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# **The Quantile Function**



# **The Quantile Function**

#### Overview

- "There is flattery in friendship."
- William Shakespeare

#### The Quantile Function and Syntax

The syntax for the Quantile function:

```
QUANTILE (<partitions>, <column-name> ,<sort-key> [DESC | ASC]) [QUALIFY QUANTILE (<column-name>) \{<\ |\ >\ |\ =\ |\ <=\ |\ >=\}\ <number-of-rows>]
```

A Quantile is used to divide rows into a number of categories or grouping of roughly the same number of rows in each group. The percentile is the QUANTILE most commonly used in business. This means that the request is based on a value of 100 for the number of partitions. It is also possible to have quartiles (based on 4), tertiles (based on 3) and deciles (based on 10).

By default, both the QUANTILE column and the QUANTILE value itself will be output in ascending sequence. As in some cases, the ORDER BY clause may be used to reorder the output for display. Here, the order of the output does not change the meaning of the output, unlike a summation where the values are being added together and all need to appear in the proper sequence.

#### A Quantile Example

This example determines the percentile for every row in the Sales table based on the daily sales amount, and sorts it into sequence by the value being categorized, which is Daily\_Sales here.

```
SELECT Product_ID, Sale_Date, Daily_Sales
,QUANTILE (100, Daily_Sales) AS "Quantile"
FROM Sales_Table
WHERE Product_ID < 3000
AND Sale Date > 1000930;
```

Product ID	Sale Date	Daily Sales	Quantile
1000	10/02/2000	32800.50	0
2000	10/04/2000	32800.50	0
2000	10/02/2000	36021.93	25
1000	10/01/2000	40200.43	37
2000	10/03/2000	43200.18	50
1000	10/04/2000	54553.10	62
2000	10/01/2000	54850.29	75
1000	10/03/2000	64300.00	87

Notice that the amount of 32800.50 in the first two rows has the same percentile value. They are the same value, and will, therefore, be put into the same partition.

#### A Quantile Example using DESC Mode

Product ID	Sale Date	Daily Sales	Quantile
1000	10/02/2000	32800.50	0
2000	10/04/2000	32800.50	10
1000	09/30/2000	36000.07	20
2000	10/02/2000	36021.93	30
1000	10/01/2000	40200.43	40



2000	10/03/2000	43200.18	50
2000	09/30/2000	49850.03	60
1000	10/04/2000	54553.10	70
2000	10/01/2000	54850.29	8.0
1000	10/03/2000	64300.00	90

Notice the first two rows. This is because the Sale date DESC, impacts the first two rows. Why? Since these rows have the same value, it uses the Sale\_Date column as a tiebreaker for the sequencing and makes them different from each other. Hence, they are assigned to different values in different partitions.

#### QUALIFY to find Products in the top Partitions

This example uses a QUALIFY to show only products that sell in the top 60 Percentile

Product ID	Sale Date	Daily Sales	<u>Percentile</u>
2000	09/2972000	48000.00	61
1000	09/28/2000	48850.40	66
2000	09/30/2000	49850.03	71
1000	09/29/2000	54500.22	76
1000	10/04/2000	54553.10	8.0
2000	10/01/2000	54850.29	85
3000	09/28/2000	61301.77	90
1000	10/03/2000	64300.00	95

Like the aggregate functions, OLAP functions must read all required rows before performing their operation. Therefore, the WHERE clause cannot be used. Where the aggregates use HAVING, the OLAP functions use QUALIFY. The QUALIFY evaluates the result to determine which ones to return.

#### QUALIFY to find Products in the top Partitions Sorted DESC

Product ID	Sale Date	Daily Sales	Percentile
1000	10/03/2000	64300.00	95
3000	09/28/2000	61301.77	90
2000	10/01/2000	54850.29	85
1000	10/04/2000	54553.10	80
1000	09/29/2000	54500.22	76
2000	09/30/2000	49850.03	71

The ORDER BY changes the sequence of the rows being listed, not the meaning of the percentile. The above functions both determined that the highest number in the column is the highest percentile. The data value sequence ascends as the percentile ascends, or descends as the percentile descends. When the sort in the QUANTILE function is changed to ASC, the data value sequence changes to ascend as the percentile descends. The sequence of the percentile does not change. But, the data value sequence is changed to ascend (ASC) instead of the default, which is to descend (DESC).

### QUALIFY to find Products in the top Partitions Sorted ASC



Product ID	Sale Date	Daily Sales	<u>Percentile</u>
1000	10/02/2000	32800.50	71
2000	10/04/2000	32800.50	76
3000	10/01/2000	28000.00	8.0
3000	10/03/2000	21553.79	85
3000	10/02/2000	19678.94	90
3000	10/04/2000	15675.33	95

The example above uses the ASC to cause the data values to go contradictory to the percentile.

#### QUALIFY to find Products in top Partitions with Tiebreaker

Product ID	Sale Date	Dailv Sales	Percentile
2000	10/04/2000	32800.50	71
1000	10/02/2000	32800.50	76
3000	10/01/2000	28000.00	8.0
3000	10/03/2000	21553.79	85
3000	10/02/2000	19678.94	90
3000	10/04/2000	15675.33	95

The next SELECT modifies the above query to incorporate the sale date as a tiebreaker and reverse the ordering for the two rows with sales of \$32,800.50.

