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SQL stands for Structured Query Language which is used to deal with Relational Databases to query from and manipulate databases. In the field of Data Science most of the time you are supposed to fetch the data from any RDBMS and run some simple and complex queries to retrieve and extract data in different ways to understand relationships or irregularities that exist in the dataset. It is a complete beginner-friendly guide that while reading and following will give an experience like a cruise starting with very basic SQL to playing with a dataset with complex queries.

What is a database and Database Management System?

Before defining a database let us define what is data? Data is a raw piece of information about any single or multiple people or any object. And while working in Data science we aim to work with raw data and extract meaningful information that can help to drive business decisions. while working with any data what is a primary requirement for data.

Requirements for Data

- 1. Integrity Data should be accurate and consistent. In simple words, it means after and before any changes data should be in a consistent state.
- 2. Availability It should be available each time.

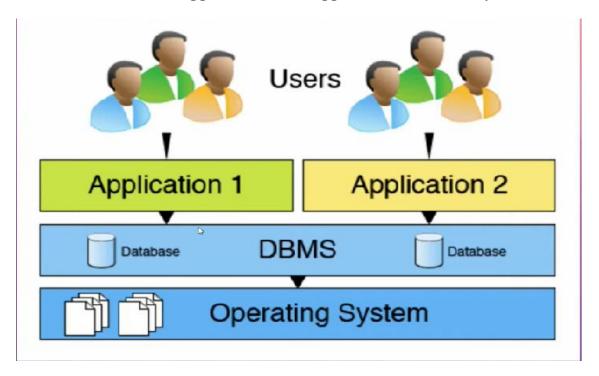
- 3. security The information of individuals should be secure from third-party applications without permission.
- 4. Independent of Application the same data should be available on different applications.
- 5. concurrency If multiple users are accessing the same data then they should get the same data in revert.

By keeping these basic 5 properties in mind any database is designed. Now let us define a database.

Database – It is a shared collection of interrelated data. In simple words, it is a system that is used to store, organize, and efficiently retrieve data.

• **Database Management System(DBMS)** – DBMS is a system that enables users to define, create, manage, and control access to the database. DBMS typically have high costs and require high-end hardware configurations.

We have seen the requirement of data and this is only the core functionality of DBMS and that's why It is so popular that each company uses at least one database. DBMS runs on the operating system, DBMS manages databases and DBMS interacts with Applications, and applications are used by users.



Now let us look at the most popular types of databases that are available in the market.

Types of Database

- 1. Relational Databases The database is based on a relational model which means data is stored in form of a table(collection of rows and columns). It is the most popular type of DBMS that is being used by organizations for many past years.
- 2. NoSQL Databases Not only SQL databases are used to store a wide range of datasets. It is new in the market and many organizations use it to store unstructured data because it is a document-type database that is used when you have to work with semi-structured or unstructured data.
- 3. Cloud Databases A type of database where data is stored online or on a virtual machine and executes over cloud computing platforms. In recent times there are many cloud service providers like AWS, Microsoft Azure, IBM, etc.

These are the most popular databases of recent time and apart from this, there are many different types of databases like distributed database, network database, Hierarchical database, etc. Our article discussion topic lies under Relational database where SQL is used as a medium to communicate with a database. So before diving into SQL let us understand how databases are designed where ER model will help us to understand the procedure of database designing.

ER Model (Entity-Relationship Model)

ER model is a high-level data model that is used to define data elements and their relationship for a specific use case. In simple words, ER model helps you to express the complete conceptual(logical) structure of your database design for any use case. while ER modelling the structure is portrayed which is known as an ER diagram.

What is a requirement of ER Diagram?

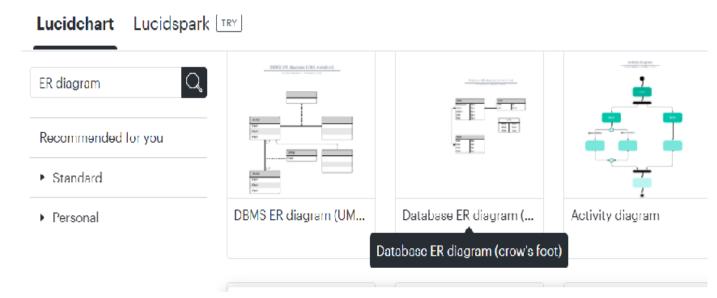
Let's take a scenario where you are working closely with databases and your senior manager asks to present a database design you think to implement for the problem statement. Now you cannot show the database server to a manager or the client because he is not a technical person so you have to express it in paper or presentation design which is known as an ER diagram. The condition is the same as when you are constructing your new home and consult with a civil engineer, then he does not give or explain the design with a complete building picture and setup, rather he is given a pen-paper design to understand the logical structure.

Now you might be wondering about How to implement an ER diagram? There are many offline and online tools available to draw ER diagrams. For demonstration, I am using a <u>lucid app</u> which is an online tool. you need to sign up and log in with your email address. click on create and choose an option from a template and search for ER diagram on the left side search panel and select template with crowfoot notation. Now you can add the entities and relationship here as shown below figure. Entities mean the tables in your database and the relationship expresses how one table attribute is related to other table attributes. The types of relationship with crowfoot notation are explained below this section.

