Subqueries

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Subqueries

What is a sub-query?

A SQL subquery is a query that is contained within another query. They are used to execute a query dependent on the outcome of another query. Subqueries allow us to accomplish this without writing two distinct queries and copy-pasting the results.

Key Characteristic of a sub-query:

- Sub-queries should be provided with an alias
- WHERE or HAVING clauses contain subqueries
- Individual values or a list of records can be returned via subqueries
- Sub Questions must be surrounded by brackets ()

There isn't such a thing as generic syntax. Subqueries are normal queries that are enclosed in parenthesis. Subqueries can be utilised in various ways and at various points within a query. We will learn subqueries through various use cases.



Subqueries

Understanding subqueries with an example:

We will use tutorial.sf_crime_incidents_2014_01 of mode.com to understand this concept.

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incidnt_num	category	descript	day_of_week	date	,		
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140092288	LARCENY/THEFT	GRAND THEFT FROM LOCKED AUTO	Friday	01/3	31/2014 08:0	0:00 AM	+0
140092727	ASSAULT	BATTERY	Friday	01/3	31/2014 08:0	0:00 AM	+0
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140092818	ASSAULT	BATTERY	Friday	01/3	31/2014 08:0	0:00 AM	+0
140092777	OTHER OFFENSES	DRIVERS LICENSE, SUSPENDED OR REVOKED	Friday	01/3	31/2014 08:0	0:00 AM	+0
140092200	LARCENY/THEFT	GRAND THEFT FROM LOCKED AUTO	Friday	01/3	31/2014 08:0	0:00 AM	+0
140092125	NON-CRIMINAL	FOUND PROPERTY	Friday	01/3	31/2014 08:0	0:00 AM	+0



Basic subquery

Find all the crimes which happened in SF on a Friday and are still unresolved.

Query

```
SELECT sub.*

FROM (

SELECT *

FROM tutorial.sf_crime_incidents_2014_01

WHERE day_of_week = 'Friday'
) sub

WHERE sub.resolution = 'NONE'
```

Basic subquery

Let's break down this query and understand:

The database first executes the "inner query"—the part between the parentheses:

Query

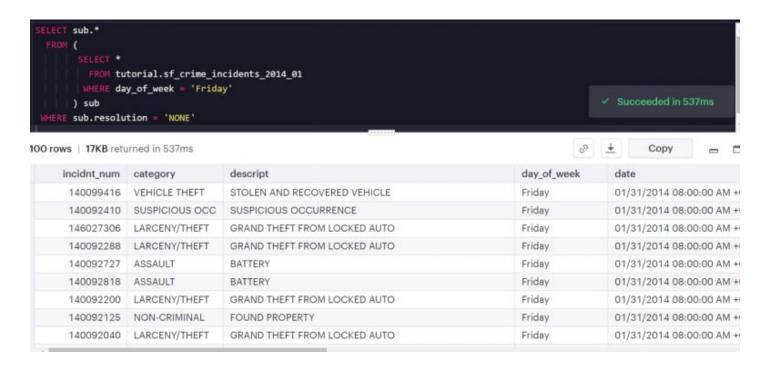
```
SELECT *
FROM tutorial.sf_crime_incidents_2014_01
```

```
WHERE day_of_week = 'Friday'
```

It will give us a list of all the crimes happening on a Friday. The output of the sub-query will be consumed and will give us filtered data where cases are still unresolved.

Basic subquery

Output



Subquery With Aggregate Functions

Find the average number of crimes across the different days of the week per month:

Query

```
SELECT LEFT(sub.date, 2) AS cleaned_month,
   sub.day_of_week,
   AVG(sub.incidents) AS average_incidents
 FROM (
    SELECT day_of_week,
        date.
        COUNT(incidnt_num) AS incidents
     FROM tutorial.sf_crime_incidents_2014_01
    GROUP BY 1,2
   ) sub
GROUP BY 1,2
ORDER BY 1,2
```



Subquery With Aggregate Functions

Let's break down this query and understand:

- The inner query counts the number of incidents happening on a particular date and find the day of the week associated with that date
- The outer query finds the month associated with the date and give us the average incidents per month on a day of the week.:

Subquery With Aggregate Functions

Output:

```
SELECT LEFT(sub.date, 2) AS cleaned_month,

sub.day_of_week,
AVG(sub.incidents) AS average_incidents

FROM (
SELECT day_of_week,
date,
COUNT(incidnt_num) AS incidents
FROM tutorial.sf_crime_incidents_2014_01
GROUP BY 1,2
) sub
GROUP BY 1,2
```

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cleaned_month	day_of_week	average_incidents
01	Friday	354
01	Monday	331
01	Saturday	347.75
01	Sunday	308.5
01	Thursday	342.2
01	Tuesday	329.25
01	Wednesday	340.2



Subqueries with conditional logic

Find all the data in the dataset for the first time a crime is recorded in the dataset.