# Using Tertiles (Partitions of Four)

Product ID	Sale Date	Daily Sales	Quartiles
1000	10/02/2000	32800.50	0
2000	10/04/2000	32800.50	0
1000	09/30/2000	36000.07	0
2000	10/02/2000	36021.93	0
1000	10/01/2000	40200.43	1
2000	09/28/2000	41888.88	1
2000	10/03/2000	43200.18	1
2000	09/29/2000	48000.00	2
1000	09/28/2000	48850.40	2
2000	09/30/2000	49850.03	2
1000	09/29/2000	54500.22	2
1000	10/04/2000	54553.10	3
2000	10/01/2000	54850.29	3
1000	10/03/2000	64300.00	3

Instead of 100, the example above uses a quartile (QUANTILE based on 4 partitions).

#### **How Quantile Works**

Product ID	Sale Date	Daily Sales	Quartiles
1000	10/02/2000	32800.50	0
1000	09/30/2000	36000.07	0
1000	10/01/2000	40200.43	1



1000	09/28/2000	48850.40	1
1000	09/29/2000	54500.22	2
1000	10/04/2000	54553.10	2
1000	10/03/2000	64300.00	3

Assigning a different value to the <partitions> indicator of the QUANTILE function changes the number of partitions established. Each Quantile partition is assigned a number starting at 0, increasing to a value that is one less than the partition number specified. So, with a Quantile of 4, the partitions are 0 through 3 and for 10, the partitions are assigned 0 through 9. Then, all the rows are distributed as evenly as possible into each partition from highest to lowest values. Normally, extra rows with the lowest value begin back in the lowest numbered partitions.



# **Top SQL Commands Cheat Sheet**

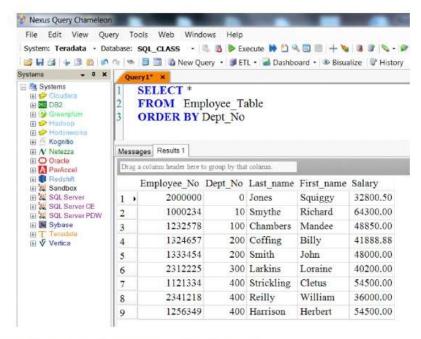


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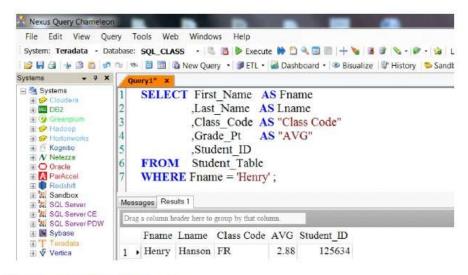
#### Overview

