

0.26 Data Creation and Explanation

you-said

For this Employee Schema Employee (id, person_name, street, city) - Primary Keys (id) Works (id, company_name, salary) - Primary Keys (id) Company (company_name, city) - Primary Keys (company_name) Manages (id, manager_id) - Primary Keys (id) Create data that has companies "First Bank Corporation", "Small Bank Corporation" and 4 more companies. Employees should earn more than \$10,000 as well as less than that. "Small Bank Corporation" employees have less salary but not lesser then everyone. Companies maybe located in several cities, specially "Small Bank Corporation". Create SQL queries for relations creation and data insertion.

ChatGPT said:

To create the data and SQL queries for the given schema, we'll start by creating the relations (tables) and then insert the data accordingly. We will also include the necessary conditions such as salary distribution and multiple cities for companies.

step-1-create-tables

Step 1: Create Tables

```
[] sqlCopy code-- Employee Table CREATE TABLE Employee ( id INT PRIMARY KEY, person_name VARCHAR(100), street VARCHAR(100), city VARCHAR(100) );
-- Works Table CREATE TABLE Works ( id INT PRIMARY KEY, company_name VARCHAR(100), salary DECIMAL(10, 2), FOREIGN KEY (company_name) REFERENCES Company(company_name) );
-- Company Table CREATE TABLE Company ( company_name VARCHAR(100) PRIMARY KEY, city VARCHAR(100) );
-- Manages Table CREATE TABLE Manages ( id INT PRIMARY KEY, manager_id INT, FOREIGN KEY (id) REFERENCES Employee(id), FOREIGN KEY (manager_id) REFERENCES Employee(id) );
```

step-2-insert-data

Step 2: Insert Data

Now we'll insert data for employees, companies, and their relationships, ensuring the conditions you outlined.

```
[] sqlCopy code-- Inserting data into the Company table INSERT INTO Company (company_name, city) VALUES ('First Bank Corporation', 'New York'), ('First Bank Corporation', 'Chicago'), ('Small Bank Corporation', 'Los Angeles'), ('Small Bank Corporation', 'New York'), ('Big Bank Corporation', 'Boston'), ('Medium Bank Corporation', 'San Francisco'), ('Tiny Bank Corporation', 'Dallas'), ('Large Bank Corporation', 'Miami');
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-- Inserting data into the Employee table INSERT INTO Employee (id, person_name,
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Oak Ave', 'Chicago'), (3, 'Carol White', '789 Pine Rd', 'Los Angeles'), (4, 'David Green',
'321 Elm St', 'San Francisco'), (5, 'Eve Black', '654 Cedar St', 'Boston'), (6, 'Frank Brown',
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```
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aged by Alice (4, 3); -- David is managed by Carol
```

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step-3-verify-data-with-queries
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Step 3: Verify Data with Queries

You can use these queries to check the inserted data:

1. List all companies and their cities:

```
[] sqlCopy codeSELECT * FROM Company;
```

2. List all employees with their salaries:

```
[] sqlCopy codeSELECT E.person_name, W.salary, W.company_name FROM Em-
ployee E JOIN Works W ON E.id = W.id;
```

3. Find employees working at 'Small Bank Corporation':

```
[] sqlCopy codeSELECT E.person_name, W.salary FROM Employee E JOIN Works
W ON E.id = W.id WHERE W.company_name = 'Small Bank Corporation';
```

4. Find managers and their employees:

```
[] sqlCopy codeSELECT E1.person_name AS Manager, E2.person_name AS Employee
FROM Manages M JOIN Employee E1 ON M.manager_id = E1.id JOIN Employee
E2 ON M.id = E2.id;
```

summary-of-the-data

Summary of the Data

- **Companies:** 6 total companies, including "First Bank Corporation" and "Small Bank Corporation" in multiple cities.
- **Salaries:** Employees at "Small Bank Corporation" have salaries around \$10,500 and \$9,800. Salaries at other companies range from \$9,000 to \$14,000.

- **Management:** Some employees have managers assigned.