Query

```
SELECT *

FROM tutorial.sf_crime_incidents_2014_01

WHERE Date = (SELECT MIN(date)

FROM tutorial.sf_crime_incidents_2014_01
)
```

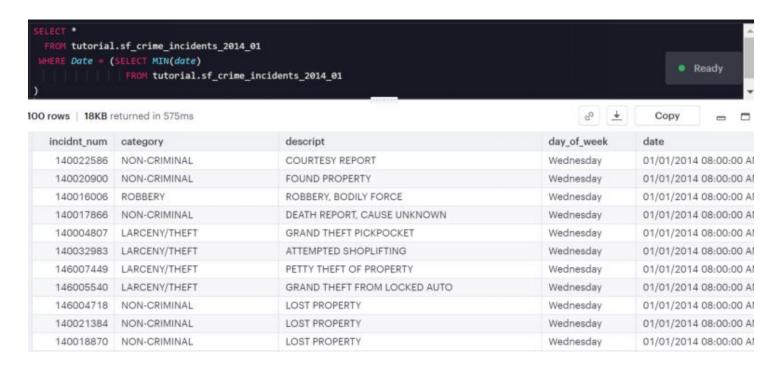
Let's break down this query and understand:

- The inner query finds the minimum date for the dataset
- The outer query gives all the records against the minimum date.



Subqueries with conditional logic

Output:



Subqueries with Join

Add a column in the dataset which displays the total number of incidents associated with a date.

```
Query
SELECT incidents.*,
   sub.incidents AS incidents_that_day
 FROM tutorial.sf crime incidents 2014 01 incidents
 JOIN (SELECT date,
 COUNT(incidnt_num) AS incidents
 FROM tutorial.sf_crime_incidents_2014_01
 GROUP BY 1
 ) sub
ON incidents.date = sub.date
ORDER BY sub.incidents DESC, time
```

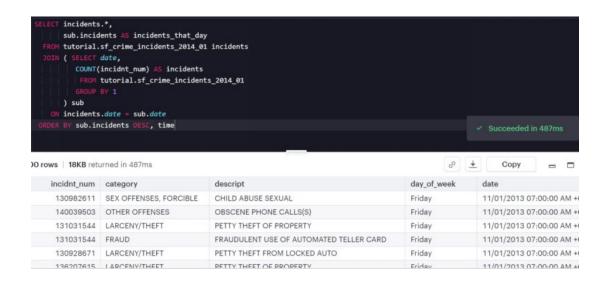


Subqueries with Join

Let's break down this query and understand:

- The inner query finds the count of all the incidents that happened in a day
- The outer query joins the count with the dataset

Output:





Two types of subqueries:

1)Nested query

2)Correlated Query

1. **Nested Subqueries:** A query is written inside another query in a nested query, and the result of the inner query is used in the execution of the outer query.

The inner query is executed first and only once in Nested Query. The result of the Inner query is used to run the Outer query. As a result, the Inner query is employed in the execution of the Outer query.



Understanding Nested Query:

Assume we have two tables:

Orders:

Column	Data Type
OrderID	int
CustomerID	int
OrderDate	Date

Customers:

Column	Data Type
CustomerID	int
CustomerName	VARCHAR
ContactName	VARCHAR
Country	VARCHAR

Query

SELECT * FROM Customers WHERE

CustomerID IN (SELECT CustomerID FROM Orders);

Let's break down this query and understand:

- The inner query "SELECT CustomerID FROM Orders" will first run and give all the customer IDs.
- The outer query will then run and look for the customer id given by the inner query and display records for all such customers.



2. Correlated Query: There are also SQL subqueries where the inner query relies on information obtained from the outer query.

The outcome of a subquery depends on the value of a column of its parent query table.

Understanding Correlated Query:

Assume we have two tables:

Orders:

Column	Data Type
OrderID	int
CustomerID	int
OrderDate	Date

Customers:

Column	Data Type
CustomerID	int
CustomerName	VARCHAR
ContactName	VARCHAR
Country	VARCHAR

Query

SELECT * FROM Customers where

EXISTS (SELECT CustomerID FROM Orders

WHERE Orders.CustomerID=Customers.CustomerID);

Let's break down this query and understand:

- Here firstly, the outer query is executed and lists all the customers.
- The inner query will then run and look for the customer id from the outer query and then see where the record matches with the customer id present in orders.



