Aggregating Data Using Group Functions

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Schedule: Timing Topic
35 minutes Lecture

40 minutes Practice

75 minutes Total

Objectives

After completing this lesson, you should be able to do the following:

- Identify the available group functions
- Describe the use of group functions
- Group data using the GROUP BY clause
- Include or exclude grouped rows by using the HAVING clause

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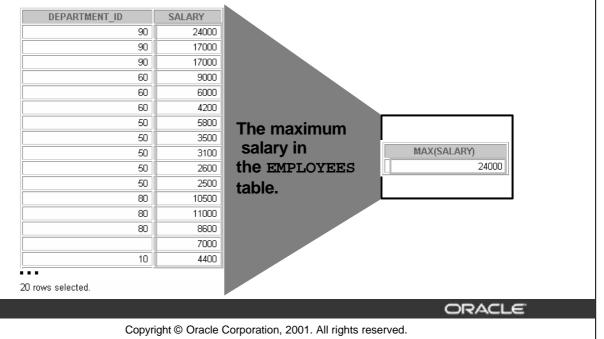
Lesson Aim

This lesson further addresses functions. It focuses on obtaining summary information, such as averages, for groups of rows. It discusses how to group rows in a table into smaller sets and how to specify search criteria for groups of rows.

What Are Group Functions?

Group functions operate on sets of rows to give one result per group.





Group Functions

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Unlike single-row functions, group functions operate on sets of rows to give one result per group. These sets may be the whole table or the table split into groups.

Types of Group Functions

- AVG
- COUNT
- MAX
- MIN
- STDDEV
- SUM
- VARIANCE

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Group Functions (continued)

Each of the functions accepts an argument. The following table identifies the options that you can use in the syntax:

Function	Description
AVG([DISTINCT ALL]n)	Average value of n, ignoring null values
COUNT({* [DISTINCT ALL]expr})	Number of rows, where <i>expr</i> evaluates to something other than null (count all selected rows using *, including duplicates and rows with nulls)
MAX([DISTINCT ALL]expr)	Maximum value of expr, ignoring null values
MIN([DISTINCT ALL]expr)	Minimum value of expr, ignoring null values
STDDEV([DISTINCT ALL]x)	Standard deviation of n, ignoring null values
SUM([DISTINCT ALL]n)	Sum values of n, ignoring null values
VARIANCE([DISTINCT ALL]x)	Variance of <i>n</i> , ignoring null values

Group Functions Syntax

```
SELECT [column,] group_function(column), ...

FROM table
[WHERE condition]
[GROUP BY column]
[ORDER BY column];
```

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Guidelines for Using Group Functions

- DISTINCT makes the function consider only nonduplicate values; ALL makes it consider
 every value including duplicates. The default is ALL and therefore does not need to be
 specified.
- The data types for the functions with an expr argument may be CHAR, VARCHAR2, NUMBER, or DATE.
- All group functions ignore null values. To substitute a value for null values, use the NVL, NVL2, or COALESCE functions.
- The Oracle server implicitly sorts the result set in ascending order when using a GROUP BY clause. To override this default ordering, DESC can be used in an ORDER BY clause.

Instructor Note

Stress the use of DISTINCT and group functions ignoring null values. ALL is the default and is very rarely specified.

Using the AVG and SUM Functions

You can use AVG and SUM for numeric data.

```
SELECT AVG(salary), MAX(salary),
MIN(salary), SUM(salary)

FROM employees
WHERE job_id LIKE '%REP%';
```

AVG(SALARY)	MAX(SALARY)	MIN(SALARY)	SUM(SALARY)
8150	11000	6000	32600

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Group Functions

You can use AVG, SUM, MIN, and MAX functions against columns that can store numeric data. The example on the slide displays the average, highest, lowest, and sum of monthly salaries for all sales representatives.

Using the MIN and MAX Functions

You can use MIN and MAX for any data type.

MIN(HIRE_	MAX(HIRE_
17-JUN-87	29-JAN-00

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Group Functions (continued)

You can use the MAX and MIN functions for any data type. The slide example displays the most junior and most senior employee.

