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# **Objectives**

- List key features of the SQL procedure.
- Identify key syntax of the SQL procedure.

## The SQL Procedure

The following are features of PROC SQL:

- The PROC SQL statement does not need to be repeated with each query.
- Each statement is processed individually.
- No PROC PRINT step is needed to view query results.
- No PROC SORT step is needed to order query results.
- No RUN statement is needed.
- PROC SQL is terminated with a QUIT statement.

#### The SELECT Statement

A SELECT statement is used to query one or more SAS data sets.

Although it contains multiple clauses, each SELECT statement begins with the SELECT keyword and ends with a semicolon.

## The SELECT Statement

A SELECT statement contains smaller building blocks called *clauses*.

```
proc sql;
    select Employee_ID, Employee_Gender,
    Salary
    from orion.Employee_Payroll
    where Employee_Gender = 'F'
    order by Salary desc;
    quit;
```

## **SELECT Statement Syntax**

General form of the SELECT statement with selected clauses:

```
SELECT column-1<, ...column-n>
FROM table-1/view-1<, ...table-n/view-n>
<WHERE expression>
<GROUP BY column-1<, ...column-n>>
<HAVING expression>
<ORDER BY column-1<DESC><, ...column-n>>;
```

#### Features of the SELECT Statement

The SELECT statement has the following features:

- selects data that meets certain conditions
- groups data
- specifies an order for the data
- formats the data
- queries 1 to 256 tables

# Poll QUIZ

## **Setup for the Poll**

- Open and submit the program s102a01.
- The program consists of three steps. Consider the output from the first two steps.
  - 1) Which step generated errors?
  - 2) What error message was generated?
- Run the third step and review the SAS log.

## 2.01 Multiple Choice Poll

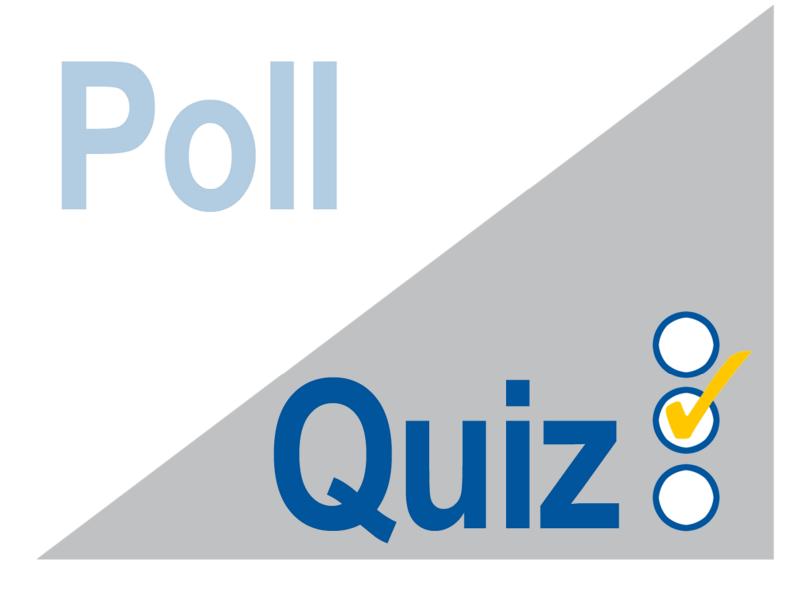
Which step generated errors?

- a. Step 1
- b. Step 2
- c. Step 3

## 2.01 Multiple Choice Poll – Correct Answer

Which step generated errors?

- a. Step 1
- b.) Step 2
- c. Step 3



## **2.02 Quiz**

What error message was generated in Step 2?

## 2.02 Quiz – Correct Answer

What error message was generated in Step 2?

ERROR: Statement is not valid or it is used out of proper order.

## The VALIDATE Keyword

Use the VALIDATE keyword to check the SELECT statement syntax.

Partial SAS Log

```
proc sql;
   validate
   select Employee_ID, Employee_Gender,
        Salary
     from orion.Employee_Payroll
     where Employee_Gender = 'F'
     order by Salary desc;

NOTE: PROC SQL statement has valid syntax.
```

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## The VALIDATE Keyword

A common syntax error is to include a comma after the last item in a list.

Partial SAS Log

## Features of the VALIDATE Keyword

The VALIDATE keyword has the following features:

- tests the syntax of a query without executing the query
- checks column name validity
- prints error messages for invalid queries
- is used only for SELECT statements

## The NOEXEC Option

Use the NOEXEC procedure option to check the syntax of the entire procedure without executing the statements. Partial SAS Log

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## **Resetting Options**

You can use the RESET statement to add or change PROC SQL options without re-invoking the procedure.