This covers the schema creation, data insertion, and ensuring salary conditions are met.
you-said-1

Why am I getting no row in the output of these lines? -- Employee Table CREATE TABLE Employee (id INT PRIMARY KEY, person_name VARCHAR(100), street VARCHAR(100), city VARCHAR(100)); -- Company Table CREATE TABLE Company (company_name VARCHAR(100) PRIMARY KEY, city VARCHAR(100)); -- Works Table CREATE TABLE Works (id INT PRIMARY KEY, company_name VARCHAR(100), salary DECIMAL(10, 2), FOREIGN KEY (company_name) REFERENCES Company(company_name)); -- Manages Table CREATE TABLE Manages (id INT PRIMARY KEY, manager_id INT, FOREIGN KEY (id) REFERENCES Employee(id), FOREIGN KEY (manager_id) REFERENCES Employee(id)); -- Inserting data into the Company table INSERT INTO Company (company_name, city) VALUES ('First Bank Corporation', 'New York'), ('First Bank Corporation', 'Chicago'), ('Small Bank Corporation', 'Los Angeles'), ('Small Bank Corporation', 'New York'), ('Big Bank Corporation', 'Boston'), ('Medium Bank Corporation', 'San Francisco'), ('Tiny Bank Corporation', 'Dallas'), ('Large Bank Corporation', 'Miami'); -- Inserting data into the Employee table INSERT INTO Employee (id, person_name, street, city) VALUES (1, 'Alice Johnson', '123 Main St', 'New York'), (2, 'Bob Smith', '456 Oak Ave', 'Chicago'), (3, 'Carol White', '789 Pine Rd', 'Los Angeles'), (4, 'David Green', '321 Elm St', 'San Francisco'), (5, 'Eve Black', '654 Cedar St', 'Boston'), (6, 'Frank Brown', '987 Birch Ln', 'Miami'); -- Inserting data into the Works table with salary conditions -- Employees at 'Small Bank Corporation' have relatively lower salaries -- Ensure that some employees earn more than \$10,000 and some less INSERT INTO Works (id, company_name, salary) VALUES (1, 'First Bank Corporation', 12000), (2, 'First Bank Corporation', 9500), (3, 'Small Bank Corporation', 10500), (4, 'Small Bank Corporation', 9800), (5, 'Big Bank Corporation', 14000), (6, 'Medium Bank Corporation', 9000); -- Inserting data into the Manages table -- Let's assume Alice manages Bob, and Carol manages David INSERT INTO Manages (id, manager_id) VALUES (2, 1), -- Bob is managed by Alice (4, 3); -- David is managed by Carol -- Queries SELECT e.id, e.person_name, city FROM employee as e, works as w WHERE w.company_name = 'First Bank Corporation' and w.id = e.id;

ChatGPT said:

The issue is likely caused by the fact that in the **Works table**, you are referencing **company_name** which must be **unique** for the foreign key relationship to work. However, when you inserted multiple entries for the **same company** with different cities (e.g., 'First Bank Corporation' in both 'New York' and 'Chicago'), it caused a violation of the unique constraint.

In a properly designed schema, **company_name** should either be unique or part of a **composite primary key** with another attribute like **city**, so each entry is unique.

solution-1-use-a-composite-key-for-company

Solution 1: Use a composite key for Company

You can fix this by modifying the `Company` table and the `Works` table to include a composite primary key using both `company_name` and `city`.

[] sqlCopy code-- Modify Company table to use a composite key CREATE TABLE Company (company_name VARCHAR(100), city VARCHAR(100), PRIMARY KEY (company_name, city));

-- Modify Works table to reference both company_name and city CREATE TABLE Works (id INT PRIMARY KEY, company_name VARCHAR(100), city VARCHAR(100), salary DECIMAL(10, 2), FOREIGN KEY (company_name, city) REFERENCES Company(company_name, city));

solution-2-keep-unique-company_name - in - company

Solution 2: Keep Unique company_name in Company

If you want to keep `company_name` unique in the `Company` table (without cities being part of the primary key), you can separate the `city` attribute and manage it differently, but the companies would only exist in one location.

example-of-correct-query-with-fixes

Example of Correct Query (With Fixes)

Once you've resolved the table schema, your original query should work fine. Here is the query you wrote, but without any changes needed on the query side:

[] sqlCopy codeSELECT e.id, e.person_name, e.city FROM employee as e JOIN works as w ON w.id = e.id WHERE w.company_name = 'First Bank Corporation';

If you use the composite key solution, ensure that you add `city` into your conditions where relevant for `Works` and `Company`.

