

LAB # 4: INTRODUCTION TO SQL (RETRIEVING, RESTRICTING AND SORTING)

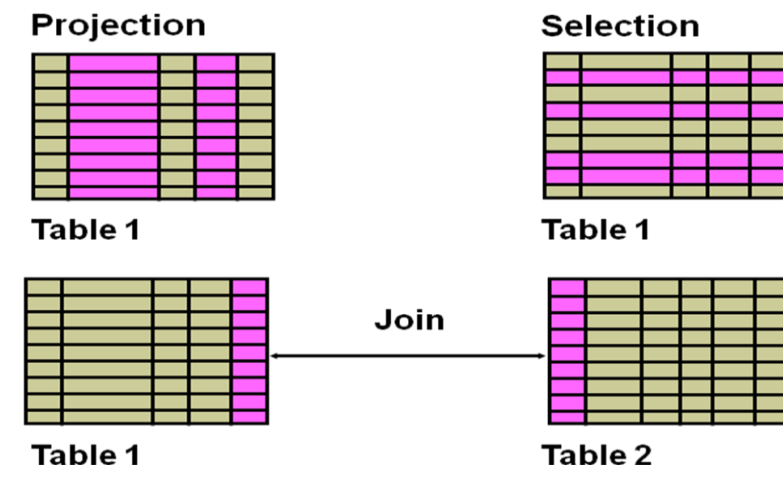
Objective:

- 1-Database Login and sample schema
- 2-Introduction to SQL (DML, DDL, DCL)
- 3-SQL sample commands and interactions
- 4-Learning and practice

Capabilities of SQL SELECT Statements

A SELECT statement retrieves information from the database. With a SELECT statement, you can use the following capabilities:

- **Projection:** Select the columns in a table that are returned by a query. Select as few or as many of the columns as required.
- **Selection:** Select the rows in a table that are returned by a query. Various criteria can be used to restrict the rows that are retrieved.
- **Joining:** Bring together data that is stored in different tables by specifying the link between them. SQL joins are covered in more detail in the lesson titled –Displaying Data from Multiple Tables. ||



Basic SELECT Statement

Syntax:

```
SELECT * | { [DISTINCT] column | expression [alias] , ... }  
FROM    table;
```

In its simplest form, a SELECT statement must include the following:

- A SELECT clause, which specifies the columns to be displayed
- A FROM clause, which identifies the table containing the columns that are listed in the SELECT clause

In the syntax:

SELECT	is a list of one or more columns
*	selects all columns
DISTINCT	suppresses duplicates
<i>column/expression</i>	selects the named column or the expression
<i>alias</i>	gives the selected columns different headings
FROM <i>table</i>	specifies the table containing the columns

Note: Throughout this course, the words *keyword*, *clause*, and *statement* are used as follows:

- A *keyword* refers to an individual SQL element. For example, SELECT and FROM are keywords.
- A *clause* is a part of a SQL statement. For example, SELECT employee_id, last_name, and so on is a clause.
- A *statement* is a combination of two or more clauses. For example, SELECT * FROM employees are a SQL statement.

Selecting All Columns

You can display all columns of data in a table by following the SELECT keyword with an asterisk (*). The department table contains four columns: DEPARTMENT_ID, DEPARTMENT_NAME, MANAGER_ID, and LOCATION_ID. The table contains eight rows, one for each department.

Example:

SELECT *
FROM departments;

Output:

	DEPARTMENT_ID	DEPARTMENT_NAME	MANAGER_ID	LOCATION_ID
1	10	Administration	200	1700
2	20	Marketing	201	1800
3	50	Shipping	124	1500
4	60	IT	103	1400
5	80	Sales	149	2500
6	90	Executive	100	1700
7	110	Accounting	205	1700
8	190	Contracting	(null)	1700

You can also display all columns in the table by listing all the columns after the SELECT keyword. For example, the following SQL statement (like the example in the slide) displays all columns and all rows of the DEPARTMENTS table:

```
SELECT department_id, department_name, manager_id, location_id  
FROM departments;
```

Selecting Specific Columns

You can use the SELECT statement to display specific columns of the table by specifying the column names, separated by commas. Above example displays all the department numbers and location numbers from the DEPARTMENTS table.