General form of the RESET statement:

For example:

After the EXEC option is reset, the query can be executed.

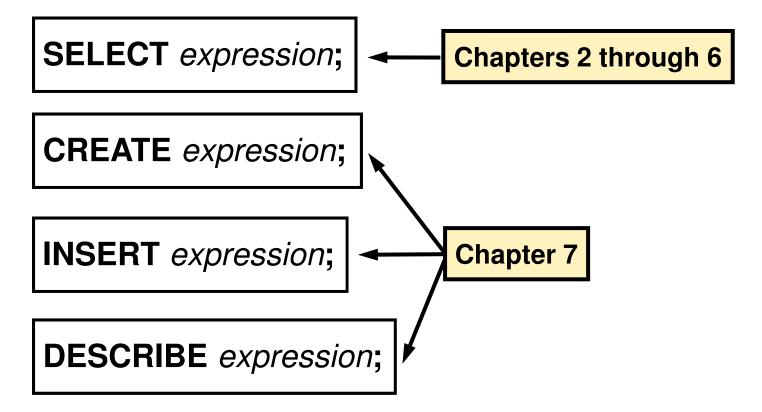
reset exec;

select Employee\_ID, Employee\_Gender,
Salary
from orion.Employee\_Payroll
where Employee\_Gender = 'F'
order by Salary desc;
quit;

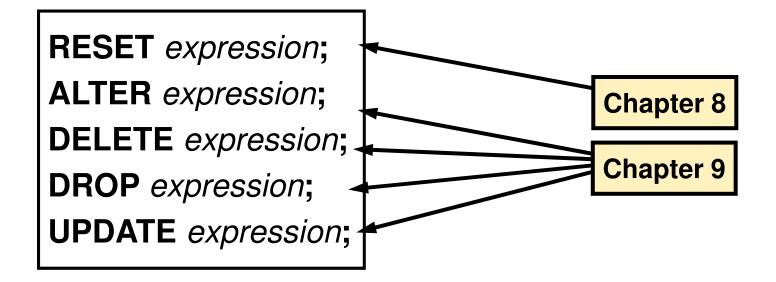
## **Additional PROC SQL Statements**

PROC SQL supports many statements in addition to the SELECT statement.

**PROC SQL** < option < option>...>;



## **Additional PROC SQL Statements**





## **Chapter 2: Basic Queries**

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## **Objectives**

- Display columns directly from a table.
- Display columns calculated from other columns in a query.
- Calculate columns conditionally using the CASE expression.

#### **Business Scenario**

Produce a report that contains the employee identifier, gender, and salary for all Orion Star employees. The data is contained in the orion. Employee\_Payroll table, a table with which you are not familiar.



## **Retrieving Data from a Table**

You can use an asterisk in a SELECT statement to print all of a table's columns in the order that they were stored.

```
proc sql;
select *
   from orion.Employee_Payroll;
quit;
```

#### Partial PROC SQL Output

The SAS System							
Employee_ID	Employee_ Gender	Salary	Birth_ Date	Employee_ Hire_Date	Employee_ Term_Date	Marital_ Status	Dependents
120101	M	163040	6074	15887		S	0
120102	М	108255	3510	10744	•	0	2
120103	M	87975	-3996	5114		M	1
120104	F	46230	-2061	7671		M	1
120105	F	27110	5468	14365	•	S	0
120106	M	26960	-5487	5114	•	M	2

## The FEEDBACK Option

When using an asterisk for the select list, you can specify the FEEDBACK option to write the expanded SELECT statement to the SAS log.

General form of the PROC SQL FEEDBACK option:

```
PROC SQL FEEDBACK;
SELECT *
FROM table-1/view-1<, ...table-n/view-n>
<WHERE expression>
<GROUP BY column-1<, ...column-n>>
<HAVING expression>
<ORDER BY column-1<DESC><, ...column-n>>;
QUIT;
```



## **Setup for the Poll**

Submit the program **s102a02** and review the SAS log to answer the following question:

How are the column names represented in the expanded log?

## 2.03 Multiple Choice Poll

How are the column names represented in the expanded log?

- a. The column names are preceded by the table name (EMPLOYEE\_PAYROLL).
- b. The column names are preceded by the library reference (**ORION**).
- c. The column names are preceded by Work.

## 2.03 Multiple Choice Poll – Correct Answer

How are the column names represented in the expanded log?

- (a.) The column names are preceded by the table name (EMPLOYEE\_PAYROLL).
  - b. The column names are preceded by the library reference (**ORION**).
  - c. The column names are preceded by Work.

