# Client Report - Finding Relationships in Baseball

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## Elevator pitch

We were asked to prove our capability to design and implement SQL Queries using a client database. These are the requests were were asked to design, and a short analysis of each query's results. It should be noted that some of the columns returned from the desired queries are not very user friendly, such as playerid, which returns a jumble of letters and numbers. If desired, we could easily adapt these columns to display more user friendly data such as the player's name, but for this report we have left them as the desired column values.

## **GRAND QUESTION 1**

Write an SQL query to create a new dataframe about baseball players who attended BYU-Idaho. The new table should contain five columns: playerID, schoolID, salary, and the yearID/teamID associated with each salary. Order the table by salary (highest to lowest) and print out the table in your report.

We found that there were a total of 30 entries that had players who attended BYU-idaho, however only two players were actually represented. Their salaries range from \$215,000 to \$4,000,000, and 7 teams are represented.

#### **TECHNICAL DETAILS**

Table 1-1: BYU-I Player information table

	playerid	schoolid	salary	teamid	yearid
0	lindsma01	idbyuid	4000000	CHA	2014
1	lindsma01	idbyuid	4000000	CHA	2014
2	lindsma01	idbyuid	3600000	BAL	2012
3	lindsma01	idbyuid	3600000	BAL	2012
4	lindsma01	idbyuid	2800000	COL	2011
5	lindsma01	idbyuid	2800000	COL	2011
6	lindsma01	idbyuid	2300000	СНА	2013
7	lindsma01	idbyuid	2300000	СНА	2013
8	lindsma01	idbyuid	1625000	HOU	2010
9	lindsma01	idbyuid	1625000	HOU	2010
10	stephga01	idbyuid	1025000	SLN	2001
11	stephga01	idbyuid	1025000	SLN	2001
12	stephga01	idbyuid	900000	SLN	2002
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	playerid	schoolid	salary	teamid	yearid
13	stephga01	idbyuid	900000	SLN	2002
14	stephga01	idbyuid	800000	SLN	2003
15	stephga01	idbyuid	800000	SLN	2003
17	stephga01	idbyuid	550000	SLN	2000
18	lindsma01	idbyuid	410000	FLO	2009
19	lindsma01	idbyuid	410000	FLO	2009
20	lindsma01	idbyuid	395000	FLO	2008
21	lindsma01	idbyuid	395000	FLO	2008
22	lindsma01	idbyuid	380000	FLO	2007
23	lindsma01	idbyuid	380000	FLO	2007
25	stephga01	idbyuid	215000	SLN	1999
26	stephga01	idbyuid	185000	PHI	1998
27	stephga01	idbyuid	185000	PHI	1998
28	stephga01	idbyuid	150000	PHI	1997
29	stephga01	idbyuid	150000	PHI	1997

### **GRAND QUESTION 2**

This three-part question requires you to calculate batting average (number of hits divided by the number of at-bats)

1. Write an SQL query that provides playerID, yearID, and batting average for players with at least one at bat. Sort the table from highest batting average to lowest, and show the top 5 results in your report.

Data Analysis: The top five players all had a 100% batting average due most likely to only having one at bat.

2. Use the same query as above, but only include players with more than 10 "at bats" that year. Print the top 5 results.

Data Analysis: The top five players each had between a 54% - 64% batting average.

Table 2-1: Per year batting averages for players with one or more "At Bats"

	playerid	yearid	batting_Average
0	abramge01	1923	1.0
1	aberal01	1957	1.0
 2	alanirj01	2019	1.0

	playerid	yearid	batting_Average
3	abernte02	1960	1.0
4	acklefr01	1964	1.0

Table 2-2: Per year batting averages for players with ten or more "At Bats"

	playerid	yearid	batting_Average
0	nymanny01	1974	0.642857
1	carsoma01	2013	0.636364
2	silvech01	1948	0.571429
3	puccige01	1930	0.562500
4	applepe01	1927	0.545455

Table 2-3: Career batting averages for players with 100 or more "At Bats"

	playerid	batting_Average
0	hazlebo01	0.402985
1	jacksjo01	0.382456
2	daviscu01	0.380952
3	twombba01	0.377143
4	fishesh01	0.374016

3. Now calculate the batting average for players over their entire careers (all years combined). Only include players with more than 100 at bats, and print the top 5 results.

Data Analysis: The top five players each had between a 37%-40% batting average.

\*See the "Technical details" section for the full table.

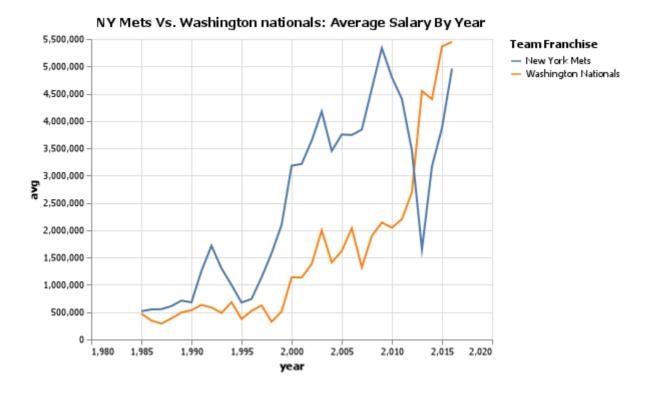
#### **GRAND QUESTION 3**

Pick any two baseball teams and compare them using a metric of your choice (average salary, home runs, number of wins, etc.). Write an SQL query to get the data you need. Use Python if additional data wrangling is needed, then make a graph in Altair to visualize the comparison. Provide the visualization and its description.

