The Art and Science of Transportation Research in the AI Era

SQL and **Data Visualization**

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Learning Goals





#1 Learn more SQL Functions

#3 Understand Data visualisation

#2 Understand what is a SQL Join

#4 Differentiate between 'bad' and 'good' graph







#1 SQL Functions

#2 SQL Join

#3 Data visualisation

#4 Examples

#1.1 Recap SELECT and FROM

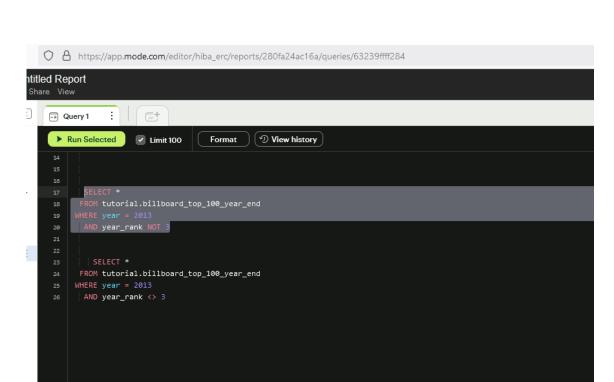


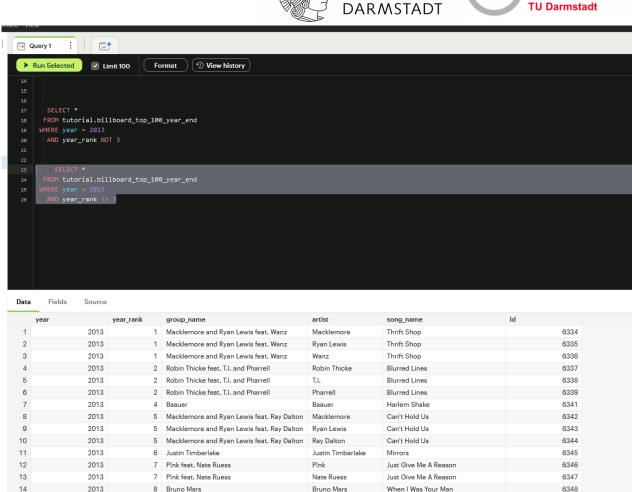


- Filtering using the WHERE clause happens before the results are returned.
- You can filter using a column that is not included in the SELECT statement, but it will not show if you do not explicitly select it.



#1.1 Recap NOT and <>





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Depends on the data that you work with. What you intend on doing.

Florida Georgia Line Cruise

9 Florida Georgia Line feat, Nelly

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Position: 89

Looks like something went wrong with your query.

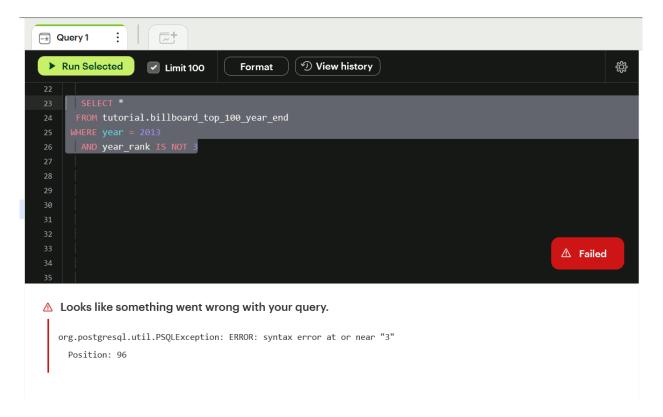
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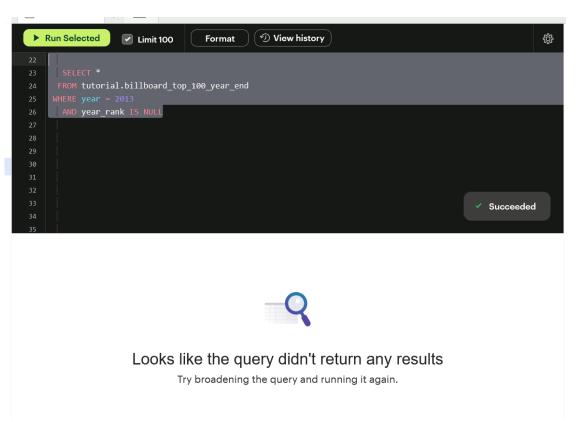
#1.1 Recap IS and =





