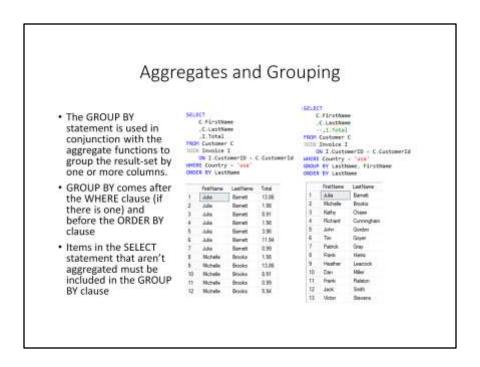
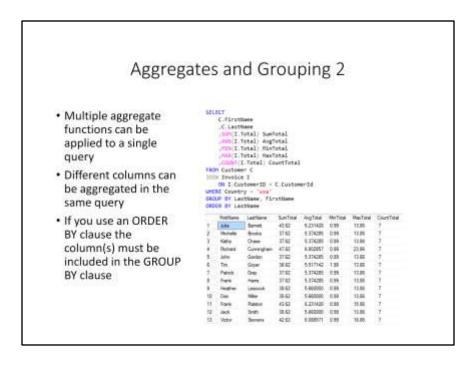
GROUP BY and Aggregate Functions Count Group By Having Min Aggregates and Nulls Avg

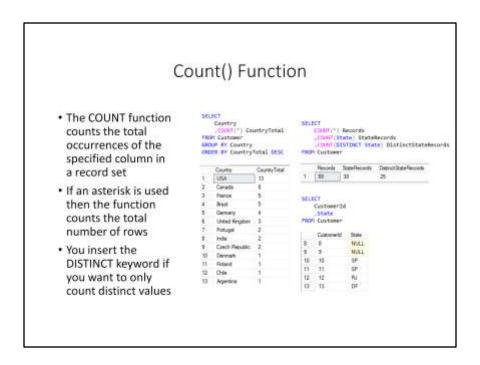
This presentation is on the GROUP BY clause as well as some of the aggregate functions associated with the GROUP BY clause.



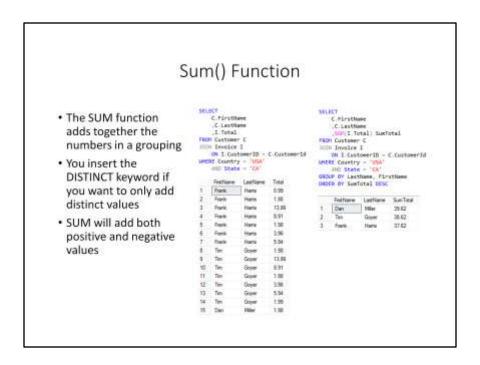
Sometimes it is necessary to display aggregate information about multiple records such as the average or sum total. SQL Server achieves this by using the GROUP BY clause. Within the GROUP BY clause you include all of the columns or expressions on which you wish you do your groupings. In the first example you can see that Julia Barnett has 7 records associated with her in the Invoice table. In the second example I have added the GROUP BY clause followed by the first and last name columns. This tells SQL Server to group on the first and last names which you can see in the result set. The result set isn't very useful though because we haven't added any aggregate functions to the SELECT clause. Also notice that I commented out the Total column. This is because Total wasn't included in the GROUP BY clause and it will generate an error if I attempt to run the statement with it uncommented. I could add Total to the GROUP BY clause but that would defeat the purpose as I intend to run aggregate functions on the Total column in the next slide.



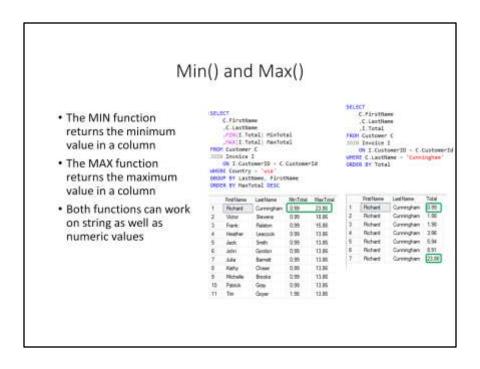
I have taken the query from the previous slide and added 5 different aggregate functions based on the Total column. Aggregate functions work on a single column or expression while the GROUP BY clause determines the range of rows on which to perform the aggregates. The firstname, lastname combination of Julia Barnett occurs 7 times in the query so the aggregate functions will work on those 7 rows. Note that any column that isn't part of an aggregate function either needs to be included in the GROUP BY clause, or it needs to be removed from the SELECT and ORDER BY clauses.



