#PostgreSQL#



Section 1. Querying Data

Select – show you how to query data from a single table.

Column aliases – learn how to assign temporary names to columns or expressions within a query. Order By – guide you on how to sort the result set returned by a query.

Select Distinct - show you how to remove duplicate rows from the result set.

Can You Teach Me above all the topics with Realtime example (create a simple table and insert some values) and show output in Table Format and Also Explain Each topic why this needed, what happen, like syntax and so on.



Let's go through each of these PostgreSQL topics step by step, including a simple example, the syntax, and the expected output.

1. Select

- **Purpose**: The `**SELECT**` statement is used to query data from a PostgreSQL table. It retrieves rows and columns from the database.
- Syntax:

```
SELECT column1, column2, ...
FROM table_name;
```

• **Example**: Let's create a simple table and insert some data.

```
-- Create a table

CREATE TABLE employees (
  id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
  name VARCHAR(50),
  age INT,
  department VARCHAR(50)
);

-- Insert data into the table

INSERT INTO employees (name, age, department) VALUES
  ('Alice', 30, 'HR'),
  ('Bob', 25, 'Engineering'),
  ('Charlie', 28, 'Sales'),
  ('David', 35, 'Engineering');
```

Query: `SELECT * FROM employees;`

- **Explanation**: This query retrieves all columns and all rows from the `employees` table.
- Output:

id	name	age	department
1	Alice	30	HR
2	Bob	25	Engineering
3	Charlie	28	Sales
4	David	35	Engineering

2. Column Aliases

- **Purpose**: A column alias is a temporary name given to a column or an expression to make the output more readable.
- Syntax:

```
SELECT column1 AS alias1, column2 AS alias2, ...
FROM table_name;
```

• Example:

```
-- Using column aliases
SELECT name AS EmployeeName, age AS Age, department AS Dept
FROM employees;
```

Output:

EmployeeName	Age	Dept
Alice	30	HR
Bob	25	Engineering
Charlie	28	Sales
David	35	Engineering

3. Order By

- **Purpose**: `ORDER BY` is used to sort the result set returned by a query in ascending or descending order based on one or more columns.
- Syntax:

```
SELECT column1, column2, ...
FROM table_name
ORDER BY column1 [ASC|DESC], column2 [ASC|DESC], ...;
```

• Example:



```
-- Ordering by age in descending order
SELECT name, age, department
FROM employees
ORDER BY age DESC;
```

Output:

name	age	department
David	35	Engineering
Alice	30	HR
Charlie	28	Sales
Bob	25	Engineering

4. Select Distinct

- **Purpose**: `SELECT DISTINCT` is used to fetch unique rows from a table based on all columns or specified columns.
- Syntax:

```
SELECT DISTINCT column1, column2, ...
FROM table_name;
```

• Example:

```
-- Removing duplicate rows based on department
SELECT DISTINCT department
FROM employees;
```

Output:

department	
HR	
Engineering	
Sales	

Each of these concepts plays a crucial role in effectively managing and querying data in PostgreSQL.

Using `SELECT` allows us to retrieve data, `Column Aliases` make the data more readable, `ORDER BY`
helps in organizing data according to a specified order, and `SELECT DISTINCT` ensures that only unique records are fetched from the table, removing duplicates.