IS cannot be used by itself. It must be used with specific keywords like NULL, TRUE, or FALSE – (Boolean Data)

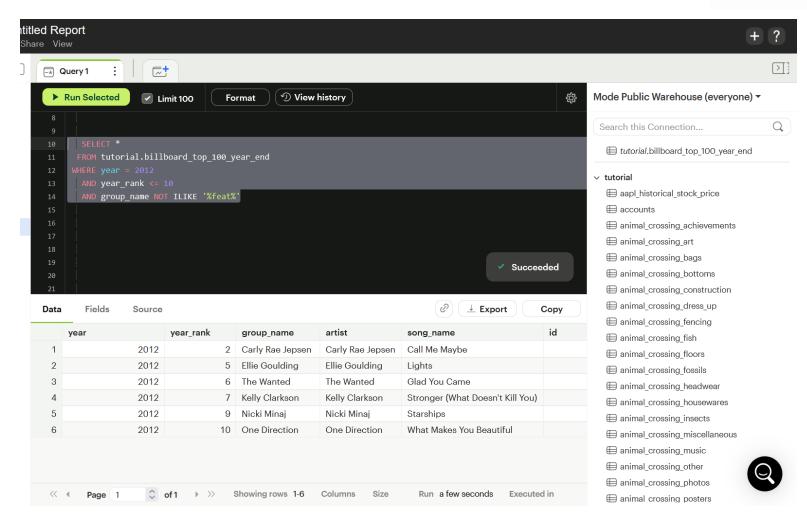




#1.1 Recap NOT



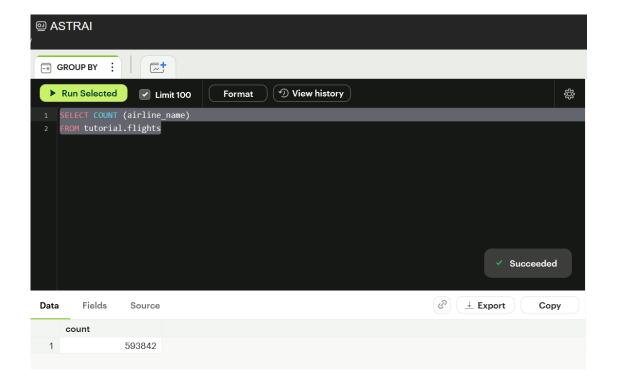


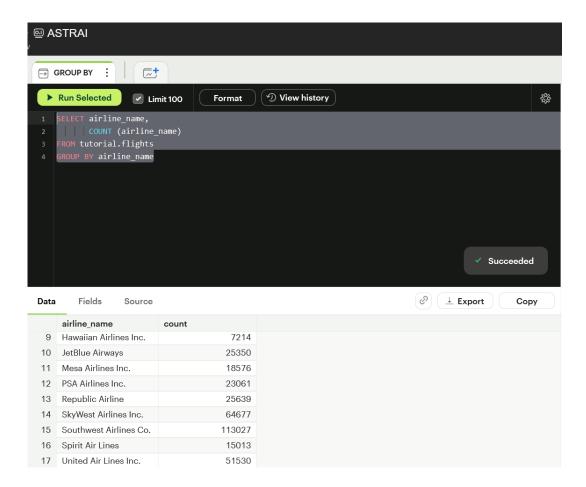






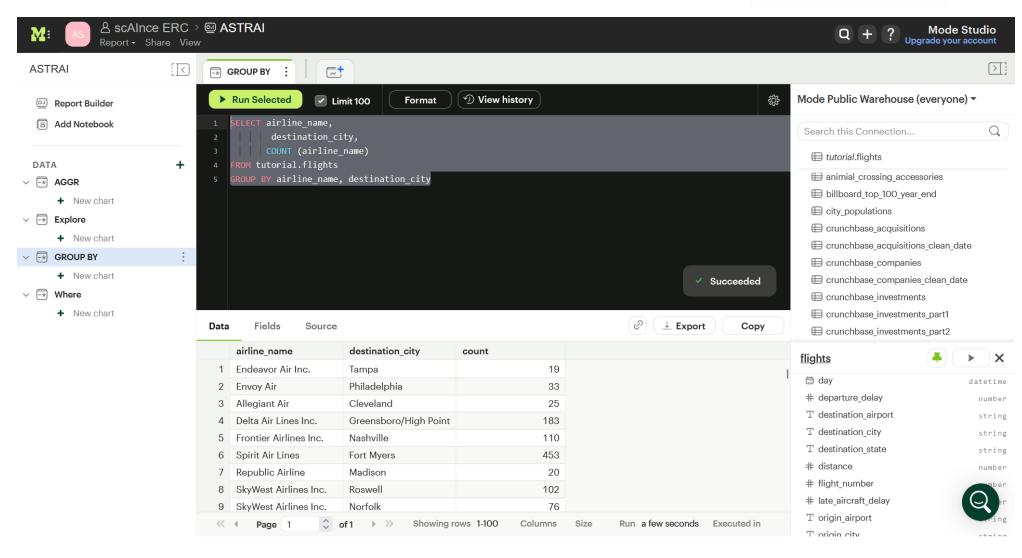
- Aggregation functions aggregate across the entire table.
- But what if you want to aggregate only part of a table?
- **GROUP BY** allows you to **separate data into groups**, which can be aggregated independently of one another.