In the SELECT clause, specify the columns that you want in the order in which you want them to appear in the output. For example, to display location before department number (from left to right), you use the following statement:

Example:

```
SELECT location_id, department_id  
FROM departments;
```

Output:

	DEPARTMENT_ID	LOCATION_ID
1	10	1700
2	20	1800
3	50	1500
4	60	1400
5	80	2500
6	90	1700
7	110	1700
8	190	1700

Writing SQL Statements

By using the following simple rules and guidelines, you can construct valid statements that are both easy to read and edit:

- SQL statements are not case-sensitive (unless indicated).
- SQL statements can be entered on one or many lines.
- Keywords cannot be split across lines or abbreviated.
- Clauses are usually placed on separate lines for readability and ease of editing.
- Indents should be used to make code more readable.
- Keywords typically are entered in uppercase; all other words, such as table names and columns names are entered in lowercase.

Executing SQL Statements

In SQL*Plus, terminate the SQL statement with a semicolon, and then press [Enter] to run the command.

Arithmetic Expressions

You may need to modify the way in which data is displayed, or you may want to perform calculations, or look at what-if scenarios. All these are possible using arithmetic expressions. An arithmetic expression can contain column names, constant numeric values, and the arithmetic operators.

Arithmetic Operators

Operator	Description
+	Add
-	Subtract
*	Multiply
/	Divide

Using Arithmetic Operators

Example:

SELECT last_name, salary, salary + 300




FROM employees;

This example uses the addition operator to calculate a salary increase of \$300 for all employees. The slide also displays a SALARY+300 column in the output.

Note that the resultant calculated column, SALARY+300, is not a new column in the EMPLOYEES table; it is for display only. By default, the name of a new column comes from the calculation that generated it—in this case, salary+300.

Note: The Oracle server ignores blank spaces before and after the arithmetic operator.

Output:

	 LAST_NAME	 SALARY	 SALARY+300
1	King	24000	24300
2	Kochhar	17000	17300
3	De Haan	17000	17300
4	Hunold	9000	9300
5	Ernst	6000	6300
6	Lorentz	4200	4500
7	Mourgos	5800	6100
8	Rajs	3500	3800
9	Davies	3100	3400
10	Matos	2600	2900

...

Operator Precedence

If an arithmetic expression contains more than one operator, multiplication and division are evaluated first. If operators in an expression are of the same priority, then evaluation is done from left to right.

You can use parentheses to force the expression that is enclosed by the parentheses to be evaluated first.

Rules of Precedence:




- Multiplication and division occur before addition and subtraction.
- Operators of the same priority are evaluated from left to right.
- Parentheses are used to override the default precedence or to clarify the statement.

Example 1:

SELECT last_name, salary, 12*salary+100

FROM employees;

Output:

	 LAST_NAME	 SALARY	 12*SALARY+100
1	King	24000	288100
2	Kochhar	17000	204100
3	De Haan	17000	204100




...

Example 2:

SELECT last_name, salary, 12*(salary+100)

FROM employees;

Output:

	 LAST_NAME	 SALARY	 12*(SALARY+100)
1	King	24000	289200
2	Kochhar	17000	205200
3	De Haan	17000	205200

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The first example in the slide displays the last name, salary, and annual compensation of employees. It calculates the annual compensation by multiplying the monthly salary with 12, plus a one-time bonus of \$100. Note that multiplication is performed before addition.

Note: Use parentheses to reinforce the standard order of precedence and to improve clarity. For example, the expression in the slide can be written as (12*salary)+100 with no change in the result.

Using Parentheses

You can override the rules of precedence by using parentheses to specify the desired order in which the operators are to be executed.

The second example in the slide displays the last name, salary, and annual compensation of employees. It calculates the annual compensation as follows: adding a monthly bonus of \$100 to the monthly salary, and then multiplying that subtotal with 12. Because of the parentheses, addition takes priority over multiplication.

