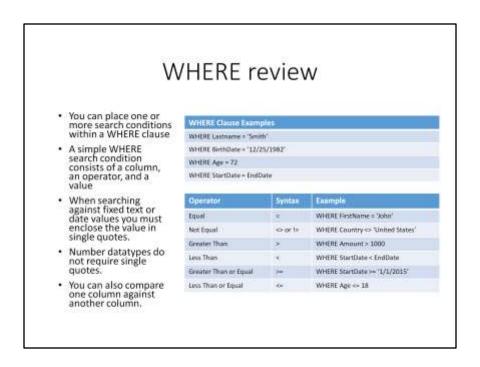
Additional WHERE Conditions

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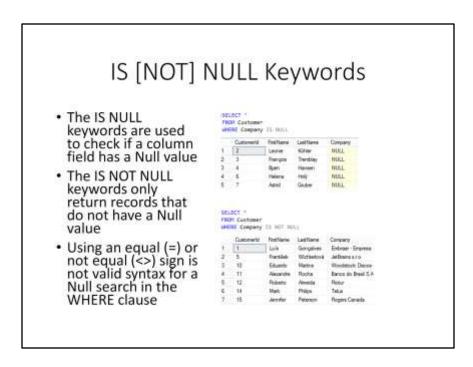
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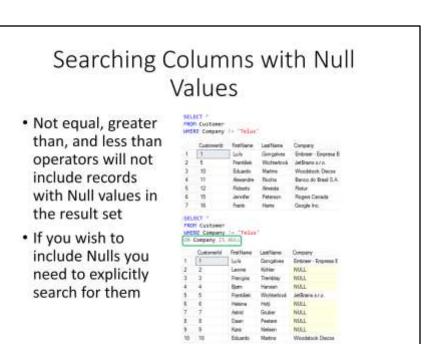
This presentation will be on additional WHERE clause conditions. I will talk about searching on null values; conditions like BETWEEN, IN, and EXISTS; subqueries; and joining multiple conditions in a single statement.



To review from a previous lesson, the where clause is used to filter the rows returned in a record set. The syntax of a where clause consists of the column on which you're searching, the operator such as an equal sign, and the value for which you are searching. When searching on text or date related columns, you must enclose the value within single quotes. Single quotes are not required when searching columns based on a numeric datatype. It is possible to compare two columns to one another within a where clause.



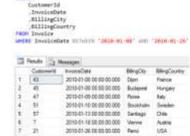
A null value represents undefined data and is treated differently values that may only contain zero or more spaces. The IS NULL condition is used to search for null values with a column, while the IS NOT NULL condition only returns records that are not null. You cannot use operators such as equal to or greater than to search for null values.



Special care needs to be taken when filtering on columns with null values. Null values are not included in the result set of operators such as "not equal to", "greater than", or "less than". You need to include the IS NULL condition in your WHERE clause to capture records with NULL values. In the example I am searching the Company column for names that are not equal to "Telus". However null values are not included. To include null values I need to add the second line "OR Company IS NULL" to the WHERE clause.



- Use the BETWEEN keyword to specify a range to search
- Place the AND keyword between the low and high values
- The low and high values will be included in the result set
- BETWEEN works on alphanumeric and date datatypes



The BETWEEN condition is used to search for values within a specified range in a column. BETWEEN takes two values separated by the AND keyword. One value is the low range and the other is the high range. Both values will be included in the result set. The range datatypes can be character, numeric, or date-time. In the example I am searching for dates between January 8th and January 26th 2010. The 8th and the 26th are included in the result set.

The LIKE keyword

- The LIKE keyword is used to check for character string matches
- LIKE replaces the = sign in a WHERE clause
- LIKE accepts wildcard expressions
 - · % (percent) zero or more characters
 - _ (underscore) one single character
 - [] (square brackets) one single character in the specified range or set (e.g. [m-z] or [amz])
 - [^] (square brackets with carrot) one single character
 not in the specified range or set

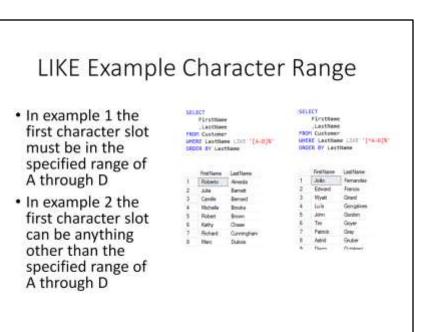
The LIKE keyword is used to search for character string matches. It differs from the equal operator in that it can accept one or more wild card characters. The percent sign tells SQL to search for zero or more characters of any type. The underscore character searches for one and only one character of any type. Square brackets are used to define a set or range of characters for a single character slot. Ranges are represented by a low and high value separated by a dash, while sets are simple individual characters typed one after the other between the brackets. Only results that return a value in the range or set are returned. If you enter a carrot symbol after the first bracket, this has the effect of excluding the following characters from the result set.