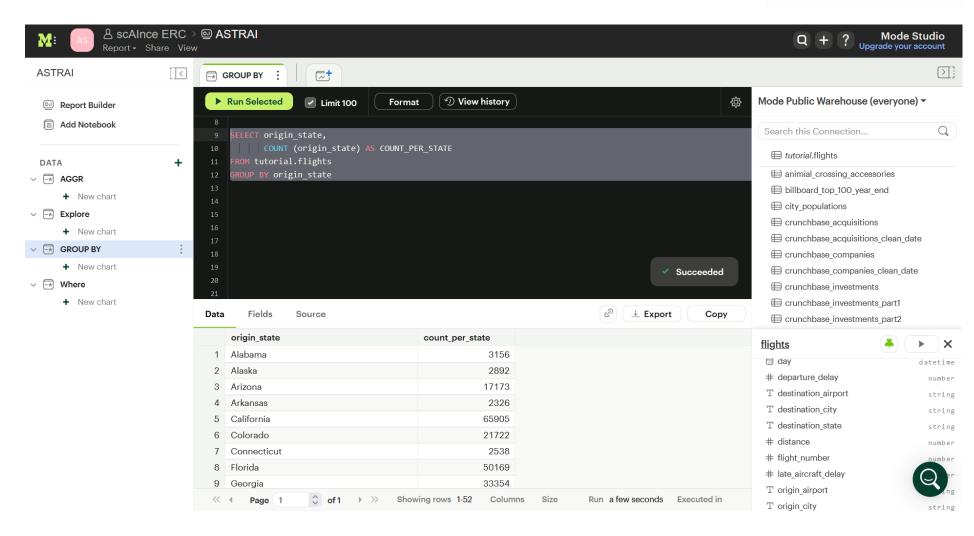




1. Count the total number of flights for each origin state?



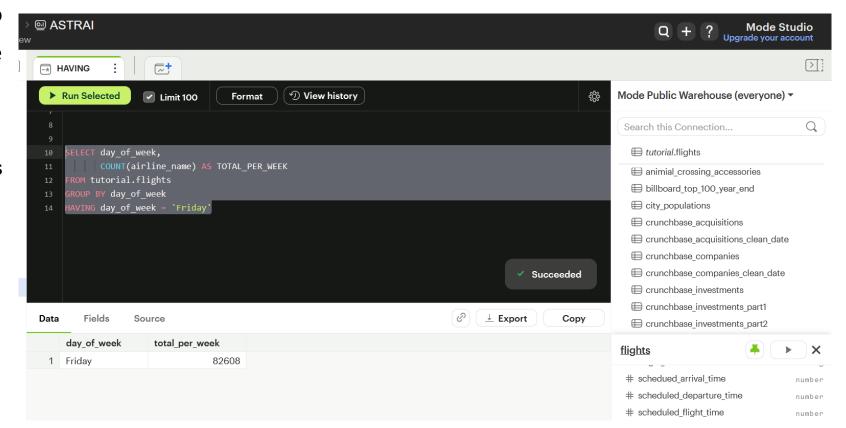






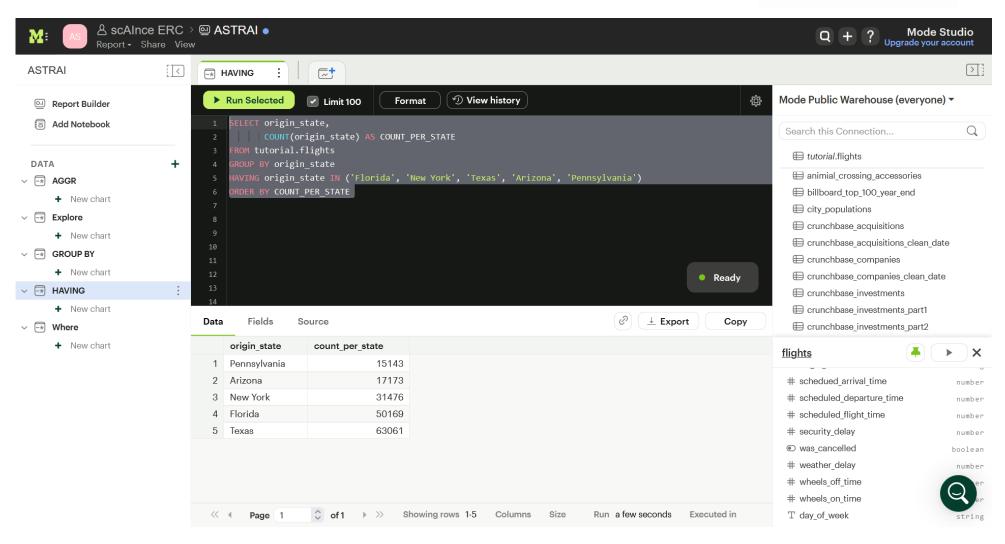


- The WHERE clause does not work with GROUP BY because it doesn't allow you to filter on aggregate columns—that's where the HAVING clause comes in.
- HAVING: clause filters a query that has been aggregated.









As mentioned last week, the order in which you write the clauses is **important**.

Logical Execution:

1.FROM \rightarrow

Start with the table tutorial.billboard_top_100_year_end

2.WHERE \rightarrow

Filter rows where year >= 2010

This happens before grouping. Any rows that don't meet this condition are excluded immediately.

3. GROUP BY \rightarrow

Group the filtered rows by artist and year

Each unique combination of artist and year becomes a group.

4. HAVING \rightarrow

The HAVING clause filters groups after aggregation.

Here, only the groups where artist = 'Taylor Swift' or artist = 'Bruno Mars' are retained.

5.SELECT \rightarrow

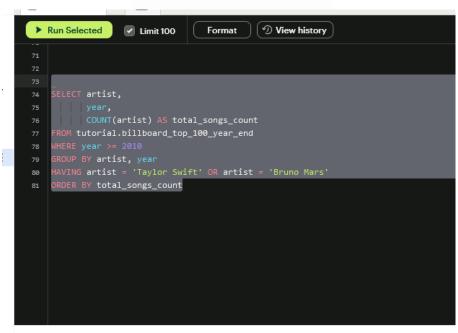
Choose columns artist, year and the count of artist as total_songs_count

5.ORDER BY \rightarrow

Sort by the count number







	artist	year	total_songs_count
1	Taylor Swift	2012	1
2	Taylor Swift	2011	1
3	Bruno Mars	2012	2
4	Taylor Swift	2013	2
5	Bruno Mars	2010	3
6	Bruno Mars	2013	3
7	Taylor Swift	2010	4
8	Bruno Mars	2011	4





Logical Execution:

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Filter rows where year >= 2010 artist name is either Taylor Swift OR Bruno Mars