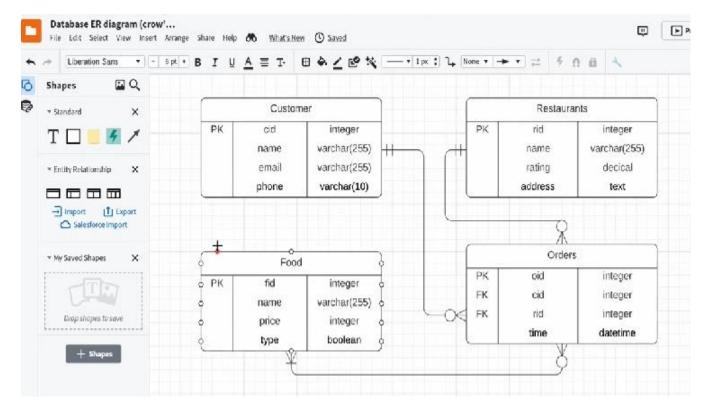
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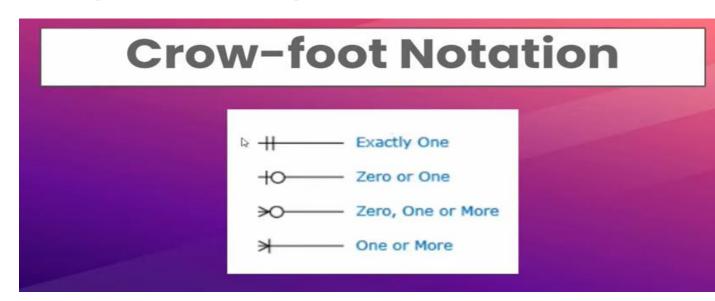
After choosing a template, start drawing ER diagram. On the left-hand side, you will get a table structure to add in a diagram and define each table with column names and their data types. SQL support almost all the data types as other language supports. To read more about SQL data types please visit this page. The below ER diagram is just a sample of online food management services to demonstrate How an ER diagram looks.



After creating the ER diagram you can export it in SQL query by clicking on the left side export button and copying the SQL query. using this SQL query create a database in the localhost server.

Crow-Foot Notation

Crow-foot Notation is an expression to express the relationship between 2 Entities. there are four types of relationships as One-one relationship, many-to-one relationship, and vice-versa.

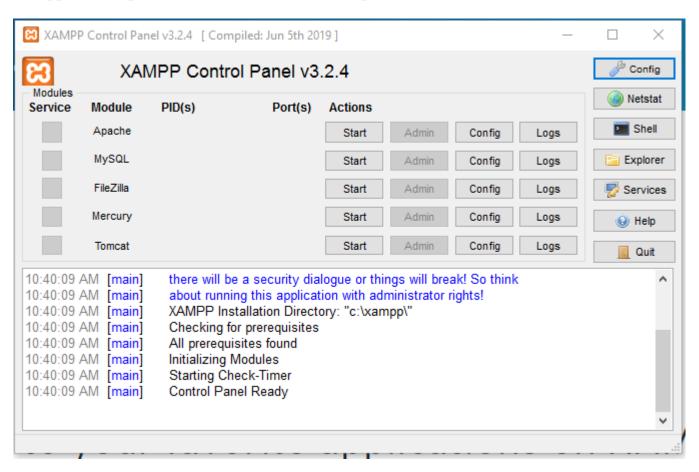


Getting Started with SQL

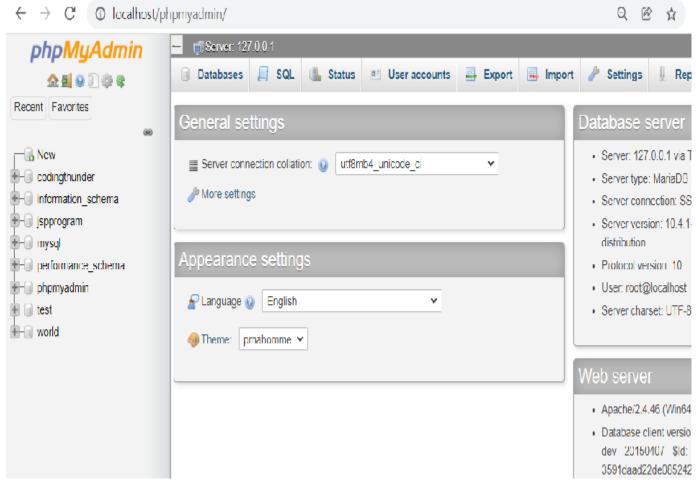
Database Server

To get started working and playing with SQL queries on datasets we require any database. In this article, we will work with MySQL on the XAMPP database server. XAMPP provides you with a localhost environment with APACHE support where you can create as many databases as you want and work closely with the database on your projects and connect it with python easily. To install the XAMPP, please follow this link. We can work closely with MySQL, PHP, and Perl in the XAMPP database server.

After installation search XAMPP in the windows search box and open the Xampp control panel. to start the server start Apache and MySQL.



