

Summary – Day 12

SQL

User Defined Functions:

- Functions are blocks of codes to perform specific tasks and return the result. However, it is not mandatory for a function return anything and also a function is not limited to performing one task only. User defined functions are basic building blocks of a program and can be found in the basic structure of C program.
- Functions can be classified into two categories, namely, system-defined functions and user-defined functions. The functions which are developed by user at the time of writing a program are called user defined functions. Thus, user defined functions are functions developed by user.

Syntax:

```
DELIMITER $$  
  
CREATE FUNCTION Function_Name(  
    Parameter_1 DataType,  
    Parameter_2 DataType,  
    Parameter_n DataType,  
)  
RETURNS Return_Datatype  
[NOT] DETERMINISTIC  
BEGIN  
    Function Body  
    Return Return_Value  
END $$  
  
DELIMITER ;
```

- In this syntax:
 - First, specify the name of the stored function that you want to create after `CREATE FUNCTION` keywords.
 - Second, list all parameters of the stored function inside the parentheses followed by the function name. By default, all parameters are the `IN` parameters. You cannot specify `IN` , `OUT` or `INOUT` modifiers to parameters.
 - Third, specify the data type of the return value in the `RETURNS` statement, which can be any valid MySQL data types.
 - Fourth, specify if a function is deterministic or not using the `DETERMINISTIC` keyword.
 - A deterministic function always returns the same result for the same input parameters whereas a non-deterministic function returns different results for the same input parameters.
 - If you don't use `DETERMINISTIC` or `NOT DETERMINISTIC`, MySQL uses the `NOT DETERMINISTIC` option by default.
 - Fifth, write the code in the body of the stored function in the `BEGIN END` block. Inside the body section, you need to specify at least one `RETURN` statement. The `RETURN` statement returns a value to the calling programs. Whenever the `RETURN` statement is reached, the execution of the stored function is terminated immediately.

Window Functions:

- Window functions in MySQL help to solve a query problem. The operation is performed on a set of query rows while keeping the number of rows intact.
- The window functions allow you to solve query problems in new, easier ways and with better performance.
- Aggregate functions summarize the data from multiple rows into a single result row, but window functions, which also operate on a subset of rows, do not reduce the number of rows returned by the query.

Syntax:

window_function (expression) OVER ([partition_definition] [order_definition])

Where

- window_funtion -the name of the window function
- expression – field on which function is performed
- partition_definition – constraint for partition
- order_definition – order of result set

Types:

ROW_NUMBER(): Used to insert the row numbers.

RANK(): Provides every row with rank but it is not always a consecutive number like Row_number()

DENSE_RANK(): Will assign consecutive rank numbers for each group.

PERCENT_RANK(): Calculates the percentile of a row within the small result set and will return a value ranging from 0 to 1 for every row.

CUME_DIST(): Returns a value that represents the number of rows with values less than or equal to (<=)the current row's value divided by the total number of rows.

NTILE(): Helps to split the result set rows into a specified number of groups based upon the partition_by and order_by clauses provided.

LAG(): Returns the value to the previous rows in a sorted and partitioned result set.

LEAD(): Will return the values ahead, in the partitioned and sorted result set.

FIRST_VALUE(): Returns the first row among a partitioned sorted result set.

LAST_VALUE(): Returns the last row among a partitioned sorted result set.

NTH VALUE(): Returns the Nth row among a partitioned sorted result set.