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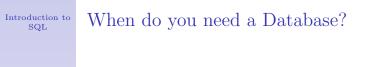
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|-------|-------------|--------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| alid  | INT         | aid    | INT         | tid      | INT         |
| aid   | INT         | name   | VARCHAR(40) | alid     | INT         |
| title | VARCHAR(60) |        |             | time     | INT         |
|       |             |        |             | title    | VARCHAR(40) |
|       |             |        |             | filename | VARCHAR(14) |

#### A Look at the Tables

```
mysql> select * from album limit 1,5;
| alid | aid | title
+-----
  140 | 102 | Ugetsu
 150 | 109 | Born To Be Blue
 151 | 109 | Connecticut Jazz Party
 152 | 109 | Easy Does It
  153 | 109 | In Person
5 rows in set (0.03 sec)
mysql> select * from artist limit 1,5;
| aid | name
 -----
 109 | Bobby Timmons
 134 | Dizzy Gillespie
 140 | Elmo Hope
| 146 | Erroll Garner
  159 | Horace Silver
 ----+
5 rows in set (0.03 sec)
mysql> select * from track limit 1,5;
I tid | alid | time | title
| 1713 | 139 | 413 | Sincerely Diane (alternate take) | 1077698286.mp3 |
| 1714 | 139 |
             384 | Yama
                                           | 1077698288.mp3 |
| 1715 | 139 |
             404 | When your lover has gone
                                           | 1077698290.mp3 |
I 2276 I 139 I
             398 | So tired
                                           | 1077699502.mp3 |
             408 | Sincerely Diana
                                           | 1077702347.mp3
| 3669 | 139 |
+----+
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These ideas are illustrated using the music collection data, R, python, and perl

# Using SQL in R

```
library(RMySQL)
drv = dbDriver("MySQL")
con = dbConnect(drv,dbname="dbname",user="user",pass="pass")
rs = dbSendQuery(con,statement="select * from album")
album = fetch(rs.n=-1)
rs = dbSendQuery(con,statement="select * from track")
track = fetch(rs.n=-1)
rs = dbSendQuery(con,statement="select * from artist")
artist = fetch(rs.n=-1)
tracks = data.frame(
         album = factor(track$alid,levels=album$alid,
                                   labels=album$title).
         artist = factor(merge(track[,"alid",drop=FALSE],
                           album[,c("alid", "aid")],by="alid")$aid,
                           levels=artist$aid,
                           labels=artist$name).
         time = track$time)
res = aggregate(tracks$time,
                 list(album=tracks$album,artist=tracks$artist),sum)
res = res[order(res$x,decreasing=TRUE),]
print(res[1:10,])
```

# Using SQL in python

```
#!/usr/bin/python
from MySQLdb import *
con = connect(user='user',passwd='pass',db='dbname')
cursor = con.cursor()
cursor.execute('select * from track')
tracks = cursor.fetchall()
durations = {}
for t in tracks:
   durations[t[1]] = durations.get(t[1],0) + t[2]
alids = durations.keys()
alids.sort(lambda x,y:cmp(durations[y],durations[x]))
for i in range(10):
   cursor.execute(
     'select title, aid from album where alid = %d' % alids[i])
   title, aid = cursor.fetchall()[0]
   cursor.execute('select name from artist where aid = %d' % aid)
   name = cursor.fetchall()[0][0]
   print '%s\t%s\t%d' % (title,name,durations[alids[i]])
```

### Using SQL in perl

```
#!/usr/bin/perl
use DBI:
$dbh = DBI->connect('DBI:mysql:dbname:localhost','user','pass');
$sth = $dbh->prepare('select * from album');
$sth->execute():
while((@row) = $sth->fetchrow()){
     $album{$row[0]} = $row[2];
     $aartist{$row[0]} = $row[1];
$sth = $dbh->prepare('select * from artist');
$sth->execute();
$artist{$row[0]} = $row[1] while((@row) = $sth->fetchrow()):
$sth = $dbh->prepare('select * from track');
$sth->execute():
$duration{$row[1]} += $row[2] while((@row) = $sth->fetchrow());
@salbum = sort({$duration{$b} <=> $duration{$a}} keys(%duration));
foreach $i (0..9){
   print
       "$album{$salbum[$i]}\t$artist{$aartist{$salbum[$i]}}\t",
       "$duration{$salbum[$i]}\n"
   }
```

mysql> select \* from kids;

| +      | <b></b>  | <b></b> | +       |          | +   |
|--------|----------|---------|---------|----------|-----|
| id     | race<br> | age<br> | height  | weight   | sex |
| 100011 | 2        | 10.346  | 148.500 | 38.950   | 1   |
| 100011 | 2        | 11.282  | 157.100 | 44.100   | 1   |
| 100011 | 2        | 14.428  | 165.950 | 57.800 l | 1   |
| 100011 | 2        | 15.321  | 167.050 | 59.650   | 1   |
| 100031 | 1        | 10.920  | 158.000 | 63.700 l | 1   |
| 100031 | 1        | 11.917  | 161.000 | 68.500   | 1   |
| 100031 | 1        | 13.007  | 162.750 | 85.950   | 1   |
|        |          |         |         |          |     |
| 308091 | 1        | 9.460   | 138.000 | 39.000   | 1   |
| 308091 | 1        | 10.740  | 147.500 | 53.100   | 1   |
| 308091 | 1        | 11.359  | 151.750 | 57.050   | 1   |
| 308101 | 1        | 9.800   | 152.350 | 38.500   | 2   |
| 308101 | 1        | 10.781  | 159.335 | 48.235   | 2   |
| 308101 | 1        | 11.701  | 164.285 | 51.700   | 2   |
| +      | +        | +       | +       |          | +   |

20704 rows in set (0.18 sec)

◆ Return

