Data Immersion
Databases & SQL for Analysts
3.6: Summarizing & Cleaning Data in SQL
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- 1. Check for and clean dirty data for the film table and the customer table.
- Duplicates.

Film Table

```
Query:
SELECT film id,
    title,
     description,
     release_year,
     language id,
     rental_duration,
     rental_rate,
    film.length,
     replacement_cost,
     rating,
     last_update,
     special_features,
    fulltext,
   COUNT(*)
FROM film
GROUP BY film id,
    title,
     description,
     release_year,
     language id,
     rental_duration,
     rental_rate,
    film.length,
     replacement_cost,
     rating,
     last_update,
     special_features,
    fulltext
HAVING COUNT(*) >1
```

Result:

No duplicates were found in film table, see screenshot below.



In case of finding duplicate values, I would have created a view with unique records with the following syntax to make each row unique:

```
CREATE VIEW viewname AS

SELECT col1,

col2,

col3 ...

FROM tablename

GROUP BY col1,

col2,

col3, ...;
```

Customer Table

Query:

```
SELECT customer_id,
store_id,
first_name,
email,
address_id,
activebool,
last_update,
active,
COUNT(*)
FROM customer
GROUP BY customer_id,
store_id,
first_name,
```

email, address_id, activebool,

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last_update,
active
HAVING COUNT(*) > 1
```

Result:

No duplicates were found in customers table, see screenshot below.



In case of finding duplicate values, I would have created a view with unique records with the following syntax to make each row unique:

```
CREATE VIEW viewname AS

SELECT col1,

col2,

col3 ...

FROM tablename

GROUP BY col1,

col2,

col3, ...;
```

Non-uniform data.

Film Table

```
Query (syntax):