you-said-2

For these queries: -- Employee Table CREATE TABLE Employee (id INT PRIMARY KEY, person_name VARCHAR(100), street VARCHAR(100), city VARCHAR(100)); -- Company Table CREATE TABLE Company (company_name VARCHAR(100), city VARCHAR(100), PRIMARY KEY (company_name, city)); -- Works Table CREATE TABLE Works (id INT PRIMARY KEY, company_name VARCHAR(100), salary DECIMAL(10, 2), --FOREIGN KEY (company_name) REFERENCES Company(company_name)); -- Manages Table CREATE TABLE Manages (id INT PRIMARY KEY, manager_id INT, FOREIGN KEY (id) REFERENCES Employee(id), FOREIGN KEY (manager_id) REFERENCES Employee(id)); -- Inserting data into the Company table INSERT INTO Company (company_name, city) VALUES ('First Bank Corporation', 'New York'), ('First Bank Corporation', 'Chicago'), ('Small Bank Corporation', 'Los Angeles'), ('Small Bank

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ChatGPT said:

The output you're getting is correct based on the data you've inserted and the query you ran. Let's break it down step by step:

query-breakdown

Query Breakdown

```
sqlCopy codeSELECT e.id, e.person_name, city FROM employee as e, works as w
WHERE w.company_name = 'First Bank Corporation' and w.id = e.id;
```

This query is retrieving the following:

1. **e.id, e.person_name, e.city:** These are columns from the **Employee** table. It retrieves the ID, name, and city of employees.
2. **FROM employee as e, works as w:** This specifies that you're querying both the **Employee** table (aliased as **e**) and the **Works** table (aliased as **w**).
3. **WHERE w.company_name = 'First Bank Corporation' and w.id = e.id:** This is the filtering condition. It ensures:

- You are only selecting employees who work at **'First Bank Corporation'**.

- The condition `w.id = e.id` joins the two tables based on employee IDs, ensuring that you're retrieving employee data corresponding to the correct entry in the `Works` table.

data-inserted

Data Inserted

You inserted this data into the `Works` table for the **'First Bank Corporation'**:

```
[] sqlCopy code-- Works table data (1, 'First Bank Corporation', 12000), (2, 'First Bank Corporation', 9500)
```

This means employees with `id = 1` (Alice Johnson) and `id = 2` (Bob Smith) work for **'First Bank Corporation'**.

why-is-the-output-correct

Why is the Output Correct?

The query outputs:

```
[] bashCopy codeid person_name city 1 Alice Johnson New York 2 Bob Smith Chicago
```

This happens because:

- **Alice Johnson** (`id = 1`) works at **'First Bank Corporation'** and lives in **New York**, based on this row:

```
[] sqlCopy codeINSERT INTO Employee (id, person_name, street, city) VALUES (1, 'Alice Johnson', '123 Main St', 'New York')
```
- **Bob Smith** (`id = 2`) also works at **'First Bank Corporation'** and lives in **Chicago**, based on this row:

```
[] sqlCopy codeINSERT INTO Employee (id, person_name, street, city) VALUES (2, 'Bob Smith', '456 Oak Ave', 'Chicago')
```

Since your query filters only for employees working at **'First Bank Corporation'** (with `company_name = 'First Bank Corporation'`), and these two employees match that condition, you get exactly those rows in the result.

explanation-of-other-employees

Explanation of Other Employees

- **Carol White** (`id = 3`) and **David Green** (`id = 4`) work for **'Small Bank Corporation'**, not **'First Bank Corporation'**.
- **Eve Black** (`id = 5`) works for **'Big Bank Corporation'**.

- **Frank Brown** (id = 6) works for '**Medium Bank Corporation**'.

Since these employees work at different companies, they are not included in the result of the query that filters for '**First Bank Corporation**'.

conclusion

Conclusion

The query and output are working as expected. The query returns only those employees (Alice and Bob) who are associated with '**First Bank Corporation**' based on the data inserted into the **Works** table.

you-said-3

I am receiving this error "Msg 102, Level 15, State 1, Server 50fb4606aded, Line 117 Incorrect syntax near 'S'." For this query "SELECT S.company_name FROM COMPANY AS S WHERE NOT EXISTS((SELECT city FROM company WHERE company_name = 'Small Bank Corporation') EXCEPT (SELECT city FROM company as T S.company_name = T.company_name));"

ChatGPT said:

The error you're encountering is due to a syntax issue in your query. Specifically, the condition `S.company_name = T.company_name` inside the second subquery is missing a **WHERE** clause.

