

CASE:



- There are two main ways to use a CASE statement, either a general CASE or a CASE expression.
- Both methods can lead to the same results.
- Let's first show the syntax for a "general" CASE.



- General Syntax
  - CASE

WHEN condition1 THEN result1

WHEN condition2 THEN result2

ELSE some\_other\_result

END



- Simple Example
  - `SELECT a,  
CASE WHEN a = 1 THEN 'one'  
      WHEN a = 2 THEN 'two'  
      ELSE 'other'  
END  
FROM test;`

a	Case
1	one
2	two



- *CASE Expression Syntax*
  - **CASE expression**  
      WHEN value1 THEN result1  
      WHEN value2 THEN result2  
      ELSE some\_other\_result  
END





- Rewriting our previous example:
  - `SELECT a,`  
`CASE a WHEN 1 THEN 'one'`  
`WHEN 2 THEN 'two'`  
`ELSE 'other'`  
`END`  
`FROM test;`

a	label
1	one
2	two

Query Editor   Query History

```
1 SELECT customer_id,
2 CASE
3     WHEN (customer_id <= 100) THEN 'Premium'
4     WHEN (customer_id BETWEEN 100 and 200) THEN 'Plus'
5     ELSE 'Normal'
6 END AS customer_class
7 FROM customer
```

Data Output   Explain   Messages   Notifications

	customer_id [PK] integer	case text	
360	359	Normal	

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```
1 SELECT customer_id,
2 CASE customer_id
3     WHEN 2 THEN 'Winner'
4     WHEN 5 THEN 'Second Place'
5     ELSE 'Normal'
6 END AS raffle_results
7 FROM customer
```

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	customer_id [PK] integer	raffle_results text	
1	524	Normal	

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Query Editor Query History	
<pre> 1 SELECT 2 SUM(CASE rental_rate 3     WHEN 0.99 THEN 1 4     ELSE 0 5 END) AS number_of_bargains 6 FROM film </pre>	
Data Output Explain Messages Notifications	
number_of_bargains bigint	
1	341

Query Editor Query History	
<pre> 1 SELECT 2 SUM(CASE rental_rate 3     WHEN 0.99 THEN 1 4     ELSE 0 5 END) AS bargains, 6 SUM(CASE rental_rate 7     WHEN 2.99 THEN 1 8     ELSE 0 9 END) AS regular, 10 SUM(CASE rental_rate 11     WHEN 4.99 THEN 1 12     ELSE 0 13 END) AS premium </pre>	
Query Editor Query History	
<pre> 5 END) AS bargains, 6 SUM(CASE rental_rate 7     WHEN 2.99 THEN 1 8     ELSE 0 9 END) AS regular, 10 SUM(CASE rental_rate 11     WHEN 4.99 THEN 1 12     ELSE 0 13 END) AS premium </pre>	

Q & A:



- We want to know and compare the various amounts of films we have per movie rating.
- Use CASE and the dvdrental database to re-create this table:

r	pg	pg13
bigint	bigint	bigint
195	194	223

Query Editor Query History

```
1 SELECT
2 SUM(
3 CASE rating
4     WHEN 'R' THEN 1 ELSE 0
5     END
6 ) AS r
7 FROM film
```

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r
195

Query Editor Query History

```
4     WHEN 'R' THEN 1 ELSE 0
5     END
6 ) AS r,
7 SUM(
8 CASE rating
9     WHEN 'PG' THEN 1 ELSE 0
10    END
11 ) AS pg
12 FROM film
```

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r	pg
195	194





- Table of Products
  - Price and Discount in Dollars

Item	Price	Discount
A	100	20
B	300	null
C	200	10



- SELECT item,(price - discount) AS final  
FROM table

Item	final
A	80
B	null
C	190



SELECT item,(price - COALESCE(discount,0))  
AS final FROM table

Item	final
A	80
B	300
C	190



- The CAST operator lets you convert from one data type into another.
- Keep in mind not every instance of a data type can be CAST to another data type, it must be reasonable to convert the data, for example '5' to an integer will work, 'five' to an integer will not.



- Syntax for CAST function
  - `SELECT CAST('5' AS INTEGER)`
- PostgreSQL CAST operator
  - `SELECT '5'::INTEGER`



- Keep in mind you can then use this in a SELECT query with a column name instead of a single instance.
  - `SELECT CAST(date AS TIMESTAMP)  
FROM table`



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```
1 SELECT CAST('5' AS INTEGER) AS new_int
```

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	new_int	integer
1	5	

Successfully

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```
1 SELECT CAST('five' AS INTEGER)
```

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ERROR: invalid input syntax for type integer: "five"  
LINE 1: SELECT CAST('five' AS INTEGER)  
                                  ^  
  
SQL state: 22P02  
Character: 13

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```
1 SELECT '5'::INTEGER
```

