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AIM:

Learn how to create, query, and manage views in SQL to simplify database queries and provide a layer of abstraction for end-users.

OBJECTIVE:

- **Data Abstraction:** To understand how to hide complex table joins and calculations behind a simple virtual table interface.
- **Enhanced Security:** To learn how to restrict user access to sensitive columns by providing views instead of direct table access.
- **Query Simplification:** To master the creation of views that pre-join multiple tables, making reporting easier for non-technical users.
- **View Management:** To understand the syntax for creating, altering, and dropping views, as well as the naming conventions required for efficient data access.

Implementation:

Step 1: Creating a Simple View for Data Filtering

Implementing a view to provide a quick list of active employees without exposing the entire table structure.

```
CREATE TABLE Employee (
    emp_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    emp_name VARCHAR(100),
    department VARCHAR(50),
    salary NUMERIC(10,2),
    is_active BOOLEAN
);
```

-- Data Insertion

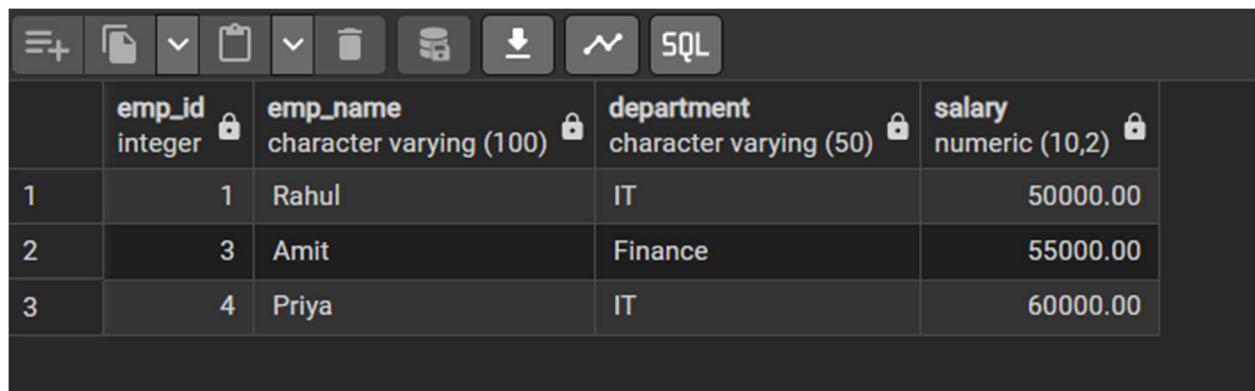
```
INSERT INTO Employee (emp_name, department, salary, is_active) VALUES
('Rahul', 'IT', 50000, TRUE),
('Sneha', 'HR', 40000, FALSE),
('Amit', 'Finance', 55000, TRUE),
('Priya', 'IT', 60000, TRUE);-- Cursor Commands
```

Query :-

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW active_employees AS
SELECT emp_id, emp_name, department, salary
FROM Employee
WHERE is_active = TRUE;
```

```
SELECT * FROM active_employees;
```

Output :-



The screenshot shows a database interface with a toolbar at the top containing various icons for file operations, search, and navigation. The 'SQL' button is highlighted. Below the toolbar is a table representing the 'active_employees' view. The table has four columns: 'emp_id', 'emp_name', 'department', and 'salary'. The data is as follows:

	emp_id	emp_name	department	salary
1	1	Rahul	IT	50000.00
2	3	Amit	Finance	55000.00
3	4	Priya	IT	60000.00

Step 2: Creating a View for Joining Multiple Tables

Simplifying the retrieval of data distributed across Employees and Departments tables.

```
CREATE TABLE Departments (
    dept_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    dept_name VARCHAR(100)
);
```

```
INSERT INTO Departments (dept_name) VALUES
('IT'),
('HR'),
('Finance');

CREATE TABLE Employees (
    emp_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    emp_name VARCHAR(100),
    salary NUMERIC(10,2),
    dept_id INT,
    FOREIGN KEY (dept_id) REFERENCES Departments(dept_id)
);
```

```
INSERT INTO Employees (emp_name, salary, dept_id) VALUES
('Rahul', 50000, 1),
('Sneha', 40000, 2),
('Amit', 55000, 3),
('Priya', 60000, 1);
```

Query:-

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW employee_department_view AS
SELECT
    e.emp_id,
    e.emp_name,
    e.salary,
    d.dept_name
FROM Employees e
JOIN Departments d
ON e.dept_id = d.dept_id;
```

```
SELECT * FROM employee_department_view;
```

Output :-

The screenshot shows a database interface with a toolbar at the top containing icons for Data Output, Messages, Notifications, and SQL. Below the toolbar is a table with four rows of data. The columns are labeled: emp_id, emp_name, salary, and dept_name. The data is as follows:

	emp_id integer	emp_name character varying (100)	salary numeric (10,2)	dept_name character varying (100)
1	1	Rahul	50000.00	IT
2	2	Sneha	40000.00	HR
3	3	Amit	55000.00	Finance
4	4	Priya	60000.00	IT

Step 3: Advanced Summarization View

Creating a view to provide department-level statistics automatically

Query:-

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW department_statistics AS
SELECT
    d.dept_name,
    COUNT(e.emp_id) AS total_employees,
    SUM(e.salary) AS total_salary,
    AVG(e.salary) AS average_salary,
    MAX(e.salary) AS highest_salary,
    MIN(e.salary) AS lowest_salary
FROM Departments d
LEFT JOIN Employees e
ON d.dept_id = e.dept_id
GROUP BY d.dept_name;
```

Output : -

The screenshot shows a database interface with a toolbar at the top containing icons for Data Output, Messages, Notifications, and SQL. Below the toolbar is a table with three rows of data. The columns are labeled: dept_name, total_employees, total_salary, average_salary, highest_salary, and lowest_salary. The data is as follows:

	dept_name character varying (100)	total_employees bigint	total_salary numeric	average_salary numeric	highest_salary numeric	lowest_salary numeric
1	Finance	1	55000.00	55000.00000000000000	55000.00	55000.00
2	IT	2	110000.00	55000.00000000000000	60000.00	50000.00
3	HR	1	40000.00	40000.00000000000000	40000.00	40000.00

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- **Abstraction Proficiency:** Students will be able to create and query views to simplify efficient data access and abstraction.
- **Security Implementation:** Students will understand how to use views for data masking and providing restricted access to sensitive information.
- **Syntactic Accuracy:** Students will demonstrate the correct syntax for creating and querying views, ensuring logical clarity in naming conventions.
- **Real-world Application:** Students will be able to design views for practical domains like Library Management Systems or Payroll Systems to demonstrate functionality.