



# DQL

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# Syntax

```
SELECT [DISTINCT | ALL] select_list  
FROM table_reference  
[WHERE search_condition]  
[GROUP BY group_by_expression]  
[HAVING search_condition]  
[ORDER BY order_expression [ASC | DESC]];
```

# Logical Query Processing Order:

- 1 FROM: Identify source tables
- 2 WHERE: Apply row-level filters
- 3 GROUP BY: Group rows by criteria
- 4 HAVING: Filter grouped results
- 5 SELECT: Project columns/expressions
- 6 DISTINCT: Eliminate duplicates
- 7 ORDER BY: Sort final result set

## Syntactic Writing Order

SELECT → FROM → WHERE → GROUP BY → HAVING → ORDER BY

# ORDER BY Clause

- ORDER BY clause sorts query results based on one or more attributes in ascending or descending order.

```
SELECT column_list  
FROM table_name  
[WHERE condition]  
ORDER BY column1 [ASC | DESC], column2 [ASC | DESC], ...;
```

# ORDER BY Clause

```
SELECT column_list  
FROM table_name  
[WHERE condition]  
ORDER BY column1 [ASC | DESC], column2 [ASC | DESC], ...;
```

## Sort Order Modifiers:

- ASC: Ascending order (default)
- DESC: Descending order
- NULLS FIRST: NULL values appear first
- NULLS LAST: NULL values appear last (ASC default)

# ORDER BY Clause

## Query 1: Single column ascending sort (default)

```
SELECT Fname, Lname, Salary  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
ORDER BY Lname;
```

# ORDER BY Clause

- Query 2: Descending order)

```
SELECT Fname, Lname, Salary  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
ORDER BY Salary DESC;
```

## Query 3: Multi-column sort (hierarchical)

```
SELECT Fname, Lname, Salary, Dno  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
ORDER BY Dno ASC, Salary DESC;
```

First sort by Dno ascending, then within each department sort by Salary descending

Dno 1: James(55000)

Dno 4: Jennifer(43000), Alicia(25000), Ahmad(25000)

Dno 5: Franklin(40000), Ramesh(38000),

# ORDER BY Clause

- Query 4: Sort by column position

```
SELECT Fname, Lname, Salary  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
ORDER BY 3 DESC;
```

- Query 5: Sort by computed expression

```
SELECT Fname, Lname, Salary * 12 AS Annual_Salary  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
ORDER BY Salary * 12 DESC;
```

- Query 6: NULL handling in Oracle

```
SELECT Fname, Lname, Super_ssn  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
ORDER BY Super_ssn NULLS LAST;
```





# ORDER BY Clause

- ORDER BY ASC:
  - NULLs appear LAST
- ORDER BY DESC:
  - NULLs appear FIRST
- Important Properties:
  - ORDER BY executes LAST (after SELECT)
  - Can reference column aliases
  - Can sort by columns not in SELECT list
  - Multiple sort keys processed left-to-right

# Aggregate Functions - Overview

- Aggregate functions compute single value from collection of tuples, implementing mathematical operations on multisets.

COUNT(\*)            - Count all tuples (with NULLs)

COUNT(column) - Count non-NULL values

SUM(column)       - Sum of numeric values

AVG(column)       - Arithmetic mean

MAX(column).      - Maximum value

MIN(column)       - Minimum value

# Aggregate Functions - Overview

Characteristics:

- Input: Multiple tuples (multiset)
- Output: Single scalar value
- NULL values ignored (except COUNT(\*))
- Used with GROUP BY for subgroup aggregation
- Cannot appear in WHERE clause

## Aggregate Functions - Overview

### Query 1: Count total employees

```
SELECT COUNT(*) AS Total_Employees  
FROM EMPLOYEE;
```

Result: 8 (includes all tuples)

### Query 2: Average salary calculation

```
SELECT AVG(Salary) AS Average_Salary  
FROM EMPLOYEE;
```

Result:

$$(30000 + 40000 + 25000 + 43000 + 38000 + 25000 + 25000 + 55000) / 8$$
$$= 35125$$