After starting just follow this localhost link in your browser and your PHPMyAdmin server will open.



Constraints in SQL

After knowing about SQL and its data types it's important to know SQL constraints before writing queries on data. Constraints are used to specify some rules over the table columns which limit the user by inserting any other values in the table. a constraint can be used to control type, format, length, and collection of values in a column. let us study the different constraints supported by SQL.

- 1. Unique Unique defines that the values column will hold will be unique and no duplicates are allowed. It can accept a NULL value.
- 2. Primary Key It is a column that uniquely identifies any record in a table. so the column you make a primary key holds all values unique as well None of the values should be NULL.
- 3. Not Null It ensures that the column cannot have Null Values.

- 4. Default Default constraint is used to pass a default value in a certain column for a record if while inserting a data no value is provided for the user for a particular column.
- 5. Check It Ensures that the value which is inserted by the user should pass a certain condition.
- 6. Foreign Key It helps to prevent the data between two tables. Also helps to explain the relationship between the two tables
- 7. Auto-Increment If any column is Integer type then it can be defined as Autoincrement which says that each time when the record is inserted increases the value by one.

In the next section of the article, we will understand the practical use of constraints while studying different SQL commands.

TYPES OF SQL COMMANDS

Now we are at SQL to deal with databases. there are different SQL commands which help to deal with databases. let us understand each type of command and what function each includes. SQL is a core language that every RDBMS software uses. Only there can be a little bit of difference between syntax of different DBMS software, we will work with MySQL.

There are different data types in SQL and if you want to read and learn about different data types then please refer to this page.

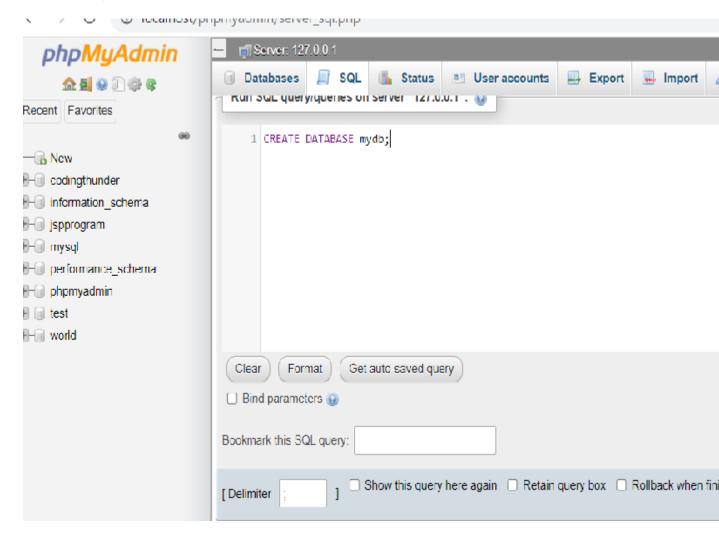
1) DDL (Data Definition Language)

It is used to define database structure, add constraints, indexes. using DDL commands we create a structure of the database. The commands under DDL are as follows.

A) create – It is used in a database or for creating a table. let us see the syntax to create a database and to create a table.

create database database_name
create table table_name(columns datatype)

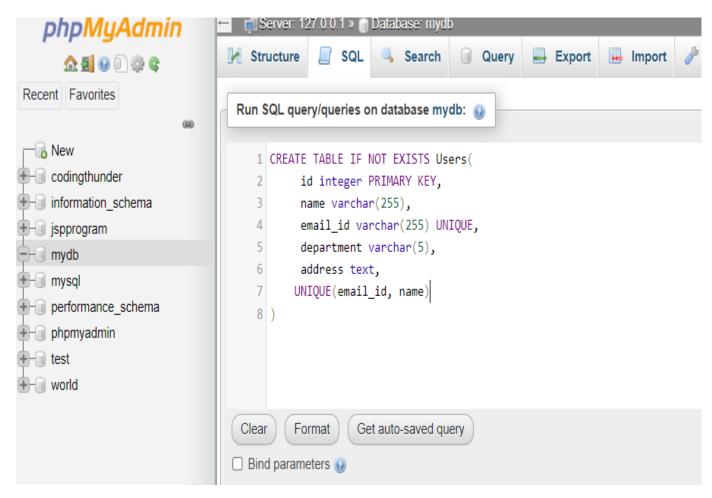
To create a database in the database server using SQL visit PhpMyAdmin and go to the SQL tab and write a query and run using the go button. we can also use Exist, a logical operator while creating a database to check that the table we are creating already exists then it will not create another.



After creating the database go to that database and in the SQL tab create a table. To create a table you can also use the same command as follow.