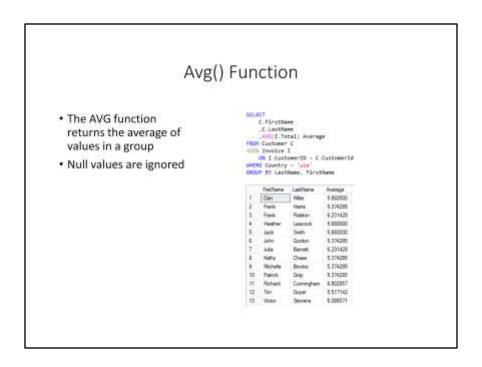
The COUNT function is used to count the total occurrences of a column or row. If a column is the specified parameter then the column is counted. If an asterisk in used as a parameter then the rows are counted. You can add the DISTINCT keyword before the parameter value when you only want to count unique values in a column. Note that the COUNT function does not count NULL values. The COUNT function is often used to see how many rows are in a table.



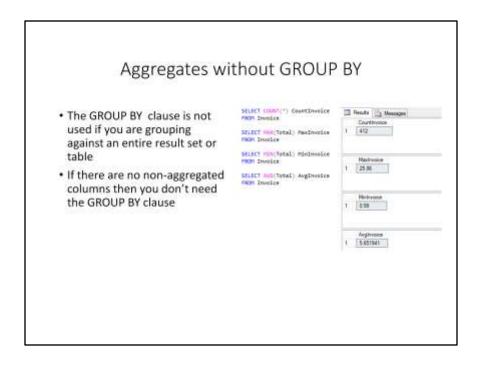
The SUM function is used to add together the values in a numeric column. The sum total will be broken out by the columns in the GROUP BY clause. The SUM function will add both positive and negative values. NULL values are ignored by the SUM function.



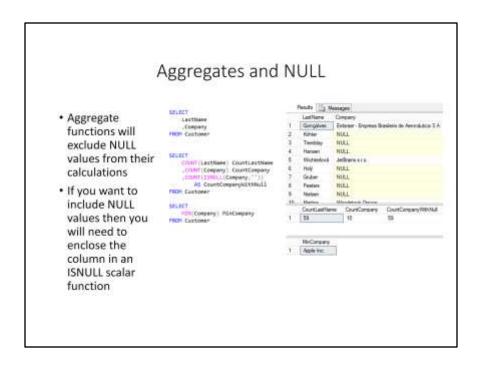
The MIN and MAX functions are used to return the minimum or maximum value respectively of a column. The functions can be used both on string and numeric values. Both functions will ignore NULL values.



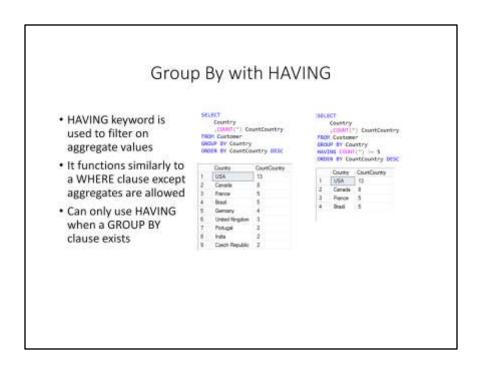
The AVG function returns the average of values within a group. As with other aggregate functions NULL values are ignored.



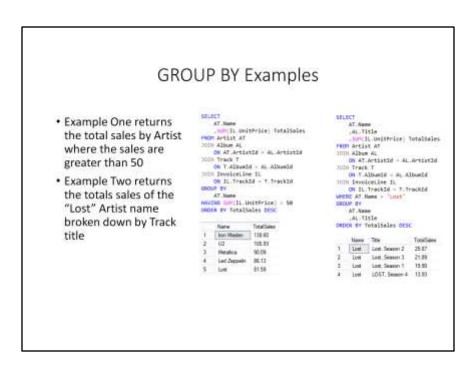
There are instances when a GROUP BY clause is not needed when executing aggregate functions. This is possible only when you don't include any non-aggregated columns in SELECT or ORDER BY clauses. In effect you are aggregating the entire table or result set into a single row.



As I have mentioned in previous slides, aggregate functions will not include NULL values in their calculations or output. But what if you do want to include NULL values? In that case you need to use the ISNULL scalar function. In the example on this slide, the Company column has several NULL fields. I am able to count the NULL values by enclosing the Company column in an ISNULL function. In this case I am converting the NULL value to an empty string value.



Sometimes you will need to filter on the results of your aggregate functions. However the WHERE clause does not allow filtering on aggregate functions. This is where the HAVING clause comes into play. The HAVING clause performs similarly to the WHERE clause except it can filter aggregate functions. When used the HAVING clause must be placed immediately after the GROUP BY clause. In the example I want to return only those countries that have 5 or more customers. I accomplished this by adding the HAVING clause to the query.



On this slide I placed two additional examples to help illustrate the GROUP BY concepts. In the first example I want to view all artists that have sold more than \$50 worth of tracks. I accomplish this by grouping by the artist name and adding a HAVING clause that only allows sums of the unit price that are greater than 50. The second example filters on the "Lost" artist and breaks out the total sales by Track Title. If you look at the GROUP BY clause, you'll see that we are grouping by Artist Name and Track Title.

Summary Count Sum Having Aggregates and Nulls Avg

This concludes the presentation on GROUP BY and aggregate functions.