Defining a Null Value

If a row lacks a data value for a particular column, that value is said to be *null* or to contain a null.

Null is a value that is unavailable, unassigned, unknown, or inapplicable. Null is not the same as zero or a blank space. Zero is a number and blank space is a character.

Columns of any data type can contain nulls. However, some constraints (NOT NULL and PRIMARY KEY) prevent nulls from being used in the column.





In the COMMISSION_PCT column in the EMPLOYEES table, notice that only a sales manager or sales representative can earn a commission. Other employees are not entitled to earn commissions. A null represents that fact.

Example:

SELECT last_name, job_id, salary, commission_pct

FROM employees

Output:

	 LAST_NAME	 JOB_ID	 SALARY	 COMMISSION_PCT
1	King	AD_PRES	24000	(null)
2	Kochhar	AD_VP	17000	(null)

12	Zlotkey	SA_MAN	10500	0.2
13	Abel	SA_REP	11000	0.3
14	Taylor	SA_REP	8600	0.2

19	Higgins	AC_MGR	12000	(null)
20	Gietz	AC_ACCOUNT	8300	(null)

Null Values in Arithmetic Expressions



If any column value in an arithmetic expression is null, the result is null. For example, if you attempt to perform division by zero, you get an error. However, if you divide a number by null, the result is a null or unknown.

Example:

SELECT last_name, 12*salary*commission_pct

FROM employees;

Output:

	 LAST_NAME	 12*SALARY*COMMISSION_PCT
1	King	(null)
2	Kochhar	(null)

12	Zlotkey	25200
13	Abel	39600
14	Taylor	20640

19	Higgins	(null)
20	Gietz	(null)

In the example, employee King does not get any commission. Because the COMMISSION_PCT column in the arithmetic expression is null, the result is null.

Column Alias



When displaying the result of a query, SQL plus normally uses the name of the selected column as the column heading. This heading may not be descriptive and, therefore, may be difficult to understand. You can change a column heading by using a column alias.

Specify the alias after the column in the SELECT list using blank space as a separator. By default, alias headings appear in uppercase. If the alias contains spaces or special characters (such as # or \$), or if it is case-sensitive, enclose the alias in double quotation marks (– ||).

Example 1:

```
SELECT last_name AS name, commission_pct comm  
FROM employees;
```

Output:

	 NAME	 COMM
1	King	(null)
2	Kochhar	(null)
3	De Haan	(null)

...

Example 2:

```
SELECT last_name "Name", salary*12 "Annual Salary"  
FROM employees;
```

Output:

	 Name	 Annual Salary
1	King	288000
2	Kochhar	204000
3	De Haan	204000

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Concatenation Operator

You can link columns to other columns, arithmetic expressions, or constant values to create a character expression by using the concatenation operator (||). Columns on either side of the operator are combined to make a single output column.

Example:

```
SELECT last_name || job_id AS "Employees"  
FROM employees;
```

Output:

	A Z	Employees
1		AbelSA_REP
2		DaviesST_CLERK
3		De HaanAD_VP
4		ErnstIT_PROG
5		FayMK_REP

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In the example, LAST_NAME and JOB_ID are concatenated, and given the alias Employees. Note that the last name of the employee and the job code are combined to make a single output column.

The AS keyword before the alias name makes the SELECT clause easier to read.

Null Values with the Concatenation Operator

If you concatenate a null value with a character string, the result is a character string. LAST_NAME || NULL results in LAST_NAME.

Note: You can also concatenate date expressions with other expressions or columns.

Literal Character Strings

A literal is a character, a number, or a date that is included in the SELECT list. It is not a column name or a column alias. It is printed for each row returned. Literal strings of free-format text can be included in the query result and are treated the same as a column in the SELECT list.

Date and character literals *must* be enclosed within single quotation marks (' '); number literals need not be enclosed in a similar manner.

Example:

```
SELECT last_name || ' is a ' || job_id AS "Employee Details"  
FROM employees;
```

Output:

	A Z	Employee Details
1		Abel is a SA_REP
2		Davies is a ST_CLERK
3		De Haan is a AD_VP
4		Ernst is a IT_PROG
5		Fay is a MK_REP

...