3. GROUP BY \rightarrow

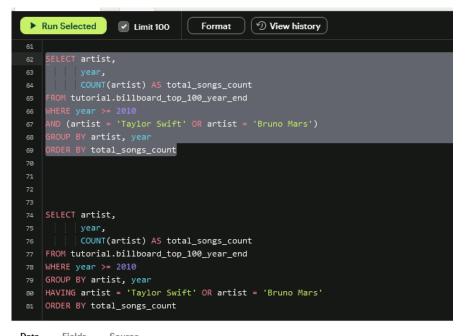
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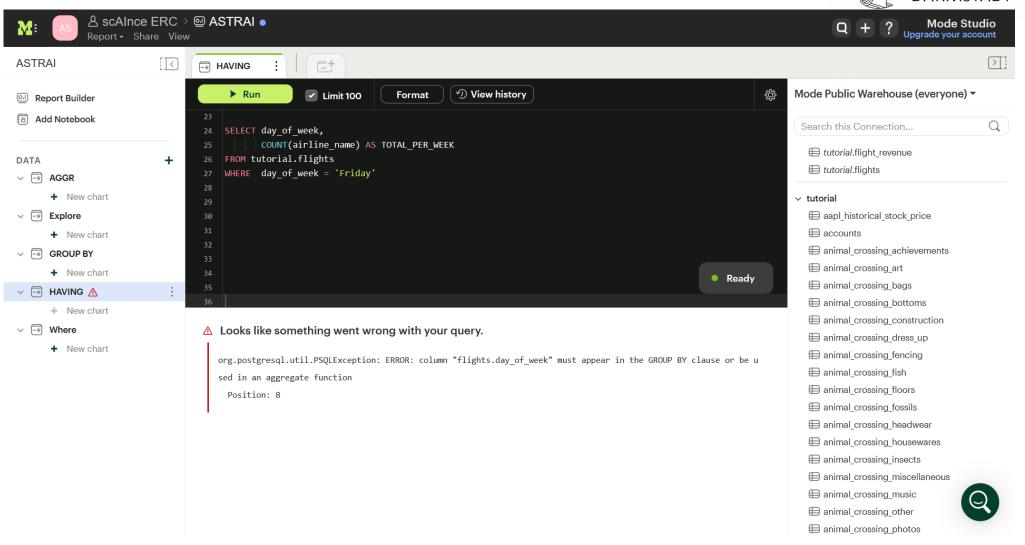
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Why do we have an error message?



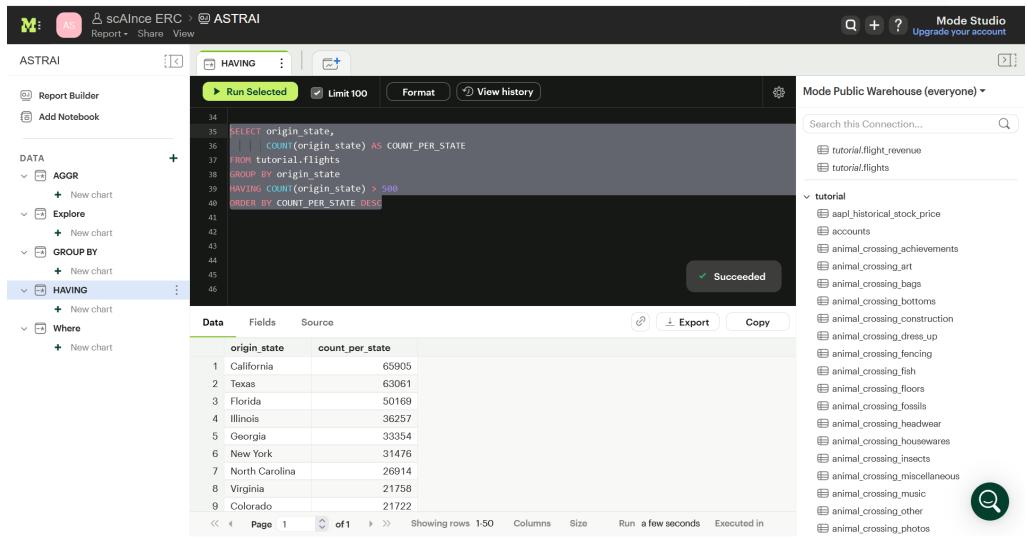




2. Write a query to count and display the origin_state in the tutorial.flights table where the count of flights from each state exceeds 500 and sort the result in descending order of flight count.









Up to this point, we've only been working with one table at a time. The real power of SQL, however, comes from working with data from multiple tables at once. If you remember from last week's session, the term "relational database" refers to the fact that the tables within it "relate" to one another—they contain common identifiers that allow information from multiple tables to be combined easily.





Table 1: Road_Segments

Segment_ID	Road_Name	Length_km	Speed_Limit_kmph
RS001	Highway 101	15.2	100
RS002	Elm Street	2.5	50
RS003	Oak Avenue	1.8	40
RS004	Main Boulevard	12.0	60
RS005	Pine Street	3.0	45

What is the Primary Key?

What is the forign Key?