- The first example uses the % wildcard at front and end of the character string
- The second example has 2 underscore (_)wildcards at the front and the % wildcard at the end



In the first example the LIKE condition is using two percent signs, one before and one after the word "gmail". This will return all records where "gmail" appears anywhere within the Email field. The second example has two underscores followed by the letter "A", which is followed by a percent sign. This has the effect of returning only those fields in the Country column that have the letter "A in the 3rd character slot. Note that I surrounded both expressions with single quotes.



In the first example I am using the brackets to represent a character range for the first character slot of LastName. Only those fields that begin with the letters A, B, C, or D will be returned in the result set. The second example is identical to the first except that I added the carrot symbol to the LIKE condition. This has the effect of returning only those fields that do *not* start with the letters A, B, C, or D.

LIKE Example Character Set

- In example 1 the first character slot must be in the specified set of A,B or Z
- IN example 2 the first character slot can be anything other than the specified set of A,B or Z



In these examples I am using the brackets with a character set to filter data. The first example will only return records whose LastName field starts with the letters A, B or Z. The second example uses the carrot symbol so only records whose LastName field does *not* start with A, B or Z will be returned.

Subqueries

- A subquery is a query nested inside another query
- Subqueries are often used in WHERE clauses
- There are two types of subqueries
- Self-Contained Subquery: The query can run independent of its parent outer query. There are no links between the queries
- Correlated Subquery: The subquery contains one or more references to the outer query. The subquery is evaluated once for each row processed by the outer query
- Examples of each subquery will be shown with the IN and EXISTS keywords

In order to make full use of the upcoming WHERE conditions it is necessary to understand the concept of a subquery. A subquery is essentially one query that is nested inside of another. There are two types of subqueries, a self-contained subquery, and a correlated subquery. A self-contained query is a query that does not reference the parent query in any way. You can run a self-contained subquery on its own without receiving an error. A correlated subquery on the other hand does have a reference to the outer query. In practice this usually means that there is a WHERE condition in the subquery that checks against the value of a column in the parent query. We will see examples of both types of subqueries later in this presentation.

The IN keyword

- The IN keyword is used to compare multiple values against a column or expression
- The IN keyword replaces the = sign in the WHERE clause the values of the IN keyword must be enclosed in parenthesis with each value after the first separated by a comma
- Values must be enclosed in single quotes when searching against date and string datatypes
- The IN keyword can accept a subquery as a value if the subquery consists of a single column

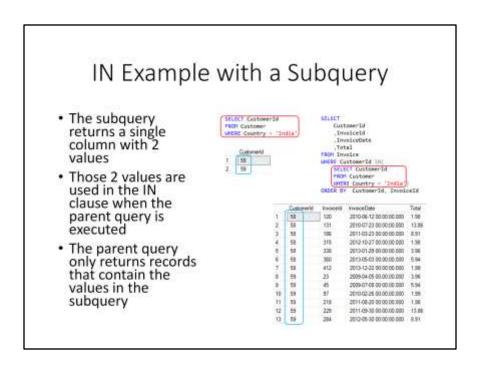
The IN keyword is used in a WHERE clause when it is necessary to compare a column against more than one value. You place the values you wish to search against inside a set of parenthesis with each value separated by a comma. The values must be enclosed in single quotes when searching against a non-numeric datatype. The IN keyword can use a subquery instead of a value set provided that there is only one column listed in the SELECT clause.

IN Example Character and Number Values

- In example one only the country values in the IN clause are returned in the record set
- In example two only the numbers are returned. Note that the numbers do not require single quotes



In the first example we only want to return records whose Country value equals Brazil, United Kingdom, or Sweden. Note the single quotes around each value. In the second example we are searching for a series of Album IDs. Because the AlbumId column is numeric, the values do not need to be enclosed in quotes. Keep in mind that it is not possible to use wildcards with an IN statement.