```
mysql> select * from kids order by height desc;
         | race | age
                          | height
                                     | weight
  302941 I
                   19.657 | 201.905 |
                                        83.820 L
  300861 I
                            201.850
                   17.804
                                       126.610 L
  302941 I
                   16.572
                            201.795
                                        76.670 l
  300861 L
                   14.833
                            201.520 L
                                       124.245 L
  300861 I
                   18.781
                            201.520 L
                                       123.310 L
  302941 |
                   18.611
                            201.410 l
                                        83.710 l
  107061 I
                   17.626
                            201.300 L
                                        82,005 I
  302941 I
                   15.537
                                        72.820 I
                            201.190 L
  304441 I
                   17.946
                            201.190 l
                                        67.430 I
  116741 I
                   17.338
                            201.025 I
                                        72.710 I
```

10 rows in set (0.10 sec)

∢ Return

```
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```
mysql> select sex,race,count(*) as n,
    -> avg(weight/(height*height)*10000) as bmi
    -> from kids group by sex, race;
       | race | n
  sex
                      bmi
                       21.312670406
            2 | 5532 | 23.489962065
            1 | 4973 | 19.153469602 |
            2 | 5222 | 21.040500147
4 rows in set (0.12 sec)
```

```
mysql> select id from kids
              group by id having count(*) < 2;
 id
 101051 I
 103181
  103191 I
 107231
  109001 |
 207291
l 207961 l
I 302241 I
 304561
 307081 |
22 rows in set (0.10 sec)
```

◆ Return

```
mysql> select * from kids group by id having count(*)=10;
lid
        | race | age | height | weight | sex
 100031 l
                 10.920 | 158.000 |
                                   63.700 L
l 100041 l
                10.070
                         159.500 | 51.700 |
l 100071 l
             2 | 10.630 |
                         139.700 | 37.500 |
l 100081 l
             2 | 9.110 | 152.130 | 36.795 |
l 100091 l
             2 | 9.200 | 148.250 | 54.150 |
| 308021 |
             1 | 9.330 | 157.850 | 41.470 |
l 308041 l
             1 | 10.810 | 157.025 | 38.060 |
l 308061 l
                10.120 l
                         156.200 | 32.780 |
l 308071 l
             1 | 10.990 | 138.500 | 29.450 |
l 308081 l
             1 | 9.920 | 152.900 | 31.130 |
1303 rows in set (0.11 sec)
```

```
mysql> select * from kids where id in
           (select id from kids group by id
    ->
            having count(*)=10);
         | race | age
                          | height
  id
                                    | weight
  100011 I
                  10.346 | 148.500 |
                                       38.950 l
  100011 I
                  11.282
                           157.100 l
                                       44.100 I
                                       51.150 I
  100011 L
                  12.336
                           163.900 l
  100011 |
                  13.388 | 166.450 |
                                       57.400 l
  100011 |
                  14.428 | 165.950 |
                                       57.800 l
 308081 I
                  14.803 | 183.700 |
                                       55.935 L
                                                   2 |
L 308081 L
                  15.780
                           183.590 l
                                       54.780 l
```

+-----+----+-----+-----+-----+-----

18.631 | 184.195 |

13030 rows in set (35 min 33.96 sec)

16.865

17.864 l

308081 I

308081 I

l 308081 l



184.195 l

184.580 l

58.905 L

56.320 l

56.100 L

mysql> select \* from kids inner join

- -> (select id from kids group by id having count(\*)=10)
- -> as a using(id);

|        |     |        | ++<br>  height |        | +<br>  sex |
|--------|-----|--------|----------------|--------|------------|
| +      | +   | ·      | ++             |        | +          |
| 100011 | 2   | 10.346 | 148.500        | 38.950 | 1          |
| 100011 | 2   | 11.282 | 157.100        | 44.100 | 1          |
| 100011 | 2   | 12.336 | 163.900        | 51.150 | 1          |
| 100011 | 2   | 13.388 | 166.450        | 57.400 | 1          |
| 100011 | 2   | 14.428 | 165.950        | 57.800 | 1          |
|        |     |        |                |        |            |
| 308081 | 1   | 14.803 | 183.700        | 55.935 | 2          |
| 308081 | 1 1 | 15.780 | 183.590        | 54.780 | 2          |
| 308081 | 1   | 16.865 | 184.195        | 58.905 | 2          |
| 308081 | 1   | 17.864 | 184.580        | 56.320 | 2          |
| 308081 | 1 1 | 18.631 | 184.195        | 56.100 | 2          |
| +      | +   | ·      | ++             |        | +          |

13030 rows in set (11.89 sec)