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS Students(
roll_no integer PRIMARY KEY,
name varchar(255),
email_id varchar(255) UNIQUE,
department varchar(5)
)
```

we have used two constraints in the above query, and it represents roll number as primary key and email should be unique. In the same way, you can use different constrain and one constraint can also be applied on two columns at a time after the end of the query as shown below.



B) Drop database – It is used to delete objects from a database.

drop database database_name drop table table_name

- C) Truncate It is used to remove all records from a table.
- **D) Alter** It is used to alter(modify) the structure of a database. Using Alter command you can add the columns, modify the columns, delete the columns, and add or remove the constraint on table columns.

Query to add a new column to a table

ALTER TABLE Students ADD COLUMN college varchar(255) NOT NULL;

Query to remove any column from a table

ALTER TABLE Students DROP COLUMN age;

Query to modify the data type of column

ALTER TABLE Students MODIFY COLUMN roll_no integer;

Query to Add any constraint to a column

ALTER TABLE Students ADD CONSTRAINT stud_email UNIQUE(email_id);

Query to drop constraint

ALTER TABLE Students DROP CONSTRAINT stud_email;

2) DML (Data Manipulation Language)

It is used for accessing and manipulating the data in a database table. the commands under DML are.

A) Insert Command

Using the insert command you can add the records to a table. There are two ways to use the Insert command. one is you want to insert values in every column as database design, and the second is you want to provide values for specific columns. The syntax of both ways is stated below.

INSERT INTO Students (column names) (Values); -- 1st sntax INSERT INTO Students (Values) -- 2nd syntax

You can also add multiple rows at a time.

INSERT INTO Students (101, "ram", "ram@gm.com", "CS"),

(102, "shivam", "sh@gm.com", "IT");

B) Update Command

An update is used to update any value in database tables. Suppose I want to change the email id of a student whose roll number is 168.

Update Students SET email = "xyz@gmail.com" where roll_no = 168;

You can update multiple columns, rows at a time with any condition in the where clause.

C) Delete Command

Delete command is used to delete records from a table. we can delete a single record from the table using a conditional clause.

delete from students where roll_no = 28;

3) DCL (Data Control Language)

The commands under data control language help you to control the operations on the database, the commands under this are Grant and Revoke.

Grant – It is used to permit users to access the database

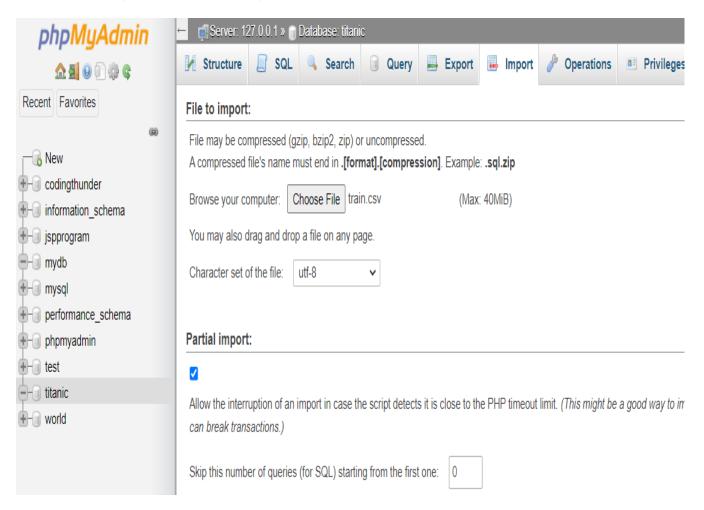
Revoke – It is used to take the given permission back.

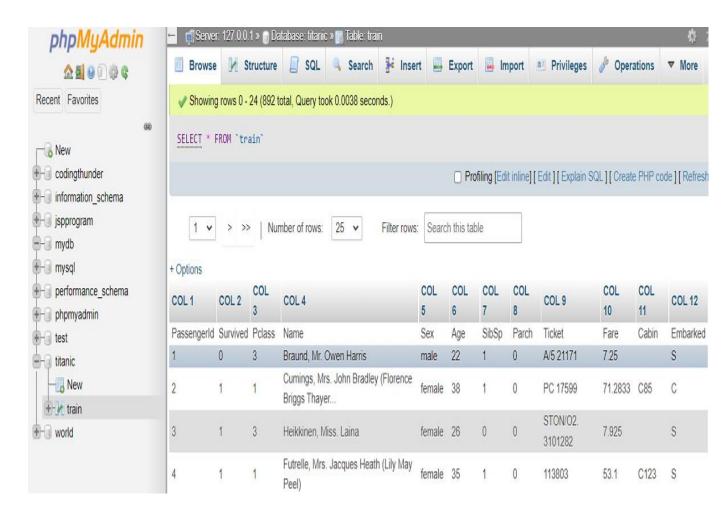
Basic data analysis of Titanic dataset using SQL

Now we are excited to try some queries and datasets and understand how we can carry out data analysis in an easy way that somewhere challenges the Pandas data manipulation functions. We are using a very popular and familiar dataset known as the titanic survival dataset that can be easily found here and if you are not familiar with the dataset then you can read about it on that link as well. In short, The dataset is about the details of the passengers travelling in

titanic when its accident happens and it includes details like personage, family details, survived or not. let us get started with running some SQL queries to understand how data analysis is done through SQL.

To load the dataset in XAMPP create a new database and go to the Import tab. And upload the downloaded train file in CSV format, and click Go. the query will execute and a new table named train will be created. the dashboard will look something like the below figures.





1) How to retrieve all the records from DataFrame?