### Query 3: Maximum and minimum values

```
SELECT MAX(Salary) AS Highest_Salary, MIN(Salary) AS  
Lowest_Salary FROM EMPLOYEE;
```

Result: MAX = 55000 (James Borg), MIN = 25000

## Aggregate Functions - Overview

### Query 4: Sum aggregation

```
SELECT SUM(Salary) AS Total_Payroll  
FROM EMPLOYEE;
```

Result: 281000 (sum of all salaries)

### Query 5: Count non-NULL values

```
SELECT COUNT(Super_ssn) AS With_Supervisor  
FROM EMPLOYEE;
```

Result: 7 (excludes James Borg's NULL supervisor)

### Query 6: Count distinct values

```
SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT Dno) AS Num_Departments  
FROM EMPLOYEE;
```

Result: 3 (departments 1, 4, 5)

## Aggregate Functions - Overview

### **NULL Handling Rules:**

- COUNT(\*): Counts all tuples including NULL
- COUNT(column): Counts only non-NULL values
- SUM, AVG, MAX, MIN: Ignore NULL values
- If all values NULL: SUM returns NULL, COUNT returns 0

### **Restriction:**

- Aggregate functions CANNOT be used in WHERE clause
- Use HAVING clause for aggregate-based filtering

# GROUP BY Clause - Partitioning

- GROUP BY partitions relation into subsets based on grouping attributes, applying aggregate functions to each partition.

## Syntax:

```
SELECT grouping_columns, aggregate_function(column)
FROM table_name
[WHERE condition]
GROUP BY grouping_columns
[HAVING group_condition]
[ORDER BY columns];
```

# GROUP BY Clause

- Query 1: Employee count per department

```
SELECT Dno, COUNT(*) AS Num_Employees  
FROM EMPLOYEE GROUP BY Dno;
```

| Dno | Num_Employees |
|-----|---------------|
|-----|---------------|

|   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 | 1 |
|---|---|

|   |   |
|---|---|
| 4 | 3 |
|---|---|

|   |   |
|---|---|
| 5 | 4 |
|---|---|



# GROUP BY Clause

- Query 2: Average salary by department

```
SELECT Dno, AVG(Salary) AS Avg_Salary  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno;
```

Result:

Dno 1: 55000.00

Dno 4: 31000.00

Dno 5: 33250.00

# GROUP BY Clause

- **Query 3: Payroll summary per department**

```
SELECT Dno, SUM(Salary) AS Total_Payroll  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno;
```

Result:

Dno 1: 55000

Dno 4: 93000

Dno 5: 133000

# GROUP BY Clause

## Query 4: Salary range by department

```
SELECT Dno, MIN(Salary) AS Min_Salary, MAX(Salary) AS Max_Salary, MAX(Salary) - MIN(Salary) AS Salary_Range  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno;
```

## Query 5: Gender distribution

```
SELECT gender, COUNT(*) AS Employee_Count  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY gender;
```

Result: M: 5, F: 3

# GROUP BY Clause

## Query 6: Multi-attribute grouping

```
SELECT Dno, gender, COUNT(*) AS Count  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno, gender  
ORDER BY Dno, gender;
```

Result: (1,M,1), (4,F,1), (4,M,2), (5,F,1), (5,M,3)

# GROUP BY Clause

## Fundamental Rule:

Every column in SELECT must be either:

1. Listed in GROUP BY clause, OR
2. Inside an aggregate function

## INVALID:

```
SELECT Dno, Fname, COUNT(*)
```

```
FROM EMPLOYEE
```

```
GROUP BY Dno;
```

(Fname not in GROUP BY and not aggregated)

# HAVING Clause - Group Filtering

- HAVING clause filters groups created by GROUP BY based on aggregate conditions. WHERE filters tuples; HAVING filters groups.

