

EXERCISE-4

Writing Basic SQL SELECT Statements

OBJECTIVES

After the completion of this exercise, the students will be able to do the following:

- List the capabilities of SQL SELECT Statement
- Execute a basic SELECT statement

Capabilities of SQL SELECT statement

A SELECT statement retrieves information from the database. Using a select statement, we can perform

- ✓ Projection: To choose the columns in a table
- ✓ Selection: To choose the rows in a table
- ✓ Joining: To bring together the data that is stored in different tables

Basic SELECT Statement

Syntax

```
SELECT *|DISTINCT Column_name| alias  
FROM table_name;
```

NOTE:

DISTINCT—Suppr
ess the duplicates.

Alias—gives selected columns different headings.

Example: 1

```
SELECT * FROM departments;
```

Example: 2

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

Writing SQL Statements

- SQL statements are not case sensitive
- SQL statements can be on one or more lines.
- Keywords cannot be abbreviated or split across lines
- Clauses are usually placed on separate lines
- Indents are used to enhance readability

Using Arithmetic Expressions

Basic Arithmetic operators like *, /, +, - can be used

Example:1

```
SELECT last_name, salary, salary+300 FROM employees;
```

Example:2

```
SELECT last_name, salary, 12*salary+100 FROM employees;
```

The statement is not same as

```
SELECT last_name, salary, 12*(salary+100) FROM employees;
```


Example:3

```
SELECT last_name, job_id, salary, commission_pct FROM employees;
```

Example:4

```
SELECT last_name, job_id, salary, 12*salary*commission_pct FROM employees;
```

Using Column Alias

- To rename a column heading with or without AS keyword.

Example:1

```
SELECT last_name AS Name  
FROM employees;
```

Example: 2

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

Concatenation Operator

- Concatenates columns or character strings to other columns
- Represented by two vertical bars (||)
- Creates a resultant column that is a character expression

Example:

```
SELECT last_name||job_id AS "EMPLOYEES JOB" FROM employees;
```

Using Literal Character String

- A literal is a character, a number, or a date included in the SELECT list.
- Date and character literal values must be enclosed within single quotation marks.

Example:

```
SELECT last_name||'is a'||job_id AS "EMPLOYEES JOB" FROM employees;
```

Eliminating Duplicate Rows

- Using DISTINCT keyword.

Example:

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

Displaying Table Structure

- Using DESC keyword.

Syntax

```
DESC table_name;
```

Example:

```
DESC employees;
```

Find the Solution for the following:

True OR False

1. The following statement executes successfully.

Identify the Errors

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name  
sal*12 ANNUAL SALARY
```


FROM employees;

Queries

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

2. Show the structure of departments the table. Select all the data from it.

```
DESC departments;
```

```
SELECT * FROM departments;
```

3. Create a query to display the last name, job code, hire date, and employee number for each employee, with employee number appearing first.

```
SELECT employee-id, last_name, job-id, hire-date from  
employees;
```

4. Provide an alias STARTDATE for the hire date.

```
SELECT hire-date AS STARTDATE from employee;
```

5. Create a query to display unique job codes from the employee table.

```
SELECT distinct job-id from employees;
```

6. Display the last name concatenated with the job ID, separated by a comma and space, and name the column EMPLOYEE and TITLE.

```
SELECT CONCAT_WS(' ', l_name, job-code) as "EMPLOYEE AND  
TITLE" from employees;
```

7. Create a query to display all the data from the employees table. Separate each column by a comma. Name the column THE_OUTPUT.

```
SELECT CONCAT_WS(' ', employee-number, f-name, last-name,  
job-code, hire-date) AS THE_OUTPUT FROM employee;
```


Evaluation Procedure	Marks awarded
Query(5)	5
Execution (5)	5
Viva(5)	5
Total (15)	15
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