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General Assembly

Practical SQL

Operations

We can do simple arithmetic math

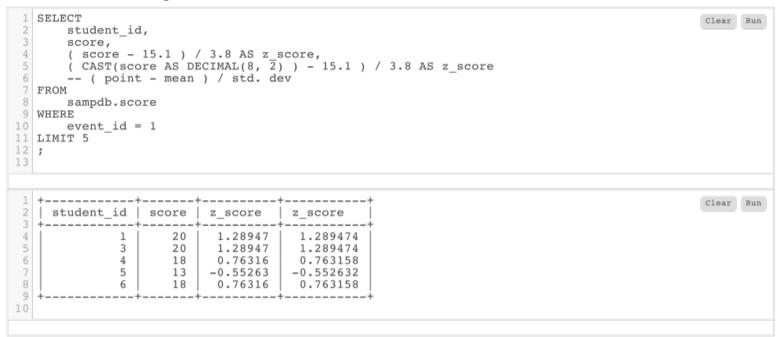
```
SELECT
                                                                                              Clear Run
      score / 100 as pct score,
      CAST(score AS decimal(8, 2)) / 100 as pct score 2
 4 FROM
      sampdb.score
6 LIMIT 5;
                                                                                             Clear Run
                 pct_score_2
     pct score
       0.2000
                    0.200000
                  0.200000
       0.2000
                0.200000
 6
       0.1800
       0.1300
                    0.130000
       0.1800
                    0.180000
 8
10
```

⁻⁻ Note that MySQL will automatically convert the value returned as a decimal.

⁻⁻ Other SQL versions will not. Postgres requires a type conversion of the INT to a DECIMAL type.

More complex math

We can do more complex math



We are 'hard coding' the mean and standard deviation values

We'll discuss how to get these on the fly

Strings

String functions manipulate the appearance of text

```
SELECT
                                                                                                 Clear Run
       first name,
       UPPER(first name),
       LOWER (first name)
 6 FROM
       sampdb.president
 9 LIMIT 5;
10
                                                                                                 Clear
     first name
                  UPPER(first name)
                                       LOWER(first name)
     George
                  GEORGE
                                        george
     John
                                        john
                  JOHN
     Thomas
                  THOMAS
                                        thomas
     James
                  JAMES
                                        james
     James
                  JAMES
                                        james
10
```

String extraction

String functions can "reach into" strings

```
SELECT
                                                                                                Clear
                                                                                                     Run
       last name,
       LENGTH(last name) AS len,
       LEFT(last name, 3) AS 1ft,
       RIGHT(last name, 3) AS rght,
       SUBSTRING(last name, 3, 2) AS sub,
       SUBSTRING(last name, LENGTH(last name) - 2, 2) AS penultimate 2
 8 FROM
       sampdb.president
10 LIMIT 5;
11
                                                                                                Clear Run
     last name
                        lft
                               rght
                                            penultimate 2
                  len
                                      sub
     Washington
                   10
                        Was
                               ton
                                            to
     Adams
                        Ada
                               ams
                                      am
                                            am
     Jefferson
                                      ff
                        Jef
                               son
                                            SO
     Madison
                        Mad
                               son
                                      di
                                            so
     Monroe
                        Mon
                               roe
                                      nr
                                            ro
10
```

Finding strings allows more interesting usages

String manipulation becomes more interesting when we start looking for strings

```
SELECT
                                                                                               Clear
                                                                                                     Run
       email,
       -- LOCATE('@', email),
      position('@' in email)
  FROM
       sampdb.member
 7 LIMIT 5;
                                                                                               Clear
                                 position('@' in email)
     jeanne s@earth.com
     august.lundsten@pluto.com
                                                      16
     NULL
                                                    NULL
    arbogast.ruth@mars.net
                                                      14
     c.dorfman@uranus.net
                                                       10
10
```

Here we get the position of the @ sign

We can use that, with our other functions, to get a list of domains

Putting string functions together

With the location of the '@', we can extract the domain name



Now, for each record, we can extract the domain name

Might use this to count members by domain our list use, or check for correlation with other factors