Data Analysis: For this analysis we decided to compare the average player salary each year for the New York Mets against the same statistic for the Washington Nationals. Salaries for both teams have grown from their initial average of around \$500,000 per player, though the average is far from consistent year by year. Historicity speaking, the New York Mets have

had a higher average salary then the Washington Nationals, however between 2010 and 2015 they were overtaken by the Washington Nationals as the New York Mets made drastic cuts to their average player salary.

Graph 3-1: NY Mets Vs. Washington Nationals: Average Salary by Year



## APPENDIX A (PYTHON SCRIPT)

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#%%
import pandas as pd
import datadotworld as dw
import altair as alt
from altair_saver import save
class Finding_Relationships_in_Baseball:
    def main(self):
        self.settup()
        self.q1()
        self.q2()
        self.q3()
    def settup(self):
        #do any needed initializing
        #alt.data_transformers.enable('json')
        pass
    def q1(self):
        Write an SQL query to create a new dataframe about baseball players who
attended BYU-Idaho.
        The new table should contain five columns: playerID, schoolID, salary, and
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the yearID/teamID associated with each salary.
        Order the table by salary (highest to lowest) and print out the table in
your report.
        0.00
        request = dw.query('byuidss/cse-250-baseball-database',
            "select sa.playerid, s.schoolid, sa.salary, sa.teamid, sa.yearid from
salaries as sa join collegeplaying as c on sa.playerid = c.playerid join schools
as s on c.schoolid = s.schoolid WHERE s.name_full = 'Brigham Young University-
Idaho' order by sa.salary DESC")
        print(request.dataframe)
    def q2(self):
        This three-part question requires you to calculate batting average (number
of hits divided by the number of at-bats)
        a: Write an SQL query that provides playerID, yearID, and batting average
for players with at least one at bat. Sort the table from
            highest batting average to lowest, and show the top 5 results in your
report.
        b: Use the same query as above, but only include players with more than 10
"at bats" that year. Print the top 5 results.
        c: Now calculate the batting average for players over their entire careers
(all years combined).
        Only include players with more than 100 at bats, and print the top 5
results.
        0.00
        request1 = dw.query('byuidss/cse-250-baseball-database',
                    "SELECT p.playerid,b.yearid ,(b.h/b.ab) AS batting_Average
FROM people AS p JOIN batting as b on p.playerid = b.playerid WHERE b.ab >= 1
ORDER BY batting Average DESC LIMIT 5")
        print(request1.dataframe)
        request2 = dw.query('byuidss/cse-250-baseball-database',
                    "SELECT p.playerid,b.yearid ,(b.h/b.ab) AS batting_Average
FROM people AS p JOIN batting as b on p.playerid = b.playerid WHERE b.ab > 10
ORDER BY batting Average DESC LIMIT 5")
        print(request2.dataframe)
        request3 = dw.query('byuidss/cse-250-baseball-database',
                    "SELECT p.playerid, (b.h/b.ab) AS batting Average FROM people
AS p JOIN batting as b on p.playerid = b.playerid WHERE b.ab > 100 GROUP BY
p.playerid ORDER BY batting_Average DESC LIMIT 5")
        print(request3.dataframe)
    def q3(self):
        0.00
        Pick any two baseball teams and compare them using a metric of your choice
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(average salary, home runs, number of wins, etc.).
        Write an SQL query to get the data you need. Use Python if additional data
wrangling is needed, then make a graph in Altair to
        visualize the comparison. Provide the visualization and its description.
        request1 = dw.query('byuidss/cse-250-baseball-database',
                    "select tf.franchname, s.yearid as year, avg(s.salary) from
salaries as s JOIN teams as t on s.teamid = t.teamid JOIN teamsfranchises as tf on
t.franchid = tf.franchid WHERE tf.franchname = 'Washington Nationals' group by
s.yearid")
        request2 = dw.query('byuidss/cse-250-baseball-database',
                    "select tf.franchname, s.yearid as year, avg(s.salary) from
salaries as s JOIN teams as t on s.teamid = t.teamid JOIN teamsfranchises as tf on
t.franchid = tf.franchid WHERE tf.franchname = 'New York Mets' group by s.yearid")
        chart1 = (alt.Chart(request1.dataframe,title= "NY Mets Vs. Washinton
nationals: Average Salary By Year")
            .encode(
                x='year',
                y='avg',
                color =alt.Color('franchname',legend=alt.Legend(title="Team
Franchise")))
            .mark_line()
        chart2 = (alt.Chart(request2.dataframe)
            .encode(
                x='year',
                y='avg',
                color =alt.Color('franchname',legend=alt.Legend(title="Team
Franchise")))
            .mark_line()
        chart = chart1 + chart2
        filename = "q3 chart.png"
        save(chart,filename)
f = Finding Relationships in Baseball()
f.main()
# %%
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