## The FEEDBACK Option

The column names are preceded by the table name.

#### Partial SAS Log

## **Retrieving Data from a Table**

You can also familiarize yourself with the columns in a table using the DESCRIBE statement.

```
proc sql;
    describe table orion.Employee_Payroll;
quit;
```

#### Partial SAS Log

```
Employee_ID num format=12.,
Employee_Gender char(1),
Salary num,
Birth_Date num,
Employee_Term_Date num,
Marital_Status char(1)
Dependents num
```

## **Retrieving Data from a Table**

After familiarizing yourself with the columns in a table, you can specify the columns to be printed in the order that you want them displayed by using a column list in the SELECT statement.

# **Employee IDs, Genders, and Salaries**

Partial PROC SQL Output

The	SAS System	
Employee_ID	Employee_ Gender	Salary
120101	M	163040
120102	M	108255
120103	M	87975
120104	F	46230
120105	F	27110
120106	M	26960
120107	F	30475
120108	F	27660
120109	F	26495

## **Business Scenario**

You need to modify your previous report to drop the **Employee\_Gender** column, and add a new column named **Bonus**. The new column should contain an amount equal to 10% of the employee's salary.



## **Calculated Columns**

Calculate the new column's value using the data in an existing column, and name the new columns using the AS keyword.

# **Employee Bonuses**

Partial PROC SQL Output

The SAS System			
Employee_ID	Salary	Bonus	
120101	163040	16304	
120102	108255	10825.5	
120103	87975	8797.5	
120104	46230	4623	
120105	27110	2711	
120106	26960	2696	
120107	30475	3047.5	
120108	27660	2766	
120109	26495	2649.5	

### **Business Scenario**

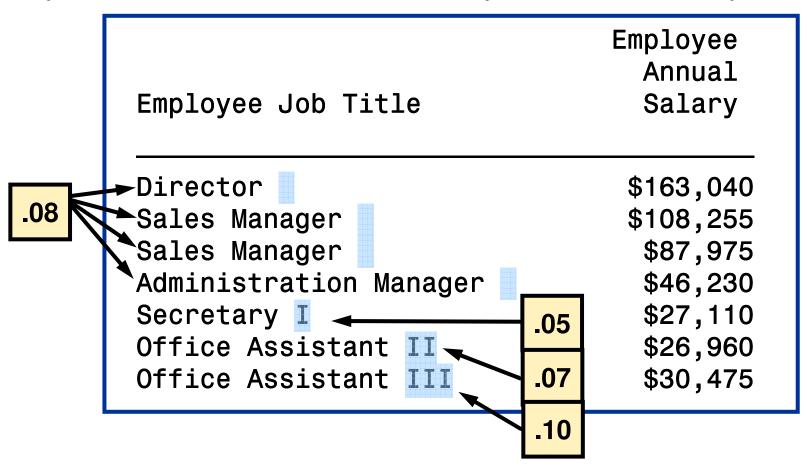
You need to modify the previous bonus report to conditionally calculate bonuses based on the employee's job title.

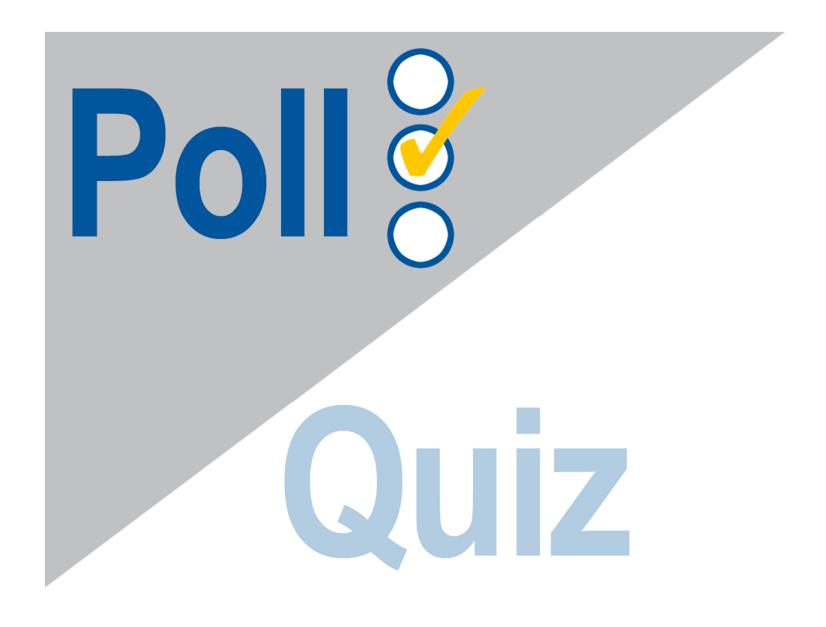
- Level I employees receive a 5% bonus.
- Level II employees receive a 7% bonus.
- Level III employees receive a 10% bonus.
- Level IV employees receive a 12% bonus.
- All others receive an 8% bonus.