18		Vargas is a ST_CLERK
19		Whalen is a AD_ASST
20		Zlotkey is a SA_MAN

The above example displays the last names and job codes of all employees. The column has the heading Employee Details. Note the spaces between the single quotation marks in the SELECT statement. The spaces improve the readability of the output.

Alternative Quote (q) Operator

Many SQL statements use character literals in expressions or conditions. If the literal itself contains a single quotation mark, you can use the quote (q) operator and select your own quotation mark delimiter.

You can choose any convenient delimiter, single-byte or multibyte, or any of the following character pairs: [], { }, (), or < >.

Example:

```
SELECT department_name || q'[ Department's Manager Id: ]'  
|| manager_id  
AS "Department and Manager"  
FROM departments;
```

Output:

	A Z	Department and Manager
1		Administration Department's Manager Id:200
2		Marketing Department's Manager Id:201
3		Shipping Department's Manager Id:124
4		IT Department's Manager Id:103
5		Sales Department's Manager Id:149
6		Executive Department's Manager Id:100
7		Accounting Department's Manager Id:205
8		Contracting Department's Manager Id:

In the example, the string contains a single quotation mark, which is normally interpreted as a delimiter of a character string. By using the q operator, however, brackets [] are used as the quotation mark delimiters. The string between the brackets delimiters is interpreted as a literal character string.


Duplicate Rows

The default display of queries is all rows, including duplicate rows.

Example:

```
SELECT department_id  
FROM employees;
```

Output:

	 DEPARTMENT_ID
1	90
2	90
3	90
4	60
5	60


This example displays all the department numbers from the EMPLOYEES table. Note that the department numbers are repeated.

To eliminate duplicate rows in the result, include the DISTINCT keyword in the SELECT clause immediately after the SELECT keyword.

Example:

```
SELECT DISTINCT department_id  
FROM employees;
```

Output:

	 DEPARTMENT_ID
1	(null)
2	90
3	20
4	110

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In the above example, the EMPLOYEES table actually contains 20 rows, but there are only seven unique department numbers in the table.

You can specify multiple columns after the DISTINCT qualifier. The DISTINCT qualifier affects all the selected columns, and the result is every distinct combination of the columns.

```
SELECT    DISTINCT  department_id,  
job_id  
  
FROM  
employees;
```

Displaying the Table Structure

In SQL Developer, you can display the structure of a table by using the DESCRIBE command. The command displays the column names and the data types, and it shows you whether a column *must* contain data (that is, whether the column has a NOT NULL constraint).

Syntax:

```
DESC[RIBE]  tablename
```

In the syntax, *table name* is the name of any existing table, view, or synonym that is accessible to the user.

Note: The DESCRIBE command is supported by both SQL*Plus and SQL Developer.

Example:

DESCRIBE employees

DESCRIBE employees		
Name	Null	Type

EMPLOYEE_ID	NOT NULL	NUMBER(6)
FIRST_NAME		VARCHAR2(20)
LAST_NAME	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(25)
EMAIL	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(25)
PHONE_NUMBER		VARCHAR2(20)
HIRE_DATE	NOT NULL	DATE
JOB_ID	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(10)
SALARY		NUMBER(8,2)
COMMISSION_PCT		NUMBER(2,2)
MANAGER_ID		NUMBER(6)
DEPARTMENT_ID		NUMBER(4)
11 rows selected		

The example displays information about the structure of the EMPLOYEES table using the DESCRIBE command.

In the resulting display, *Null* indicates that the values for this column may be unknown. NOT NULL indicates that a column must contain data. *Type* displays the data type for a column.

Limiting Rows Using a Selection

EMPLOYEES

	EMPLOYEE_ID	LAST_NAME	JOB_ID	DEPARTMENT_ID
1	100	King	AD_PRES	90
2	101	Kochhar	AD_VP	90
3	102	De Haan	AD_VP	90
4	103	Hunold	IT_PROG	60
5	104	Ernst	IT_PROG	60
6	107	Lorentz	IT_PROG	60

...