- "You miss 100 percent of the shots you never take."
- Wayne Gretzky

#### SELECT All Columns from a Table and Sort

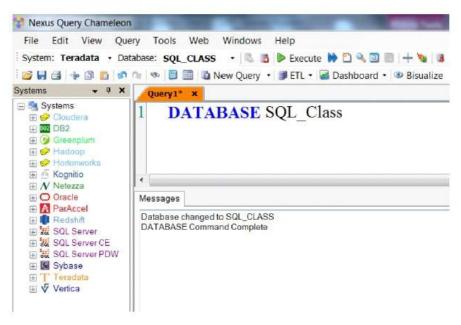


Select Specific Columns and Limiting the Rows

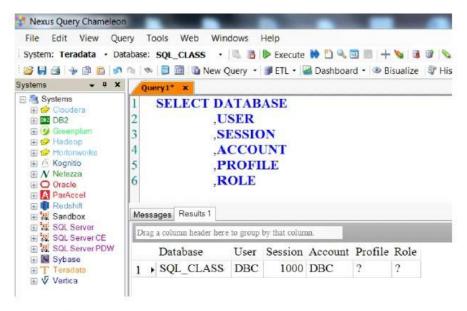


Changing your Default Database



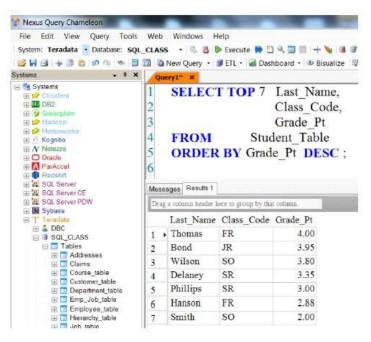


#### Keywords that describe you

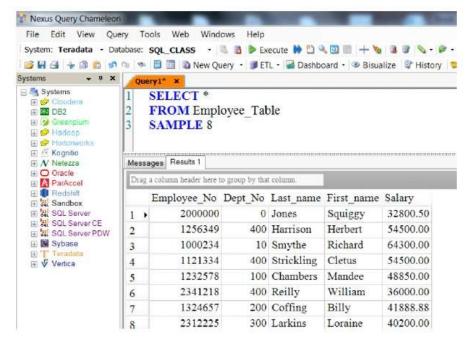


Select TOP Rows in a Rank Order



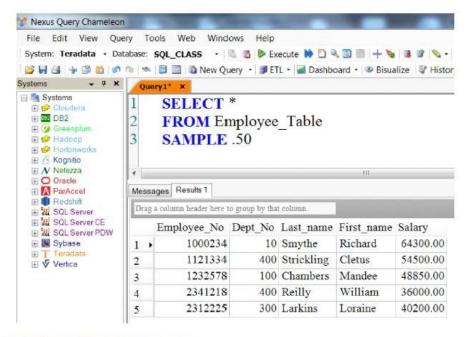


#### A Sample number of rows

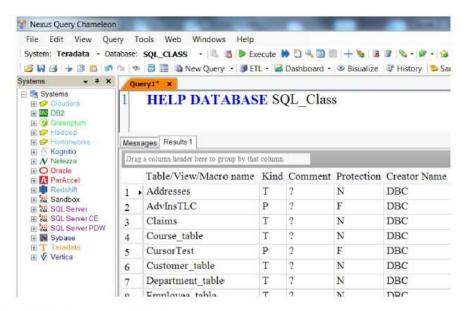


Getting a Sample Percentage of rows



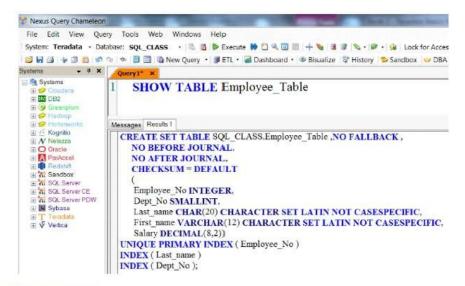


Find Information about a Database

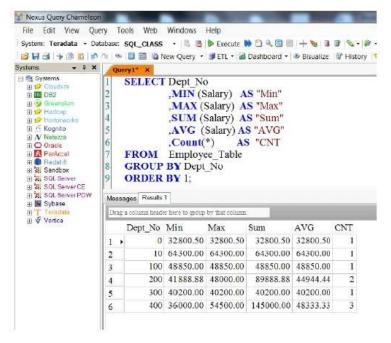