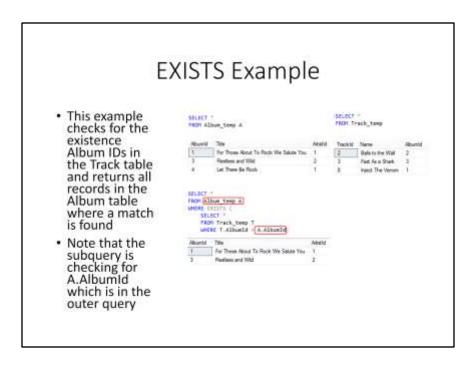


In this example we are using an IN statement with a self-contained subquery. I have broken out and displayed the result set that is generated by the subquery. It returns values of 58 and 59. The IN statement uses the subquery to create the values on which it will filter. As you can see in the final result set, only records with a Customer ID of 58 or 59 were returned.

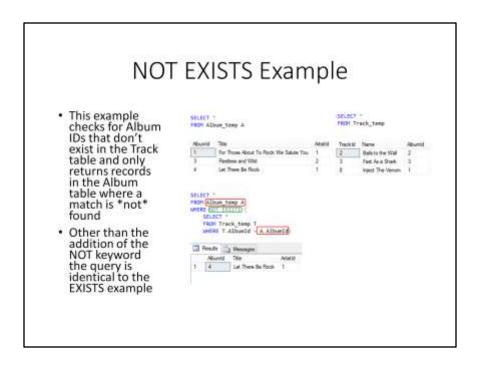
The EXISTS keyword

- The EXISTS keyword is used to check against a subquery whether one or more records exist
- A correlated subquery in parenthesis is required after the EXISTS keyword
- The EXISTS subquery doesn't actually produce any data it returns true or false
- The SELECT clause of the subquery will accept any valid column. It is best practice to use the * in an EXISTS subquery

The EXISTS keyword is used to check the existence of a record against a correlated subquery. The subquery must be enclosed in parenthesis, and it must reference the column you wish to filter against in the outer query. An Exists subquery doesn't actually return any data it stops running after evaluating the WHERE clause of the query. Therefore it is common practice to represent the columns of an EXISTS condition with an asterisk. Exist statements are more efficient than IN statements with a subquery because the exist statement doesn't need to evaluate the SELECT clause.



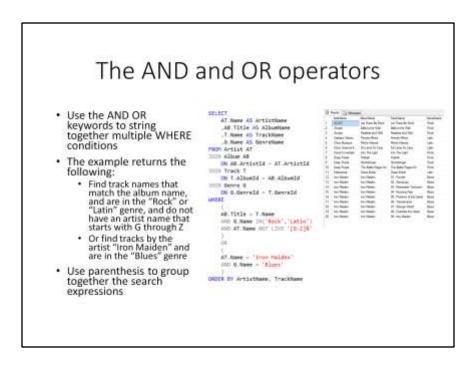
In this example we are checking for the existence of an Album ID in the Track table. If the ID exists, then the query will return the entire record with the corresponding ID from the Album table. As you can see, the Album ID number 4 in the Album table does not have a corresponding Album ID in the Track table, therefore it is excluded from the final result set.



By adding the NOT keyword in front of the EXISTS statement we are flipping the logic criteria. Instead only Album records that don't have a corresponding Track record will be displayed in the result set. In this case only the record with an Album ID of 4 is returned.

The NOT Keyword The NOT keyword can be used to negate (i.e. return the opposite) the meaning of a SELECT Firstfine keyword in a | Lesthame | Lesthame | Email | Page | Listhame | Email | Page | List | FROM Track_temp T under T. Albumld - A. Albumld) WHERE clause Place the NOT key Customerid _LastName, Phone, Emeil, Country FROM Customer weeks: Country [m] [m/"Brazil", United Kingdom', Swedom') DRDER By Country word immediately before the keyword you wish to negate

The NOT keyword is used to reverse the logic used in a WHERE condition. The NOT keyword is inserted before the WHERE condition keyword. As you can see from the examples, the BETWEEN, EXISTS, LIKE and IN where conditions can all take the NOT keyword.



With knowledge of the WHERE conditions available in SQL Server, it is possible to string together multiple conditions using the AND and OR operators to create a complex search expression. In the example I use several equal operators as well as an IN and LIKE condition to return the result set I want. I start by searching for records that have the same album and track names. I further filter this result set by only including tracks in the Rock or Latin genre that don't have an Artist whose name begins with the letters G through Z. The OR operator creates a second search condition that looks for tracks by Iron Maiden that were labeled in the Blues genre. If the records meet either of these conditions then they are returned in the result set. In the example 20 records fit the criteria.

Summary

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This completes the presentation on additional WHERE conditions.