Assume that you want to display all the employees in department 90. The rows with a value of 90 in the DEPARTMENT_ID column are the only ones that are returned. This method of restriction is the basis of the WHERE clause in SQL.

Limiting the Rows That Are Selected

You can restrict the rows that are returned from the query by using the WHERE clause. A WHERE clause contains a condition that must be met and it directly follows the FROM clause. If the condition is true, the row meeting the condition is returned.

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```
SELECT *|{[DISTINCT] column|expression [alias],...}
FROM table
[WHERE condition(s)];
```

In the syntax:

WHERE restricts the query to rows that meet a condition

condition is composed of column names, expressions, constants, and a comparison operator. A condition specifies a combination of one or more expressions and logical (Boolean) operators, and returns a value of TRUE, FALSE, or UNKNOWN.

The WHERE clause can compare values in columns, literal, arithmetic expressions, or functions. It consists of three elements:

- Column name
- Comparison condition
- Column name, constant, or list of values

Using the WHERE Clause

Example:

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, job_id, department_id  
FROM employees  
WHERE department_id = 90 ;
```

Output:

	EMPLOYEE_ID	LAST_NAME	JOB_ID	DEPARTMENT_ID
1	100	King	AD_PRES	90
2	101	Kochhar	AD_VP	90
3	102	De Haan	AD_VP	90

In this example, the SELECT statement retrieves the employee ID, last name, job ID, and department number of all employees who are in department 90.

Character Strings and Dates

Character strings and dates in the WHERE clause must be enclosed with single quotation marks ('). Number constants, however, should not be enclosed with single quotation marks.

All character searches are case-sensitive. In the following example, no rows are returned because the EMPLOYEES table stores all the last names in mixed case:

Example:

```
SELECT last_name, job_id, department_id  
FROM employees  
WHERE last_name = 'WHALEN';
```

Oracle databases store dates in an internal numeric format, representing the century, year, month, day, hours, minutes, and seconds. The default date display is in the DD-MON-RR format.

Comparison Operators

Comparison operators are used in conditions that compare one expression to another value or expression. They are used in the WHERE clause in the following format:

Syntax

```
... WHERE expr operator value
```

Operator	Meaning
=	Equal to
>	Greater than
>=	Greater than or equal to
<	Less than
<=	Less than or equal to
<>	Not equal to
BETWEEN ...AND...	Between two values (inclusive)
IN (set)	Match any of a list of values
LIKE	Match a character pattern
IS NULL	Is a null value

Example

```
... WHERE hire_date = '01-JAN-95'
```

```
... WHERE salary >= 6000
```

```
... WHERE last_name = 'Smith'
```

An alias cannot be used in the WHERE clause.



Note: The symbols != and ^= can also represent the *not equal to* condition.

Using Comparison Operators

Example:

```
SELECT last_name, salary  
FROM employees  
WHERE salary <= 3000 ;
```

Output:

	 LAST_NAME	 SALARY
1	Matos	2600
2	Vargas	2500

In this example, the SELECT statement retrieves the last name and salary from the EMPLOYEES table for any employee whose salary is less than or equal to \$3,000. Note that there is an explicit value supplied to the WHERE clause. The explicit value of 3000 is compared to the salary value in the SALARY column of the EMPLOYEES table.



Range Conditions Using the BETWEEN Operator

You can display rows based on a range of values using the BETWEEN operator. The range that you specify contains a lower limit and an upper limit.

Example:

```
SELECT last_name, salary  
FROM employees  
WHERE salary BETWEEN 2500 AND 3500 ;
```

Output:

	 LAST_NAME	 SALARY
1	Rajs	3500
2	Davies	3100
3	Matos	2600
4	Vargas	2500

The SELECT statement in the above example returns rows from the EMPLOYEES table for any employee whose salary is between \$2,500 and \$3,500.

Values that are specified with the BETWEEN operator are inclusive. However, you must specify the lower limit first.





Membership Condition Using the IN Operator

To test for values in a specified set of values, use the IN operator. The condition defined using the IN operator is also known as the *membership condition*.