## Syntax:

```
SELECT grouping_columns, aggregate_function(column)
FROM table_name
[WHERE tuple_condition]
GROUP BY grouping_columns
HAVING group_condition
[ORDER BY columns];
```

# HAVING Clause - Group Filtering

- Query 1: Departments with more than 2 employees

```
SELECT Dno, COUNT(*) AS Num_Employees  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno  
HAVING COUNT(*) > 2;
```

Result:

| Dno | Num_Employees |
|-----|---------------|
| 4   | 3             |
| 5   | 4             |

# HAVING Clause - Group Filtering

- Query 2: Departments with high average salary

```
SELECT Dno, AVG(Salary) AS Avg_Salary  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno  
HAVING AVG(Salary) > 35000;
```

Result:

| Dno | Avg_Salary |
|-----|------------|
| 1   | 55000      |



# HAVING Clause - Group Filtering

- Query 3: High-payroll departments

```
SELECT Dno, SUM(Salary) AS Total_Payroll  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno  
HAVING SUM(Salary) > 100000;
```

Result:

| Dno | Total_Payroll |
|-----|---------------|
| 5   | 133000        |

# HAVING Clause - Group Filtering

- **Query 4: Combined WHERE and HAVING**

```
SELECT Dno, AVG(Salary) AS Avg_Male_Salary  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
WHERE gender = 'M'  
GROUP BY Dno  
HAVING AVG(Salary) > 30000;
```

# HAVING Clause - Group Filtering

- **Query 5: Complex HAVING conditions**

```
SELECT Dno, COUNT(*) AS Num_Employees, AVG(Salary) AS Avg_Salary  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno  
HAVING COUNT(*) >= 2 AND AVG(Salary) > 30000;
```

## Efficiency Consideration:

WHERE is more efficient than HAVING for non-aggregate conditions because it reduces tuples before grouping.

Better: WHERE Salary > 25000 (filters early)

Worse: HAVING Salary > 25000 (processes all then filters)

# Retrieve all employees in department 5

A) **SELECT Fname, Lname, Dno**  
**FROM EMPLOYEE**  
**HAVING Dno = 5;**

B) **SELECT Fname, Lname, Dno**  
**FROM EMPLOYEE**  
**WHERE Dno = 5;**

C) **SELECT Fname, Lname**  
**FROM EMPLOYEE**  
**WHERE Dno = 5**  
**GROUP BY Dno;**

D) **SELECT DISTINCT Fname, Lname, Dno**  
**FROM EMPLOYEE**  
**ORDER BY Dno = 5;**

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FROM EMPLOYEE  
WHERE Dno = 5;

C) SELECT Fname, Lname  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
WHERE Dno = 5  
GROUP BY Dno;

D) SELECT DISTINCT Fname, Lname, Dno  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
ORDER BY Dno = 5;

**ANSWER: B**

# Find female employees earning over 30,000

A) SELECT Fname, Lname, Sex, Salary

FROM EMPLOYEE

WHERE Sex = 'F' OR Salary > 30000;

B) SELECT Fname, Lname, Sex, Salary

FROM EMPLOYEE

WHERE Sex = 'F' AND Salary > 30000;

C) SELECT Fname, Lname, Sex, Salary

FROM EMPLOYEE

WHERE Sex = 'F'

HAVING Salary > 30000;

D) SELECT Fname, Lname, Sex, Salary

FROM EMPLOYEE

WHERE Sex = 'F' AND Salary >= 30000;

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FROM EMPLOYEE  
WHERE Sex = 'F' AND Salary > 30000;

C) SELECT Fname, Lname, Sex, Salary  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
WHERE Sex = 'F'  
HAVING Salary > 30000;

D) SELECT Fname, Lname, Sex, Salary  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
WHERE Sex = 'F' AND Salary >= 30000;

ANSWER: B

# Employees with salary between 30K and 40K (inclusive)

A) **SELECT Fname, Lname, Salary  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
WHERE Salary > 30000 AND Salary < 40000;**

B) **SELECT Fname, Lname, Salary  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
WHERE Salary >= 30000 AND Salary <= 40000;**

C) **SELECT Fname, Lname, Salary  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
WHERE Salary BETWEEN 30000 AND 40000;**

