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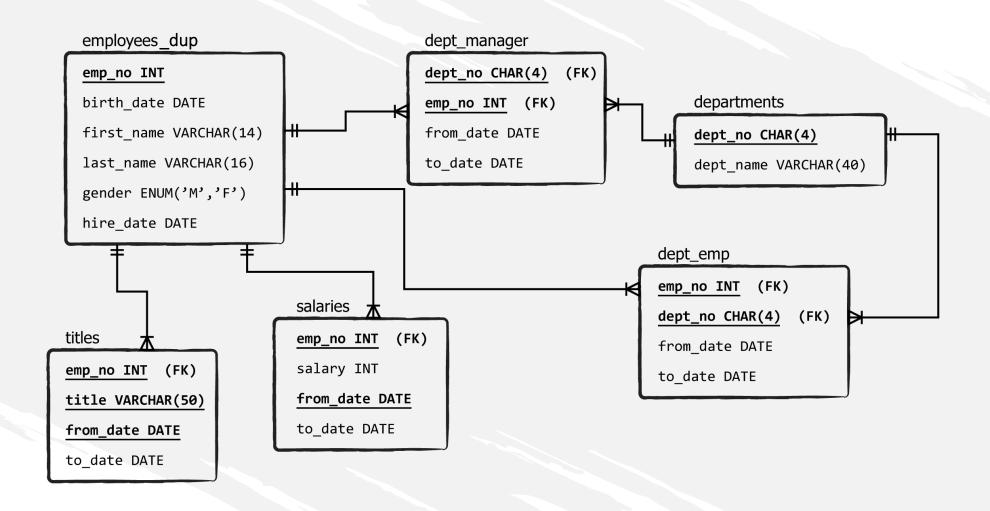
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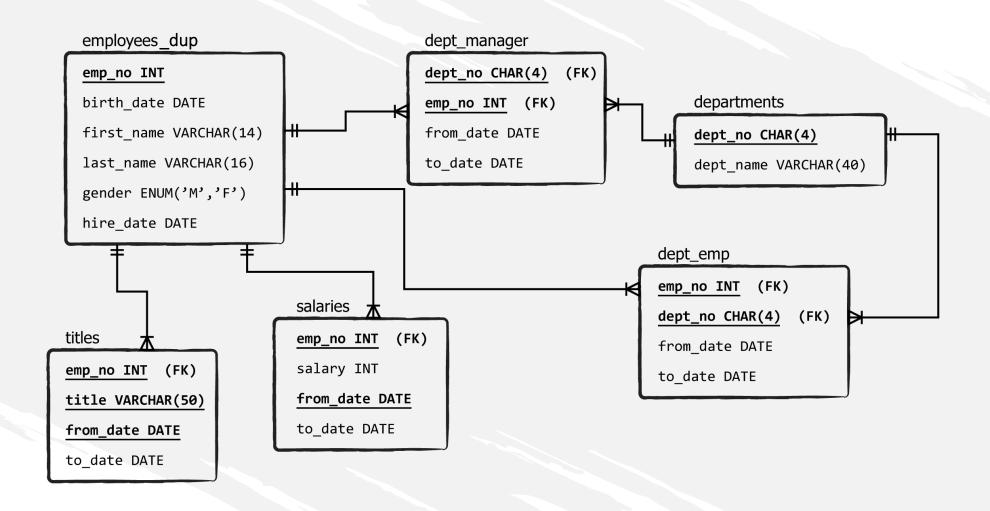
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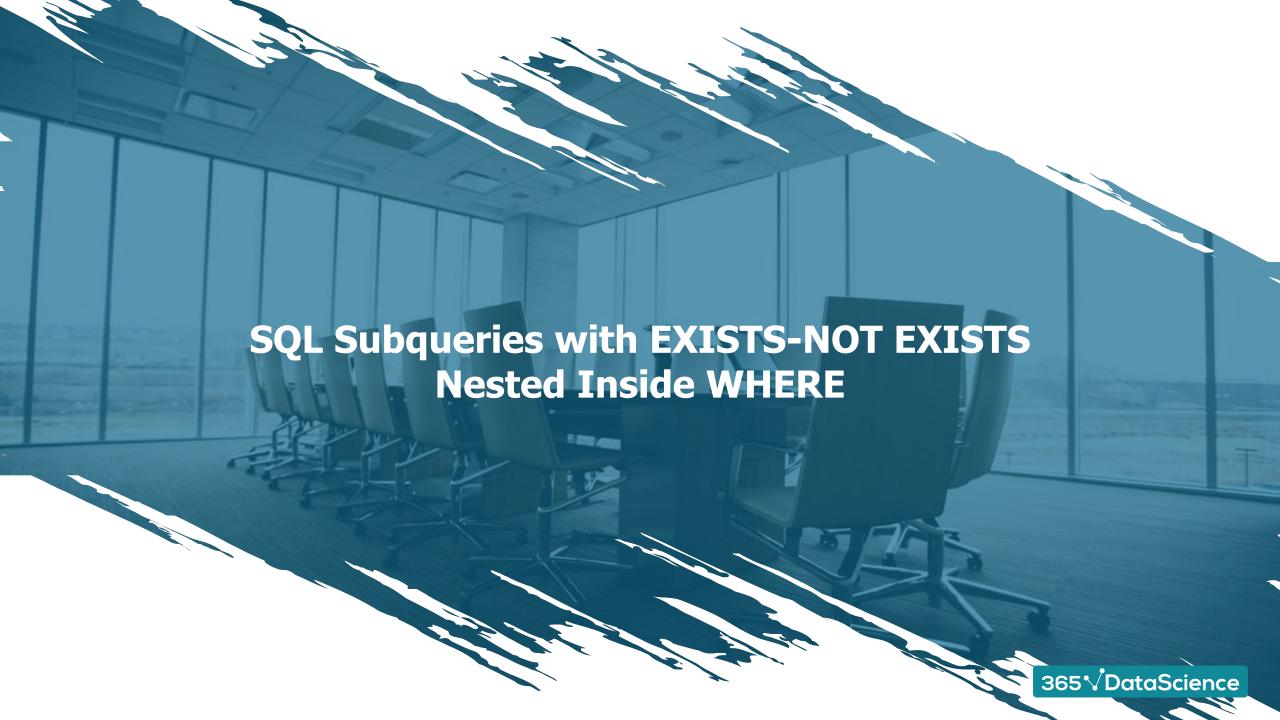
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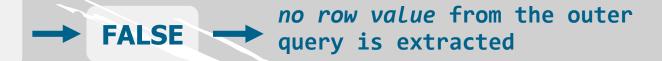