SELECT DISTINCT column_name
FROM ctable_name
GROUP BY column_name
```

Results:

Non-unifrom values were searched in the table, but no irregularities were found. The total number of values for each column is as follows:

- o film id, 1000 values
- o title, 1000 values
- o description, 1000 values
- o release_year, 1 value

- o language_id, 1 value
- o rental duration, 5 values
- o rental_rate, 3 values
- o film.length, 140 values
- replacement_cost, 21 values
- o rating, 5 values
- o last_update, 1 value
- o special_features, 15 vlaues
- o fulltext, 1000 values

In case of finding a non-uniform value, first, I would have grouped the values to get familiar with them to choose a standard format, and checked on data types for each column. Then use the following syntax to update values:

Customer Table

Query (syntax):

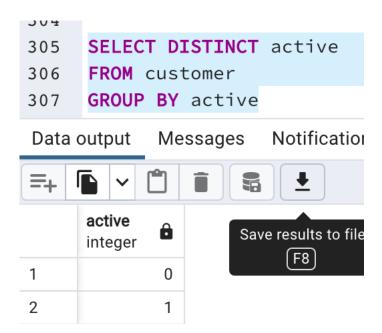
SELECT DISTINCT column_name
FROM ctable_name
GROUP BY column_name

Results:

No Non-uniform values were searched and have found no irregularities. The total number of values for each column as follows:

- customer_id, 599 values
- o store id, 2 values
- first_name, 591 values
- o last_name, 599 values
- o email, 599 values
- o address id, 599 values
- o activebool, 1 value
- o create_date, 1 value
- o active, 1 value

e.g.:



In case of finding a non-uniform value, first, I would have grouped the values to get familiar with them to choose a standard format, and checked on data types for each column. Then use the following syntax to update values:

- Missing values

Film Table

While looking for **Non-uniform** values, no missing values were found.

In case of have found missing values, I would have checked on the proportion of the missing data for each column to determine if would have been valid to include them in the analysis or not, and adapt the analysis to mitigate the impact as much as possible.

Customer Table

While looking for **Non-uniform** values, no missing values were found.

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2. Summarize Data.

Film Table

Query (Syntax) Numeric Columns:

SELECT MIN(column_name) AS column_alias,

MAX(column_name) AS column_alias,

AVG(column_name) AS column_alias,

COUNT(column_name) AS column_alias,

COUNT(*) AS column_alias

FROM table_name

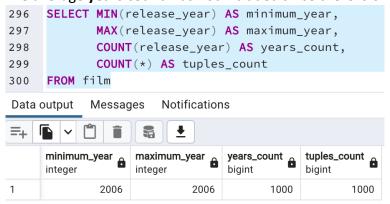
--film id.

The average was not included for this query as it does not really say much.



--release_year

The average **years count** was not included since there is only one value for this column.



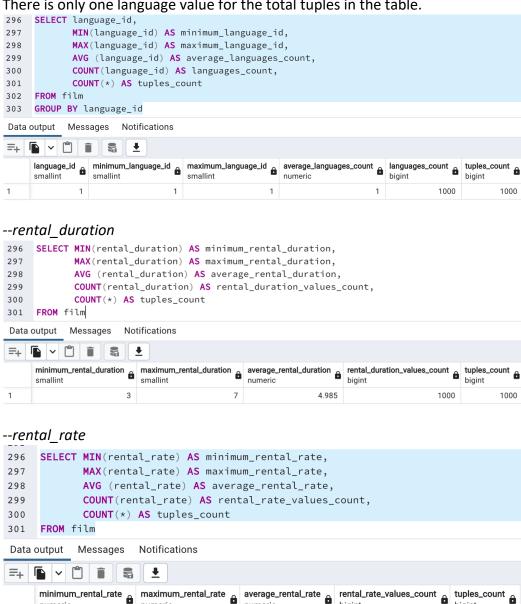
--language_id

numeric

numeric

0.99

There is only one language value for the total tuples in the table.



numeric

4.99

bigint

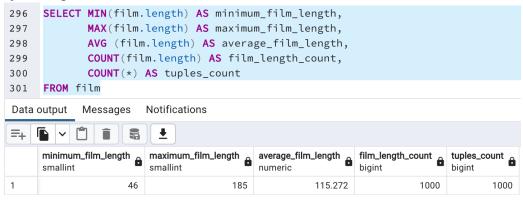
2.98

bigint

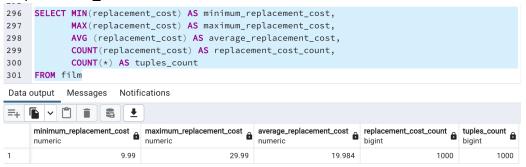
1000

1000

--film.length



--replacement_cost



Query (Syntax) Non-Numeric Columns:

Academy Dinosaur

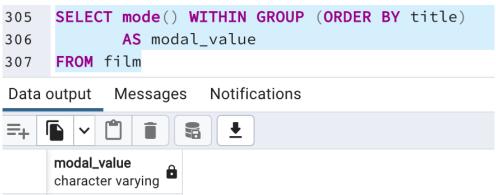
SELECT mode() WITHIN GROUP (ORDER BY column_name)

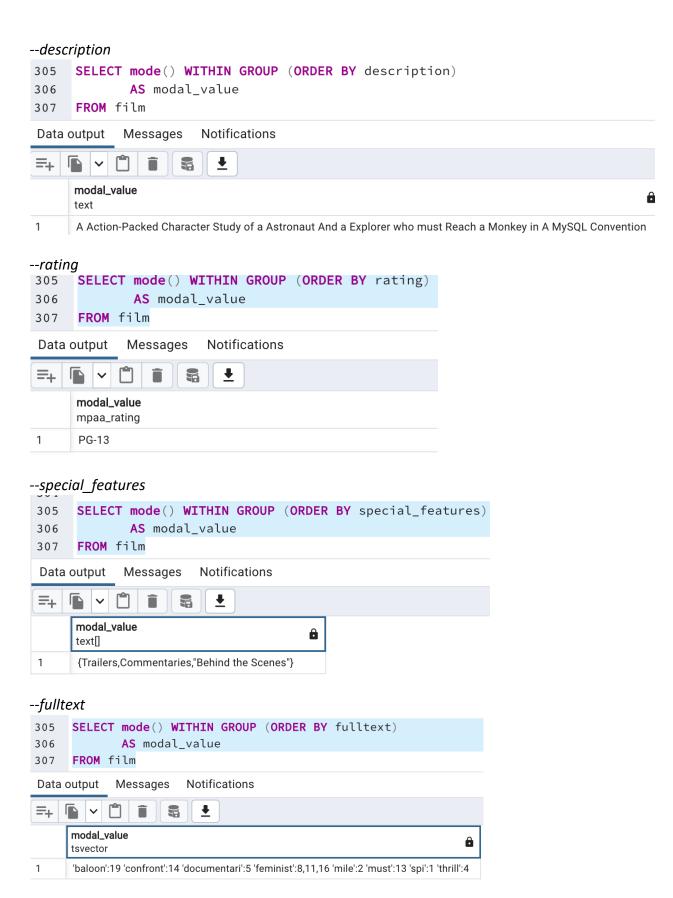
AS modal value

FROM tablename

--title

1





Customer Table

```
Query (Syntax) Numeric Columns:

SELECT MIN(column_name) AS column_alias,

MAX(column_name) AS column_alias,

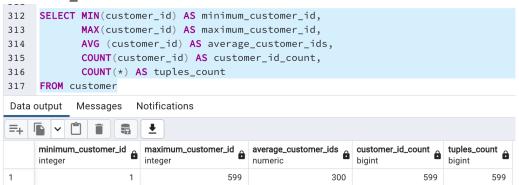
AVG(column_name) AS column_alias,

COUNT(column_name) AS column_alias,

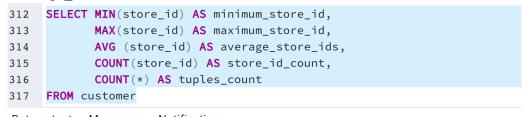
COUNT(*) AS column_alias

FROM table_name
```

--customer_id



--storage id



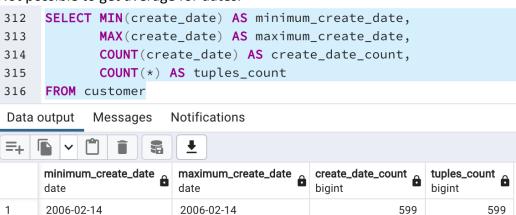


--address_id



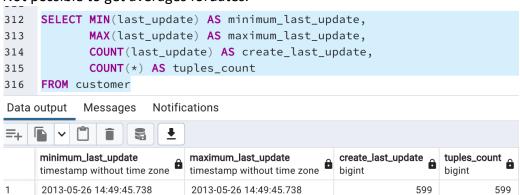
--create_date

Not possible to get average for dates.



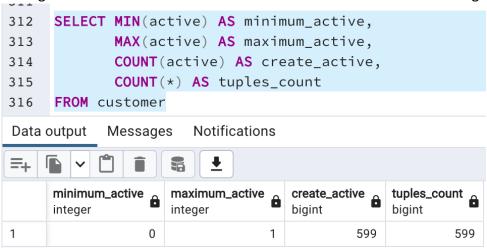
--last update

Not possible to get averages fordates.



--active

Averages was not calculated for this columns as does not make sense to get it; only to values.



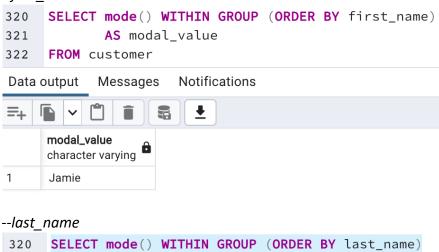
Query (Syntax) Non-Numeric Columns:

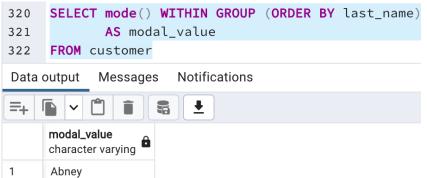
SELECT mode() WITHIN GROUP (ORDER BY column name)

AS modal value

FROM tablename

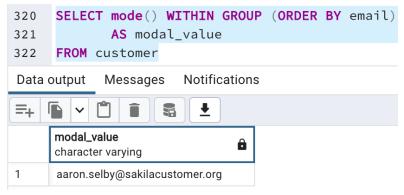
--first_name





--email

Please consider there are 599, and 599 different emails. This results is for one of those 599 different emails.



3. Which tool (Excel or SQL) is more efficient for data profiling and why? Consider functions, ease of use, and speed.

In general, SQL is way more effective at providing data types, data integrity, and calculating descriptive statistics of the data. Personally, I find the difference essentially in the capacity that both have in terms of processing data, and how they show the data; SQL's results are succinct, and is considerably quicker coding a query rather than making the data profile from scratch in Excel—though making a data profile in Excel is slower and has less data processing potence, it also is more intuitive once you know what you are doing, and there are more resources around to troubleshoot in excel than in SQL.

Functions.

I believe SQL is more effective at providing results; the used functions are basically the same as in Excel, but the one difference would be knowing how to code queries with everything at once in SQL, rather than making a longer process in Excel for each one of the functions—leaving aside the data processing capacity. The downside of SQL is that you must know how to query, you have to have the technical knowledge to do so, otherwise it might be difficult to impossible to retrieve the data the way you want it.

Ease of Use.

It's easier to use Excel even though the data integrity analysis represents more time. The issue with Excel is that it has less capacity to process data. On the other hand, once you have (at least the basic) technical knowledge to code queries, it's easier to use SQL, again, because of how succinct the process and the results are

Speed.

SQL is by far the fastest way to make a data integrity analysis. It's faster to code a query, even if it's a long and/or complext one (once you have the knowledge).

In conclusion, SQL is better to make a data integrity analysis, but not the easiest.