Select is a very powerful SQL statement used to retrieve any type of record. Asterisk sign means to get all the rows from the dataset.

SELECT * FROM train;

2) How to Filter Columns?

If we want to retrieve some specific columns rather than all the columns in data so use a select statement followed by name of columns to retrieve.

SELECT Name, Sex, Survived FROM train;

In the above query, it will result in only 3 columns but there will be all rows in the result.

3) How to give a temporary name to the column?

While retrieving the data sometimes we need to assign a column some specific name which is known as Alias. In SQL <u>AS</u> command is used to achieve this.

4) Expression

The expression means to retrieve the data by making some modifications in the values of a column. suppose I want to find the present age of people travelling on the titanic. so titanic accident happened in 1912 so if we ad 109 in age then it will be present age. here we have also used the AS keyword.

SELECT Name, (Age+109) AS curretntAge FROM train;

5) Constant

We can also create constant using SQL. suppose after the titanic accident Government declared a 1 Lakh compensation to all so we are required to add a new column and add a value in front of each name.

SELECT Name, 100000 AS Compensation FROM train;

6) Find unique details from data

we use a distinct keyword to find the unique categories from columns. suppose we have to find distinct classes in a ship.

SELECT Distinct Pclass FROM train:

And now we have to find all distinct class combinations with Embarked.

7) Filter the data based on condition

To filter the data based on condition SQL where clause is used in which except aggregate condition all other conditions are included like to extract data in a

certain range, less than, greater than or equal to any value. we have to extract the data of passenger class three.

SELECT * FROM train where Pclass = 3;

Now If we want to know how many passengers in class three died. So to apply the two conditions together we use **AND** operator in the where clause.

SELECT * FROM train where Pclass = 3 AND Survived = 0;

Similarly, if you have to check either of two conditions then we use **OR** operator in the where clause. Now we have to find how many passengers between the age of 10 to 18 were travelling so in range we use **BETWEEN** Keyword.

SELECT * FROM train where Age between 10 and 18; Order of Query Execution

It is very important to understand how does query execution means which clause is executed first.



First From clause is executed, then if there is Join included in it is executed then query is sorted as per Where clause than group by clause is run which is always followed by having and then the columns which you want in a select statement is selected and then If you have to use Distinct or order by than result will be arranged.

Exploring More SQL operators to Play with Real-time Data

Now we will use a Bollywood movies dataset that you can easily find here. here many columns will help us understand how we can efficiently analyze the data using SQL queries.

1) Find all the movies whose Genre is Horror or Comedy?

We have seen that we use or operator to match multiple conditions to get data if any one condition is true.

SELECT title, genre, FROM movies WHERE genre = "horror" OR genre = "comedy";

But this query becomes complex when values are more so when we have to retrieve the data by matching values to a single column, we use the <u>in</u> operator in this case.

SELECT title, genre, FROM movies WHERE genre in ("horror", "comedy");
2) Retrieving Data using Wildcards

Wildcards are used to substitute one or more characters in a string. Wildcard characters are used with the Like operator. It is used in where clause to match a particular string in a column value

- Like word% It means retrieving the data where the value starts with a word.
- Like %word retrieve the data where the value ends with word.