Find information about a Table



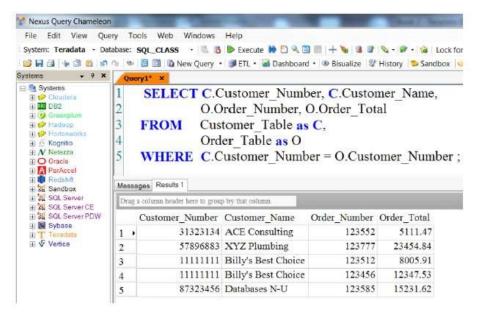


#### **Using Aggregates**

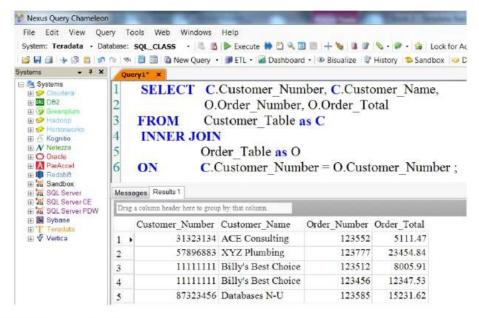


Performing a Join



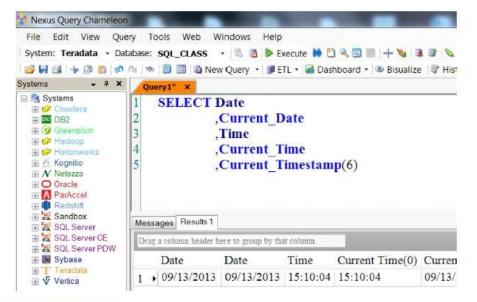


#### Performing a Join using ANSI Syntax

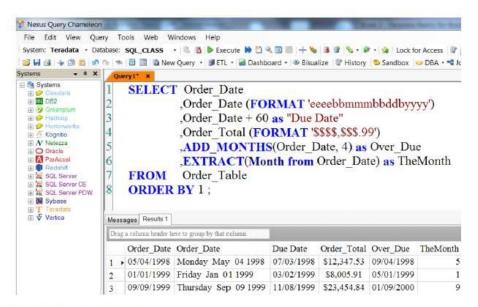


Using Date, Time and Timestamp



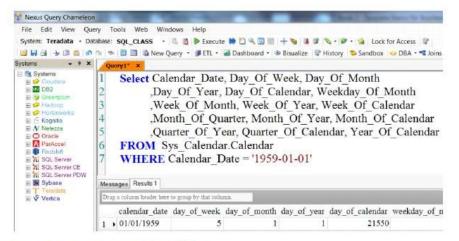


#### **Using Date Functions**

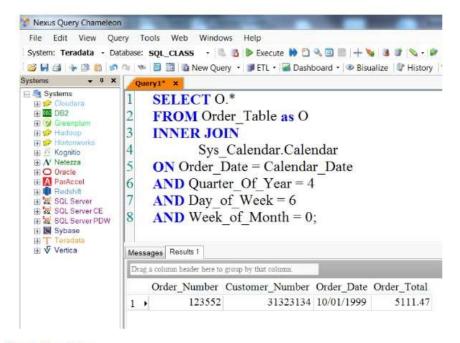


Using the System Calendar



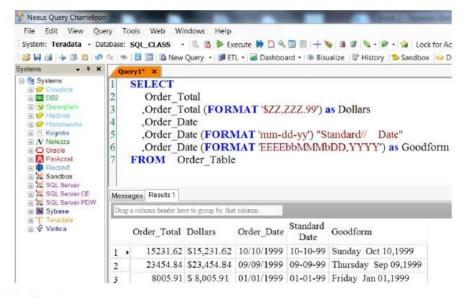


Using the System Calendar in a Query

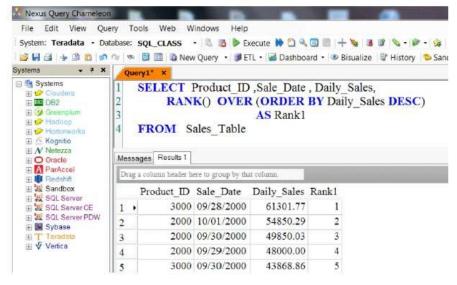


**Formatting Data** 



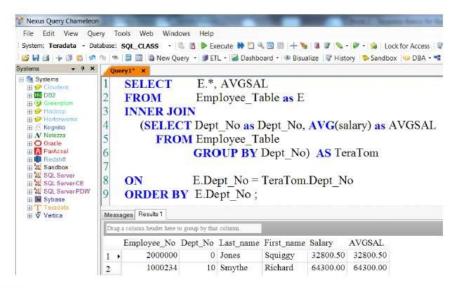


#### **Using Rank**

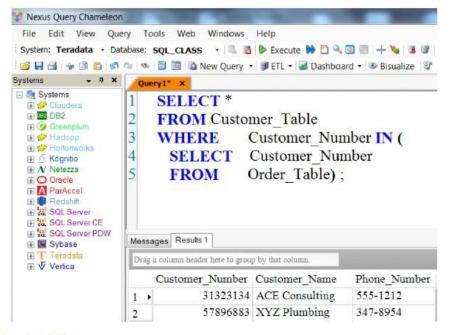