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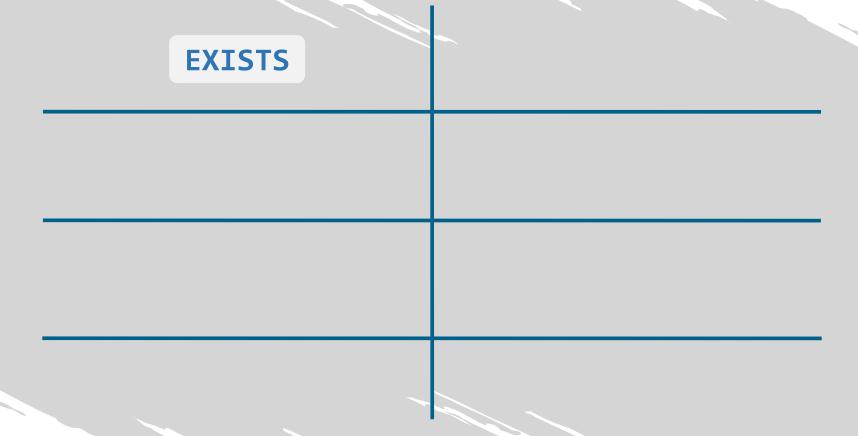
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- many users prefer subqueries simply because they offer enhanced code readability





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