

# Practical Exam: Hotel Operations

LuxurStay Hotels is a major, international chain of hotels. They offer hotels for both business and leisure travellers in major cities across the world. The chain prides themselves on the level of customer service that they offer.

However, the management has been receiving complaints about slow room service in some hotel branches. As these complaints are impacting the customer satisfaction rates, it has become a serious issue. Recent data shows that customer satisfaction has dropped from the 4.5 rating that they expect.

You are working with the Head of Operations to identify possible causes and hotel branches with the worst problems.

## Data

The following schema diagram shows the tables available. You have only been provided with data where customers provided a feedback rating.

## Task 1

Before you can start any analysis, you need to confirm that the data is accurate and reflects what you expect to see.

It is known that there are some issues with the `branch` table, and the data team have provided the following data description.

Write a query to return data matching this description. You must match all column names and description criteria.

Column Name	Criteria
id	Nominal. The unique identifier of the hotel. Missing values are not possible due to the database structure.
location	Nominal. The location of the particular hotel. One of four possible values, 'EMEA', 'NA', 'LATAM' and 'APAC'. Missing values should be replaced with "Unknown".
total_rooms	Discrete. The total number of rooms in the hotel. Must be a positive integer between 1 and 400. Missing values should be replaced with the default number of rooms, 100.
staff_count	Discrete. The number of staff employeeed in the hotel service department. Missing values should be replaced with the total_rooms multiplied by 1.5.
opening_date	Discrete. The year in which the hotel opened. This can be any value between 2000 and 2023. Missing values should be replaced with 2023.
target_guests	Nominal. The primary type of guest that is expected to use the hotel. Can be one of 'Leisure' or 'Business'. Missing values should be replaced with 'Leisure'.

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SELECT
  id,
  COALESCE(location, 'Unknown') AS location,
  CASE
    WHEN total_rooms BETWEEN 1 AND 400 THEN total_rooms
    ELSE 100
  END AS total_rooms,
  CASE
    WHEN staff_count IS NOT NULL THEN staff_count
    ELSE total_rooms * 1.5
  END AS staff_count,
  CASE
    WHEN opening_date = '-' THEN '2023'
    WHEN opening_date BETWEEN '2000' AND '2023' THEN opening_date
    ELSE '2023'
  END AS opening_date,
  CASE
    WHEN target_guests IS NULL THEN 'Leisure'
    WHEN LOWER(target_guests) LIKE 'b%' THEN 'Business'
    ELSE target_guests
  END AS target_guests
FROM
  branch;
```

index	...	↑↓	id	...	↑↓	location	...	↑↓	total_rooms	...	↑↓	staff_count	...	↑↓	opening_date	...	↑↓	target_guests
		0			1	LATAM					168			178			2017	Business
		1			2	APAC					154			82			2010	Leisure
		2			3	APAC					212			467			2003	Leisure
		3			4	APAC					230			387			2023	Business
		4			5	APAC					292			293			2002	Business
		5			6	NA					260			590			2022	Leisure
		6			7	EMEA					259			442			2018	Business
		7			8	NA					259			285			2023	Business
		8			9	NA					157			274			2001	Business
		9			10	EMEA					205			138			2013	Leisure
		10			11	EMEA					191			255			2005	Business
		11			12	NA					177			248			2012	Business
		12			13	EMEA					126			255			2010	Leisure
		13			14	EMEA					366			703			2000	Business
		14			15	APAC					365			688			2002	Business
		15			16	LATAM					228			274			2021	Business

Rows: 100

## Task 2

The Head of Operations wants to know whether there is a difference in time taken to respond to a customer request in each hotel. They already know that different services take different lengths of time.

Calculate the average and maximum duration for each branch and service. Your output should include the columns `service_id`, `branch_id`, `avg_time_taken` and `max_time_taken`. Values should be rounded to two decimal places where appropriate.

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-- Write your query for task 2 in this cell
SELECT service_id,
branch_id,
ROUND(AVG(time_taken),2) AS avg_time_taken,
ROUND(MAX(time_taken),2) AS max_time_taken
FROM request
GROUP BY service_id, branch_id;
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	0			2			46			13.09			16
	1			4			99			9.13			13
	2			1			8			2.56			10
	3			2			13			13.53			17
	4			1			46			2.08			4
	5			3			15			6.73			7
	6			2			35			13.17			16
	7			1			1			2.44			12
	8			3			13			6.8			8
	9			1			57			2.29			5
	10			1			41			2.27			8
	11			2			32			13.23			19
	12			4			66			9			10
	13			1			23			2.46			9
	14			3			22			7.15			9
	15			3			57			7.81			13

Rows: 385

## Task 3

The management team want to target improvements in `Meal` and `Laundry` service in Europe ( `EMEA` ) and Latin America ( `LATAM` ).

Write a query to return the `description` of the service, the `id` and `location` of the branch, the id of the request as `request_id` and the `rating` for the services and locations of interest to the management team.

Use the original branch table, not the output of task 1.

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```
-- Write your query for task 3 in this cell
SELECT
    s.description,
    b.id AS branch_id,
    b.location,
    r.id AS request_id,
    r.rating
FROM request AS r
JOIN service AS s
    ON s.id = r.service_id
JOIN branch as b
    ON b.id = r.branch_id
WHERE
    description IN ('Meal', 'Laundry') AND
    location IN ('EMEA', 'LATAM');
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...	↑↓	des...	...	↑↓	b	...	↑↓	...	↑↓	r...	...	↑↓	...	↑↓
0		Laundry				63		EMEA			3		4	
1		Laundry				69		LATAM			6		5	
2		Meal				44		EMEA			18		4	
3		Laundry				57		LATAM			19		3	
4		Meal				1		LATAM			21		4	
5		Meal				26		LATAM			26		5	
6		Laundry				34		EMEA			27		4	
7		Laundry				60		LATAM			35		4	
8		Meal				21		EMEA			37		4	
9		Meal				1		LATAM			38		4	
10		Meal				26		LATAM			41		5	
11		Laundry				30		EMEA			44		5	
12		Meal				21		EMEA			51		4	
13		Laundry				69		LATAM			55		5	
14		Meal				70		LATAM			63		4	
15		Meal				23		EMEA			66		5	

Rows: 5,047



# Task 4

So that you can take a more detailed look at the lowest performing hotels, you want to get service and branch information where the average rating for the branch and service combination is lower than 4.5 - the target set by management.

Your query should return the `service_id` and `branch_id` , and the average rating ( `avg_rating` ), rounded to 2 decimal places.

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-- Write your query for task 4 in this cell
SELECT
    service_id,
    branch_id,
    ROUND(AVG(rating),2) as avg_rating
FROM request
GROUP BY service_id, branch_id
HAVING AVG(rating) < 4.5;
```

...	↑↓	s...	...	↑↓	b	...	↑↓	a...	...	↑↓
0				2		46		3.78		
1				4		99		3.83		
2				1		8		3.64		
3				1		46		3.81		
4				3		15		4		
5				2		35		3.76		
6				1		1		3.66		
7				1		57		3.64		
8				1		41		3.77		