Using a Derived Table



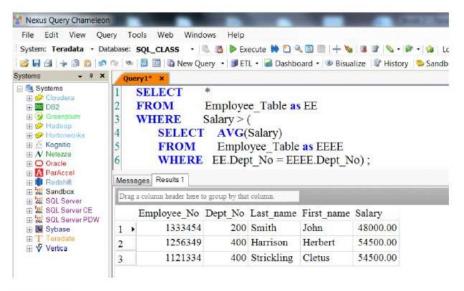


#### Using a Subquery

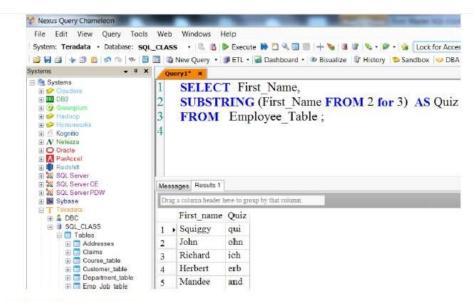


Correlated Subquery

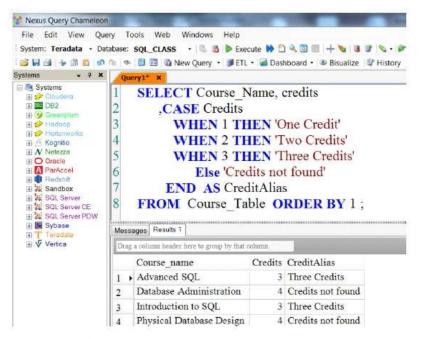




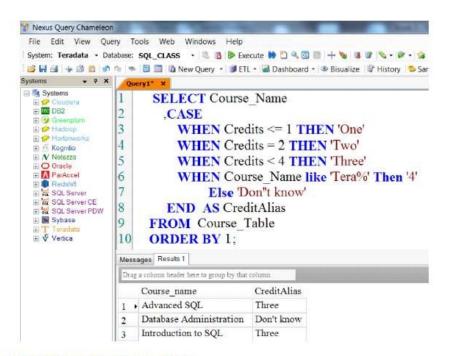
#### **Using Substring**



**Basic CASE Statement** 

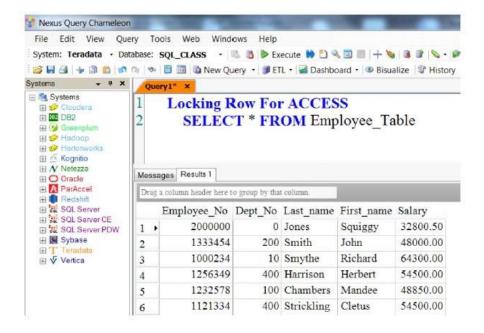


#### Advanced CASE Statement

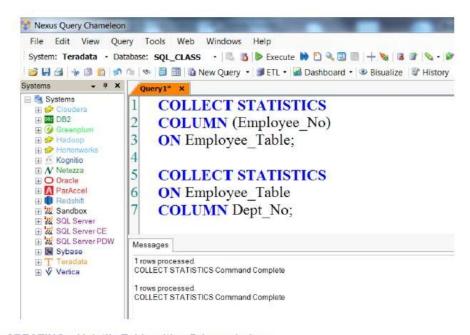


Using an Access Lock in your SQL



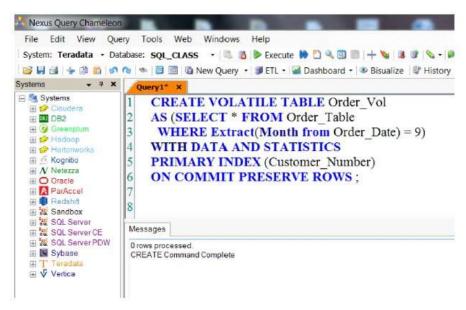


#### **Collect Statistics**

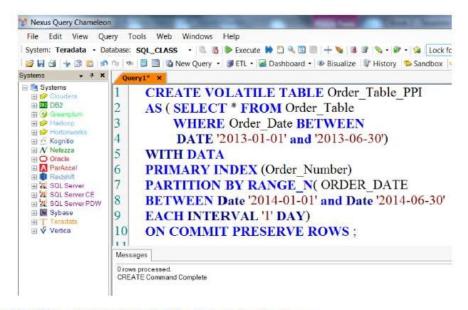


CREATING a Volatile Table with a Primary Index



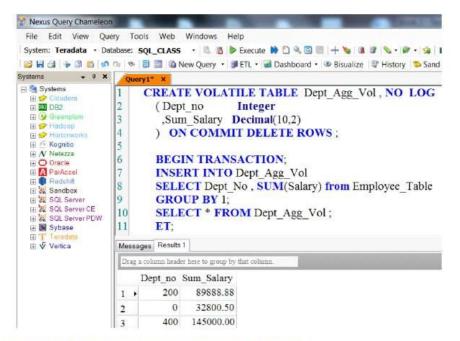


CREATING a Volatile Table that is Partitioned (PPI)

