

SQL In Sprints - SQL Starts

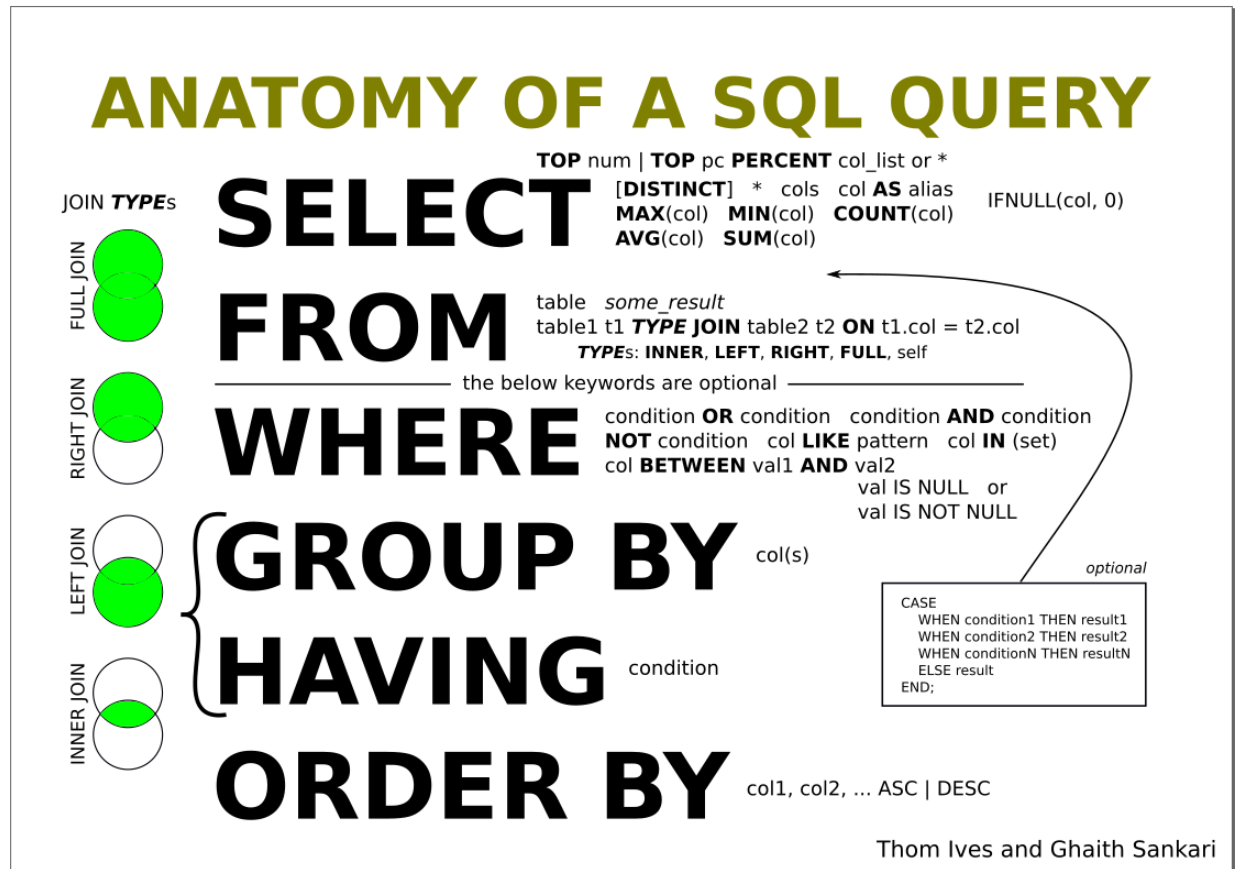


Figure 1: Anatomy Of A SQL Query

Overview

When we first made the above structured cheat sheet, we thought it would be a BIG help. However, we thought it would be a big help for those like Thom. That is people that have learned SQL, but use it infrequently. Due to the ongoing nature of their work, they use it intensely for a time. Then there is a long period of time before their next SQL usage. BUT we had no idea how useful it would become for new SQL users!