The following example displays the employee last name that is first and the employee last name that is the last in an alphabetized list of all employees.

```
SELECT MIN(last_name), MAX(last_name)
FROM employees;
```

MIN(LAST_NAME)	MAX(LAST_NAME)
Abel	Zlotkey

 $\textbf{Note:} \ \, \textbf{AVG}, \, \textbf{SUM}, \, \textbf{VARIANCE}, \, \textbf{and} \, \, \textbf{STDDEV} \, \, \textbf{functions} \, \, \textbf{can} \, \, \textbf{be} \, \, \textbf{used} \, \, \textbf{only} \, \, \textbf{with} \, \, \textbf{numeric} \, \, \textbf{data} \, \, \textbf{types}.$

Using the COUNT Function

COUNT(*) returns the number of rows in a table.

```
SELECT COUNT(*)

FROM employees

WHERE department_id = 50;
```

COUNT(*)
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The COUNT Function

The COUNT function has three formats:

- COUNT(*)
- COUNT(expr)
- COUNT(DISTINCT expr)

COUNT(*) returns the number of rows in a table that satisfy the criteria of the SELECT statement, including duplicate rows and rows containing null values in any of the columns. If a WHERE clause is included in the SELECT statement, COUNT(*) returns the number of rows that satisfies the condition in the WHERE clause.

In contrast, COUNT (expr) returns the number of non-null values in the column identified by expr.

COUNT (DISTINCT expr) returns the number of unique, non-null values in the column identified by expr.

The slide example displays the number of employees in department 50.

Instructor Note

Demo: 5_count1.sql, 5_count2.sql

Purpose: To illustrate using the COUNT(*) and COUNT(expr) functions

Using the COUNT Function

- COUNT(expr) returns the number of rows with non-null values for the expr.
- Display the number of department values in the EMPLOYEES table, excluding the null values.

```
SELECT COUNT(commission_pct)
FROM employees
WHERE department_id = 80;
```

COUNT(COMMISSION PCT)

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The COUNT Function (continued)

The slide example displays the number of employees in department 80 who can earn a commission.

Example

Display the number of department values in the EMPLOYEES table.