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	int4	integer
1	5	

Query Editor Query History

```
1 SELECT CHAR_LENGTH(CAST(inventory_id AS VARCHAR)) FROM rental
```

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	char_length	Integer
1	4	
2	4	
3	4	
4	4	
5	4	
6	4	



- The NULLIF function takes in 2 inputs and returns NULL if both are equal, otherwise it returns the first argument passed.
  - NULLIF(arg1,arg2)
- Example
  - NULLIF(10,10)
    - Returns NULL



- Let's jump to pgAdmin, quickly create this table and walk through solving the RATIO and why we may need NULLIF

Name	Department
Lauren	A
Vinton	A
Claire	B

```
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Query Editor Query History
1 INSERT INTO depts(
2 first_name VARCHAR(50),
3 department VARCHAR(50)
4 )
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CREATE TABLE
Query returned successfully in 62 msec.
```

```
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Query Editor Query History
4 )
5 VALUES
6 ('Vinton','A'),
7 ('Lauren','A'),
8 ('Claire','B')
Data Output Explain Messages Notifications
CREATE TABLE
Query returned successfully in 62 msec.
```

```
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Query Editor Query History
1 SELECT * FROM depts
2
Data Output Explain Messages Notifications
first_name department
character varying (50) character varying (50)
1 Vinton A
2 Lauren A
3 Claire B
```

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```
1 SELECT (  
2 SUM(CASE WHEN department = 'A' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) /  
3 SUM(CASE WHEN department = 'B' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END)  
4 ) AS department_ratio  
5 FROM depts  
6
```

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	department_ratio	
1	2	

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Query Editor Query History

```
1 DELETE FROM depts  
2 WHERE department = 'B'  
3
```

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	department_ratio	
1	2	

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Query Editor Query History

```
1 SELECT (  
2 SUM(CASE WHEN department = 'A' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) /  
3 SUM(CASE WHEN department = 'B' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END)  
4 ) AS department_ratio  
5 FROM depts  
6
```

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ERROR: division by zero  
SQL state: 22012

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```

1 SELECT (
2 SUM(CASE WHEN department = 'A' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END)/
3 NULLIF(SUM(CASE WHEN department = 'B' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END),0)
4
5 ) AS department_ratio
6 FROM depts
7

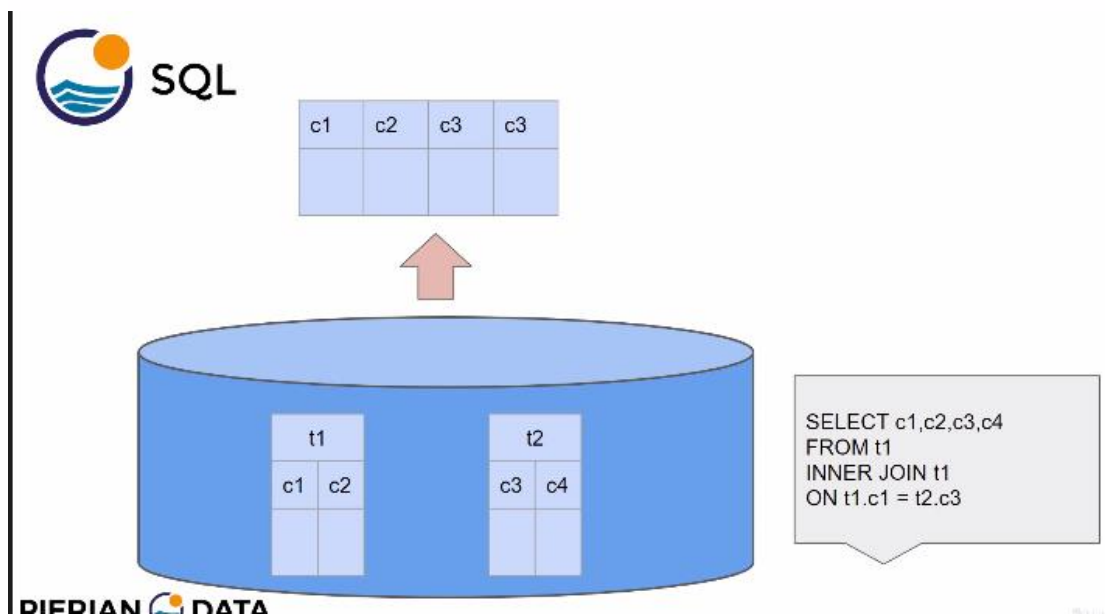
```

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	department_ratio	bigint
1	[null]	