Here's how you can fix the query:

1. **In the second subquery**, you're trying to compare `S.company_name` to `T.company_name`, but you missed adding the **WHERE** keyword.
2. The **EXCEPT** operator works by comparing the result sets of two queries, so both sides of **EXCEPT** must have comparable columns.

corrected-query

Corrected Query

```
sqlCopy codeSELECT S.company_name FROM COMPANY AS S WHERE NOT EXISTS ( (SELECT city FROM company WHERE company_name = 'Small Bank Corporation') EXCEPT (SELECT city FROM company AS T WHERE S.company_name = T.company_name) );
```

explanation-of-the-query

Explanation of the Query

- **S.company_name**: You're selecting the company name from the table **COMPANY** aliased as **S**.

- **First subquery** (`SELECT city FROM company WHERE company_name = 'Small Bank Corporation'`): This subquery returns the cities where "Small Bank Corporation" operates.
- **Second subquery** (`SELECT city FROM company AS T WHERE S.company_name = T.company_name`): This subquery returns the cities where the company (aliased as S) operates.
- **EXCEPT**: Compares the cities of "Small Bank Corporation" with the cities of the company S. If there are any cities that exist for "Small Bank Corporation" but not for S.`company_name`, the **EXCEPT** will return those.
- **WHERE NOT EXISTS**: Ensures that the query selects only those companies for which there are no cities returned by the **EXCEPT**, meaning S.`company_name` operates in all the same cities as "Small Bank Corporation".

This corrected query should now work without the syntax error.
you-said-4

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Corporation', 14000), (6, 'Medium Bank Corporation', 9000); -- Inserting data into the Manages table -- Let's assume Alice manages Bob, and Carol manages David INSERT INTO Manages (id, manager_id) VALUES (2, 1), -- Bob is managed by Alice (4, 3); -- David is managed by Carol Explain the output of this query: "SELECT company_name FROM works GROUP BY company_name HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT(id)) >= ALL (SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT(id)) FROM works GROUP BY company_name);" Output: company_name First Bank Corporation Small Bank Corporation

ChatGPT said:

The output of your query:

```

[] sqlCopy codeSELECT company_name FROM works GROUP BY company_name
HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT(id)) >= ALL ( SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT(id)) FROM
works GROUP BY company_name );

```

returns:

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[] mathematicaCopy codecompany_name First Bank Corporation Small Bank Corpo-
ration

```

explanation-of-the-query-1

Explanation of the Query

1. **GROUP BY company_name:** This groups the results by `company_name` so that aggregate functions can be applied to each group.
2. **HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT(id)) >= ALL (...):** This filters the groups based on the count of distinct `id` values for each company. The **HAVING** clause is used to filter groups after aggregation.

3. Subquery:

```

[] sqlCopy codeSELECT COUNT(DISTINCT(id)) FROM works GROUP BY com-
pany_name

```

This subquery calculates the number of distinct employees (`id`) for each company. It returns a list of counts of distinct `ids` for each company.

4. **>= ALL (...):** This ensures that the count of distinct `id` for the companies in the outer query is greater than or equal to the maximum count of distinct `id` from the subquery. Essentially, this means the outer query will select companies that have the highest count of distinct `id` values.

breakdown-of-results

Breakdown of Results

- **First Bank Corporation** has 2 distinct `id` values (1 and 2).
- **Small Bank Corporation** has 2 distinct `id` values (3 and 4).

Here's the count of distinct `id` values for each company:

- **First Bank Corporation:** 2 (IDs: 1, 2)
- **Small Bank Corporation:** 2 (IDs: 3, 4)
- **Big Bank Corporation:** 1 (ID: 5)
- **Medium Bank Corporation:** 1 (ID: 6)

The subquery returns the distinct counts: 2, 2, 1, 1. The `ALL` clause compares each count from the outer query to the maximum count found in the subquery results. The maximum count is 2.

Thus, the outer query selects those companies where the count of distinct `id` values is equal to the maximum value of 2.

summary

Summary

The output includes companies that have the highest number of distinct employees. Both "First Bank Corporation" and "Small Bank Corporation" have the highest distinct employee counts (2) among all companies in the `Works` table, which is why they appear in the result.

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you-said-5

explain how this query works: `SELECT company_name from works GROUP BY company_name HAVING avg(salary) > (SELECT avg(salary) FROM works WHERE company_name = 'First Bank Corporation')`

ChatGPT said:

This query is designed to find companies where the average salary of their employees is higher than the average salary of employees at a specific company, "First Bank Corporation". Here's a step-by-step explanation of how the query works:

query-breakdown-1

Query Breakdown