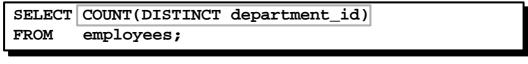
```
SELECT COUNT(department_id)
FROM employees;
```

```
COUNT(DEPARTMENT_ID)

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```

Using the DISTINCT Keyword

- COUNT(DISTINCT expr) returns the number of distinct non-null values of the expr.
- Display the number of distinct department values in the EMPLOYEES table.



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The DISTINCT Keyword

Use the DISTINCT keyword to suppress the counting of any duplicate values within a column.

The example on the slide displays the number of distinct department values in the EMPLOYEES table.

Group Functions and Null Values

Group functions ignore null values in the column.

SELECT AVG(commission_pct)
FROM employees;

AVG(COMMISSION_PCT)

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Group Functions and Null Values

All group functions ignore null values in the column. In the slide example, the average is calculated based *only* on the rows in the table where a valid value is stored in the COMMISSION_PCT column. The average is calculated as the total commission paid to all employees divided by the number of employees receiving a commission (four).

Using the NVL Function with Group Functions

The NVL function forces group functions to include null values.

SELECT AVG(NVL(commission_pct, 0))
FROM employees;

AVG(NVL(COMMISSION_PCT,0))

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Group Functions and Null Values (continued)

The NVL function forces group functions to include null values. In the slide example, the average is calculated based on *all* rows in the table, regardless of whether null values are stored in the COMMISSION_PCT column. The average is calculated as the total commission paid to all employees divided by the total number of employees in the company (20).

Creating Groups of Data

EMPLOYEES

DEPARTMENT_ID	SALARY			
10	4400	4400		
20	13000			
20	6000	⁹⁵⁰⁰ The		
50	5800	average		
50	3500	salary	DEPARTMENT_ID	AVG(SALARY)
50	3100	3500	10	4400
50	2500	ın	20	9500
50	2600	EMPLOYEES	50	3500
60	9000	table	60	6400
60	6000	6400	80	10033.3333
60	4200	for each	90	19333.3333
80	10500	department.	110	10150
80	8600	10033		7000
80	11000			
90	24000			
90	17000			
20 rows selected.				

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Groups of Data

Until now, all group functions have treated the table as one large group of information. At times, you need to divide the table of information into smaller groups. This can be done by using the GROUP BY clause.

Creating Groups of Data: The GROUP BY Clause Syntax

SELECT FROM	<pre>column, group_function(column) table</pre>
[WHERE	condition]
[GROUP BY	group_by_expression]
[ORDER BY	column];

Divide rows in a table into smaller groups by using the GROUP BY clause.

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The GROUP BY Clause

You can use the GROUP BY clause to divide the rows in a table into groups. You can then use the group functions to return summary information for each group.

In the syntax:

group_by_expression

specifies columns whose values determine the basis for grouping rows

Guidelines

- If you include a group function in a SELECT clause, you cannot select individual results as well, *unless* the individual column appears in the GROUP BY clause. You receive an error message if you fail to include the column list in the GROUP BY clause.
- Using a WHERE clause, you can exclude rows before dividing them into groups.
- You must include the *columns* in the GROUP BY clause.
- You cannot use a column alias in the GROUP BY clause.
- By default, rows are sorted by ascending order of the columns included in the GROUP BY list. You can override this by using the ORDER BY clause.

Using the GROUP BY Clause

All columns in the SELECT list that are not in group functions must be in the GROUP BY clause.

SELECT department_id, AVG(salary)
FROM employees
GROUP BY department_id;

DEPARTMENT_ID	AVG(SALARY)
10	4400
20	9500
50	3500
60	6400
80	10033.3333
90	19333.3333
110	10150
	7000

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The GROUP BY Clause (continued)

When using the GROUP BY clause, make sure that all columns in the SELECT list that are not group functions are included in the GROUP BY clause. The example on the slide displays the department number and the average salary for each department. Here is how this SELECT statement, containing a GROUP BY clause, is evaluated:

- The SELECT clause specifies the columns to be retrieved:
 - Department number column in the EMPLOYEES table
 - The average of all the salaries in the group you specified in the GROUP BY clause
- The FROM clause specifies the tables that the database must access: the EMPLOYEES table.
- The WHERE clause specifies the rows to be retrieved. Since there is no WHERE clause, all
 rows are retrieved by default.
- The GROUP BY clause specifies how the rows should be grouped. The rows are being grouped by department number, so the AVG function that is being applied to the salary column will calculate the *average salary for each department*.

Instructor Note

Group results are sorted implicitly, on the grouping column. You can use ORDER BY to specify a different sort order, remembering to use only group functions, or the grouping column.

Using the GROUP BY Clause

The GROUP BY column does not have to be in the SELECT list.

SELECT AVG(salary)
FROM employees
GROUP BY department_id;

AVG(SALARY)	
	4400
	9500
	3500
	6400
	10033.3333
	19333.3333
	10150
	7000

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The GROUP BY Clause (continued)

The GROUP BY column does not have to be in the SELECT clause. For example, the SELECT statement on the slide displays the average salaries for each department without displaying the respective department numbers. Without the department numbers, however, the results do not look meaningful.

You can use the group function in the ORDER BY clause.

SELECT department_id, AVG(salary)
FROM employees
GROUP BY department_id
ORDER BY AVG(salary);

DEPARTMENT_ID	AVG(SALARY)
50	3500
10	4400
60	6400
90	19333.3333

8 rows selected.

Demonstrate the query with and without the DEPARTMENT_ID column in the SELECT statement.

Grouping by More Than One Column

EMPLOYEES

DEPARTMENT_ID	JOB_ID	SALARY				
90	AD_PRES	24000				
90	AD_VP	17000				
90	AD_VP	17000		DEPARTMENT_ID		SUM(SALARY)
60	IT_PROG	9000		10	AD_ASST	4400
60	IT_PROG	6000		20	MK_MAN	13000
60	IT_PROG	4200	" A I I	20	MK_REP	6000
50	ST_MAN	5800	"Add up the	50	ST_CLERK	11700
50	ST_CLERK	3500	salaries in	50	ST_MAN	5800
50	ST_CLERK	3100	the EMPLOYEES	60	IT_PROG	19200
50	ST_CLERK	2600	table	80	SA_MAN	10500
50	ST_CLERK	2500	for each job,	80	SA_REP	19600
80	SA_MAN	10500		90	AD_PRES	24000
80	SA_REP	11000	grouped by	90	AD_VP	34000
80	SA_REP	8600	department.	110	AC_ACCOUNT	8300
				110	AC_MGR	12000
20	MK_REP	6000			SA_REP	7000
	AC_MGR	12000		13 rows selected.		
110	AC_ACCOUNT	8300				
20 rows selected.						

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Groups within Groups

Sometimes you need to see results for groups within groups. The slide shows a report that displays the total salary being paid to each job title, within each department.

The EMPLOYEES table is grouped first by department number and, within that grouping, by job title. For example, the four stock clerks in department 50 are grouped together and a single result (total salary) is produced for all stock clerks within the group.

Instructor Note

Demo: 5_order1.sql, 5_order2.sql

Purpose: To illustrate ordering columns that are grouped by DEPARTMENT_ID first and ordering columns that are grouped by JOB_ID first.

Using the GROUP BY Clause on Multiple Columns

SELECT department_id dept_id, job_id, SUM(salary)
FROM employees
GROUP BY department_id, job_id;

DEPT_ID	JOB_ID	SUM(SALARY)
10	AD_ASST	4400
20	MK_MAN	13000
20	MK_REP	6000
50	ST_CLERK	11700
50	ST_MAN	5800
60	IT_PROG	19200
80	SA_MAN	10500
80	SA_REP	19600
90	AD_PRES	24000
90	AD_VP	34000
110	AC_ACCOUNT	8300
110	AC_MGR	12000
	SA_REP	7000

¹³ rows selected.

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Groups within Groups (continued)

You can return summary results for groups and subgroups by listing more than one GROUP BY column. You can determine the default sort order of the results by the order of the columns in the GROUP BY clause. Here is how the SELECT statement on the slide, containing a GROUP BY clause, is evaluated:

- The SELECT clause specifies the column to be retrieved:
 - Department number in the EMPLOYEES table
 - Job ID in the EMPLOYEES table
 - The sum of all the salaries in the group that you specified in the GROUP BY clause
- The FROM clause specifies the tables that the database must access: the EMPLOYEES table.
- The GROUP BY clause specifies how you must group the rows:
 - First, the rows are grouped by department number.
 - Second, within the department number groups, the rows are grouped by job ID.

So the SUM function is being applied to the salary column for all job IDs within each department number group.

Illegal Queries Using Group Functions

Any column or expression in the SELECT list that is not an aggregate function must be in the GROUP BY clause.