The **Staff** table contains all of the information that you need to create this report.

# **Computing Columns Conditionally**

Read data from the **orion.Staff** table, and base your bonus calculations on the job title and salary.





## 2.04 Multiple Choice Poll

Which of these SAS character functions will be the most useful for identifying the level value for conditional processing?

```
a. CHAR()
```

- b. FIND()
- c. SCAN()
- d. SUBSTR()

## 2.04 Multiple Choice Poll – Correct Answer

Which of these SAS character functions will be the most useful for identifying the level value for conditional processing?

```
a. CHAR()
```

b. FIND()

c.)SCAN()

d. SUBSTR()

### The SCAN Function

The SCAN function returns the *n*th word or segment from a character string after breaking it up by the delimiters.

General form of the SCAN function:

**SCAN**(*string*, *n*<, *charlist*><, *modifier*(*s*)>)

string a character constant, variable, or expression

n an integer specifying the number of the word

or segment that you want SCAN to select

charlist characters used as delimiters to separate

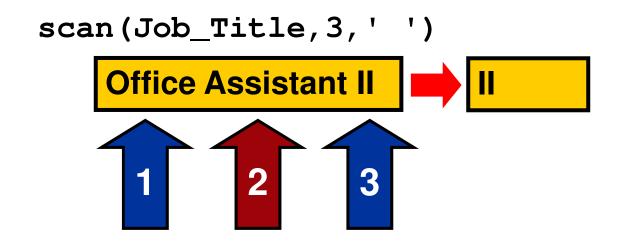
words

modifier a character that modifies the action of the

**SCAN** function

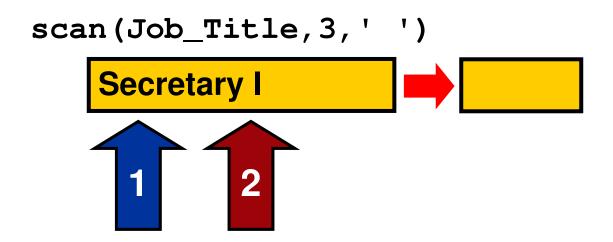
# Extracting the Level from Job\_Title

Example: Return the third word from **Job\_Title** and use a blank space as the delimiter.



## Extracting the Level from Job\_Title

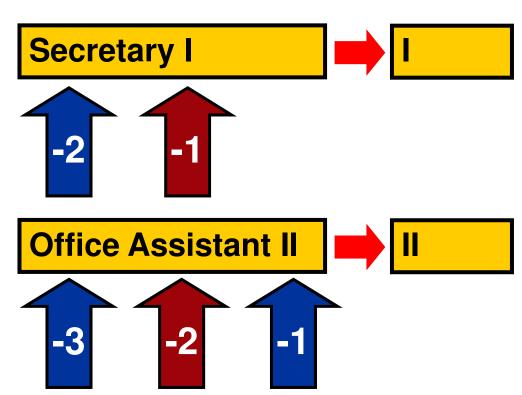
Some **Job\_Title** values have fewer than three words. If the value of *n* is greater than the number of words in the character string, the SCAN function returns a missing value.



## Extracting the Level from Job\_Title

If the value of *n* is negative, the SCAN function selects the word in the character string starting from the end of the string.

scan(Job\_Title,-1,' ')



## The CASE Expression

You can use a CASE expression in a SELECT statement to create new columns.

General form of the CASE expression in the SELECT statement:

```
SELECT column-1<, ...column-n>
CASE < case-operand>
WHEN when-condition THEN result-expression
< WHEN when-condition THEN result-expression>
< ELSE result-expression>
END < as column>
FROM table;
```

## **Calculating the Bonus**

The CASE expression creates employee bonuses based on job titles. Two methods are available.

