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★ What are Subqueries?

A **subquery** is just a **query inside another query**.

Think of it like this:

- ☞ The inner query finds something first.
- ☞ The outer query uses that result to do more work.

It's like asking two questions, but the second question depends on the first answer.

★ Why do we use subqueries?

Because sometimes one SELECT is not enough.

You need to find something **before** you can get the final answer.

Subqueries help you:

- filter rows based on another query
 - compare values
 - get data from multiple steps
 - calculate something first, then use it outside
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★ Simple Example

Find employees whose salary is above the average salary.

Step 1 (inner query):

```
SELECT AVG(salary) FROM employees;
```

Step 2 (outer query uses the result):

```
SELECT name, salary
```

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FROM employees
```

```
WHERE salary > (SELECT AVG(salary) FROM employees);
```

Here:

- $(\text{SELECT AVG(salary)} \dots)$ → **subquery**
 - The outer query uses it in WHERE.
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★ Types of Subqueries

1 Single-row subquery

Returns only **one value**.

Example: average salary.

2 Multi-row subquery

Returns **more than one value**.

Example: list of departments with max sales.

3 Correlated subquery

The inner query depends on the outer query row.

Like checking something for each employee one by one.