```
SELECT department_id, COUNT(last_name)
FROM employees;
```

```
SELECT department_id, COUNT(last_name)
```

ERROR at line 1:

ORA-00937: not a single-group group function

Column missing in the GROUP BY clause

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Illegal Queries Using Group Functions

Whenever you use a mixture of individual items (DEPARTMENT_ID) and group functions (COUNT) in the same SELECT statement, you must include a GROUP BY clause that specifies the individual items (in this case, DEPARTMENT_ID). If the GROUP BY clause is missing, then the error message "not a single-group group function" appears and an asterisk (*) points to the offending column. You can correct the error on the slide by adding the GROUP BY clause.

```
SELECT department_id, count(last_name)
FROM employees
GROUP BY department_id;
```

DEPARTMENT_ID	COUNT(LAST_NAME)
10	1
20	2
	1

8 rows selected. GROUP BY clause.

Instructor Note

Demo: 5_error.sql

Purpose: To illustrate executing a SELECT statement with no GROUP BY clause

Illegal Queries Using Group Functions

- You cannot use the WHERE clause to restrict groups.
- You use the HAVING clause to restrict groups.
- You cannot use group functions in the WHERE clause.

```
SELECT department_id, AVG(salary)
FROM employees
WHERE AVG(salary) > 8000
GROUP BY department_id;
```

```
WHERE AVG(salary) > 8000

*
ERROR at line 3:
ORA-00934: group function is not allowed here
```

Cannot use the WHERE clause to restrict groups

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Illegal Queries Using Group Functions (continued)

The WHERE clause cannot be used to restrict groups. The SELECT statement on the slide results in an error because it uses the WHERE clause to restrict the display of average salaries of those departments that have an average salary greater than \$8,000.

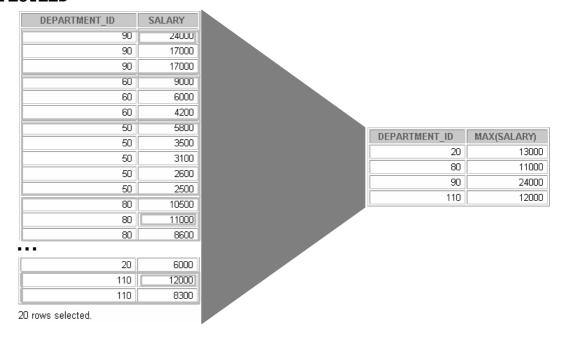
You can correct the slide error by using the HAVING clause to restrict groups.