- Like %word% retrieve data where a word is present anywhere in value.
- Like _word% Find values that have a word at second position
- Like word__% Find values that start with a word and are at least 3 characters in length.

Now using this you can implement various queries and different combinations using wildcards. And you can use underscore to match the length of value. Now, let us practice this by some experimentation. I want to retrieve the data where the movie title starts with character A.

SELECT title FROM movies WHERE title LIKE A%;

Now we want to find the name of Khan or Kapoor actors

3) Playing with SQL Functions

There are different in-built functions in SQL like python to retrieve the data. we will understand and practice each fraction on our dataset.

- i) **Abs** Abs stands for absolute which is used to get an absolute integer value.
- **ii) round** It rounds the decimal or float to integer or in defined decimal places. like we want to extract the movie runtime in hours and round to two decimal places.

SELECT title, round(runtime/60, 2) as runtime_hrs from movies;

- iii) Ceil It rounds the decimal value to the upper integer. For example, for 2.4 it gives the result as 3.
- iv) floor opposite of ceil which rounds the decimal value to lowest near integer. for value 2.7 it will result in 2.
- v) Upper and lower Both function is used on strings to convert in uppercase or lowercase.
- vi) concat It helps in concatenating two strings together in a single column. like we want to express actor and director in a single column.

SELECT concat(actor, " ", director) AS crew FROM movies;

vii) **length** – It is used to find the length of a string. like we have to find the length of each title.

SELECT title, length(title) AS length FROM movies;

viii) substring – It is used to find the specific part of a specific length in any string. In this function, you have to specify the string, starting index, and length of the substring you want.

Syntax - substr(string, start(default-1), length)

SELECT title, substr(title, 3, 5) AS short_chr FROM movies;

Aggregated Functions

i) minimum – It is used to find the minimum value.

SELECT min(india_gross) FROM movies;

ii) maximum – It is used to find the maximum value in a column.

SELECT max(india_gross) FROM movies;

iii) sum – Find the sum of all the values in a column.

SELECT sum(india_gross) FROM movies;

iv) Average – Find the mean value of the column. we have to find the average income of Indian movies.

SELECT avg(india_gross) FROM movies;

V) count – It counts the number of values in a column.

SELECT count(DISTINCT(actor)) FROM movies;

4) Sorting Data

Most of the time we want data to be sorted according to certain columns in the dataset. Order By clause is used to sort the data in ascending or descending order. Ascending is a default order and to sort in descending you need to specify using the DESC keyword.

We have to find the movies ordered by profit in ascending and in descending order.

SELECT title, (worldwide_gross - budget) AS profit FROM movies ORDER BY profit; -- ascending order

SELECT title, (worldwide_gross - budget) AS profit FROM movies ORDER BY profit DESC; -- descending order

Now if someone asks to only extract Top five movies. so In this case we use a LIMIT keyword to limit the output records.

SELECT title, (worldwide_gross - budget) AS profit FROM movies ORDER BY profit ASC LIMIT 5;

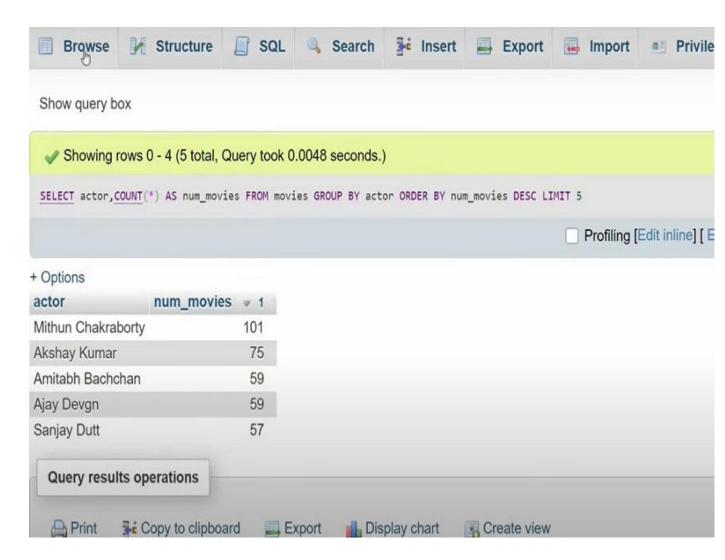
We can also use order by clause on multiple columns. suppose we want to get the data sorted according to a genre in each genre It should be sorted according to the movie title.

SELECT * FROM movies ORDER BY genre, title;

5) Grouping Data

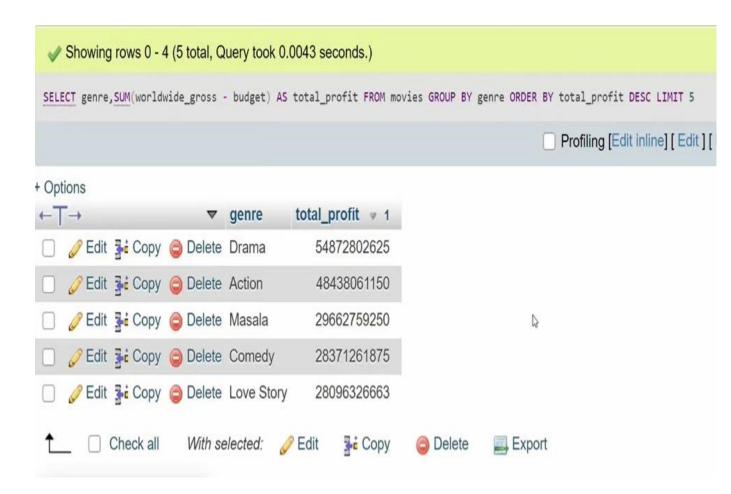
Grouping Data is a very strong concept and is used in many different cases. On basis of any column, we create groups of distinct values in it, and based on each group we perform some operation. We have to find the top 5 actors who have done the maximum number of movies.