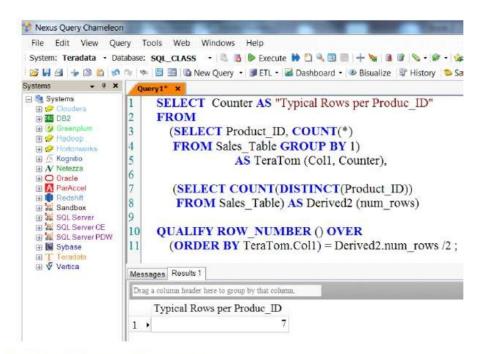


CREATING a Volatile Table that is deleted after the Query



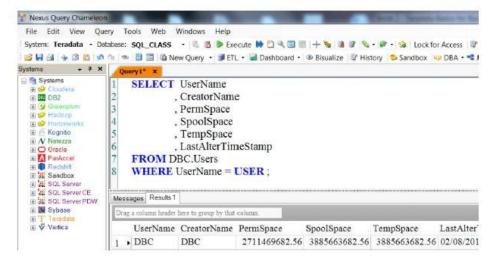


Finding the Typical Rows per Value for specific column

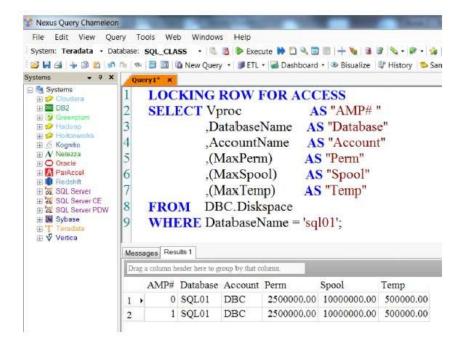


Finding out how much Space you have



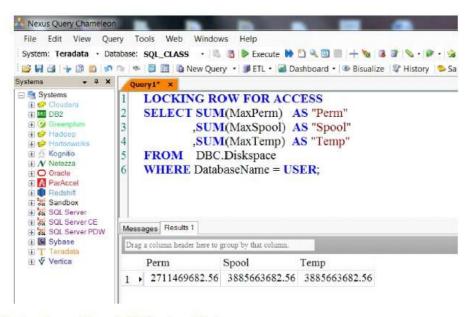


# How much Space you have Per AMP

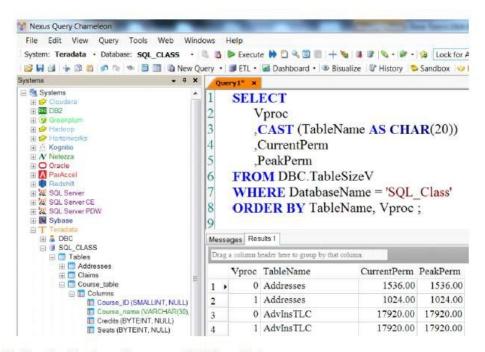


Finding your Space



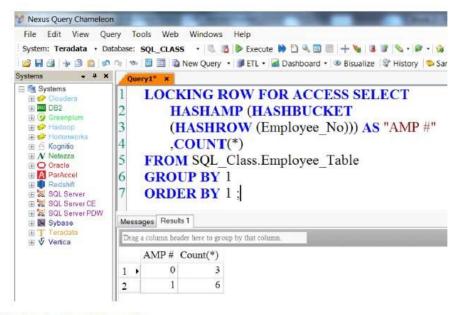


Finding Space Skew in Tables in a Database

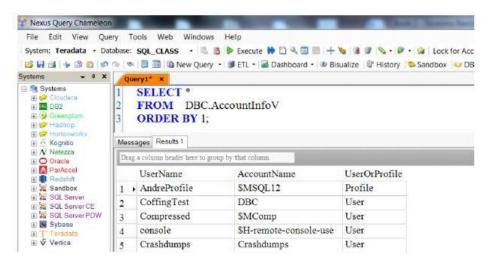


Finding the Number of rows per AMP for a Column



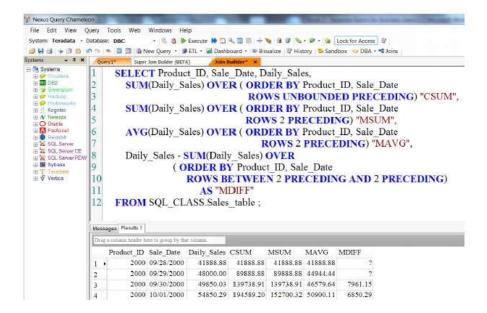


#### **Finding Account Information**



**Ordered Analytics** 







# **View Functions**



# **View Functions**

#### Overview

- "It is easier to go down a hill than up it, but the view is much better at the top."
- Arnold Bennett

#### Creating a Simple View

```
Employee_Table
Employee_No Dept_No Last_Name First_Name Salary

20000000 ? Jones Squiggy 32800.50
1000234 10 Smythe Richard 32800.00
1232578 100 Chambers Mandee 48850.00
1324657 200 Coffing Billy 41888.88
1333454 200 Smith John 48000.00
2312225 300 Larkins Loraine 40200.00
1256349 400 Harrison Herbert 54500.00
2341218 400 Reilly William 36000.00
1121334 400 Strickling Cletus 54500.00
```

```
CREATE View Employee_V AS
SELECT Employee_No
,First_Name
,Last_Name
,Dept_No
FROM Employee Table;
```

The purposes of views are to restrict access to certain columns, derive columns or Join Tables, and to restrict access to certain rows (if a WHERE clause is used).

#### **Basic Rules for Views**

- 1. No ORDER BY inside the View CREATE (some exceptions exist)
- 2. All Aggregation needs to have an ALIAS
- 3. Any Derived columns (such as Math) needs an ALIAS

```
CREATE View Department_Salaries AS

SELECT Dept_No
, SUM(Salary) as SumSal
, SUM(Salary) / 12 as MonthSal

FROM Employee_Table
GROUP BY 1;

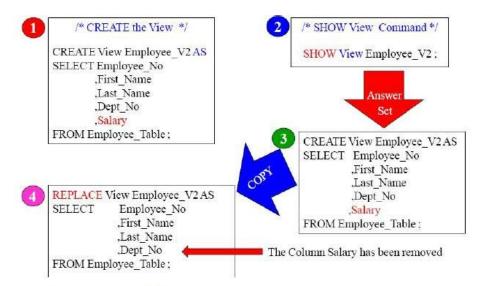
SEL *
FROM Department_Salaries
Order By 1;
```

Dept_No	SumSal Month	
?	32800.50	2733.38
10	64300.00	5358.33
100	48850.00	4070.83
200	89888.88	7490.74
300	40200.00	3350.00
400	145000.00	12083.33

Above, are the basic rules of Views with excellent examples.

# How to Modify a View





The REPLACE Keyword will allow a user to change a view.

#### Exceptions to the ORDER BY Rule inside a View

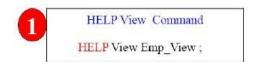




There are EXCEPTIONS to the ORDER BY rule. The TOP command allows a view to work with an ORDER BY inside. ANSI OLAP statements also work inside a View.

How to Get HELP with a View





Column Nam	e Type Com	ment		Nullable	Format	Title
Employee_No				?	?	?
Dept_No	?			?	?	?
Last_Name	?			?	?	?
First_Name	?			?	?	?
Salary	?			?	?	?
Max Length	Decimal To	tal Digits	Decimal Fracti	onal Digits	Range Low	Range High
?	?		?	?	?	?
?	?		?	?	?	?
?	?		?	?	?	?
9	2		7	9	?	9
UpperCase	Table/View?		Default value	Char Type	e IdCol T	ype
?	?	?	?	?		
?	?	?	?	?		
?	?	?	?	2		
^	0	2	*		ġ.	