```
SELECT department_id, AVG(salary)
FROM employees
HAVING AVG(salary) > 8000
GROUP BY department_id;
```

DEPARTMENT_ID	AVG(SALARY)	
20	9500	
80	10033.3333	
90	19333.3333	
110	10150	

Excluding Group Results

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Restricting Group Results

In the same way that you use the WHERE clause to restrict the rows that you select, you use the HAVING clause to restrict groups. To find the maximum salary of each department, but show only the departments that have a maximum salary of more than \$10,000, you need to do the following:

- 1. Find the average salary for each department by grouping by department number.
- 2. Restrict the groups to those departments with a maximum salary greater than \$10,000.

Excluding Group Results: The HAVING Clause

Use the HAVING clause to restrict groups:

- 1. Rows are grouped.
- 2. The group function is applied.
- Groups matching the HAVING clause are displayed.

SELECT	column, group_function
FROM	table
[WHERE	condition]
[GROUP BY	group_by_expression]
[HAVING	<pre>group_condition]</pre>
[ORDER BY	column];

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The HAVING Clause

You use the HAVING clause to specify which groups are to be displayed, and thus, you further restrict the groups on the basis of aggregate information.

In the syntax:

group_condition restricts the groups of rows returned to those groups for which the specified condition is true

The Oracle server performs the following steps when you use the HAVING clause:

- 1. Rows are grouped.
- 2. The group function is applied to the group.
- 3. The groups that match the criteria in the HAVING clause are displayed.

The HAVING clause can precede the GROUP BY clause, but it is recommended that you place the GROUP BY clause first because that is more logical. Groups are formed and group functions are calculated before the HAVING clause is applied to the groups in the SELECT list.

Instructor Note

The Oracle server evaluates the clauses in the following order:

- If the statement contains a WHERE clause, the server establishes the candidate rows.
- The server identifies the groups specified in the GROUP BY clause.
- The HAVING clause further restricts result groups that do not meet the group criteria in the HAVING clause.

Using the HAVING Clause

SELECT department_id, MAX(salary)
FROM employees
GROUP BY department_id
HAVING MAX(salary)>10000;

DEPARTMENT_ID	MAX(SALARY)	
20	13000	
80	11000	
90	24000	
110	12000	

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The HAVING Clause (continued)

The slide example displays department numbers and maximum salaries for those departments whose maximum salary is greater than \$10,000.

You can use the GROUP BY clause without using a group function in the SELECT list.

If you restrict rows based on the result of a group function, you must have a GROUP BY clause as well as the HAVING clause.

The following example displays the department numbers and average salaries for those departments whose maximum salary is greater than \$10,000:

SELECT department_id, AVG(salary) FROM employees

GROUP BY department_id

HAVING max(salary)>10000;

DEPARTMENT_ID	AVG(SALARY)	
20	9500	
80	10033.3333	
90	19333.3333	
110	10150	

Using the HAVING Clause

SELECT job_id, SUM(salary) PAYROLL
FROM employees
WHERE job_id NOT LIKE '%REP%'
GROUP BY job_id
HAVING SUM(salary) > 13000
ORDER BY SUM(salary);

JOB_ID	PAYROLL
IT_PROG	19200
AD_PRES	24000
AD_VP	34000

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The HAVING Clause (continued)

The slide example displays the job ID and total monthly salary for each job with a total payroll exceeding \$13,000. The example excludes sales representatives and sorts the list by the total monthly salary.

Instructor Note

Demo: 5_job1.sql, 5_job2.sql

Purpose: To illustrate using a WHERE clause to restrict rows by JOB_ID and using a HAVING clause to restrict groups by SUM(SALARY).

Nesting Group Functions

Display the maximum average salary.

SELECT MAX(AVG(salary))
FROM employees

GROUP BY department_id;

MAX(AVG(SALARY))

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Nesting Group Functions

Group functions can be nested to a depth of two. The slide example displays the maximum average salary.

Summary

In this lesson, you should have learned how to:

- Use the group functions COUNT, MAX, MIN, AVG
- Write queries that use the GROUP BY clause
- Write queries that use the HAVING clause

SELECT	column, group_function(column)
FROM	table
[WHERE	condition]
[GROUP BY	<pre>group_by_expression]</pre>
[HAVING	group_condition]
[ORDER BY	column];