Table 2: **Traffic_Lights**

Light_ID Segment_ID Light_Type Timing_Sec TL001 RS002 Red-Yellow-Green 60 TL002 RS003 Pedestrian-Only 45 Red-Yellow-Green RS004 90 TL003 Red-Yellow-Green TL004 RS005 60 Red-Yellow-Green TL005 RS002 70

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Foreign Key

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	TL003	RS004	Red-Yellow-Green	90
	TL004	RS005	Red-Yellow-Green	60
	TL005	RS002	Red-Yellow-Green	70





Table 3: Accidents

Accident_ID	Segment_ID	Date	Severity	Vehicles_Involved
A001	RS001	2023-07-10	High	3
A002	RS002	2023-06-15	Medium	2
A003	RS003	2023-08-05	Low	1
A004	RS004	2023-07-25	High	4
A005	RS005	2023-09-01	Medium	2

What is the Primary Key here?

To which table can I connect this table? How?





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When performing joins, it's easiest to give your table names aliases.

ON indicates how the two tables (the one after the FROM and the one after the JOIN) relate to each other.

```
SELECT *
FROM Road_Segments rs
JOIN Traffic_Lights tl
ON rs.Segment_ID = tl.Segment_ID;
```

Segment_ID	Road_Name	Length_km	Speed_Limit_kmph	Light_ID	Light_Type	Timing_Sec
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RS003	Oak Avenue	1.8	40	TL002	Pedestrian-Only	45
RS004	Main Boulevard	12.0	60	TL003	Red-Yellow-Green	90
RS005	Pine Street	3.0	45	TL004	Red-Yellow-Green	60