Date Functions

```
SELECT
                                                                                                Clear Run
 2
       birth.
       death,
       YEAR(birth) AS yr,
       MONTH(birth) AS mnt,
       MONTHNAME (birth) AS mnt name,
       DATEDIFF (death, birth) AS days,
       DATEDIFF(death, birth) / 365 AS years
 9 FROM
       sampdb.president
10
11 LIMIT 5;
12
                                                                                                Clear Run
                  death
     birth
                                yr
                                       mnt
                                               mnt name
                                                          days
                                                                   years
     1732-02-22
                  1799-12-14
                                1732
                                               February
                                                          24767
                                                                   67.8548
     1735-10-30
                  1826-07-04
                                1735
                                               October
                                                                   90.7370
                                          10
                                                          33119
                                                                   83.2795
     1743-04-13
                  1826-07-04
                                1743
                                               April
                                                          30397
     1751-03-16
                                1751
                                                                   85.3425
                  1836-06-28
                                               March
                                                          31150
                  1831-07-04
                                1758
     1758-04-28
                                               April
                                                          26729
                                                                   73.2301
10
```

Putting it together

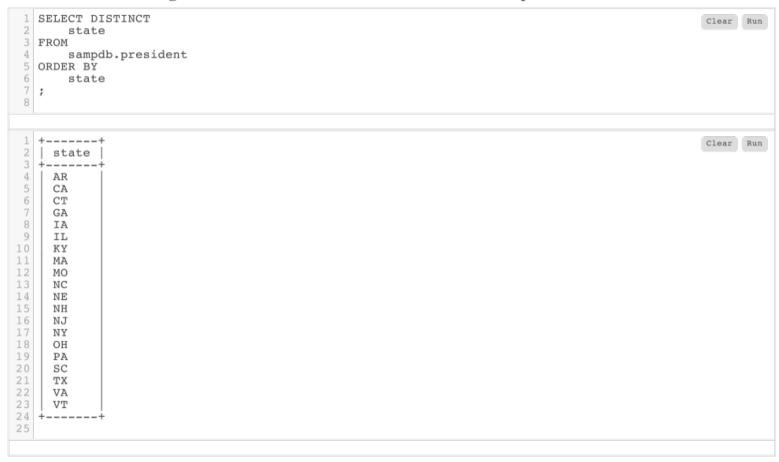
We can combine records, operations and functions to calculate and format output

```
SELECT
                                                                                                Clear Run
       CONCAT (
           first name,
           last name,
           " lived ",
           ROUND(DATEDIFF(death, birth) / 365, 1),
           " vears"
       ) AS sentence
10 FROM
       sampdb.president
12 LIMIT 5;
13
                                                                                               Clear Run
     sentence
     George Washington lived 67.9 years
     John Adams lived 90.7 years
    Thomas Jefferson lived 83.3 years
    James Madison lived 85.3 years
    James Monroe lived 73.2 years
10
```

More on Aggregate Functions

We attack this through dataset exploration

SELECT DISTINCT gives us the set of values in an attribute -- no repetitions



This is basically what we get from GROUP BY

GROUP BY subdivides the dataset into subsets

Each subset is characterized by having the same value for the GROUP BY attribute

```
1 SELECT
                                                                                               Clear Run
       state,
       COUNT(state) AS count
 4 FROM
       sampdb.president
 6 GROUP BY
       state
 8 ORDER BY
 9
       state
10;
11
                                                                                               Clear Run
     state
             count
     AR
     CA
 6
     GA
     IΑ
     IL
     KY
     MA
                 4
12
     MO
13
     NC
14
     NE
15
     NH
16
     NJ
     NY
18
     OH
19
     PA
20
     SC
21
     TX
22
     VA
                 8
23
     VT
24 +----
25
```

Same analysis, against member

```
SELECT
                                                                                                      Clear
                                                                                                           Run
       state,
       COUNT(state) AS count
 4 FROM
       sampdb.member
 6 GROUP BY
       state
 8 ORDER BY
       state
10 LIMIT 15;
11
                                                                                                      Clear Run
     state
              count
     AK
     AL
                   3
     ΑZ
     CA
                   6
     CO
10
     FL
11
     GA
12
     ΗI
13
     ΙA
14
     ID
15
     IL
                   6
16
     IN
                   3
17
     KS
18
     ΚY
20
```