Instructions:

- We will use mode.com for all the practice questions.
- We will use following datasets in the questions below:
 - tutorial.sf_crime_incidents_2014_01
 - tutorial.sf_crime_incidents_cleandate
 - tutorial.crunchbase_companies
 - tutorial.crunchbase_acquisitions
 - tutorial.crunchbase_investments_part1
 - tutorial.crunchbase_investments_part2

Question-1: Create a query that selects all Warrant Arrests from the tutorial.sf_crime_incidents_2014_01 dataset, then wrap it in a query that only exposes unresolved incidents.

```
Answer-1:

SELECT sub.*

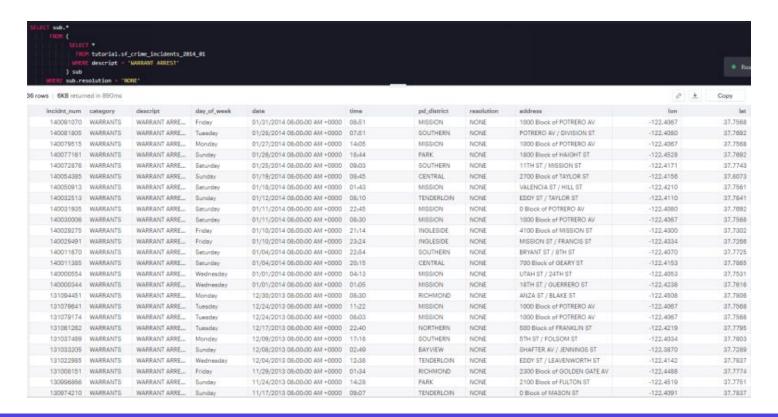
FROM (

SELECT *

FROM tutorial.sf_crime_incidents_2014_01

WHERE descript = 'WARRANT ARREST'
) sub

WHERE sub.resolution = 'NONE'
```





Question-2: Write a query that displays the average monthly incidents for category. each Use tutorial.sf_crime_incidents_cleandate to solve this question.

```
Answer-2:
SELECT sub.category,
   AVG(sub.incidents) AS avg_incidents_per_month
 FROM (
    SELECT EXTRACT('month' FROM cleaned_date) AS month,
        category,
        COUNT(1) AS incidents
     FROM tutorial.sf_crime_incidents_cleandate
    GROUP BY 1,2
   ) sub
GROUP BY 1
```



```
SELECT sub.category,

AVG(sub.incidents) AS avg_incidents_per_month

FROM (

SELECT EXTRACT('month' FROM cleaned_date) AS month,

| category,
| COUNT(1) AS incidents

FROM tutorial.sf_crime_incidents_cleandate

GROUP BY 1,2

) sub

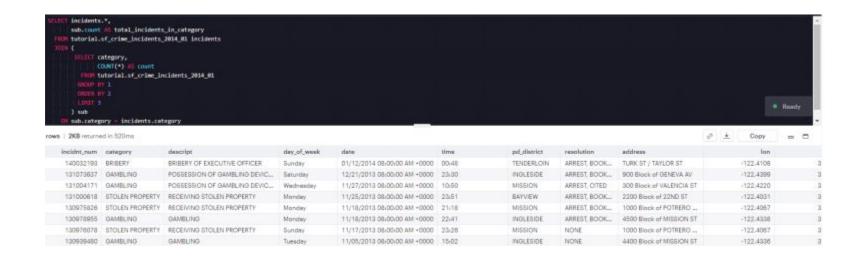
GROUP BY 1
```

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category	avg_incidents_per_month
ARSON	21
ASSAULT	799.6667
BAD CHECKS	1.3333
BRIBERY	1
BURGLARY	513.6667
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	29
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	24.6667
DRUG/NARCOTIC	484
DRUNKENNESS	65.3333
EMBEZZLEMENT	10
EXTORTION	2.6667
FAMILY OFFENSES	4.6667
FORGERY/COUNTERFEITING	63
FRAUD	206.3333
GAMBLING	2
KIDNAPPING	49
LARCENY/THEFT	2737
LIQUOR LAWS	15.3333
LOITERING	2.6667
MISSING PERSON	334.3333
NON-CRIMINAL	1184.6667
OTHER OFFENSES	1239.6667
PROSTITUTION	20.3333
RECOVERED VEHICLE	61.5

Question-3: Create a query that returns all data from the three categories with the fewest reported events. Use sf_crime_incidents_2014_01 table.

```
Answer-3:
SELECT incidents.*,
   sub.count AS total_incidents_in_category
 FROM tutorial.sf_crime_incidents_2014_01 incidents
 JOIN (
    SELECT category,
        COUNT(*) AS count
     FROM tutorial.sf_crime_incidents_2014_01
    GROUP BY 1
    ORDER BY 2
    LIMIT 3
   ) sub
  ON sub.category = incidents.category
```



Question-4: Write a query that counts the number of companies founded and acquired by quarter starting in Q1 2012. Create the aggregations in two separate queries, then join them. Use: tutorial.crunchbase_companies, tutorial.crunchbase_acquisitions tables.