I need the columns segment id, road name and speed limit WHERE severity column is = high the filter happens after the tables are joined.

```
SELECT R.Segment_ID, R.Road_Name, R.Speed_Limit_kmph
FROM Accidents A

JOIN Road_Segments R ON A Pagment_ID = R.Segment_ID
WHERE A.Severity = 'High';
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Segment_ID	Road_Name	Speed_Limit_kmph
RS001	Highway 101	100
RS004	Main Boulevard	60







You are given two tables on Mode:

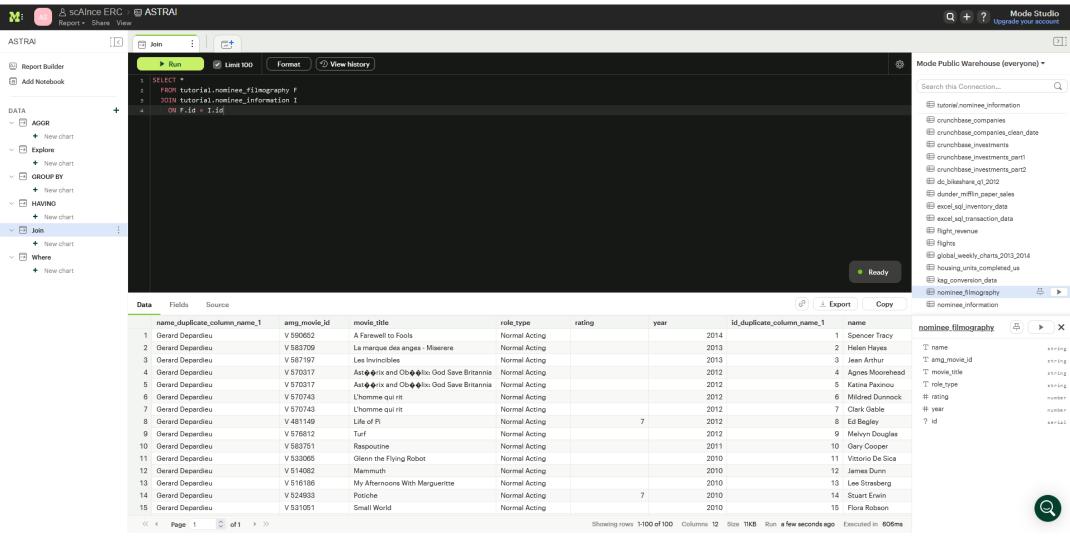
- tutorial.nominee_filmography
- tutorial.nominee_information

Your task is to:

- 1. Identify the foreign key that links the two tables.
- 2. Write an SQL query to join these tables based on the identified foreign key.

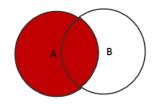




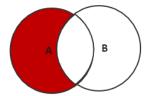








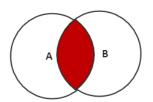
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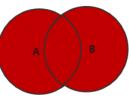
SELECT <select_list> FROM Table A A LEFT JOIN TableB B ON A.Key = B. Key WHERE B.Key IS NULL

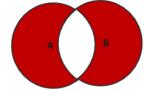
SELECT <select_list>
FROM Table A A
FULL OUTER JOIN TableB B
ON A.Key = B. Key

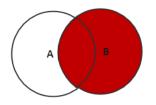
SQL JOINS



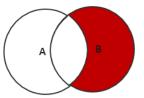
SELECT <select_list> FROM Table A A INNER JOIN TableB B ON A.Key = B. Key







SELECT <select_list>
FROM Table A A
RIGHT JOIN TableB B
ON A.Key = B. Key



SELECT <select_list> FROM Table A A RIGHT JOIN TableB B ON A.Key = B. Key WHERE A.Key IS NULL

SELECT <select_list>
FROM Table A A
FULL OUTER JOIN TableB B
ON A.Key = B. Key
WHERE A.Key IS NULL
OR B.Key IS NULL









- Efficiently summarize large amounts of data through a graphical format.
- There are many chart types available, each with their own strengths and use cases.
- One of the trickiest parts of the analysis process is choosing the right way to represent your data using one of these visualizations.







The process of visualizing your data:

1. Understand the context and have your questions and aim ready.

Build a clear understanding of **who** you are communicating to, **what** you need them to know or do, **how** you will communicate to them, and **what** data you have to back up your case.







- **2.** Choose an appropriate visual display.
- When highlighting a number or two, simple text is best.