Example:

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, salary, manager_id
FROM employees
WHERE manager_id IN (100, 101, 201);
```

Output:

		EMPLOYEE_ID		LAST_NAME		SALARY		MANAGER_ID
1		101		Kochhar		17000		100
2		102		De Haan		17000		100
3		124		Mourgos		5800		100
4		149		Zlotkey		10500		100
5		201		Hartstein		13000		100
6		200		Whalen		4400		101
7		205		Higgins		12000		101
8		202		Fay		6000		201

The example displays employee numbers, last names, salaries, and managers' employee numbers for all the employees whose manager's employee number is 100, 101, or 201.

The IN operator can be used with any data type. The following example returns a row from the EMPLOYEES table, for any employee whose last name is included in the list of names in the WHERE clause:

```
SELECT employee_id, manager_id, department_id
FROM employees
WHERE last_name IN ('Hartstein', 'Vargas');
```

If characters or dates are used in the list, they must be enclosed with single quotation marks (').

Note: The IN operator is internally evaluated by the Oracle server as a set of OR conditions, such as a=value1 or a=value2 or a=value3. Therefore, using the IN operator has no performance benefits and is used only for logical simplicity.

Pattern Matching Using the LIKE Operator

You may not always know the exact value to search for. You can select rows that match a character pattern by using the LIKE operator. The character pattern-matching operation is referred to as a *wildcard* search.

Search conditions can contain either literal characters or numbers:

- % denotes zero or many characters.
- _ denotes one character.

Example:

```
SELECT first_name  
FROM employees  
WHERE first_name LIKE 'S%';
```

The SELECT statement in the example returns the first name from the EMPLOYEES table for any employee whose first name begins with the letter –S. Note the uppercase –S. Consequently, names beginning with a lowercase –s are not returned.

The LIKE operator can be used as a shortcut for some BETWEEN comparisons. The following example displays the last names and hire dates of all employees who joined between January, 1995 and December, 1995:

```
SELECT last_name, hire_date  
FROM employees  
WHERE hire_date LIKE '%95';
```

Combining Wildcard Characters

The % and _ symbols can be used in any combination with literal characters.

Example:

```
SELECT last_name  
FROM employees  
WHERE last_name LIKE '_o%';
```

Output:

	LAST_NAME
1	Kochhar
2	Lorentz
3	Mourgos

The above example displays the names of all employees whose last names have the letter –o as the second character.

ESCAPE Identifier

When you need to have an exact match for the actual % and _ characters, use the ESCAPE identifier. This option specifies what the escape character is. If you want to search for strings that contain SA_, you can use the following SQL statement:

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, job_id  
FROM employees WHERE job_id LIKE '%SA\_%' ESCAPE '\';
```

The ESCAPE identifier identifies the backslash (\) as the escape character. In the SQL statement, the escape character precedes the underscore (_). This causes the Oracle server to interpret the underscore literally.

Using the NULL Conditions

The NULL conditions include the IS NULL condition and the IS NOT NULL condition.

The IS NULL condition tests for nulls. A null value means that the value is unavailable, unassigned, unknown, or inapplicable. Therefore, you cannot test with =, because a null cannot be equal or unequal to any value.

Example:

```
SELECT last_name, manager_id  
FROM employees  
WHERE manager_id IS NULL;
```

Output:

	LAST_NAME	MANAGER_ID
1	King	(null)

The above example retrieves the last names and managers of all employees who do not have a manager.

Here is another example: To display the last name, job ID, and commission for all employees who are *not* entitled to receive a commission, use the following SQL statement:

Example:

```
SELECT last_name, job_id, commission_pct  
FROM employees  
WHERE commission_pct IS NULL;
```

Defining Conditions Using the Logical Operators

A logical condition combines the result of two component conditions to produce a single result based on those conditions or it inverts the result of a single condition. A row is returned only if the overall result of the condition is true.

Three logical operators are available in SQL:

- AND
- OR
- NOT

All the examples so far have specified only one condition in the WHERE clause. You can use several conditions in a single WHERE clause using the AND and OR operators.

