

# SQL-Refresher-Notes

## 1. Create Command

Borrow table with foreign key isbn which references the table book.

```
CREATE TABLE borrow (  
    borrow_id varchar(20) PRIMARY KEY,  
    isbn varchar(20),  
    borrow_date date,  
    due_date date,  
    return_date date,  
    fine decimal(20,2),  
    FOREIGN KEY(isbn) REFERENCES Book(isbn)  
);
```

## 2. Alter Table Command

### Change Name of column

Command to change name of column email to mail\_info

```
ALTER TABLE USER  
CHANGE email mail_info varchar(20);
```

### Change Datatype size and add column

Changes genre datatype size and adds a column genre\_spec immediately after genre column

```
ALTER TABLE Book  
MODIFY genre varchar(10),  
ADD COLUMN genre_spec varchar(50)  
AFTER genre;
```

## 3. TRUNCATE table

```
TRUNCATE TABLE Borrowing;
```

#### 4. INSERT Command

```
INSERT INTO user VALUES  
( 'UN033', 'Helen', 'helen@hotmail.com', '1989-07-01', 'F', 8033307890, '152  
Orax Road'),  
( 'UN034', 'Marry', 'marry@gmail.com', '1985-05-20', 'F', 7204560191, '63  
Oredo Square'),  
( 'UN035', 'Richard', 'richard@yahoo.com', '1993-11-16', 'M', 5230567448, '16  
Rudolf St');
```

#### 5. Update Command

UPDATE statement to modify existing data in the Borrowing table's Return\_Date column will be updated to '2023-09-10' and fine amount is set as null to the borrower's account. Only the row where Borrowing\_ID is 'BR009' will be affected by this update.

```
UPDATE BORROWING  
SET return_date = '2023-09-10', fine = null  
WHERE borrowing_id = 'BR009';
```

#### 6. Delete Record

The delete statement is used to remove rows from the book table where the value in the genre column is equal to 'Horror'.

```
DELETE from Book where genre='Horror';
```

#### 7. SELECT and ORDER BY

The SELECT statement retrieves specific columns from the book table and orders the result set by the first column in ascending order.

```
SELECT title, author, publication_date  
FROM Book
```

```
ORDER BY title;
```

## 8. WHERE and LIKE

The SELECT statement retrieves specific columns from the user table where the email ends with the word gmail.com. The results are then sorted in ascending order based on the gender column.

```
SELECT user_id, username, gender
FROM USER
WHERE email LIKE '%gmail.com'
ORDER BY gender;
```

## 9. SELECT and WHERE

The SELECT statement retrieves specific columns from the book table, specifically selecting books with prices between 500 and 900. The results are then ordered by the publication date column in descending order.

```
SELECT isbn, title, publication_date, price
FROM BOOK
WHERE price BETWEEN 500 AND 900
ORDER BY publication_date DESC;
```

## 10. WHERE NOT IN

The SELECT statement retrieves specific columns from the book table for books that do not belong to the 'Fiction' or 'Mystery' genres. The results are then sorted in descending order based on the isbn column, listing books with higher ISBN numbers first

```
SELECT isbn, title, author, publication_date
FROM BOOK
WHERE genre NOT IN ('Fiction', 'Mystery')
ORDER BY isbn DESC;
```

## 11. != Operator

The SELECT statement retrieves specific columns from the borrowing table for records where the return\_date is not same as due\_date. The results are then sorted in ascending order based on the user\_id, which represents the user's unique identifiers.

```
SELECT borrowing_id, user_id, borrow_date
FROM BORROWING
WHERE return_date != due_date
ORDER BY user_id;
```

## 12. CONCAT and SUBSTRING

- The SELECT statement retrieves specific columns from the user table.
- It takes the first four characters of the phone column and the first five characters of the username column, concatenates them, and assigns the result to the password column in the output.
- The results are then sorted in ascending order based on the user name.

```
SELECT user_id, username,
       CONCAT(SUBSTRING(phoneno, 1, 4), SUBSTRING(username, 1, 5))
FROM user
ORDER BY username ASC;
```