Method 1:

```
proc sql;
    select Job_Title, Salary,
        case scan(Job_Title,-1,' ')
        when 'I' then Salary*.05
        when 'II' then Salary*.07
        when 'III' then Salary*.10
        when 'IV' then Salary*.12
        else Salary*.08
        end as Bonus
        from orion.Staff;
quit;
```

## **Calculating the Bonus**

Method 2:

```
proc sql;
   select Job_Title, Salary,
          case
             when scan(Job_Title,-1,' ')='I'
                  then Salary*.05
             when scan(Job_Title,-1,' ')='II'
                  then Salary*.07
             when scan(Job_Title,-1,' ')='III'
                 then Salary*.10
             when scan(Job_Title,-1,' ')='IV'
                 then Salary*.12
             else Salary*.08
          end as Bonus
       from orion.Staff;
quit;
```

# **Calculating the Bonus**

## Partial PROC SQL Output

The SA	S System	
	Employee	
	Annual	
Employee Job Title	Salary	Bonus
Director	\$163,040	13043.2
Sales Manager	\$108,255	8660.4
Sales Manager	\$87,975	7038
Administration Manager	\$46,230	3698.4
Secretary I	\$27,110	1355.5
Office Assistant II	\$26,960	1887.2
Office Assistant III	\$30,475	3047.5
Warehouse Assistant II	\$27,660	1936.2
Warehouse Assistant I	\$26,495	1324.75

## **Business Scenario**

Management needs a report that includes the employee identifier, gender, and age for an upcoming audit.

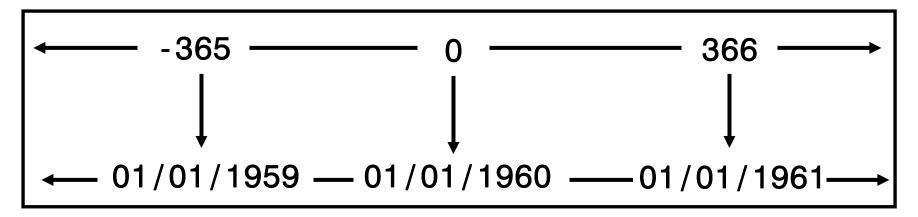
Here is a sketch of the desired report:

Employee_ID	Employee_Gender	Age
120101	M	31
120102	M	38

## **SAS** Date Values (Review)

A SAS date is stored as the number of whole days between January 1, 1960, and the date specified.

#### **Stored Values**



**Display Values (formatted MMDDYY10.)** 

## **Selected SAS Numeric Functions**

The following SAS numeric functions are frequently used when you work with SAS dates.

Function	Used To Return	Example
TODAY()	today's date in SAS date form	today() as date
MONTH(arg)	the month portion of a SAS date variable as an integer between 1-12	month(Birth_Date) as Birth_Month
INT(arg)	the integer portion of a numeric value	int(fullage) as age

## **Calculated Columns Using SAS Dates**

Calculating the age of each employee.

## **Using SAS Dates in Calculations**

Calculate **Age** based on today's date being 14NOV2007 and a **Birth\_Date** value of 18AUG1976.

```
proc sql;
select Employee_ID, Employee_Gender,
int((today()-Birth_Date)/365.25)
as Age
from orion.Employee_Payroll;
quit;
```

## **Using SAS Dates in Calculations**

Calculate **Age** based on today's date being 14NOV2007 and a **Birth\_Date** value of 18AUG1976.

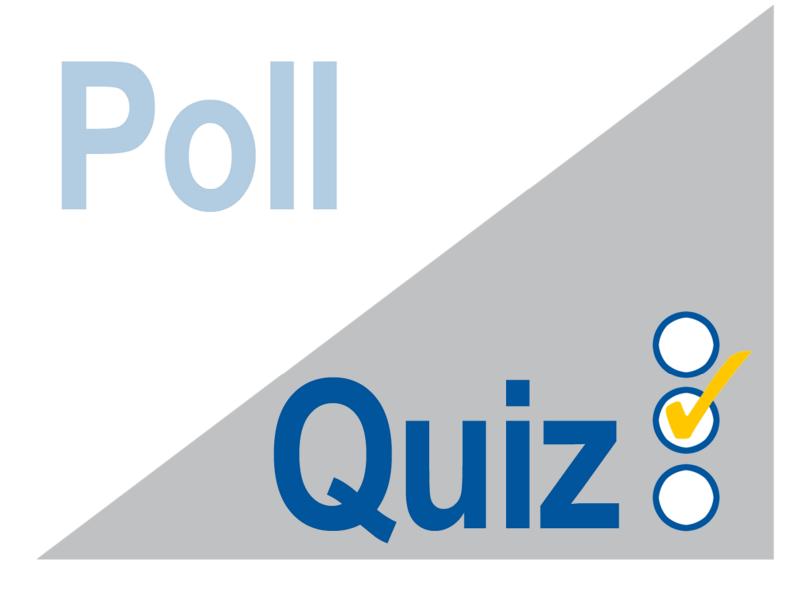
## **Using SAS Dates in Calculations**

Calculate **Age** based on today's date being 14NOV2007 and a **Birth\_Date** value of 18AUG1976.

