



systems

CALCULATIONS, AGGREGATIONS, GROUPING & ORDERING IN QUERIES SQL

202 – Introduction to Database Systems
Week 3 / Day 3

LEARNING OBJECTIVES & AGENDA

Learning Objectives:

- Calculating Derived Attributes
- Use aggregate functions.
- Use GROUP BY clause to group data.
- Use ORDER BY clause to arrange data in ascending / descending order.

Agenda / Sub-Topics:

- Derived Attributes.
- Aggregate Functions.
- GROUP BY Clause.
- ORDER BY Clause.

DERIVED ATTRIBUTES

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- Attributes that can readily be computed using other attributes and need not be stored.
 - E.g. Percentage marks can be calculated using obtained marks.
 - E.g. Sales tax amount can be calculated using the sales amount.
- Attributes that are computed on the run are known as ‘derived attributes’.

DERIVED ATTRIBUTES

- `SELECT mids + finals AS 'total_marks'`
`FROM student_marks;`
- `SELECT 0.175 * price * quantity AS`
`'sales_tax'`
`FROM sales;`

AGGREGATE FUNCTIONS

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- Aggregate functions allow us to obtain single statistical metrics against a given collection of tuples for a given field.
- List of Aggregate Functions:
 - COUNT()
 - SUM()
 - AVG()
 - MIN()
 - MAX()

AGGREGATE FUNCTIONS

- **SELECT**

```
COUNT(roll_no) AS 'total_students',  
MIN(marks) AS 'minimum_marks',  
MAX(marks) AS 'maximum_marks',  
AVG(marks) AS 'average_marks'  
FROM student_marks;
```


GROUP BY CLAUSE

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- **GROUP BY** used to obtain category-wise aggregates.
- Always accompanied by an aggregate function.
 - If we are viewing grouped data, how do we decide which tuple to show?
 - We need an aggregate function to determine a finite quantity to represent against each category collection.
- **HAVING** used to apply conditions on the category-wise aggregates.

GROUP BY CLAUSE – EXAMPLE

- **SELECT**

COUNT(roll_no) **AS** 'total_students',

MIN(marks) **AS** 'minimum_marks',

MAX(marks) **AS** 'maximum_marks',

AVG(marks) **AS** 'average_marks'

FROM student_marks

WHERE batch = 2022

GROUP BY department;

HAVING total_students < 50;

GROUP BY CLAUSE – EXAMPLE

EXPLANATION

- **WHERE** ensures only students of batch 2022 are filtered and included before grouping / categorization takes place.
- **GROUP BY** collects students against their departments. This means there will be a department on one side, and a collection of student tuples with matching departments on the other side.
 - In order to select a finite value to show against each department, we will use an aggregator.

GROUP BY CLAUSE – EXAMPLE

EXPLANATION

- **HAVING** used to filter out groups whose total students are greater than 50.
 - This is different from the **WHERE** clause because the where clause applied filters on the student tuples to choose which tuples should be included in the grouping.
 - **HAVING** applies filters on the aggregates that are computed against each group / category, and not on the individual tuples themselves.

ORDER BY CLAUSE

ORDERING RESULTS

- Data is stored on a first come first serve basis.
- Data is appended to the bottom of the table as it is comes.
- Tuples are not ordered in any particular way.
- We can order tuples using the **ORDER BY** clause.
 - The default ordering of the **ORDER BY** clause sorts the field in **ASC** order.
 - This can be changed to descending order too by using the keyword **DESC**.

ORDER BY CLAUSE

- **SELECT**

COUNT(roll_no) **AS** 'total_students',

MIN(marks) **AS** 'minimum_marks',

MAX(marks) **AS** 'maximum_marks',

AVG(marks) **AS** 'average_marks'

FROM *student_marks*

WHERE *batch* = 2022

GROUP BY *department*

ORDER BY *total_students* **DESC**;