



UNIT IV

ORDER BY :-

The SQL **ORDER BY** clause is used to sort the data in ascending or descending order, based on one or more columns. Some database sorts query results in ascending order by default.

Syntax:-

```
SELECT column-list  
FROM table_name  
[WHERE condition]  
[ORDER BY column1, column2, .. columnN] [ASC | DESC];
```

GROUP BY

The SQL **GROUP BY** clause is used in collaboration with the SELECT statement to arrange identical data into groups.

The GROUP BY clause follows the WHERE clause in a SELECT statement and precedes the ORDER BY clause.

Syntax:

```
SELECT column1, column2  
FROM table_name  
WHERE [ conditions ]  
GROUP BY column1, column2  
ORDER BY column1, column2
```

HAVING

The HAVING clause enables you to specify conditions that filter which group results appear in the final results.

The WHERE clause places conditions on the selected columns, whereas the HAVING clause places conditions on groups created by the GROUP BY clause.

Syntax

```
SELECT  
FROM  
WHERE  
GROUP BY  
HAVING  
ORDER BY
```

```
SELECT column1, column2  
FROM table1, table2  
WHERE [ conditions ]  
GROUP BY column1, column2  
HAVING [ conditions ]  
ORDER BY column1, column2
```

Subquery

A Subquery or Inner query or Nested query is a query within another SQL query and embedded within the WHERE clause.

A subquery is used to return data that will be used in the main query as a condition to further restrict the data to be retrieved.



Subqueries can be used with the SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, and DELETE statements along with the operators like =, <, >, >=, <=, IN, BETWEEN etc.

There are a few rules that subqueries must follow:

- Subqueries must be enclosed within parentheses.
- A subquery can have only one column in the SELECT clause, unless multiple columns are in the main query for the subquery to compare its selected columns.
- An ORDER BY cannot be used in a subquery, although the main query can use an ORDER BY. The GROUP BY can be used to perform the same function as the ORDER BY in a subquery.
- Subqueries that return more than one row can only be used with multiple value operators, such as the IN operator.
- The SELECT list cannot include any references to values that evaluate to a BLOB, ARRAY, CLOB, or NCLOB.
- A subquery cannot be immediately enclosed in a set function.
- The BETWEEN operator cannot be used with a subquery; however, the BETWEEN operator can be used within the subquery.

```
SELECT column_name [, column_name ]  
FROM table1 [, table2 ]  
WHERE column_name OPERATOR  
      (SELECT column_name [, column_name ]  
      FROM table1 [, table2 ]  
      [WHERE])
```

Join

The SQL **Joins** clause is used to combine records from two or more tables in a database. A JOIN is a means for combining fields from two tables by using values common to each.

SQL Join Types:

There are different types of joins available in SQL:

- **INNER JOIN:** returns rows when there is a match in both tables.
- **LEFT JOIN:** returns all rows from the left table, even if there are no matches in the right table.
- **RIGHT JOIN:** returns all rows from the right table, even if there are no matches in the left table.
- **FULL JOIN:** returns rows when there is a match in one of the tables.
- **SELF JOIN:** is used to join a table to itself as if the table were two tables, temporarily renaming at least one table in the SQL statement.
- **CARTESIAN JOIN:** returns the Cartesian product of the sets of records from the two or more joined tables.

SQL Functions:-

There are two types of functions in SQL

- 1) **Single Row Functions:** Single row or Scalar functions return a value for every row that is processed in a query.
- 2) **Group Functions:** These functions group the rows of data based on the values returned by the query. This is discussed in SQL GROUP Functions. The group functions are used to calculate aggregate values like total or average, which return just one total or one average value after processing a group of rows.

There are four types of single row functions. They are:



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- **Numeric Functions:** These are functions that accept numeric input and return numeric values.
- **Character or Text Functions:** These are functions that accept character input and can return both character and number values.
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- **Date Functions:** These are functions that take values that are of datatype DATE as input and return values of datatype DATE, except for the MONTHS_BETWEEN function, which returns a number.
- **Conversion Functions:** These are functions that help us to convert a value in one form to another form. For Example: a null value into an actual value, or a value from one datatype to another datatype like NVL, TO_CHAR, TO_NUMBER, TO_DATE etc.

Numeric Functions:

Numeric functions are used to perform operations on numbers. They accept numeric values as input and return numeric values as output. Few of the Numeric functions are:

ABS (x)

CEIL (x)

FLOOR (x)

TRUNC (x, y)

ROUND (x, y)

Character or Text Functions:

Character or text functions are used to manipulate text strings. They accept strings or characters as input and can return both character and number values as output.

Few of the character or text functions are as given below:

- LOWER (string_value)
- UPPER (string_value)
- INITCAP (string_value)
- LTRIM (string_value, trim_text)
- RTRIM (string_value, trim_text)
- TRIM (trim_text FROM string_value)
- SUBSTR (string_value, m, n)
- LENGTH (string_value)
- LPAD (string_value, n, pad_value)
- RPAD (string_value, n, pad_value)

Date Functions:

These are functions that take values that are of datatype DATE as input and return values of datatypes DATE, except for the MONTHS_BETWEEN function, which returns a number as output.

Few date functions are as given below.

- ADD_MONTHS (date, n)
- MONTHS_BETWEEN (x1, x2)
- ROUND (x, date_format)
- TRUNC (x, date_format)
- NEXT_DAY (x, week_day)
- LAST_DAY (x)
- SYSDATE
- NEW_TIME (x, zone1, zone2)



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Conversion Functions:

These are functions that help us to convert a value in one form to another form. For Ex: a null value into an actual value, or a value from one datatype to another datatype like NVL, TO_CHAR, TO_NUMBER, TO_DATE.

Few of the conversion functions available in SQL are:

- TO_CHAR (x [,y])
- TO_DATE (x [, date_format])
- NVL (x, y)
- DECODE (a, b, c, d, e, default_value)