A Story

Thom has the current privilege of working with a brilliant Ph.D. candidate that is NOT a data geek. She IS a datavangelist though. What we mean is that she didn't start working with Thom and his team as a data scientist. She comes from the psychological realms of science. However, we greatly value her insights and we love it that she loves data backed agendas. Thus, she needs to know SQL to query data to explore her hypotheses. She reached out to Thom for SQL help.

Normally, Thom might say, "You don't want SQL help from me! I only use it in sprints." But Thom helped develop these cheat sheets. Thom can come out of his SQL dry times fast now with these cheat sheets. So Thom shared these cheat sheets, the one above and the ones below, with said brilliant Ph.D. candidate. Thom was thinking, 'She'll take a look at these, and then we can talk through how to structure her query'.

Before Thom could wrap up the current task he was working on, said brilliant Ph.D. candidate (BPHDC) sent him a note.

BPHDC: “Thanks Thom! I got it” Thom: “Wait! Got What? You mean you got the cheat sheets?” BPHDC: “Well, yes I got those, but I meant that I have my query working now. I even added that join that I needed.” Thom: “What?!?! Just from looking at those cheat sheets?” BPHDC: “Yes. Thanks. That helped to clear up my confusion on how to structure my query.”

NOTE: Thom cleaned up some language, and this is from memory, but this was how things went.

This was not something we expected from the value of these cheat sheets, BUT it kinda makes sense too. SQL is very logical in it's structure, but the **ORDER** that key commands should come in and the options you can and should use can be hard to remember sometimes. BPHDC has a brilliant mind and already thinks logically, but we all need syntax and keyword reminders. That's all BPHDC needed to SPRINT with SQL. So, we want to get these sheets in the hands and minds of as many people as possible to help them too.

The Cheat Sheets

All Four Cheat Sheets In One Image

SQL Visuals For SQL Sprinters

ANATOMY OF A SQL QUERY

SELECT TOP num | TOP pc PERCENT col_list or *
[DISTINCT] * cols col AS alias IFNULL(col, 0)
MAX(col) MIN(col) COUNT(col)
AVG(col) SUM(col)

FROM table some_result
table1 t1 TYPE JOIN table2 t2 ON t1.col = t2.col
TYPE: INNER, LEFT, RIGHT, FULL, self

WHERE the below keywords are optional
condition OR condition condition AND condition
NOT condition col LIKE pattern col IN (set)
col BETWEEN val1 AND val2
val IS NULL or
val IS NOT NULL

GROUP BY col(s)

HAVING condition

ORDER BY col1, col2, ... ASC | DESC

JOIN TYPES:
FULL JOIN
RIGHT JOIN
LEFT JOIN
INNER JOIN

CASE
WHEN condition1 THEN result1
WHEN condition2 THEN result2
WHEN condition3 THEN result3
ELSE result
END

SQL DATABASES TABLES VIEWS

CREATE DATABASE database_name;
DROP DATABASE database_name;
BACKUP DATABASE database_name
TO DISK = 'filepath';

constraints:
NOT NULL
UNIQUE
PRIMARY KEY
IDENTITY(1,1) (SQL Server Auto Increment)
int FOREIGN KEY REFERENCES table(ID_col)
CHECK (Age >= 18)
DEFAULT value

CREATE TABLE table_name (
column1 datatype constraint,
column2 datatype constraint,
column3 datatype constraint,
...);

DROP TABLE table_name;

ALTER TABLE table_name
ADD
col_name datatype constraint;

ALTER TABLE table_name
ALTER COLUMN
col_name datatype constraint;

ALTER TABLE table_name
DROP COLUMN col_name;

CREATE VIEW view_name
AS (sql query statement);

CREATE [UNIQUE] INDEX index_name
ON table_name (column1, column2, ...);

DROP INDEX table_name.index_name;

ANATOMY OF A SQL INSERT

INSERT INTO table (col_1, col_2, col_3, ..., col_n)
VALUES (value_1, value_2, value_3, ..., value_n)
(or a query statement that returns the needed values)

ANATOMY OF A SQL UPDATE

UPDATE table (col_1, col_2, col_3, ..., col_n)
SET (col_1 = value_1, col_2 = value_2, ..., col_n = value_n)
WHERE (conditions like those in a query statement)
Be EXTRA careful to use a WHERE condition on UPDATES

SQL STORED PROCEDURES

CREATE PROCEDURE procedure_name
AS sql_statement
GO;