## 13. COALESCE

- The SELECT statement retrieves the user\_id, username, and phone number or email details of the user
- if both phone number and email are NULL then display as 'Not Available', and alias it as contact from the user table.
- It further filters the results to include only records where the month of the dob column is 'May'.
- The results are then sorted in ascending order based on the username.

```
SELECT user_id, username,
       COALESCE(phoneno, email, 'Not Available') AS contact
FROM USER
WHERE MONTH(dob) = 5
```

```
ORDER BY username ASC;
```

- Here COALESCE will check the first non-null value from phoneno, email, and 'Not Available'
- If phoneno is null, email is selected
- If phoneno and email is null then 'Not Available' is selected

## 14. ROUND(), DATEDIFF(), CURDATE()

- The SELECT statement retrieves the user\_id, username, email, and calculates the age in years using the date function.
- It retrieves this information from the user table, specifically for users whose age is lesser than 35 years.
- The results are then sorted in ascending order based on the user name.

```
SELECT user_id, username, dob,  
       ROUND(DATEDIFF(CURDATE(), dob) / 365) AS age_in_years  
FROM USER  
WHERE ROUND(DATEDIFF(CURDATE(), dob) / 365) = 35  
ORDER BY dob DESC;
```

- Calculates the age in years by finding the difference in days between the current date (Using CURDATE()) and the user's date of birth (dob) (Using DATEDIFF), then dividing by 365 and rounding the result (Using ROUND()).
- Filters users who are exactly 35 years old.
- Sorts the results by dob in descending order (youngest among the 35-year-olds first).

## 15. CONCAT() and Year()

- The SELECT statement concatenates the strings.
- It creates a string named book\_info that contains information about the author and the publication year for each book in the BOOK table.
- The results are then sorted in descending order based on the publication year.

```
SELECT CONCAT('Mr/Ms.', author, ' published a book on ',  
YEAR(publication_date)) AS book_info
```

```
FROM BOOK
ORDER BY YEAR(publication_date) DESC;
```

- What the query does?
  - Constructs a string for each book in the format: "Mr/Ms.[author] published a book on [year]"
  - Uses YEAR(publication\_date) to extract the year from the publication\_date.
  - Sorts the results by publication year in descending order (most recent first).

## 16. CASE

The SELECT statement retrieves the isbn, title, author and categorises books based on their price into three categories. The results are then sorted in descending order based on the ISBN (isbn) column.

```
SELECT isbn,
       title,
       author,
       CASE
         WHEN price < 400 THEN 'Affordable'
         WHEN price >= 400 AND price < 600 THEN 'Moderate'
         ELSE 'Expensive'
       END AS price_category
FROM BOOK
ORDER BY isbn DESC;
```

- What this query does
  - Retrieves the isbn, title, and author of books from the BOOK table.
  - Uses a CASE statement to categorize each book's price into:
    - 'Affordable' if price < 400
    - 'Moderate' if price is between 400 and 599
    - 'Expensive' if price ≥ 600
  - Sorts the results by isbn in descending order.

## 17. SUBSTRING\_INDEX()

This Select statement retrieves user information from the user table and create an email\_info column that modifies the email by replacing the 'lausd.com' for users with 'Los Angeles'

addresses and retains the original email for others. The results are then ordered by user name in descending order.

```
SELECT user_id, username,  
       CASE  
         WHEN address = 'Los Angeles'  
         THEN CONCAT(SUBSTRING_INDEX(email, '@', 1), '@lausd.com')  
         ELSE email  
       END AS email_info  
FROM USER  
ORDER BY username DESC;
```

- Retrieves user\_id, username, and a modified email\_info field.
- If the user's address is 'Los Angeles', it replaces their email domain with '@lausd.com' while keeping the username part.
- Otherwise, it keeps the original email.
- Results are sorted by username in descending order.

## Syntax

```
SUBSTRING_INDEX(str, delim, count)
```

- str: The string you want to extract from.
- delim: The delimiter that separates parts of the string.
- count:
  - If positive, it returns everything before the nth occurrence of the delimiter.
  - If negative, it returns everything after the nth occurrence from the end.