Operator	Meaning
AND	Returns TRUE if <i>both</i> component conditions are true
OR	Returns TRUE if <i>either</i> component condition is true
NOT	Returns TRUE if the condition is false

Using the AND Operator

AND operator requires both the component conditions to be true.

Example:

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, job_id, salary
FROM employees
WHERE salary >= 10000
AND job_id LIKE '%MAN%';
```

Output:

	EMPLOYEE_ID	LAST_NAME	JOB_ID	SALARY
1	149	Zlotkey	SA_MAN	10500
2	201	Hartstein	MK_MAN	13000

In the example, both the component conditions must be true for any record to be selected. Therefore, only those employees who have a job title that contains the string `'_MAN'` *and* earn \$10,000 or more are selected.

All character searches are case-sensitive, that is no rows are returned if `'_MAN'` is not uppercase. Further, character strings must be enclosed with quotation marks.





Using the OR Operator

OR operator requires either component condition to be true.

Example:

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, job_id, salary
FROM employees
WHERE salary >= 10000
OR job_id LIKE '%MAN%';
```

Output:

	 EMPLOYEE_ID	 LAST_NAME	 JOB_ID	 SALARY
1	100	King	AD_PRES	24000
2	101	Kochhar	AD_VP	17000
3	102	De Haan	AD_VP	17000
4	124	Mourgos	ST_MAN	5800
5	149	Zlotkey	SA_MAN	10500
6	174	Abel	SA_REP	11000
7	201	Hartstein	MK_MAN	13000
8	205	Higgins	AC_MGR	12000

In the example, either component condition can be true for any record to be selected. Therefore, any employee who has a job ID that contains the string `_MAN` or earns \$10,000 or more is selected.

Using the NOT Operator

Example:

```
SELECT last_name, job_id  
FROM employees  
WHERE job_id  
      NOT IN ('IT_PROG', 'ST_CLERK', 'SA_REP');
```

Output:

	 LAST_NAME	 JOB_ID
1	De Haan	AD_VP
2	Fay	MK_REP
3	Gietz	AC_ACCOUNT
4	Hartstein	MK_MAN
5	Higgins	AC_MGR
6	King	AD_PRES
7	Kochhar	AD_VP
8	Mourgos	ST_MAN
9	Whalen	AD_ASST
10	Zlotkey	SA_MAN

Rules of Precedence

The rules of precedence determine the order in which expressions are evaluated and calculated. The following table lists the default order of precedence. However, you can




override the default order by using parentheses around the expressions that you want to calculate first.

Operator	Meaning
1	Arithmetic operators
2	Concatenation operator
3	Comparison conditions
4	IS [NOT] NULL, LIKE, [NOT] IN
5	[NOT] BETWEEN
6	Not equal to
7	NOT logical condition
8	AND logical condition
9	OR logical condition

Example 1:

```
SELECT last_name, job_id, salary  
FROM employees  
WHERE job_id = 'SA_REP'  
OR job_id = 'AD_PRES'  
AND salary > 15000;
```

Output:

	 LAST_NAME	 JOB_ID	 SALARY
1	King	AD_PRES	24000
2	Abel	SA_REP	11000
3	Taylor	SA_REP	8600
4	Grant	SA_REP	7000

In this example, there are two conditions:

- The first condition is that the job ID is AD_PRES *and* the salary is greater than \$15,000.
- The second condition is that the job ID is SA_REP.

Therefore, the SELECT statement reads as follows:

-Select the row if an employee is a president *and* earns more than \$15,000, *or* if the employee is a sales representative.||

Example 2:

SELECT last_name, job_id, salary

FROM employees

WHERE (job_id = 'SA_REP'

OR job_id = 'AD_PRES')

AND salary > 15000;

Output:

	 LAST_NAME	 JOB_ID	 SALARY
1	King	AD_PRES	24000

In this example, there are two conditions:

- The first condition is that the job ID is AD_PRES *or* SA_REP.
- The second condition is that the salary is greater than \$15,000.