- Line charts are usually best for continuous data.
- Bar charts work great for categorical data and must have a zero baseline.
- Let the relationship you want to show guide the type of chart you choose

Visual Vocabulary:

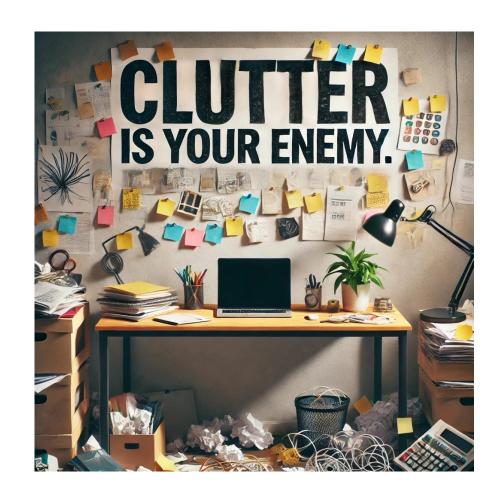
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- **3.** Identify elements that don't add informative value and remove them from your visuals.
- Remember: clutter is your enemy!
- Visual clutter creates excessive cognitive load that can hinder the transmission of our message.
- We do not see visuals with our eyes really, we see them with our brains.
- The Gestalt Principles provide a framework to understand how people perceive and create order from visual stimuli.
- Applying these principles can help you design visuals that align with how your audience naturally sees, allowing you to identify and remove unnecessary visual elements for clearer communication.







Proximity: We tend to think of objects that are physically close together as belonging to part of a group.

Similarity: Objects that are of similar color, shape, size, or orientation are perceived as related or belonging to part of a group.



Gestalt principle of proximity



Gestalt principle of similarity

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Closure: When parts of a whole are missing, our eyes naturally fill in the gap.

Enclosure: We think of objects that are physically enclosed together as belonging to part of a group. The aim is to highlight and group related content.





Gestalt principle of closure

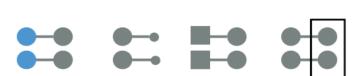
your brain already sees the boundaries, so adding a box is redundant.

Gestalt principle of enclosure





Connection: We tend to think of objects that are physically connected as part of a group. The connective property typically has a stronger associative value than similar color, size, or shape. Note when looking at the figure bellow, your eyes probably pair the shapes connected by lines (rather than similar color, size, or shape).



Gestalt principle of connection

Continuity is similar to closure: when looking at objects, our eyes seek the smoothest path and naturally create continuity in what we see even where it may not explicitly exist.



Gestalt principle of continuity and Simplicity