## 18. COUNT(), YEAR()

- The query counts the number of books each user borrowed from the year other than 2024 by grouping user\_id's.
- It uses the Scalar function to extract the year from borrow\_date, filters records for the year other than 2024, calculates the count of borrowing IDs, and presents the result as count\_borrowed per user, sorting the output by user id

```
SELECT user_id, COUNT(*) AS count_borrowed
FROM BORROWING
WHERE YEAR(borrow_date) != 2024
GROUP BY user_id
ORDER BY user_id DESC;
```

- What this query does:
  - Counts the number of borrowings (COUNT(\*)) for each user\_id.
  - Filters out borrowings that occurred in the year 2024.
  - Groups the results by user\_id so each user's borrow count is calculated.
  - Orders the results by user\_id in descending order.

## ***19. GROUP BY, HAVING, COUNT(), ORDER BY***

The query calculates the total number of books (calculation\_books) written by a particular author in the book table by grouping records based on the author. It includes only authors who have written fewer than 2 books and orders the results in descending order based on the author.

```
SELECT author, COUNT(*) AS calculation_books
FROM BOOK
GROUP BY author
HAVING calculation_books < 2
ORDER BY author DESC;
```

- What this query does:
  - Counts the number of books written by each author.
  - Groups the results by author.
  - Filters the results to include only authors who have written fewer than 2 books.
  - Sorts the results by author in descending alphabetical order.

## ***20. Subquery***

The query retrieves data from user information in the user table and calculates the maximum fine associated with each user by using a subquery from the borrowing table. If a user has no



fine, the query returns null as the maximum fine. The results are then ordered based on the user\_id in descending order.

```
SELECT
  u.user_id,
  u.username,
  (
    SELECT MAX(b.fine)
    FROM borrowing b
    WHERE b.user_id = u.user_id
  ) AS max_fine
FROM user u
ORDER BY u.user_id DESC;
```

- What this query does
  - Retrieves each user's user\_id and username.
  - Uses a subquery to find the maximum fine (MAX(b.fine)) from the borrowing table for each user.
  - The subquery runs once per user, matching b.user\_id with u.user\_id.
  - The result is sorted by user\_id in descending order.

## 21. Subquery 2

- The query retrieves user id from the user table for users who have borrowed books.
- It performs a join between the borrowing and user tables.
- The results are then grouped and filtered to include only users who have borrowed the maximum number of books compared to all other users, as determined by a subquery that calculates the count of borrowing IDs grouped by users.
- Order the results with respect to userid in descending order.

```
SELECT user_id
FROM borrowing
GROUP BY user_id
HAVING COUNT(*) = (
  SELECT COUNT(*)
  FROM borrowing
  GROUP BY user_id
  ORDER BY COUNT(*) DESC
  LIMIT 1
);
```

```
ORDER BY COUNT(*) DESC
LIMIT 1
)
ORDER BY user_id DESC;
```

- What this query does:
  - Groups the borrowing records by user\_id.
  - Counts how many borrowings each user has made.
  - Filters to include only those users whose borrow count is equal to the highest borrow count among all users.
  - The subquery:
    - Finds the maximum borrow count by grouping and ordering users by their borrow count in descending order and taking the top one.
    - The outer query returns all users who match that maximum count (in case of a tie).
    - Results are sorted by user\_id in descending order.

## 22. Subquery 3

- The query retrieves the author and genre of books along with the count of user\_id associated with each book.
- It joins the BOOK and BORROWING tables based on matching ISBN values and filters records to only include books that have been borrowed by a specific user ('UN002').
- The results are then grouped by author and genre, aggregating the count of unique users for each book.

```
SELECT b.author, b.genre, COUNT(br.user_id) AS user_total
FROM book b
JOIN BORROWING br ON b.isbn = br.isbn
WHERE b.isbn IN (
    SELECT isbn
    FROM BORROWING
    WHERE user_id = 'UN002'
)
GROUP BY b.author, b.genre, b.isbn;
```

- What this query does:
  - Joins the book and BORROWING tables on isbn.
  - Filters to include only those books that were borrowed by the user with user\_id = 'UN002'.
  - Groups the results by author, genre, and isbn.
  - Counts how many times each book (by author and genre) was borrowed by that user.