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Summary

Seven group functions are available in SQL:

- AVG
- COUNT
- MAX
- MIN
- SUM
- STDDEV
- VARIANCE

You can create subgroups by using the GROUP BY clause. Groups can be excluded using the HAVING clause.

Place the HAVING and GROUP BY clauses after the WHERE clause in a statement. Place the ORDER BY clause last.

The Oracle server evaluates the clauses in the following order:

- 1. If the statement contains a WHERE clause, the server establishes the candidate rows.
- 2. The server identifies the groups specified in the GROUP BY clause.
- 3. The HAVING clause further restricts result groups that do not meet the group criteria in the HAVING clause.

Practice 5 Overview

This practice covers the following topics:

- Writing queries that use the group functions
- Grouping by rows to achieve more than one result
- Excluding groups by using the HAVING clause

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Practice 5 Overview

At the end of this practice, you should be familiar with using group functions and selecting groups of data.

Paper-Based Questions

For questions 1-3, circle either True or False.

Note: Column aliases are used for the queries.

Instructor Note

Hint for Question #7: Advise the students to think about the MANAGER_ID column in EMPLOYEES when determining the number of managers, rather than the JOB_ID column.

Practice 5

Determine the validity of the following three statements. Circle either True or False.

- 1. Group functions work across many rows to produce one result per group. True/False
- 2. Group functions include nulls in calculations. True/False
- 3. The WHERE clause restricts rows prior to inclusion in a group calculation. True/False
- 4. Display the highest, lowest, sum, and average salary of all employees. Label the columns Maximum, Minimum, Sum, and Average, respectively. Round your results to the nearest whole number. Place your SQL statement in a text file named lab5_4.sql.

Maximum	Minimum	Sum	Average
24000	2500	175500	8775

5. Wouny me query in Tado_4.sql to display the minimum, maximum, sum, and average salary for each job type. Resave lab5_4.sql to lab5_5.sql. Run the statement in lab5_5.sql.

JOB_ID	Maximum	Minimum	Sum	Average
AC_ACCOUNT	8300	8300	8300	8300
AC_MGR	12000	12000	12000	12000
AD_ASST	4400	4400	4400	4400
AD_PRES	24000	24000	24000	24000
AD_VP	17000	17000	34000	17000
IT_PROG	9000	4200	19200	6400
MK_MAN	13000	13000	13000	13000
MK_REP	6000	6000	6000	6000
SA_MAN	10500	10500	10500	10500
SA_REP	11000	7000	26600	8867
ST_CLERK	3500	2500	11700	2925
ST_MAN	5800	5800	5800	5800

12 rows selected.

Practice 5 (continued)

6. Write a query to display the number of people with the same job.

JOB_ID	COUNT(*)
AC_ACCOUNT	1
AC_MGR	1
AD_ASST	1
AD_PRES	1
AD_VP	2
IT_PROG	3
MK_MAN	1
MK_REP	1
SA_MAN	1
SA_REP	3
ST_CLERK	4
ST_MAN	1

12 rows selected.

/. Determine the number of managers without listing them. Label the column Number of Managers. Hint: Use the MANAGER_ID column to determine the number of managers.

Number of Managers		
	8	;
	Number of Managers	8

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9. Display the manager number and the salary of the lowest paid employee for that manager. Exclude anyone whose manager is not known. Exclude any groups where the minimum salary is \$6,000 or less. Sort the output in descending order of salary.

MANAGER_ID	MIN(SALARY)
102	9000
205	8300
149	7000

Practice 5 (continued)

10. Write a query to display each department's name, location, number of employees, and the average salary for all employees in that department. Label the columns Name, Location, Number of People, and Salary, respectively. Round the average salary to two decimal places.

Name	Location	Number of People	Salary	
Accounting	1700	2	10150	
Administration	1700	1	4400	
Executive	1700	3	19333.33	
IT	1400	3	6400	
Marketing	1800	2	9500	
Sales	2500	3	10033.33	
Shipping	1500	5	3500	

7 rows selected.

If you want an extra challenge, complete the following exercises:

11. Create a query that will display the total number of employees and, of that total, the number of employees hired in 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998. Create appropriate column headings.

	TOTAL	1995	1996	1997	1998	
12.	20	1	2	2	3	,

appropriate heading.

Job	Dept 20	Dept 50	Dept 80	Dept 90	Total
AC_ACCOUNT					8300
AC_MGR					12000
AD_ASST					4400
AD_PRES				24000	24000
AD_VP				34000	34000
IT_PROG					19200
MK_MAN	13000				13000
MK_REP	6000				6000
SA_MAN			10500		10500
SA_REP			19600		26600
ST_CLERK		11700			11700
ST_MAN		5800			5800