Simplicity: People tend to perceive and interpret visual elements in the simplest and most organized form possible.

Y-axis line removed stripping away unnecessary elements allows our data to stand out more.

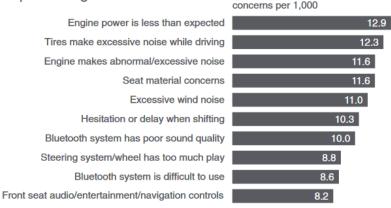
3. Focus attention where you want it.

- Employ the power of preattentive attributes like color, size, and position to signal what's important. Use these strategic attributes to draw attention to where you want your audience to look and guide your audience through your visual.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of preattentive attributes in your visual by applying the "where are your eyes drawn?"
- Shapes Size matters. Relative size denotes relative importance.
- Be consistance with colors.









No preattentive attributes

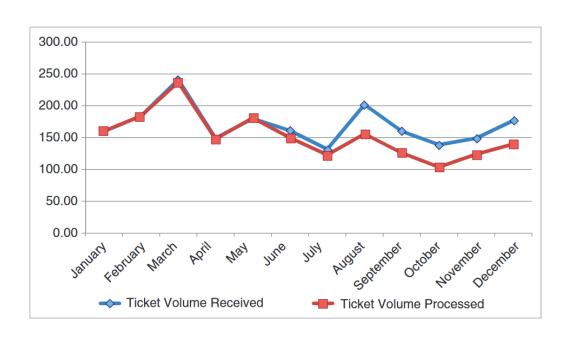
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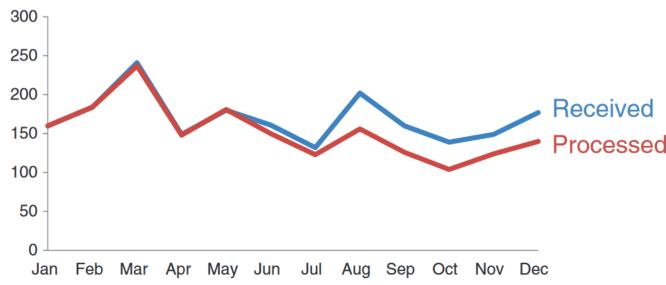
Preattentive attributes

#4.1 Examples









- 1. Remove chart border. Closure Principle
- 2. Remove gridlines: This allows for greater contrast, and your data will stand out more. Simplicity Principle
- 3. Remove data markers. Continuity Principle
- 4. Clean up axis labels: will fit horizontally on the x-axis, eliminating the diagonal text and zeros. Simplicity Principle

- 5. Label data directly: Proximity and put the data labels right next to the data they describe. Proximity Principle
- 6. Leverage consistent color: Make the data labels the same color as the data they describe. Similarity Principle

#4.2 Examples





Research by MIT Prof. Sam Madden.

Telematics start-up

The mission is to enhance road and driver safety by connecting vehicles, gathering data, and using machine learning, AI, and sensor algorithms to provide insights and feedback that improve driver behavior.

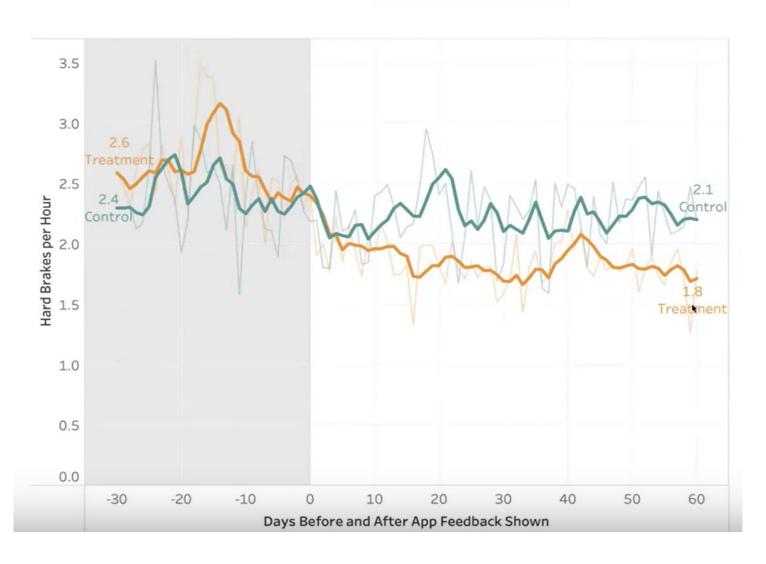
Research: The Effect of Providing Driving Feedback – Braking Are we going to make our roads safer by making drivers drive better?

The performance of two groups is compared based on their harsh braking events per hour over time.

The two groups: a control group with no intervention, and another group that received feedback.



Why is this a good visual?
Can you suggest something to make it better?









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