EXEC procedure_name;

SQL DELETE

DELETE FROM table
WHERE condition;
Be EXTRA careful to use a WHERE condition on DELETES

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Figure 2: SQL Operations Summary

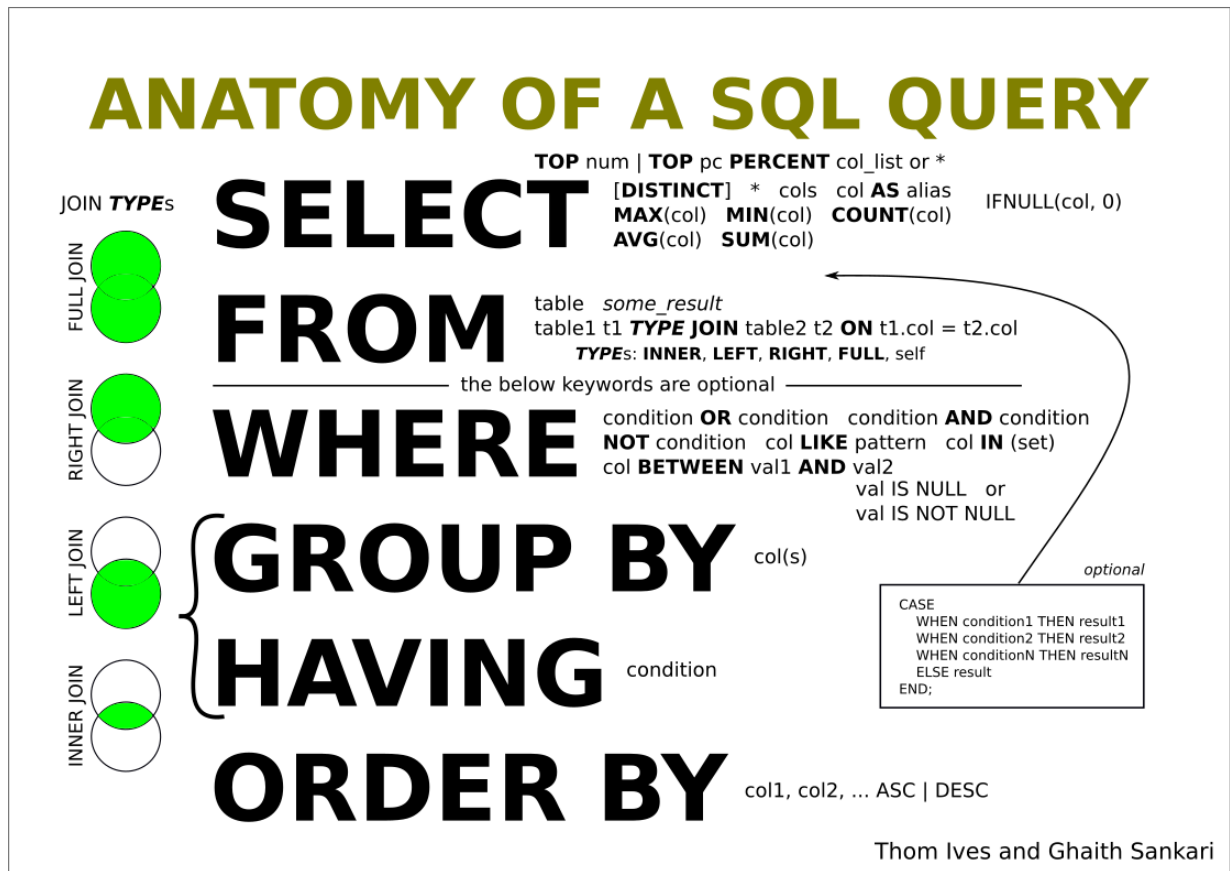


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Figure 4: Creating SQL Databases, Tables, and Views

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Figure 5: SQL Inserts And Updates

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Figure 6: SQL Stored Procedures

Summary

SQL is important to ALL that love and need data for their work. Please save this and share it with your friends around the world. It's our hope that it will help MANY more people. And Ghaith and Thom would be honored if you would follow us on LinkedIn. We have many more ways that we want to help the data world. We are developing the best way possible to deliver that help.

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