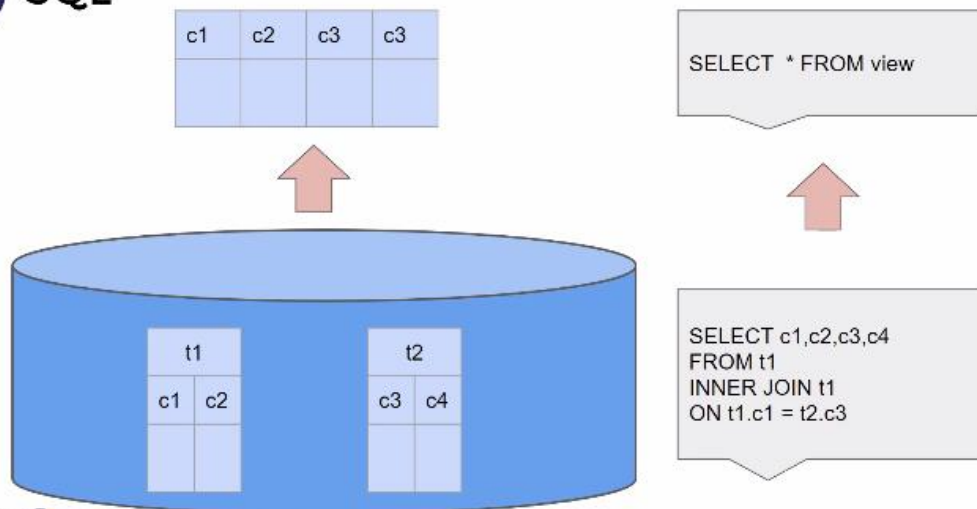


- Often there are specific combinations of tables and conditions that you find yourself using quite often for a project.
- Instead of having to perform the same query over and over again as a starting point, you can create a **VIEW** to quickly see this query with a simple call.





- A view is a database object that is of a stored query.
- A view can be accessed as a virtual table in PostgreSQL.
- Notice that a view does not store data physically, it simply stores the query.



Query Editor Query History

```
1 SELECT first_name,last_name,address FROM customer
2 INNER JOIN address
3 ON customer.address_id = address.address_id
```

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	first_name character varying (45)	last_name character varying (45)	address character varying (50)
1	Jared	Ely	1003 Qinhuangdao Street
2	Mary	Smith	1913 Hanoi Way
3	Patricia	Johnson	1121 Loja Avenue
4	Linda	Williams	692 Joliet Street
5	Barbara	Jones	1566 Inegl Manor

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Query Editor
Query History

```

1 CREATE VIEW customer_info AS
2 SELECT first_name,last_name,address FROM customer
3 INNER JOIN address
4 ON customer.address_id = address.address_id

```

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CREATE VIEW

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```

1 SELECT * FROM customer_info

```

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	first_name character varying (45)	last_name character varying (45)	address character varying (50)
1	Jared	Ely	1003 Qinhuangdao Street
2	Mary	Smith	1913 Hanci Way
3	Patricia	Johnson	1121 Loja Avenue
4	Linda	Williams	692 Lakeside Street
5	Barbara	Jones	150

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```

1 CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW customer_info AS
2 SELECT first_name,last_name,address,district FROM customer
3 INNER JOIN address
4 ON customer.address_id = address.address_id

```

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Notifications

CREATE VIEW

Query returned successfully in 59 msec.

```
1 DROP VIEW IF EXISTS customer_info
```

	first_name character varying (45)	last_name character varying (45)	address character varying (50)	district character varying (20)	
1	Jared	Ely	1003 Qinhuangdao Street	West Java	
2	Mary	Smith	1913 Hanci Way	Nagasaki	
3	Patricia	Johnson	1121 Loja Avenue	California	
4	Linda	Williams	692 Joliet Street	Attika	
5	Barbara	Jones	1566 Inesi Manor	Mandalay	

```
1 ALTER VIEW customer_info RENAME to c_info
```

ALTER VIEW

Query returned successfully in 48 msec.

```
1 SELECT * FROM customer_info
```

ERROR: relation "customer\_info" does not exist  
LINE 1: SELECT \* FROM customer\_info  
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SQL state: 42P01

Character: 15



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1   **SELECT \* FROM c\_info**   1

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	first_name character varying (45)	last_name character varying (45)	address character varying (50)	district character varying (20)	
1	Jared	Ely	1003 Qinhuangdao Street	West Java	
2	Mary	Smith	1913 Hanoi Way	Nagasaki	
3	Patricia	Johnson	1121 Loja Avenue	California	
4	Linda	Williams	692 Joliet Street	Arkansas	
5	Barbara	Jones	150		

✓ Successfully run. Total query runtime: 85 msec. 599 rows