```
mysql> select * from kids
   -> having weight = max(weight);
Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> select k.id,k.sex,k.race,k.age,k.weight,k.height
```

- -> from kids as k, (select sex,race,max(weight) as weight
- -> from kids group by sex, race) as m
- -> where k.sex = m.sex and k.race = m.race and
- -> k.weight = m.weight;

4 rows in set (0.34 sec)

mysql> select a.title,r.name from album as a,artist as r where a.aid = r.aid; l title l name | A Night in Tunisia | Art Blakey & Jazz Messengers | | Ugetsu | Art Blakey & Jazz Messengers | I Born To Be Blue | Bobby Timmons | Connecticut Jazz Partv | Bobby Timmons | Easy Does It | Bobby Timmons | In Person | Bobby Timmons I Moanin' Blues | Bobby Timmons | The Prestige Trio Sessions | Bobby Timmons | Soul Man Soul Food | Bobby Timmons | Soul Time | Bobby Timmons I Workin' Out | Bobby Timmons | 1945-1950 Small Groups | Dizzy Gillespie I Live at the Circle Room and Mo | Nat King Cole | Nat King Cole | Birth of the Cole 1938-1939 | Rockin' Boppin' & Blues | Nat King Cole | WWII Transcriptions | Nat King Cole | Oscar Peterson And Clark Terry | Oscar Peterson | A Tribute To My Friends | Oscar Peterson | The Oscar Peterson Trio Live At Zardi's - Disc One | Oscar Peterson | The Oscar Peterson Trio Live At Zardi's - Disc Two | Oscar Peterson | Skol | Oscar Peterson Oscar Peterson and Dizzy Gillespie | Oscar Peterson I Overseas | Tommy Flanagan | The Tommy Flanagan Trio | Tommy Flanagan | Trio & Sextet | Tommy Flanagan

72 rows in set (0.02 sec)

```
mysql> select alid,sum(time) as duration
```

-> from track group by alid order by duration desc;

```
-----+
| alid | duration |
 ----+
 150 l
         6057 I
 286 I
      5664 l
 264 | 5028 |
 156 | 4764 |
 158 |
      4674 |
 343 l
      2031
 263
      1865 |
 281 l
      1749 l
 280 l
      1611
 287 I
        1519 l
 203 L
        1061 l
 ----+
```

72 rows in set (0.04 sec)



mysql> select a.title,r.name,sum(time) as duration

- -> from track as t,album as a,artist as r
- -> where t.alid=a.alid and a.aid = r.aid
- $\rightarrow$  group by t.alid
- -> order by duration desc limit 1,10;

| +  | -+  |                | +- | +        |
|--|-----|----------------|----|----------|
| title  | I   | name           | •  | duration |
| +  | -+- |                | +- | +        |
| My Funny Valentine                                 |     | Miles Davis    |    | 5664     |
| Trio   | 1   | Kenny Drew     | Ι  | 5028     |
| Soul Man Soul Food                                 | -   | Bobby Timmons  | 1  | 4764     |
| Workin' Out  | -   | Bobby Timmons  | 1  | 4674     |
| The All-Stars Sessions                             | 1   | Elmo Hope      | 1  | 4636 I   |
| The Oscar Peterson Trio Live At Zardi's - Disc Two | -   | Oscar Peterson | 1  | 4567     |
| Memories Of You                                    | 1   | Erroll Garner  | 1  | 4538     |
| Elmo Hope  | -   | Elmo Hope      | 1  | 4536     |
| WWII Transcriptions                                | 1   | Nat King Cole  | 1  | 4456     |
| The Oscar Peterson Trio Live At Zardi's - Disc One | -   | Oscar Peterson | I  | 4355 I   |
| +  | -+- |                | +- | +        |

10 rows in set (0.10 sec)

◀ Return