Answer-4:

```
LEFT JOIN (

SELECT acquired_quarter AS quarter,

COUNT(DISTINCT company_permalink) AS companies_acquired

FROM tutorial.crunchbase_acquisitions

WHERE acquired_year >= 2012

GROUP BY 1

) acquisitions

ON companies.quarter = acquisitions.quarter

ORDER BY 1
```



```
SELECT COALESCE(companies.quarter, acquisitions.quarter) AS quarter,

companies.companies_founded,
acquisitions.companies_acquired

FROM (

SELECT founded_quarter AS quarter,
COUNT(permalink) AS companies_founded
FROM tutorial.crunchbase_companies
WHERE founded_year >= 2012
GROUP BY 1

) companies

LEFT JOIN (
SELECT acquired_quarter AS quarter,
COUNT(DISTINCT company_permalink) AS companies_acquired
FROM tutorial.crunchbase_acquisitions
WHERE acquired_year >= 2012
GROUP BY 1

) acquisitions

ON companies.quarter = acquisitions.quarter
ORDER BY 1
```

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quarter	companies_founded	companies_acquired
2012-Q1	1461	262
2012-Q2	412	235
2012-Q3	354	245
2012-Q4	270	236
2013-Q1	705	226
2013-Q2	200	275
2013-Q3	132	304
2013-Q4	49	339
2014-Q1	16	135



Question-5: Write a query that ranks investors from the combined dataset above by the total number of investments they have made. Use: tutorial.crunchbase_investments_part1, tutorial.crunchbase_investments_part2 tables.

```
Answer-5:
SELECT investor name,
   COUNT(*) AS investments
 FROM (
    SELECT*
     FROM tutorial.crunchbase_investments_part1
     UNION ALL
    SELECT *
     FROM tutorial.crunchbase_investments_part2
   ) sub
GROUP BY 1
ORDER BY 2 DESC
```



```
investor_name,
       COUNT(*) AS investments
          FROM tutorial.crunchbase_investments_part1
           FROM tutorial.crunchbase_investments_part2
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investor_name
                                   investments
Sequoia Capital
                                           553
Intel Capital
                                          544
New Enterprise Associates
                                           513
Accel Partners
                                           501
SV Angel
                                           490
Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers
                                           484
Y Combinator
                                           476
Draper Fisher Jurvetson (DFJ)
                                           472
500 Startups
                                           375
First Round Capital
                                           368
Grevlock Partners
                                           316
Benchmark
                                           308
Index Ventures
                                           308
Techstars
                                           306
                                           290
Bessemer Venture Partners
Lightspeed Venture Partners
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Redpoint Ventures
Andreessen Horowitz
                                           250
IDG Capital Partners
                                          248
Khosla Ventures
                                          248
General Catalyst Partners
                                           247
Menlo Ventures
                                           243
```



Question-6: Write a query that ranks investors from the combined dataset above by the total number of investments they have made. Consider only the companies whose status is operating. Use: tutorial.crunchbase_investments_part1, tutorial.crunchbase_investments_part2 tables for investment. Use: tutorial.crunchbase_companies for status.

ORDER BY 2 DESC

Answer-6:

```
SELECT investments.investor_name,

COUNT(investments.*) AS investments

FROM tutorial.crunchbase_companies companies

JOIN (

SELECT *

FROM tutorial.crunchbase_investments_part1

UNION ALL

SELECT *

FROM tutorial.crunchbase_investments_part2

) investments
```

```
ON investments.company_permalink = companies.permalink
WHERE companies.status = 'operating'
GROUP BY 1
```



```
SELECT investments.investor_name,

COUNT(investments.*) AS investments

FROM tutorial.crunchbase_companies companies

JOIN (

SELECT *

FROM tutorial.crunchbase_investments_part1

UNION ALL

SELECT *

FROM tutorial.crunchbase_investments_part2

) investments

ON investments.company_permalink = companies.permalink

NHERE companies.status = 'operating'
```

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investor_name	investments
Sequoia Capital	553
Intel Capital	544
New Enterprise Associates	513
Accel Partners	501
SV Angel	490
Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers	484
Y Combinator	476
Draper Fisher Jurvetson (DFJ)	472
500 Startups	375
First Round Capital	368
Greylock Partners	316
Benchmark	308
Index Ventures	308
Techstars	306
Bessemer Venture Partners	290
Lightspeed Venture Partners	286
Redpoint Ventures	250
Andreessen Horowitz	250
IDG Capital Partners	248
Khosla Ventures	248

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In the next class we will study:



Case statement and Common table Expression

