

Week 2: Essential Data Retrieval & Filtering (Focus on Expense Tracker Data)

Part 1: Retrieving Data with SELECT (30 minutes)

Based on the Expense Tracker table you designed in Week 1, which likely includes columns like "expense_id," "amount," "date," and "category," complete the following tasks:

1.1 Retrieving All Expenses:

Write an SQL query to retrieve all data points (columns) from the "Expenses" table.

```
SELECT * FROM Expenses;
```

1.2 Specific Columns:

Modify your query to select only specific columns relevant to your analysis. For example, you might choose "date," "category," and "amount" to analyze spending patterns by category and date.

```
SELECT date, category, amount FROM Expenses;
```

1.3 Filtering by Date Range:

Write a query to retrieve expenses charged between a specific date range (e.g., January 1, 2021, to December 15, 2024). Remember to use the appropriate data type for the "date" column when specifying the date range in your query.

```
SELECT date, category, amount  
FROM Expenses  
WHERE date BETWEEN '2021-01-01' AND '2024-12-15';
```

Part 2: Filtering with WHERE Clause (45 minutes)

2.1 Filtering by Category:

Write a query to find all expenses belonging to a specific category (e.g., "Entertainment").

```
SELECT date, category, amount  
FROM Expenses  
WHERE category = 'Entertainment';
```

2.2 Filtering with Comparison Operators:

Find expenses with an amount greater than a certain value (e.g., \$50).

```
SELECT date, category, amount  
FROM Expenses  
WHERE amount > 50;
```

2.3 Combining Filters (AND):

Refine your query to find expenses that meet multiple criteria. For example, you might search for expenses greater than \$75 AND belonging to the "Food" category.

```
SELECT date, category, amount  
FROM Expenses  
WHERE amount > 75 AND category = 'Food';
```

2.4 Combining Filters (OR):

Modify your query to find expenses belonging to one category or another (e.g., "Transportation" OR "Groceries").

```
SELECT date, category, amount
FROM Expenses
WHERE category = 'Transportation' OR category = 'Groceries';
```

2.5 Filtering with NOT:

Write a query to display expenses unrelated to a specific category (e.g., "Rent").

```
SELECT date, category, amount
FROM Expenses
WHERE NOT category = 'Rent';
```

Part 3: Sorting Retrieved Data (45 minutes)

3.1 Sorting by Amount:

Write a query to display all expenses sorted by amount in a specific order (e.g., descending order for highest to lowest spending).

```
SELECT date, category, amount
FROM Expenses
ORDER BY amount DESC;
```

3.2 Sorting by Date and Category:

Modify your query to sort expenses based on multiple columns. For example, you might sort first by date (descending order) and then by category (ascending order) to see recent spending trends by category.

```
SELECT date, category, amount
FROM Expenses
ORDER BY date DESC, category ASC;
```

Part 4: Database Upgrade

Imagine you're tasked by the CIO to expand your Expense Tracker database. Practice creating, modifying, and removing a table to manage spending habits.

4.1 Write SQL commands to achieve the following:

- We don't have a table for income yet. Create a table named "Income" with columns for:
income_id (INT) - Primary Key (auto-increment)
amount (DECIMAL(10,2)) - NOT NULL
date (DATE) - NOT NULL
source (VARCHAR(50)) - NOT NULL

```
CREATE TABLE Income (
    income_id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,
    amount DECIMAL(10,2) NOT NULL,
    date DATE NOT NULL,
    source VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL
);
```

4.2 After creating the "Income" table, you realize you also want to track the income category "source" (e.g., "Salary," "Freelance Work").

- Use ALTER TABLE to add a new column named "category" of type VARCHAR(50).

```
ALTER TABLE Income  
ADD category VARCHAR(50);
```

4.3 Let's say you decide tracking the income source isn't necessary for now.

- Use ALTER TABLE again to remove the "source" column from the "Income" table. Imagine you no longer need the "Income" table entirely. Experiment how to Use DROP TABLE to permanently remove it from your database.

```
ALTER TABLE Income  
DROP COLUMN source;
```

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```
SELECT Item, SUM(amount) AS Grand_Total_Spent  
FROM Expenses  
WHERE Item = 'chai'  
GROUP BY Item;
```