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# Optional Refresher: Using BigQuery

As a quick refresher, [BigQuery](#)  is a data warehouse on Google Cloud that data analysts can use to query, filter large datasets, aggregate results, and perform complex operations.

In the next activity, you will use BigQuery to sort data using SQL queries. In case you jumped around in a few courses, set up a BigQuery account by following the instructions in [Using BigQuery](#)  from the **Prepare Data for Exploration** course. If you already have a BigQuery account, you may mark this reading as complete and begin the next activity.

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