D) Both B and C are correct



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ANSWER: D

# Find employees whose last name starts with 'W' or 'S'

A) **SELECT Fname, Lname  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
WHERE Lname LIKE 'W%' OR Lname LIKE 'S%';**

B) **SELECT Fname, Lname  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
WHERE Lname LIKE 'W%' OR 'S%';**

C) **SELECT Fname, Lname  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
WHERE Lname IN ('W%', 'S%');**

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C) **SELECT Fname, Lname  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
WHERE Lname IN ('W%', 'S%');**

D) **Both B and C are correct**

ANSWER: A

# Find employees who have a supervisor

A) SELECT Fname, Lname, Super\_ssn  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
WHERE Super\_ssn != NULL;

B) SELECT Fname, Lname, Super\_ssn  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
WHERE Super\_ssn <> NULL;

C) SELECT Fname, Lname, Super\_ssn  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
WHERE Super\_ssn IS NOT NULL;

D) SELECT Fname, Lname, Super\_ssn  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
WHERE NOT Super\_ssn = NULL;

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FROM EMPLOYEE  
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C) SELECT Fname, Lname, Super\_ssn  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
WHERE Super\_ssn IS NOT NULL;

D) SELECT Fname, Lname, Super\_ssn  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
WHERE NOT Super\_ssn = NULL;

ANSWER: C

# Count employees in each department

A) **SELECT Dno, COUNT(\*)  
FROM EMPLOYEE;**

B) **SELECT Dno, COUNT(\*)  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno;**

C) **SELECT Dno, COUNT(Fname)  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
WHERE Dno IS NOT NULL;**

D) **SELECT DISTINCT Dno, COUNT(\*)  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno;**

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B) SELECT Dno, COUNT(\*)  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno;

C) SELECT Dno, COUNT(Fname)  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
WHERE Dno IS NOT NULL;

D) SELECT DISTINCT Dno, COUNT(\*)  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno;

ANSWER: B

Valid examples:

```
SELECT Dno, COUNT(*)  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno;
```

**Dno in GROUP BY**

```
SELECT COUNT(*)  
FROM EMPLOYEE;
```

**No non-aggregate columns**

```
SELECT Dno, Sex, COUNT(*)  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno, Sex;
```

**Both Dno and Sex in GROUP BY**

Invalid examples:

```
SELECT Dno, Fname, COUNT(*)  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno;
```

**Fname NOT in GROUP BY!**

```
SELECT Dno, COUNT(*)  
FROM EMPLOYEE;
```

**Missing GROUP BY!**



# Calculate average salary for each department

A) **SELECT Dno, SUM(Salary) / COUNT(\*)  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno;**

B) **SELECT Dno, AVG(Salary) AS Avg\_Salary  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno;**

C) **SELECT AVG(Salary) AS Avg\_Salary  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno;**

D) **SELECT Dno, Salary / COUNT(\*)  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno;**

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FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno;

D) SELECT Dno, Salary / COUNT(\*)  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno;

CORRECT ANSWER: B

# comments

What if all values in group are NULL?

AVG() returns NULL

Difference between AVG(column) and SUM(column)/COUNT(\*)?

- AVG(column) excludes NULLs from count
- SUM/COUNT(\*) includes NULLs in COUNT(\*)
- AVG() excludes NULL values

# Find departments with more than 2 employees

Expected output

| Dno | Emp_Count |
|-----|-----------|
| 4   | 3         |
| 5   | 4         |

# Find departments with more than 2 employees

A) `SELECT Dno, COUNT(*) AS Emp_Count  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
WHERE COUNT(*) > 2  
GROUP BY Dno;`

B) `SELECT Dno, COUNT(*) AS Emp_Count  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno  
HAVING COUNT(*) > 2;`

C) `SELECT Dno, COUNT(*) AS Emp_Count  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno  
WHERE COUNT(*) > 2;`

D) `SELECT Dno, COUNT(*) AS Emp_Count  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno  
HAVING Emp_Count > 2;`