# **Employee Ages**

Partial PROC SQL Output

The SAS System			
Employee_ID	Employee_ Gender	Age	
120101	M	31	
120102	M	38	
120103	M	58	
120104	F	53	
120105	F	32	
120106	M	62	
120107	F	58	
120108	F	23	
120109	F	20	



## **2.05 Quiz**

What numeric function would you use to create the **Birth\_Month** column for the following rows from the **Employee\_Payroll** table?

The SAS System			
Employee_ID	Birth_Date	Birth_Month	Employee_ Gender
120101	6074	8	M
120102	3510	8	M
120103	-3996	1	М
120104	-2061	5	F
120105	5468	12	F

## 2.05 Quiz – Correct Answer

What numeric function would you use to create the **Birth\_Month** column for the following rows from the **Employee\_Payroll** table?

#### The MONTH Function



## **2.06 Poll**

Would you like to create a table from the results of your queries?

- O Yes
- O No

## **Creating a Table**

To create and populate a table with the rows from an SQL query, use the CREATE TABLE statement.

General form of the CREATE TABLE statement:

CREATE TABLE table-name AS query-expression;

# Create and Populate a Table with an SQL Query

The SELECT list defines the structure of the work.birth\_months table, and the rows are populated with the data returned by the query.

# Create and Populate a Table with an SQL Query

Partial SAS Log

```
NOTE: Table WORK.BIRTH_MONTHS created, with 424 rows and 4 columns.
```

```
create table WORK.BIRTH_MONTHS
  (Employee_ID num format=12.,
   Birth_Date num,
   Birth_Month num,
   Employee_Gender char(1))
```

# **Create and Populate a Table with an SQL Query**

Partial SAS Output (5 out of 424)

Employee_ID	Employee_ Birth_Date	Birth_Month	Gender
120101	6074	8	M
120102	3510	8	M
120103	-3996	1	M
120104	-2061	5	F
120105	5468	12	F





This exercise reinforces the concepts discussed previously.

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# **Objectives**

- Select a subset of rows in a query.
- Eliminate duplicate rows in a query.

## **Specifying Rows in a Table**

Example: Display the names of the Orion Star departments using the orion. Employee\_Organization table.

```
proc sql;
    select Department
       from orion.Employee_Organization;
quit;
```

## All Rows in a Table

#### Partial PROC SQL Output

# The SAS System Department

Sales Management Sales Management Sales Management **Administration** Administration **Administration Administration Administration** Administration **Administration Administration Administration Administration** Administration Administration **Administration** Engineering **Engineering** 

## **Eliminating Duplicate Rows**

Use the DISTINCT keyword to eliminate duplicate rows in query results.

Example: Determine the distinct departments in the Orion Star organization.

```
proc sql;
    select distinct Department
        from orion.Employee_Organization;
quit;
```

## **Eliminating Duplicate Rows**

#### Partial PROC SQL Output

#### The SAS System

#### Department

Accounts

**Accounts Management** 

**Administration** 

**Concession Management** 

Engineering

**Executives** 

**Group Financials** 

Group HR Management

IS

Logistics Management

Marketing

Purchasing

Sales

# Poll

## 2.07 Multiple Answer Poll

Which SELECT clauses select only the unique combinations of **Employee\_Gender** and **Job\_Title**?

- a. select distinct Employee\_Gender, distinct Job\_Title...
- b. select unique Employee\_Gender,
   Job\_Title...
- C. select distinct Employee\_Gender,
   Job\_Title...
- d. select distinct Employee\_Gender
  Job\_Title...

## 2.07 Multiple Answer Poll – Correct Answer

Which SELECT clauses select only the unique combinations of **Employee\_Gender** and **Job\_Title**?

- a. select distinct Employee\_Gender, distinct Job\_Title...
- b. select unique Employee\_Gender,
   Job\_Title...
- C. select distinct Employee\_Gender,
  Job\_Title...
  - d. select distinct Employee\_Gender
    Job\_Title...

## **Business Scenario**

Create a list of personnel with salaries above \$112,000. Include the employee identifier, job title, and salary.



Use a WHERE clause to specify a condition that the data must satisfy before being selected.

Example: Display all employees who earn more than \$112,000.

```
proc sql;
    select Employee_ID, Job_Title, Salary
        from orion.Staff
    where Salary > 112000;
quit;
```

#### Partial PROC SQL Output

Employee ID	The SAS System  Employee Job Title	Employee Annual Salary
. —	Chief Marketing Officer Chief Sales Officer	\$163,040 \$433,800 \$207,885 \$243,190 \$268,455 \$161,290 \$194,885 \$156,065

You can use all common comparison operators in a WHERE clause.