Therefore, the SELECT statement reads as follows:

-Select the row if an employee is a president *or* a sales representative, *and* if the employee earns more than \$15,000.||

Sorting rows using the ORDER BY clause

The order of rows that are returned in a query result is undefined. The ORDER BY clause can be used to sort the rows. However, if you use the ORDER BY clause, it must be the last clause of the SQL statement. Further, you can specify an expression, an alias, or a column position as the sort condition.

Syntax

```
SELECT          expr
FROM            table
[WHERE         condition(s)]
[ORDER BY {column, expr, numeric_position} [ASC|DESC]];
```

In the syntax:

ORDER BY	specifies the order in which the retrieved rows are displayed
ASC	orders the rows in ascending order (this is the default order)
DESC	orders the rows in descending order

If the ORDER BY clause is not used, the sort order is undefined, and the Oracle server may not fetch rows in the same order for the same query twice. Use the ORDER BY clause to display the rows in a specific order.

Note: Use the keywords NULLS FIRST or NULLS LAST to specify whether returned rows containing null values should appear first or last in the ordering sequence.

Example:

```
SELECT last_name, job_id, department_id, hire_date  
FROM employees  
ORDER BY hire_date ;
```

Output:

	LAST_NAME	JOB_ID	DEPARTMENT_ID	HIRE_DATE
1	King	AD_PRES	90	17-JUN-87
2	Whalen	AD_ASST	10	17-SEP-87
3	Kochhar	AD_VP	90	21-SEP-89
4	Hunold	IT_PROG	60	03-JAN-90
5	Ernst	IT_PROG	60	21-MAY-91
6	De Haan	AD_VP	90	13-JAN-93

...

Sorting in descending order:

Example:

```
SELECT last_name, job_id, department_id, hire_date  
FROM employees  
ORDER BY hire_date DESC ;
```

To reverse the order in which the rows are displayed, specify the DESC keyword after the column name in the ORDER BY clause. The slide example sorts the result by the most recently hired employee.

Sorting by column alias:

Example:

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, salary*12 annsal  
FROM employees  
ORDER BY annsal;
```


You can also use a column alias in the ORDER BY clause. The above example sorts the data by annual salary.

Sorting by using the column's numeric position:

Example:

```
SELECT last_name, job_id, department_id, hire_date  
FROM employees  
ORDER BY 3;
```

You can sort query results by specifying the numeric position of the column in the SELECT clause. The example sorts the result by the department_id as this column is at the third position in the SELECT clause.

Sorting by multiple columns:

Example:

```
SELECT last_name, department_id, salary  
FROM employees  
ORDER BY department_id, salary DESC;
```

You can sort query results by more than one column. The sort limit is the number of columns in the given table. In the ORDER BY clause, specify the columns and separate the column names using commas. If you want to reverse the order of a column, specify DESC after its name

Lab Task:

1. The HR department has requested a report of all employees and their job IDs. Display the last name concatenated with the job ID (separated by a comma and space) and name the column Employee and Title.
2. To familiarize yourself with the data in the EMPLOYEES table, create a query to display all the data from that table. Separate each column output by a comma. Name the column title THE_OUTPUT.
3. Because of budget issues, the HR department needs a report that displays the last name and salary of employees who earn more than \$12,000.
4. Create a report that displays the last name and department number for employee number 176. Run the query.
5. Create a report to display the last name, job ID, and hire date for employees with the last names of Matos and Taylor. Order the query in ascending order by the hire date.
6. Display the last name and department ID of all employees in departments 20 or 50 in ascending alphabetical order by name.
7. The HR department needs a report that displays the last name and hire date for all employees who were hired in 1994.
8. Create a report to display the last name and job title of all employees who do not have a manager.
9. Create a report to display the last name, salary, and commission of all employees who earn commissions. Sort data in descending order of salary and commissions. Use the column's numeric position in the ORDER BY clause.

Evaluation:

Your Lab Work grade will depend on your active participation, individual efforts in solving Lab Problem and Seriousness during the lab.

Write a report that contains the following points:

Which methods are adopted using SQL?

Give alternate SQL for different logic or clauses.

Within the scope of this lecture, do you have any query which is not covered?