DISTINCT also works by _tuples_

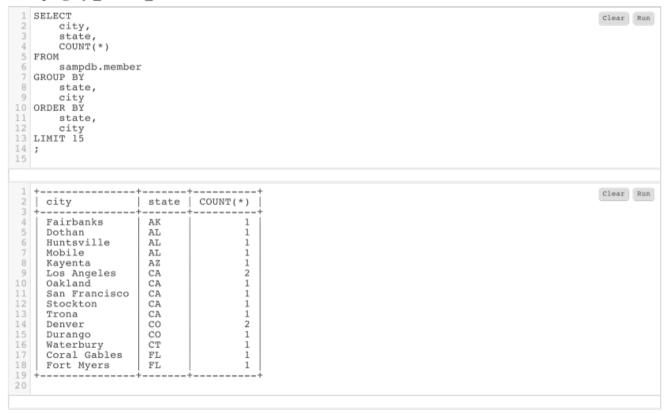
```
SELECT DISTINCT
                                                                                                   Clear
                                                                                                         Run
       city,
       state
  FROM
       sampdb.member
  ORDER BY
       state,
       city
 9 LIMIT 15
10 ;
11
                                                                                                   Clear Run
     city
                      state
     Fairbanks
                      AK
     Dothan
                      AL
     Huntsville
                      AL
     Mobile
                      AL
     Kayenta
                      AZ
     Los Angeles
                      CA
10
     Oakland
                      CA
11
     San Francisco
12
     Stockton
                      CA
13
     Trona
                      CA
14
     Denver
                      CO
15
     Durango
                      CO
16
     Waterbury
17
     Coral Gables
                      FL
18
     Fort Myers
19
20
```

Here we are getting a list of city / state value pairs that occur at least once in the data

This is not _permutations_, e.g. the possible combinations of these values -- each of these _does_ appear at least once

As does GROUP BY

Grouping by _several_ attributes subdivides counts



All the Alabama records are still in the output.

But the sum of Alabama records, which was 3, is now subdivided over three different cities

ORDER BY shows the grouping of the records

ELECT					Clear
last_nam					
first_na					
member_i	α,				
city, state					
ROM					
sampdb.m	ombor				
RDER BY	ember				
state,					
city					
IMIT 15					
	<u>+</u>	+		++	Clear
last_name	first_name	member_id	city	state	
Matthews	+ Bill	56	Fairbanks	++ AK	
Edwards	John	82	Dothan	AL	
Hughes	Max	37	Huntsville	AL	
Schauer	Alma	65	Mobile	AL	
		48	Kayenta	AZ	
	Timothy	40			
Kirby	Timothy Chervl				
	Cheryl	59 88	Los Angeles	CA CA	
Kirby Puntillo		59		CA	
Kirby Puntillo Pierson	Cheryl Stanley	59 88	Los Angeles Los Angeles	CA CA	
Kirby Puntillo Pierson Sprague	Cheryl Stanley Earl	59 88 99	Los Angeles Los Angeles Oakland	CA CA CA	
Kirby Puntillo Pierson Sprague Smith	Cheryl Stanley Earl Laura	59 88 99 98	Los Angeles Los Angeles Oakland San Francisco	CA CA CA	
Kirby Puntillo Pierson Sprague Smith Feit	Cheryl Stanley Earl Laura Daniel	59 88 99 98 19	Los Angeles Los Angeles Oakland San Francisco Stockton	CA CA CA CA	
Kirby Puntillo Pierson Sprague Smith Feit Simmons	Cheryl Stanley Earl Laura Daniel David	59 88 99 98 19 49	Los Angeles Los Angeles Oakland San Francisco Stockton Trona	CA CA CA CA CA	
Kirby Puntillo Pierson Sprague Smith Feit Simmons Garner	Cheryl Stanley Earl Laura Daniel David Steve	59 88 99 98 19 49	Los Angeles Los Angeles Oakland San Francisco Stockton Trona Denver Denver Durango	CA CA CA CA CA CA	
Kirby Puntillo Pierson Sprague Smith Feit Simmons Garner Sawyer	Cheryl Stanley Earl Laura Daniel David Steve Dennis	59 88 99 98 19 49 89	Los Angeles Los Angeles Oakland San Francisco Stockton Trona Denver Denver	CA CA CA CA CA CA CO	
Kirby Puntillo Pierson Sprague Smith Feit Simmons Garner Sawyer Bookstaff	Cheryl Stanley Earl Laura Daniel David Steve Dennis Barbara	59 88 99 98 19 49 89 7 47	Los Angeles Los Angeles Oakland San Francisco Stockton Trona Denver Denver Durango	CA CA CA CA CA CA CO CO	

Referring to SQL results in SQL queries -- Subqueries

Subqueries allow us to embed one query within another

These embedded queries are 'subqueries'

We have to watch the table returned by the subquery carefully

The returned table has to have the fields and row expected of it by the calling query

Two varieties, 'correlated' and 'uncorrelated'

'correlated' is cooler but harder, we'll do 'uncorrelated' first

Presidents from the most presidential states

Say we want a list of those presidents from the three states that have sent the most presidents

We can get the list by a query:



Hard-code the values

We can put those values into a query

```
SELECT
                                                                                              Clear Run
       last name,
       first name,
       state
       sampdb.president
 7 WHERE
       state IN
            'VA',
           'OH',
           'MA'
14 ORDER BY
15 state
       state
16;
18
                                                                                              Clear Run
                  first_name
 2 | last_name
                                   state
     Bush
                  George H.W.
                  John Quincy
                                   MA
     Adams
     Kennedy
                  John F.
                                   MA
                                   MA
     Adams
                  John
                                   OH
     Harding
                  Warren G.
                  William H.
                                   OH
     Taft
     McKinley
                  William
                                   OH
     Harrison
                  Benjamin
                                   OH
                                   OH
     Garfield
                  James A.
                  Rutherford B.
                                   OH
     Hayes
     Grant
                  Ulysses S.
                                   OH
                  Zachary
                                   VA
     Taylor
     Tyler
                  John
                                   VA
                  William H.
     Harrison
                                   VA
     Monroe
                  James
                                   VA
     Wilson
                  Woodrow
                                   VA
     Madison
                                   VA
                  James
                                   VA
     Jefferson
                  Thomas
     Washington
                  George
23 +---
```

But, Kludgy!

What if the data changes?

Joins

A basic query:

```
SELECT
student_id AS Student,
AVG(score) AS Average,
COUNT(score) AS "# of Tests"
FROM
sampdb.score
GROUP BY
student_id
ORDER BY
Average DESC
```

 Returns each student's average

	Student	Average	# of Tests	
▶	1	48.0000	5	
	27	45.7500	4	
	5	42.8333	6	
	18	41.3333	6	
	17	41.2000	5	
	2	40.4000	5	
	11	39.8333	6	

 But can we get the student's name rather than their id?

Yes

```
SELECT
  st.name AS
                 Name,
  scr.student_id AS Id,
  AVG(scr.score) AS Average,
  COUNT(scr.score) AS "# Tests"
FROM
  sampdb.score scr
INNER JOIN
  sampdb.student st
ON
  scr.student_id = st.student_id
GROUP BY
  scr.student_id
ORDER BY
  Average DESC
```

	Name	Id	Average	# Tests
\triangleright	Megan	1	48.0000	5
	Carter	27	45.7500	4
	Abby	5	42.8333	6
	Max	18	41.3333	6
	Will	17	41.2000	5
	Incenh	2	40 4000	5

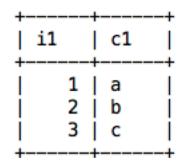
Breaking down the query

```
SELECT
                Name.
 st.name AS
 scr.student id AS Id,
 AVG(scr.score) AS Average,
 COUNT(scr.score) AS "# Tests"
FROM
 sampdb.score scr
INNER JOIN
  sampdb.student st
ON
  scr.student id = st.student id
GROUP BY
 scr.student id
ORDER BY
 Average DESC
```

- A join combines rows from different tables
- The "ON" clause specifies conditions for combining records
 - Here, records with the same student_id value are combined into a single record
 - The SELECT clause still specifies which fields are displayed from that combined record
- INNER JOIN specifies which table to join data from
 - The addition of "scr" and "st" in the specification of tables provides alias values for reference by the other clauses
 - Without these the query wouldn't know which table it should find a field in

Two Really Simple Tables

• T1



• t2

<u>-</u>	-	+	+
		c2	
+		+	+
1	2	c	- 1
İ	3	b	Ì
İ	4	a	Ì
+		+	+

Inner Join: All Rows Matched

- A simple inner join matches each row in one table with each row in the other
- So joining a 3 row table with a 3 row table produces a 9 row table
- Obviously we don't want all those rows

SELECT * FROM join_sample.t1 INNER
JOIN join_sample.t2;

i1	c1	i2	c2
1	a	2	c
2	b	2	C
3	С	2	C
1	a	3	b
2	b	3	b j
3	С	3	b j
1	a	4	a
2	b	4	a
3	С	4	a
+			·

Limiting Inner Join Results

```
i1
                                                c1
                                                      i2
                                                           c2
SELECT
FROM
  join_sample.t1
INNER JOIN
  join_sample.t2
WHERE
  join_sample.t1.i1 = join_sample.t2.i2
                                           i1
                                                c1
                                                       i2
                                                             c2
```

Left Join

 Get all rows from the "left" table, each with that row from the "right" table that matches on the specified fields

```
SELECT
  *
FROM
  join_sample.t1
LEFT JOIN
  join_sample.t2
  ON
    join_sample.t1.i1 = join_sample.t2.i2
;
```

i1	c1	i2	
1 2	a b	NULL	NULL

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