

SQL QUESTIONS

1. Types of commands and examples:

- DDL: Data Definition Language (CREATE, ALTER, DROP)
- DML: Data Manipulation Language (INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE)
- DQL: Data Query Language (SELECT)
- DCL: Data Control Language (GRANT, REVOKE)
- TCL: Transaction Control Language (COMMIT, ROLLBACK)

2. Normalization and Denormalization:

- Normalization: Organizing data to reduce redundancy.
- Denormalization: Adding redundancy to improve read performance.

3. 1NF, 2NF, 3NF:

- 1NF: No repeating groups, each column has atomic values.
- 2NF: 1NF + no partial dependency.
- 3NF: 2NF + no transitive dependency.

4. Use case for denormalization:

- Used in reporting systems to avoid joins and make queries faster.

5. Primary Key and Foreign Key:

- Primary Key: Unique ID for each row.
- Foreign Key: Links to primary key in another table.

6. Alternate and Candidate Key:

- Candidate Key: Possible keys to uniquely identify a row.
- Alternate Key: Candidate key not chosen as primary key.

7. Window Functions:

- Perform calculation across rows related to the current row.

8. Ranking Functions:

- RANK(), DENSE_RANK(), ROW_NUMBER()

- Example: Ranking employees by salary in descending order.

9. Types of Joins:

- INNER JOIN: Common data.
- LEFT JOIN: All left + matched right.
- RIGHT JOIN: All right + matched left.
- FULL JOIN: All from both sides.
- CROSS JOIN: All combinations.

10. Self Join Use Case:

- To find manager of each employee in the same table.

11. Subquery:

- A query inside another query.

12. Correlated Subquery:

- Subquery uses data from the outer query.

13. CTE (Common Table Expression):

- Temporary result set for complex queries.

14. Derived Table:

- A subquery used in the FROM clause.

15. Third highest salary:

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SELECT DISTINCT salary FROM employees ORDER BY salary DESC LIMIT 1 OFFSET 2;
```

16. Third highest salary per department:

- Use ROW_NUMBER() PARTITION BY department.

17. Find duplicates in one column:

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SELECT column, COUNT(*) FROM table GROUP BY column HAVING COUNT(*) > 1;
```

18. Find duplicates in multiple columns:

```
SELECT col1, col2, COUNT(*) FROM table GROUP BY col1, col2 HAVING COUNT(*) > 1;
```

19. ACID Properties:

- Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, Durability

20. **UNION vs UNION ALL:**

- UNION removes duplicates.
- UNION ALL keeps duplicates.

21. **Primary vs Unique Key:**

- Primary: One per table, no null.
- Unique: Can have many, allows one null.

22. **TRUNCATE vs DELETE:**

- TRUNCATE: Fast, removes all rows.
- DELETE: Can remove specific rows.

23. **HAVING vs WHERE:**

- WHERE: Before grouping.
- HAVING: After grouping.

24. **SQL Execution Order:**

FROM > WHERE > GROUP BY > HAVING > SELECT > ORDER BY > LIMIT

25. **Indexes:**

- Help find data fast.
- Types: Clustered, Non-clustered, Unique, Full-text

26. **SQL Optimization:**

- Use indexes, avoid *, use joins properly, limit rows.