(f.valuation), 2) AS avg_valuation
    FROM industries AS i
    INNER JOIN dates AS d
        USING(company_id)
    INNER JOIN funding AS f
        USING(company_id)
    WHERE EXTRACT(YEAR FROM d.date_joined) IN (2019, 2020, 2021)
    GROUP BY i.industry, year
    ORDER BY year ASC
)
```

--- Final Query

```
SELECT
    industry,
    year,
    num_unicorns,
    ROUND(AVG(avg_valuation) / 1000000000, 2) AS average_valuation_billions
FROM top_valuation AS tv
INNER JOIN top_performing_industries AS tpi
    USING(industry)
WHERE year IN (2019, 2020, 2021)
    AND industry IN (SELECT industry FROM top_performing_industries)
GROUP BY industry, year, num_unicorns
ORDER BY year DESC, num_unicorns DESC;
```

...	↑↓	industry	...	↑↓	...	↑↓	num...	...	↑↓	average_valuation_billions	...	↑↓	
0		Fintech					2021		138			2.75	
1		Internet software & services					2021		119			2.15	
2		E-commerce & direct-to-consumer					2021		47			2.47	
3		Internet software & services					2020		20			4.35	
4		E-commerce & direct-to-consumer					2020		16			4	
5		Fintech					2020		15			4.33	
6		Fintech					2019		20			6.8	
7		Internet software & services					2019		13			4.23	
8		E-commerce & direct-to-consumer					2019		12			2.58	

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