SELECT actor, COUNT(*) AS num_movies FROM movies GROUP BY actor ORDER BY num_movies DESC LIMIT 5;



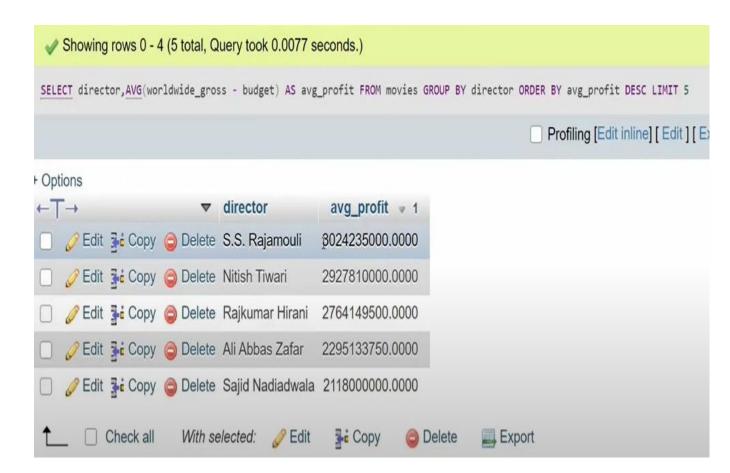
Write a SQL query to find the Genre whose movies are most profitable? The question wants you to find the sum of profit of each movie in each Genre and output the genre with maximum profit.

SELECT genre, SUM(worldwide_gross - budget) AS total_profit FROM movies GROUP BY genre ORDER BY total_profit DESC LIMIT 5;



Another question may be like find on an average which director movies make a maximum profit?

SELECT director, AVG(worldwide_gross - budget) AS avg_profit FROM movies GROUP BY director ORDER BY avg_profit DESC LIMIT 5;



Let's take a question on two columns Group by. Write a SQL query to find the combination of actor and director that has earned maximum profit?

SELECT actor, director, SUM(worldwide_gross - budget) AS profit from movies GROUP BY actor, director ORDER BY profit DESC LIMIT 5;

Here are some questions for you to practice and answer in the comment section below.

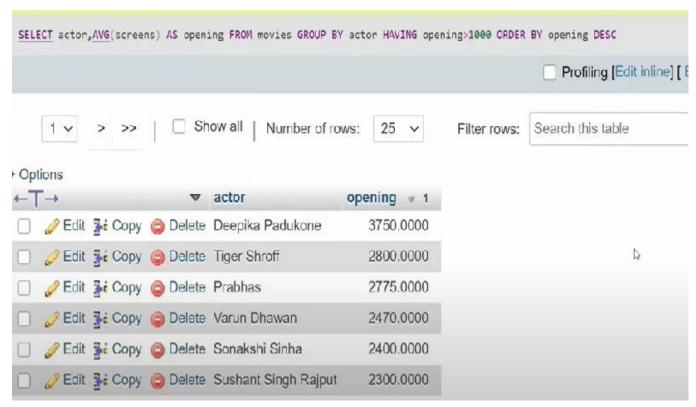
- 1. Write a SQL query to find the top five movies with a maximum budget using group by clause.
- 2. write a SQL query to find the top ten actors whose movies have made a maximum profit
- 3. Write a query to find which actor earns maximum in which Genre

This is the power of the Group by clause. You can carry lots of analysis using Group by and aggregated functions. It gets more power when the Having clause is used.

6) Filter Grouped Data using Having Clause

Having Clause is used to filter the Group By output which is the same as where clause which is used to filter Select statement output. For example, the question is to write a query to find the names of actors whose movies on average get more than 1000 screens.

SELECT actor, AVG(screen) AS opening FROM movies GROUP BY actor HAVING opening > 1000 ORDER BY opening DESC;



Having is always used after Group by and where cannot be used with any aggregated functions.

7) CASE Statements

Case statements are like If-Else statements for databases. It is the same as the control statement in any programming language. suppose we have to classify each movie in four classes according to profit in such a way that If profit is negative then it is a Flop movie, profit between 0 and 25 crores is an average

movie, profit between 25 and 100 crores are Hit movies and movies with profit above 100 crores is superhit.

SELECT title, (worldwide_gross - budget) AS profit,

CASE

WHEN profit > 100000000 THEN "Super-HIT"

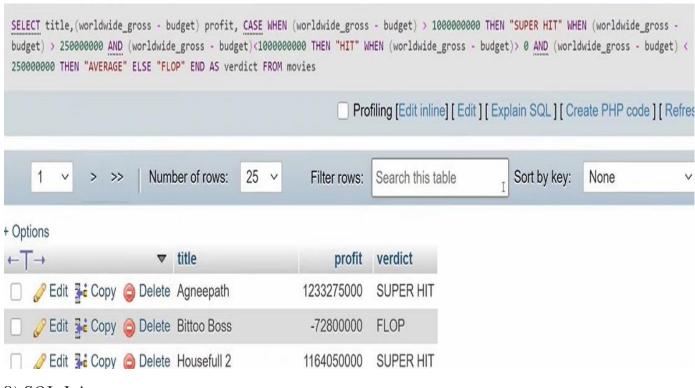
WHEN profit > 250000000 AND profit < 100000000 THEN "HIT"

WHEN profit > 0 AND profit < 250000000 THEN "Average"

ELSE "FLOP"

END AS verdict

FROM movies:



- 8) SQL Joins
- I) inner join When we perform an inner join between two tables then the resultant table will include the results which are common in both tables no which joining is done.
- ii) left outer join The results of the left outer join include all the rows of the left side table and only matching rows of a right side table.

- **iii) right outer join** The results of the right outer join include all the rows of the right side table and only matching rows of a left-side table.
- iv) cross join cross join means again each record combine it will every other record from another table.

Let us practice and see how joins help to conduct data analysis between two data frames(two tables). suppose we have two tables as customers and salesman whose dummy view is shown below.

Sample table: salesman

_	name		
	James Hoog		
5002	Nail Knite	Paris	0.13
5005	Pit Alex	London	0.11
5006	Mc Lyon	Paris	0.14
5007	Paul Adam	Rome	0.13
5003	Lauson Hen	San Jose	0.12

Sample table: customer

customer_id	cust_name	city	grade	salesman_id