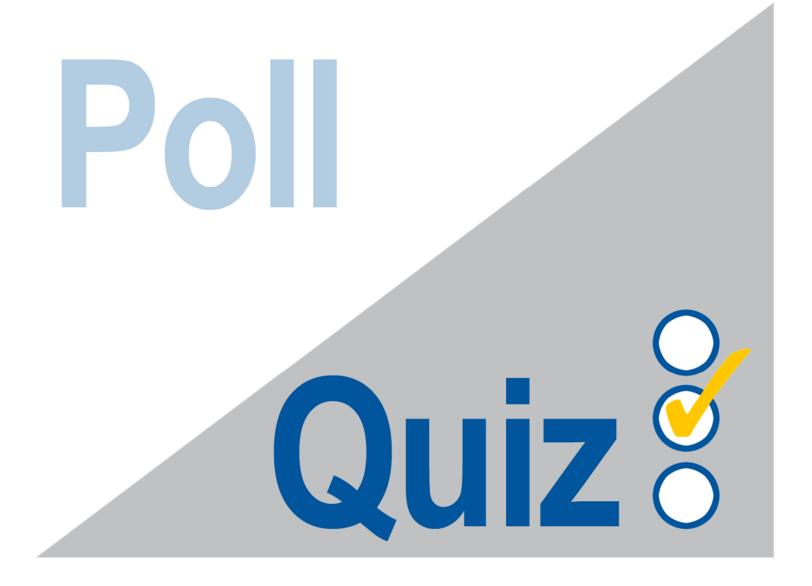
Mnemonic	Symbol	Definition
LT †	<	Less than
GT †	>	Greater than
EQ †	=	Equal to
LE †	<=	Less than or equal to
GE †	>=	Greater than or equal to
NE †	<>	Not equal to
	¬= †	Not equal to (EBCDIC)
	^= †	Not equal to (ASCII)

Use only one WHERE clause in a SELECT statement. To specify multiple subsetting criteria, combine expressions with logical operators.

Mnemonic	Symbol	Definition	
OR	†	or, either	
AND	<b>&amp;</b> †	and, both	
NOT	¬ †	not, negation (EBCDIC)	
NOT	Λ †	not, negation (ASCII)	

Common WHERE clause operators with examples:

Operator	Example
IN	where JobCategory in ('PT', 'NA', 'FA')
CONTAINS or ? †	where word ? 'LAM'
IS NULL or IS MISSING †	where Product_ID is missing
BETWEEN - AND	where Salary between 70000 and 80000
SOUNDS LIKE (=*) †	where LastName =* 'SMITH'
LIKE using % or _	<pre>where Employee_Name like 'H%' where JobCategory like '1'</pre>



## 2.08 Quiz

Modify program **s102a03** to provide a WHERE expression that selects only those rows where the employees' first names begin with N.

**Desired Output** 

The SAS System	
Employee_Name	Employee_ID
Apr, Nishan James, Narelle Kokoszka, Nikeisha Plybon, Nicholas Post, Nahliah Smith, Nasim	120759 120155 120765 120276 120748 121032

## 2.08 Quiz – Correct Answer

Modify program **s102a03** to provide a WHERE expression that selects only those rows where the employees' first names begin with N.

#### One possible solution:

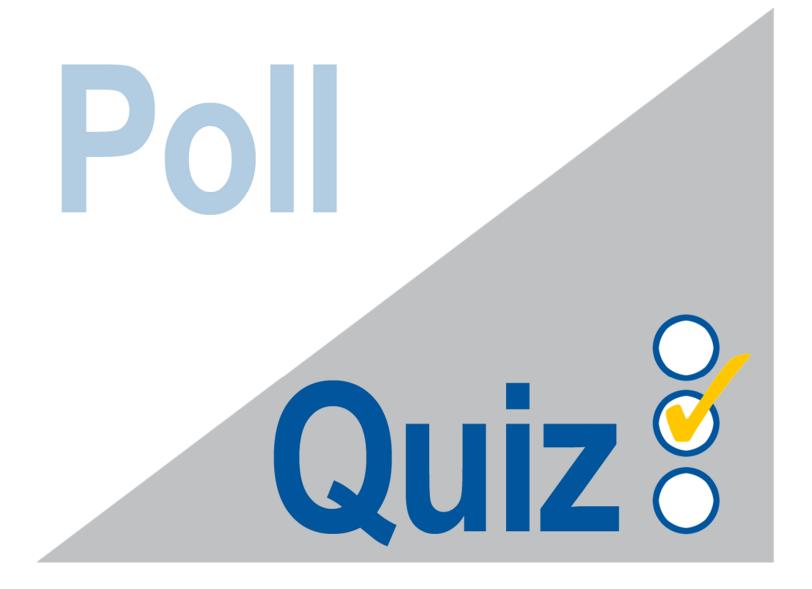
```
select Employee_Name, Employee_ID
  from orion.Employee_Addresses
  where Employee_Name contains ', N';
quit;
```