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GROUP BY Dno;`

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FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno  
HAVING COUNT(*) > 2;`

C) `SELECT Dno, COUNT(*) AS Emp_Count  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno  
WHERE COUNT(*) > 2;`

D) `SELECT Dno, COUNT(*) AS Emp_Count  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno  
HAVING Emp_Count > 2;`

**ANSWER: B**

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- Aliases available in:

ORDER BY (executes after SELECT)

- Aliases not available in:

HAVING X (executes before SELECT)

WHERE X (executes before SELECT)

GROUP BY X (executes before SELECT)

# Count employees by department AND gender

Expected output

| <b>Dno</b> | <b>Gender</b> | <b>Count</b> |
|------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1          | M             | 1            |
| 4          | F             | 1            |
| 4          | M             | 2            |
| 5          | F             | 1            |
| 5          | M             | 3            |



# Count employees by department AND gender

- A) 

```
SELECT Dno, Gender, COUNT(*)  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno;
```
- B) 

```
SELECT Dno, Gender, COUNT(*)  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Gender;
```
- C) 

```
SELECT Dno, Gender, COUNT(*)  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno, Gender;
```
- D) 

```
SELECT Dno, Gender, COUNT(*)  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno, Gender;
```

# Count employees by department AND gender

- A) `SELECT Dno, Gender, COUNT(*)  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno;`
- B) `SELECT Dno, Gender, COUNT(*)  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Gender;`
- C) `SELECT Dno, Gender, COUNT(*)  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno, Gender;`
- D) `SELECT Dno, COUNT(*), Gender  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
GROUP BY Dno, Gender;`

ANSWER: C (and D)

## Departments with 2+ employees AND avg salary > 30000

Expected output

| • Dno | Count | Avg_Salary |
|-------|-------|------------|
| • 5   | 4     | 33250.00   |

# Departments with 2+ employees AND avg salary > 30000

```
A) SELECT Dno, COUNT(*), AVG(Salary)
FROM EMPLOYEE
WHERE COUNT(*) >= 2 AND AVG(Salary) > 30000
GROUP BY Dno;
```

```
B) SELECT Dno, COUNT(*), AVG(Salary)
FROM EMPLOYEE
GROUP BY Dno
HAVING COUNT(*) >= 2 AND AVG(Salary) > 30000;
```

```
C) SELECT Dno, COUNT(*), AVG(Salary)
FROM EMPLOYEE
GROUP BY Dno
HAVING COUNT(*) >= 2 OR AVG(Salary) > 30000;
```

```
D) SELECT Dno, COUNT(*) AS Cnt, AVG(Salary) AS Avg_Sal
FROM EMPLOYEE
GROUP BY Dno
HAVING Cnt >= 2 AND
```

# Departments with 2+ employees AND avg salary > 30000

```
A) SELECT Dno, COUNT(*), AVG(Salary)
FROM EMPLOYEE
WHERE COUNT(*) >= 2 AND AVG(Salary) > 30000
GROUP BY Dno;
```

```
B) SELECT Dno, COUNT(*), AVG(Salary)
FROM EMPLOYEE
GROUP BY Dno
HAVING COUNT(*) >= 2 AND AVG(Salary) > 30000;
```

```
C) SELECT Dno, COUNT(*), AVG(Salary)
FROM EMPLOYEE
GROUP BY Dno
HAVING COUNT(*) >= 2 OR AVG(Salary) > 30000;
```

```
D) SELECT Dno, COUNT(*) AS Cnt, AVG(Salary) AS Avg_Sal
FROM EMPLOYEE
GROUP BY Dno
HAVING Cnt >= 2 AND
```

ANSWER: B

# Find department with **SECOND** highest average salary

Expected Output:

| Dno | Avg_Salary |
|-----|------------|
| 5   | 33250.00   |

# Subquery

- A subquery is a complete SELECT statement that is nested inside another SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE statement, or inside another subquery
- A subquery is a query within another query

```
SELECT column(s)  
FROM table  
WHERE column OPERATOR (  
    SELECT column  
    FROM table  
    [WHERE condition]  
);
```

