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Experiment 6

Experiment Aim: Learn how to create, query, and manage views in SQL to simplify database queries and provide a layer of abstraction for end-users.

(Company Tags: Amazon, Zoho, ServiceNow)

Tools used: PostgreSQL

Objectives:

- **Data Abstraction:** To understand how to hide complex table joins and calculations behind a simple virtual table interface.
- **Enhanced Security:** To learn how to restrict user access to sensitive columns by providing views instead of direct table access.

- **Query Simplification:** To master the creation of views that pre-join multiple tables, making reporting easier for non-technical users.
- **View Management:** To understand the syntax for creating, altering, and dropping views, as well as the naming conventions required for efficient data access.

Theory: A **View** is essentially a virtual table based on the result-set of an SQL statement. It does not contain data of its own but dynamically pulls data from the underlying "base tables".

1. **Simple Views:** Created from a single table without any aggregate functions or grouping. These are often updatable.
2. **Complex Views:** Created from multiple tables using JOINs, or including GROUP BY and aggregate functions. These provide a consolidated summary of the database.
3. **Security Layer:** In enterprise environments, views are used to grant permissions on specific subsets of data. For example, a "SalaryView" might exclude the "Employee_SSN" or "Home_Address" columns for privacy.
4. **Benefits:** They simplify the user experience, ensure data consistency across reports, and reduce the risk of accidental data modification by providing read-only abstractions.

Experiment Steps:

Step 1: Creating a Simple View for Data Filtering



Implementing a view to provide a quick list of active employees without exposing the entire table structure.

Query:

-- Query 1

-- Create Employee table

CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS Employee (

 EmpID INT PRIMARY KEY,

 EmpName VARCHAR(50),

 Salary INT,

 Status VARCHAR(20)

);

-- Insert sample data

INSERT INTO Employee VALUES (1, 'Rahul', 30000, 'Active')

ON CONFLICT (EmpID) DO NOTHING;

INSERT INTO Employee VALUES (2, 'Priya', 35000, 'Inactive')

ON CONFLICT (EmpID) DO NOTHING;

INSERT INTO Employee VALUES (3, 'Amit', 40000, 'Active')

ON CONFLICT (EmpID) DO NOTHING;

-- Create View to show only Active Employees

CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW ActiveEmployees AS

```
SELECT EmpID, EmpName, Salary
```

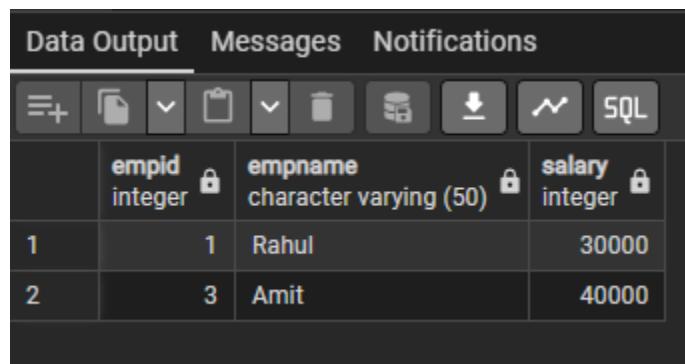
```
FROM Employee
```

```
WHERE Status = 'Active';
```

```
-- Query the View
```

```
SELECT * FROM ActiveEmployees;
```

Output:



	empid integer	empname character varying (50)	salary integer
1	1	Rahul	30000
2	3	Amit	40000

Step 2: Creating a View for Joining Multiple Tables

Simplifying the retrieval of data distributed across Employees and Departments tables.