3002	Nick Rimando	New York	100	5001
3007	Brad Davis	New York	200	5001
3005	Graham Zusi	California	200	5002
3008	Julian Green	London	300	5002
3004	Fabian Johnson	Paris	300	5006
3009	Geoff Cameron	Berlin	100	5003
3003	Jozv Altidor	Moscow	200	5007

let's take questions to analyze so first we have to find the salesperson and customer who belongs to the same city. so this can be solved with join and without join as well so let us see how we can do it without using joins.

SELECT salesman.name AS "Salesman",

customer.cust_name, customer.city

FROM salesman, customer

WHERE salesman.city=customer.city;

This type of query is sometimes also known as advance where clause in some context. now let us see how we can do it using joins.

SELECT s.name AS "Salesman", c.cust_name, c.city from salesman s INNER JOIN customer c on c.city = s.city;

here we have given an Alias to table name with the character name.

9) Unions

It is used to concatenate the results of two queries. I have to find IDs from users and group IDs from groups. Now some may have questioned what is the difference between joining and union so let us study some differences between Union and join.

- When we perform join between two tables then both tables can have different columns of different data types but in union number of columns and order of columns should be the same.
- Union joins the two tables vertically while join combines two tables horizontally.

have a look at the below union query example how it combines and retrieves the results of two tables.

Sample table: product

PROD_CODE	PROD_NAME	COM_NAME	LIFE
PR001	T.V.	SONY	7
PR002	DVD PLAYER	LG	9
PR003	IPOD	PHILIPS	9
PR004	SOUND SYSTEM	SONY	8
PR005	MOBILE	NOKIA	6

Sample table: purchase

PUR_NO	PROD_CODE	PROD_NAME	COM_NAME	PUR_QTY	PUR_AMOUNT
2	PR001	T.V.	SONY	15	450000
1	PR003	IPOD	PHILIPS	20	60000
3	PR007	LAPTOP	H.P.	6	240000
4	PR005	MOBILE	NOKIA	100	300000
5	PR002	DVD PLAYER	LG	10	30000
6	PR006	SOUND SYSTEM	CREATIVE	8	40000

SELECT prod_code,prod_name FROM product

UNION

SELECT prod_code,prod_name FROM purchase;

The output of the above query will be like the below figure.

Output:

PROD_CODE	PROD_NAME
PR001	T.V.
PR002	DVD PLAYER
PR003	IPOD
PR004	SOUND SYSTEM
PR005	MOBILE
PR006	SOUND SYSTEM
PR007	LAPTOP

10) Nested Queries Or Subqueries

subquery means query inside a query is known as nested queries likewise we use nested if-else statement. The first inner query will be run and after that outer query which is also known as the main query will execute. The subquery can be written in any SQL clauses like From, where, Having.

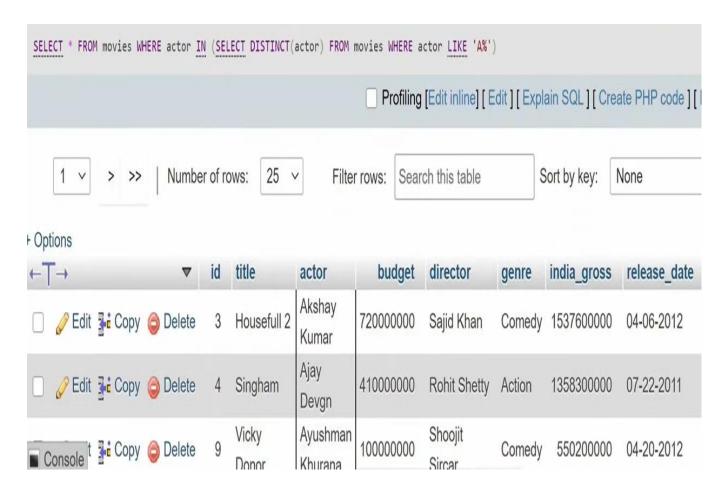
i) We have to find the movie whose budget is maximum.

SELECT title FROM movies WHERE budget = (SELECT MAX(budget) FROM movies);

The inner query may result in multiple rows so in that case, we use the **in** operator instead of the assignment operator.

ii) Write a query to find all the movies of actors whose name starts with character A?

SELECT * FROM movies WHERE actor IN (SELECT Distinct(actor) from movies WHERE actor like "A%");



iii) write a query to find all the movies of the top 5 actors who have earned maximum profit using subquery?

This is a little bit tricky question where we have to use a subquery as well as a group by clause.

```
SELECT * FROM movies WHERE actor IN (

SELECT actor FROM (

SELECT actor, (worldwise_gross-budget) AS profit FROM movies
GROUP BY actor ORDER BY profit DESC LIMIT 5

) A

);
```

This is an independent subquery that means the inner query is independent to run without interfering with any value with the main query.

iv) write a query to find the most profitable movie for each Genre?

SELECT title, genre, (worldwise_gross - budget) AS profit FROM movies m1
WHERE (worldwise_gross - budget) =
(SELECT MAX(worldwise_gross - budget) FROM movies m2
where m2.genre = m1.genre);

This is a correlated query that means the inner query is dependent on the main query.