# Subquery

- Rule 1: Subquery Must Be Enclosed in Parentheses
- Correct: WHERE Salary > (SELECT AVG(Salary) FROM EMPLOYEE)
- Wrong: WHERE Salary > SELECT AVG(Salary) FROM EMPLOYEE --  
Missing ( )



# Subquery

- Rule 2: Subquery Must Return Compatible Data Type
- Correct: WHERE Salary > (SELECT AVG(Salary) FROM EMPLOYEE)  
Returns NUMBER
- Wrong: WHERE Salary > (SELECT Fname FROM EMPLOYEE)  
Returns STRING!

# Subquery

- Rule 3: Subquery for = Must Return Single Value
- Correct: WHERE Dno = (SELECT Dnumber FROM DEPARTMENT WHERE Dname='Research')  
returns 1 value:5
- Wrong: WHERE Dno = (SELECT Dnumber FROM DEPARTMENT)  
Returns 3 values

# Subquery

- ORDER BY Not Allowed in Subquery (Usually)

WHERE Salary > (

SELECT AVG(Salary)

FROM EMPLOYEE

ORDER BY Salary -- Meaningless for single value!

)

# Subquery

Who scored higher than the class average?

- Step 1: "What is the class average?"
- 75%
- Step 2: "Who scored higher than 75?"

In SQL:

- Step 1 = SUBQUERY
- Step 2 = OUTER QUERY

```
SELECT Fname, Lname, Salary
FROM EMPLOYEE
WHERE Salary > AVG(Salary); -- Will this work?
```

# Subquery

Who scored higher than the class average?

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- Step 2: "Who scored higher than 75?"

In SQL:

- Step 1 = SUBQUERY
- Step 2 = OUTER QUERY

```
SELECT Fname, Lname, Salary
FROM EMPLOYEE
WHERE Salary > (SELECT AVG(Salary) FROM
EMPLOYEE);
```

# Subquery

Subquery : Query nested inside another query

Inner Query : The nested query (same as subquery)

Outer Query : The main query containing subquery

Nested Query : Another name for subquery



# When Do We Need Subqueries?

- Comparing to Aggregate Values
- Checking Existence
- Finding Top-N Values
- Dynamic Filtering

# When Do We Need Subqueries?

- Write a query to find products priced above the average price.

```
SELECT ProductID, Name, Price
```

```
FROM PRODUCTS
```

```
WHERE Price > (SELECT AVG(Price) FROM PRODUCTS);
```



# Syntax Patterns by Operator

- Single Value Comparison

```
WHERE column {=|>|<|>=|<=|<>} (  
    SELECT AGG_FUNCTION(column)  
    FROM table  
)
```

```
WHERE Salary > (SELECT AVG(Salary) FROM EMPLOYEE)
```

```
WHERE Price = (SELECT MAX(Price) FROM PRODUCTS)
```

```
WHERE Age < (SELECT MIN(Age) FROM STUDENTS)
```

# Syntax Patterns by Operator

- IN Operator (Multiple Values)

WHERE column IN (

    SELECT column

    FROM table

    [WHERE condition]

)

```
WHERE Dno IN (SELECT Dnumber FROM DEPARTMENT WHERE  
Location='Houston')
```

```
WHERE StudentID IN (SELECT StudentID FROM ENROLLMENTS WHERE  
Grade='A')
```

# Syntax Patterns by Operator

- ANY/ALL Operators

```
WHERE column OPERATOR {ANY|ALL} (  
    SELECT column  
    FROM table  
)
```

```
WHERE Salary > ANY (SELECT Salary FROM EMPLOYEE WHERE Dno=5)  
WHERE Price <= ALL (SELECT Price FROM PRODUCTS WHERE CategoryID=2)
```

# Syntax Patterns by Operator

- EXISTS Operator

WHERE EXISTS (

SELECT \*

FROM table

WHERE condition

)

WHERE EXISTS (SELECT \* FROM DEPENDENT WHERE Essn=E.Ssn)