Query:

```
-- Create Department table
```

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS Department (
```

```
DeptID INT PRIMARY KEY,
```

```
DeptName VARCHAR(50)
```



);

-- Insert sample departments

```
INSERT INTO Department VALUES (101, 'HR')
```

```
ON CONFLICT (DeptID) DO NOTHING;
```

```
INSERT INTO Department VALUES (102, 'IT')
```

```
ON CONFLICT (DeptID) DO NOTHING;
```

```
INSERT INTO Department VALUES (103, 'Finance')
```

```
ON CONFLICT (DeptID) DO NOTHING;
```

-- Add DeptID column to Employee table

```
ALTER TABLE Employee
```

```
ADD COLUMN IF NOT EXISTS DeptID INT;
```

-- Assign departments to employees

```
UPDATE Employee SET DeptID = 101 WHERE EmpID = 1;
```

```
UPDATE Employee SET DeptID = 102 WHERE EmpID = 2;
```

```
UPDATE Employee SET DeptID = 103 WHERE EmpID = 3;
```

-- Create View joining Employee and Department

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW EmployeeDepartmentView AS
```

```
SELECT
```

```

e.EmpID,
e.EmpName,
e.Salary,
d.DeptName

FROM Employee e
JOIN Department d
ON e.DeptID = d.DeptID;
-- Query the View
SELECT * FROM EmployeeDepartmentView;

```

Output:

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Showing rows: 1 to 3

	empid integer	empname character varying (50)	salary integer	deptname character varying (50)
1	1	Rahul	30000	HR
2	2	Priya	35000	IT
3	3	Amit	40000	Finance

Step 3: Advanced Summarization View

Creating a view to provide department-level statistics automatically



Query:

-- Create summarization view showing department statistics

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW DepartmentSummaryView AS
```

```
SELECT
```

```
d.DeptName,
```

```
COUNT(e.EmpID) AS TotalEmployees,
```

```
AVG(e.Salary) AS AverageSalary,
```

```
SUM(e.Salary) AS TotalSalary
```

```
FROM Employee e
```

```
JOIN Department d
```

```
ON e.DeptID = d.DeptID
```

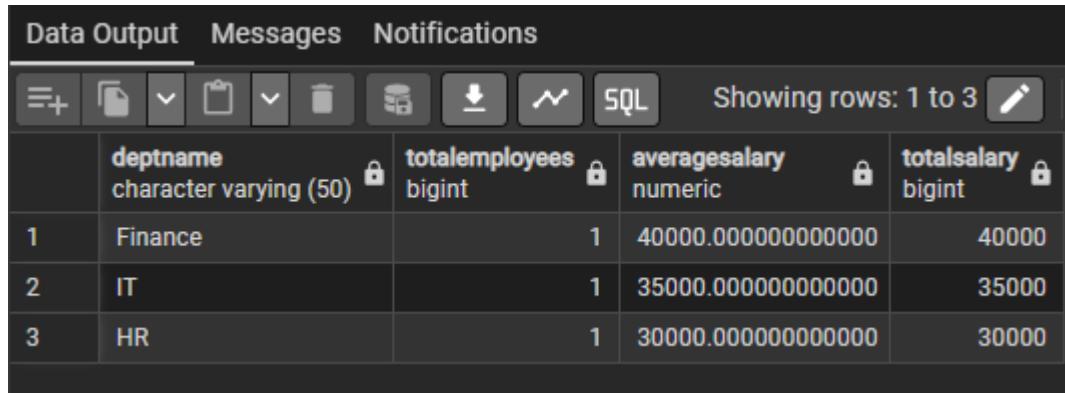
```
GROUP BY d.DeptName;
```

-- Query the View

```
SELECT * FROM DepartmentSummaryView;
```

Output:

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The screenshot shows a database interface with a toolbar at the top containing icons for new table, file operations, and SQL. The SQL tab is selected. Below the toolbar, it says "Showing rows: 1 to 3". The data is presented in a table with four columns: deptname, totalemployees, averagesalary, and totalsalary. The data rows are as follows:

	deptname character varying (50)	totalemployees bigint	averagesalary numeric	totalsalary bigint
1	Finance	1	40000.0000000000000000	40000
2	IT	1	35000.0000000000000000	35000
3	HR	1	30000.0000000000000000	30000

Outcomes:

- Abstraction Proficiency:** Students will be able to create and query views to simplify efficient data access and abstraction.
- Security Implementation:** Students will understand how to use views for data masking and providing restricted access to sensitive information.
- Syntactic Accuracy:** Students will demonstrate the correct syntax for creating and querying views, ensuring logical clarity in naming conventions.
- Real-world Application:** Students will be able to design views for practical domains like Library Management Systems or Payroll Systems to demonstrate functionality.