The Help View command does little but show you the columns.

### Views sometimes CREATED for Formatting or Row Security

```
CREATE VIEW empl_200_v AS

SELECT Employee_No AS Emp_No
,Last_Name AS Last
,salary/12 (format '$$$$,$$9.99') AS Monthly_Salary

FROM Employee_Table
WHERE Dept_No = 200;

SELECTING from A View

SELECT *
FROM Empl_200_v
ORDER BY Monthly Salary;

Emp_No Last_Name Monthly_Salary

1324657 Coffing $3,490.74
1333454 Smith $4,000.00
```

Views are designed to do many things. In the example above, this view formats and derives data, limits columns, and also limits the rows coming back with a WHERE.

#### Another Way to Alias Columns in a View CREATE

```
CREATE VIEW empl_200_v (Emp_Nbr, Last, Monthly_Salary)
AS SELECT Employee_No
,Last_Name
,Salary/12 (format '$$$$,$$9.99')
FROM Employee_Table
WHERE Dept_No = 200;
```



Will this View CREATE Error? No! It won't error because it's Aliased above!

#### Resolving Aliasing Problems in a View CREATE

```
CREATE VIEW empl 200 v (Emp_Nbr, Last, Monthly_Salary) |
        AS SELECT Employee No
                  ,Last Name
                  Salary/12 (format '$$$$,$$9.99') as Sal Monthly
           FROM Employee Table
           WHERE Dept_No = 200;
                       SELECT *
                       FROM Empl_200_v
                       ORDER BY 3 ;
              Last_Name Monthly_Salary
     Emp_No
                                         First Alias!
     1324657
               Coffing
                             $3,490.74
     1333454
               Smith
                             $4,000.00
```

The ALIAS for Salary / 12 that'll be used in this example is MONTHLY\_SALARY. It came first at the top, even though it is aliased in the SELECT list also.

#### Resolving Aliasing Problems in a View CREATE

```
CREATE VIEW empl_200_v (Emp_Nbr, Last, Monthly_Salary)

AS SELECT Employee_No
, Last_Name
, Salary/12 (format '$$$$,$$9.99') as Sal_Monthly
FROM Employee_Table
WHERE Dept No = 200;

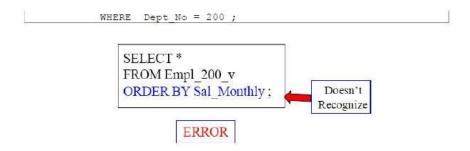
SELECT *
FROM Empl_200_v
ORDER BY Sal_Monthly;
```

What will happen in the above query?

#### Resolving Aliasing Problems in a View CREATE

```
CREATE VIEW empl_200_v (Emp_Nbr, Last, Monthly_Salary)
AS SELECT Employee_No
,Last_Name
,Salary/12 (format '$$$,$$9.99') as Sal_Monthly
FROM Employee_Table
```





If you ALIAS at the top, then that is the only ALIAS that the query can recognize. So, it is a good idea to alias at the top or the bottom, but not do both.

#### **CREATING Views for Complex SQL such as Joins**

```
CREATE VIEW Customer_Order_v AS
SELECT Customer_Name AS Customer
       Order Number
       ,Order Total (FORMAT '$$$,$$9.99' ) AS Total Amount
        Customer Table AS Cust
,Order Table AS Ord
FROM
       Cust.Customer Number = Ord.Customer Number ;
WHERE
               SELECT * FROM Customer Order v
               ORDER BY 1 ;
                           Order_Number Total_Amount
       Customer
                                  123552 $5,111.47
       Ace Consulting
       Billy's Best Choice
Billy's Best Choice
                                  123456 $12,346.53
                                 123512 $8,005.91
123585 $15,231.62
       Databases N-U
       XYZ Plumbing
                                  123777
                                           $23,454.84
```

A huge reason for Views, other than security, is to make Complex SQL easy for users. This view already has the Inner Join built into it, but users just SELECT.

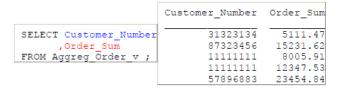
#### WHY certain columns need Aliasing in a View

```
CREATE VIEW Aggreg_Order_v AS

SELECT Customer_Number

,Order_Date/100+190000 (format '9999-99') AS Yr_Mth_Orders
,COUNT(Order_Total) AS Order_Cnt
,SUM(Order_Total) AS Order_Sum
,AVG(Order_Total) AS Order_Avg

FROM Order_Table
GROUP BY Customer Number, Yr Mth Orders;
```



When you CREATE a view, you have to ALIAS any aggregation or derived data (such as math). Why? So you can SELECT it later without having to do a SELECT \*. Here, we only chose two columns and used their ALIAS to retrieve them.