Select all SA job codes that contain an underscore (\_).

```
proc sql;
    select Employee_ID, Job_Code
        from work.Employee_Organization2
        where Job_Code like 'SA_%';
quit;
```

Partial PROC SQL Output

```
120115 SAI
120116 SA_II
120669 SAIV
120671 SAIII
120673 SA_II
120678 SAII
```



## 2.09 **Quiz**

Why do you see all SA job codes and not only the ones that contain an underscore (\_)?

```
Employee_ID Job_Code

120115 SAI
120116 SA_II
120669 SAIV
120671 SAIII
120673 SA_II
120678 SAII
```

```
proc sql;
    select Employee_ID, Job_Code
        from work.Employee_Organization2
        where Job_Code like 'SA_%';
quit;
```

## 2.09 Quiz – Correct Answer

Why do you see all SA job codes and not only the ones that contain an underscore (\_)?

You see all the SAS job codes because the WHERE expression uses the LIKE operator. The underscore represents any one character, not an underscore (\_) in the third position.

```
proc sql;
    select Employee_ID, Job_Code
        from work.Employee_Organization2
        where Job_Code like 'SA_%';
quit;
```

## **ESCAPE Clause**

To search for actual percent or underscore characters in your text using the LIKE operator, you must use an ESCAPE clause.

The ESCAPE clause in the LIKE condition enables you to designate a single character string literal, known as an *escape character*, to indicate how PROC SQL should interpret the LIKE wildcards (% and \_) when SAS is searching within a character string.

## **ESCAPE Clause**

```
proc sql;
    select Employee_ID, Job_Code
        from work.Employee_Organization2
        where Job_Code like 'SA/_%' ESCAPE '/';
quit;
```

#### Partial PROC SQL Output

Employee_ID	Job_Code
120116	SA_II
120673	SA_II
120681	SA_II
120692	SA_II
120792	SA_II
121012	SA_II

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# Poll

## 2.10 Multiple Choice Poll

Which of the following WHERE clauses correctly selects rows with a **Job\_Code** value that begins with an underscore?

- a. where Job\_Code like '\_%'
- b. where Job\_Code contains '\_%'
- c. where Job\_Code like '%\_'
  escape '/\_'
- d. where Job\_Code like '/\_%'
  escape '/'

## 2.10 Multiple Choice Poll – Correct Answer

Which of the following WHERE clauses correctly selects rows with a **Job\_Code** value that begins with an underscore?

- a. where Job Code like '%'
- b. where Job\_Code contains '\_%'
- c. where Job\_Code like '%\_'
  escape '/\_'
- d. where Job\_Code like '/\_%'
  escape '/'

## **Business Scenario**

Return to the original 10% bonus program.

You want to create a report that includes only those employees who receive bonuses less than \$3000.



First attempt:

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Because a WHERE clause is evaluated before the SELECT clause, columns used in the WHERE clause must exist in the table or be derived from existing columns.

Because the **Bonus** column is not in the source table, an error was generated.

ERROR: The following columns were not found in the contributing tables: Bonus.

One solution is to repeat the calculation in the WHERE clause.

An alternate method is to use the CALCULATED keyword to refer to an already calculated column in the SELECT clause.

Partial PROC SQL Output

The SAS System			
Employee_ID	Employee_ Gender	Salary	Bonus
120105	F	27110	2711
120106	M	26960	2696
120108	F	27660	2766
120109	F	26495	2649.5
120110	M	28615	2861.5
120111	M	26895	2689.5
120112	F	26550	2655

You can also use the CALCULATED keyword in other parts of a query.

Partial PROC SQL Output

The SAS System				
Employee_ID	Employee_ Gender	Salary	Bonus	Half
120105	F	27110	2711	1355.5
120106	M	26960	2696	1348
120108	F	27660	2766	1383
120109	F	26495	2649.5	1324.75
120110	M	28615	2861.5	1430.75
120111	M	26895	2689.5	1344.75
120112	F	26550	2655	1327.5



## **Chapter Review**

- 1. What SQL statement is used to display the values from columns in a table?
- 2. What expression is used to conditionally calculate column values?
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