## 23. Date functions and CONCAT

- The joins are used to combine rows from two or more tables based on a related column between them.
- The concept of joins allows you to retrieve data that is spread across multiple tables in a database by linking records that have matching values in the specified columns.

```
SELECT u.username, borrowing_id,
       CONCAT(MONTHNAME(borrow_date), "_", YEAR(borrow_date)) AS
borrowed_date_info
FROM BORROWING AS b
JOIN USER u ON u.user_id = b.user_id
ORDER BY borrowing_id ASC;
```

- Joins the BORROWING table (b) with the USER table (u) using user\_id.
- Retrieves:
  - username from the USER table.
  - borrowing\_id from the BORROWING table.
  - A formatted string borrowed\_date\_info combining the month name and year of the borrow\_date, separated by an underscore (e.g., "June\_2025").
  - Orders the results by borrowing\_id in ascending order.

## 24. JOINS

The query retrieves the username, genre, and borrow\_date by joining data from the users, borrowing, and book tables based on matching user\_id and isbn columns. The results are sorted in descending order based on the username.

```
SELECT username, genre, borrow_date
FROM BORROWING AS br
JOIN USER u ON u.user_id = br.user_id
JOIN BOOK bk ON br.isbn = bk.isbn
ORDER BY username DESC;
```

- What this query does:
  - Joins the BORROWING, USER, and BOOK tables.
  - Retrieves:
    - username from the USER table.
    - genre from the BOOK table.
    - borrow\_date from the BORROWING table.
    - Orders the results by username in descending order.

## 25. JOINS 2

The query retrieves data from the users, borrowing, and book tables based on matching user\_id and isbn columns. It selects specific columns from these tables, filters records of the users who have returned the book and orders the results based on the borrowing id.

```
SELECT u.user_id, u.username, br.isbn, bk.genre, br.borrow_date,
br.due_date, br.fine
FROM USER AS u
JOIN BORROWING br ON br.user_id = u.user_id
JOIN BOOK bk ON bk.isbn = br.isbn
WHERE br.return_date IS NOT NULL
ORDER BY borrowing_id DESC;
```

- What this query does:
  - Joins the USER, BORROWING, and BOOK tables.
  - Retrieves:
    - user\_id and username from the USER table.
    - isbn, borrow\_date, due\_date, and fine from the BORROWING table.
    - genre from the BOOK table.
    - Filters to include only records where the book has been returned (return\_date IS NOT NULL).

- Orders the results by `borrowing_id` in descending order (most recent borrowings first)

## 26. JOINS 3

- The query retrieves distinct pairs of book titles (`title1` and `title2`) along with their common publisher and publication date.
- It joins the `BOOK` table with itself based on the condition that books have the same author.
- Additionally, it ensures that the books have the same publisher but different titles.
- Finally, it orders the results in descending order based on the second book's title and in ascending order based on first book's title.

```
SELECT
    b1.title AS title1,
    b2.title AS title2,
    b1.publisher,
    b1.publication_date
FROM BOOK b1
JOIN BOOK b2
    ON b1.author = b2.author
    AND b1.publisher = b2.publisher
    AND b1.title != b2.title
ORDER BY
    title2 DESC,
    title1 ASC;
```

- What this query does:
  - Performs a self-join on the `BOOK` table to find pairs of books (`b1` and `b2`) that:
    - Have the same author
    - Have the same publisher
    - Have different titles
  - Selects:
    - `title1` and `title2` (the titles of the two books)
    - `publisher` and `publication_date` from `b1`
    - Orders the results by `title2` in descending order and `title1` in ascending order.

## 27. JOINS 4

- The query retrieves the gender details from the USER table and counts the number of borrowing IDs associated with each gender.
- It uses a particular join that joins the BORROWING table based on matching user values.
- The results are then grouped and finally ordered in descending order based on their gender.
- This approach ensures that all gender from the USERS table are included in the result, even if they have no borrowing records in the BORROWING table

```
SELECT u.gender, COUNT(*) AS Total_books
FROM BORROWING AS b
JOIN USER u ON u.user_id = b.user_id
GROUP BY u.gender
ORDER BY u.gender DESC;
```

- What this query does:
  - Joins the BORROWING and USER tables using user\_id.
  - Groups the results by gender.
  - Counts the total number of books borrowed by users of each gender.
  - Orders the results by gender in descending order.