```
[] sqlCopy codeSELECT company_name FROM works GROUP BY company_name
HAVING avg(salary) > ( SELECT avg(salary) FROM works WHERE company_name
= 'First Bank Corporation' );
```

subquery

```
[] sqlCopy codeSELECT avg(salary) FROM works WHERE company_name = 'First
Bank Corporation'
```

- **Purpose:** This subquery calculates the average salary of employees who work at "First Bank Corporation".

- **Steps:**

- `WHERE company_name = 'First Bank Corporation':` Filters the `works` table to include only rows where the `company_name` is 'First Bank Corporation'.

- `SELECT avg(salary):` Computes the average salary from the filtered rows.

- **Result:** Returns a single value representing the average salary at "First Bank Corporation".

main-query

```
[] sqlCopy codeSELECT company_name FROM works GROUP BY company_name
HAVING avg(salary) > (subquery_result);
```

- **Purpose:** This main query identifies companies where the average salary of their employees is greater than the average salary of employees at "First Bank Corporation".

- **Steps:**

- `GROUP BY company_name:` Groups the `works` table by `company_name` to aggregate salaries for each company.

- `SELECT company_name:` Selects the company name for each group.

- `HAVING avg(salary) > (subquery_result):` Filters the results to include only those companies where the average salary is greater than the value returned by the subquery.

how-it-works-together

How It Works Together

1. **Compute Average Salary for "First Bank Corporation"**: The subquery first calculates the average salary of employees at "First Bank Corporation".
2. **Calculate Average Salary for All Companies**: The main query then groups the data by company name and calculates the average salary for each company.
3. **Filter Companies**: The **HAVING** clause filters out companies where their average salary is not greater than the average salary of "First Bank Corporation".

example-data-execution

Example Data & Execution

Given your example data:

- **First Bank Corporation** has salaries: 12000, 9500.

– Average salary: $(12000 + 9500) / 2 = 10750$.

For other companies, the average salaries might be:

- **Small Bank Corporation**: Salaries: 10500, 9800.

– Average salary: $(10500 + 9800) / 2 = 10250$.

- **Big Bank Corporation**: Salary: 14000.

– Average salary: 14000.

- **Medium Bank Corporation**: Salary: 9000.

– Average salary: 9000.

In this case, the query will return companies where the average salary is greater than 10750. From the example, only "Big Bank Corporation" meets this condition.

summary-1

Summary

The query effectively identifies companies with an average salary higher than that of "First Bank Corporation", providing insight into which companies have higher average compensation compared to the specified company.

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you-said-6

For this query "SELECT ID, COUNT(sec_id) AS number_of_sections FROM instructor NATURAL LEFT OUTER JOIN teaches GROUP BY ID" I am getting this error: "Msg 156, Level 15, State 1, Server 335ca6dc2eca, Line 146 Incorrect syntax near the keyword 'GROUP'."

ChatGPT said:

The error you're encountering, "Incorrect syntax near the keyword 'GROUP'," likely arises from the use of the `NATURAL LEFT OUTER JOIN`. SQL Server does not support the `NATURAL JOIN` keyword, which might be causing this syntax issue.

solution

Solution:

You can rewrite the query by explicitly defining the `JOIN` condition instead of using `NATURAL JOIN`.

Here's a modified version of your query that should work in SQL Server:

```
sqlCopy codeSELECT i.ID, COUNT(t.sec_id) AS number_of_sections FROM instructor i LEFT OUTER JOIN teaches t ON i.ID = t.ID GROUP BY i.ID;
```

explanation

Explanation:

1. `FROM instructor i`: You're selecting from the `instructor` table and giving it an alias `i`.
2. `LEFT OUTER JOIN teaches t ON i.ID = t.ID`: This performs a left outer join between the `instructor` table and the `teaches` table. It joins the two tables based on the common `ID` column.
 - A left outer join ensures that all rows from the `instructor` table will appear in the result, even if they do not have a matching entry in the `teaches` table.
3. `COUNT(t.sec_id) AS number_of_sections`: For each instructor (`i.ID`), you're counting the number of `sec_id` (sections) they are teaching. If an instructor does not teach any sections, the count will be 0 because of the left outer join.

4. **GROUP BY i.ID:** You're grouping the results by the instructor ID so that the **COUNT** can be calculated for each instructor.

This query should now run without the error.

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