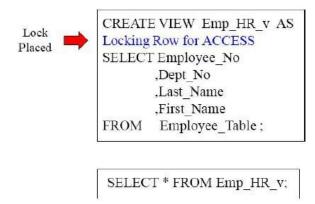


#### Aggregates on View Aggregates

```
CREATE VIEW Aggreg_Order_v AS
SELECT Customer Number
     ,Order_Date/100+190000 (format '9999-99') AS Yr_Mth Orders
      ,COUNT(Order_Total) AS Order_Cnt
     ,SUM(Order_Total) AS Order_Sum
,AVG(Order_Total) AS Order_Avg
FROM Order Table
GROUP BY Customer Number, Yr Mth Orders ;
      SELECT Customer Number
                                        SELECT SUM (Order_Sum)
            ,Order Sum
                                        FROM Aggreg_Order_v ;
      FROM Aggreg Order v ;
    Customer Number Order Sum
                                             SUM(Order Sum)
           31323134
                       5111.47
                                                   64151.37
           87323456 15231.62
           11111111 8005.91
                     12347.53
23454.84
           11111111
           57896883
```

The examples above show how we put a SUM on the aggregate Order\_Sum.

#### Locking Row for Access



The Employee\_Table used above will automatically use an ACCESS Lock, which allows ACCESS during UPDATES or table loads.

Most views utilize the Locking row for ACCESS command. This is because they want to be able to read while a table is being updated and loaded into. If the user knows a dirty read won't have a huge effect on their job, why not make a view lock with an ACCESS Lock, thus preventing unnecessary waiting?

#### Creating Views for Temporal Tables

```
CREATE VIEW SQL01.Prop_As_IS

AS
Locking row for access
CURRENT VALIDTIME
SELECT Cust_No
Prop_No
BEGIN(Prop_Val_Time) AS Beg_Val_Time,

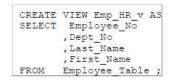
CREATE VIEW SQL01.Prop_As_Was
AS
Locking row for access
NONSEQUENCED VALIDTIME
SELECT Cust_No
Prop_No
BEGIN(Prop_Val_Time) AS Beg_Val_Time,
BEGIN(Prop_Val_Time) AS Beg_Val_Time,
```

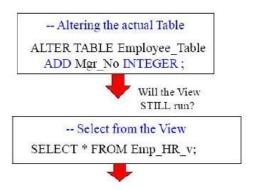


```
END(Prop_Val_Time) AS End_Val_Time, FROM Property Owners; END(Prop_Val_Time) AS End_Val_Time, FROM Property Owners; SELECT * FROM SQL01.Prop As Is; SELECT * FROM SQL01.Prop As Was;
```

You can create views that will allow users to see the way things are or the way things were. Above, are two excellent examples

#### Altering a Table

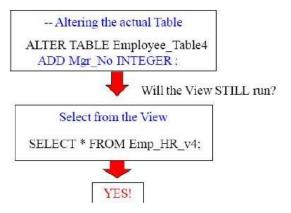




This view will run after the table has added an additional column!

#### Altering a Table after a View has been created

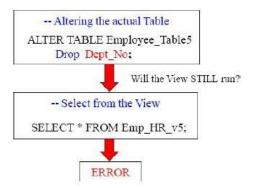
```
CREATE VIEW Emp_HR_v4 AS
SELECT *
FROM Employee Table4;
```



This view runs after the table has added an additional column, but it won't include Mgr\_No in the view results even though there is a SELECT \* in the view. The View includes only the columns present when the view was CREATED.

#### A View that errors After an ALTER



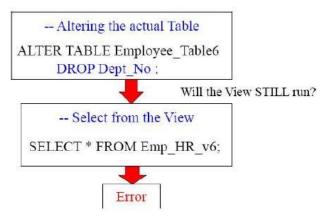


This view will NOT run after the table has dropped a column referenced in the view.

# Troubleshooting a View

```
CREATE VIEW Emp_HR_v6 AS
SELECT *
FROM Employee Table6;
```





This view will NOT run after the table has dropped a column referenced in the view, even though the View was CREATED with a SELECT\*. At View CREATE Time, the columns present were the only ones the view considered responsible for. Dept. No was one of those columns. Once Dept. No was dropped, the view no longer works.

#### Updating Data in a Table through a View

```
CREATE VIEW Emp_HR_v8 AS
SELECT *
FROM Employee Table8;

--Updating the table through the View

UPDATE Emp_HR_v8
SET Salary = 88888.88
WHERE Employee No = 2000000;

--SELECT from the actual Table
SELECT *
FROM Employee_Table8
WHERE Employee No = 2000000;

Employee_No Dept_No Last_Name First_Name Salary

2000000 ? Jones Squiggy 88888.88
```

You can UPDATE a table through a View if you have the RIGHTS to do so.

#### Maintenance Restrictions on a Table through a View

There are a few restrictions that disallow maintenance activity on a view with an INSERT, UPDATE or DELETE request. A view cannot be used for maintenance if it:

- 1. Performs a join operation more than one table
- 2. Selects the same column twice wouldn't know which one to use
- 3. Derives data because it does not undo the math or calculation
- 4. Performs aggregation because this eliminates detail data
- 5. Uses OLAP functions because OLAP data is calculated
- 6. Uses a DISTINCT or GROUP BY eliminates duplicate rows

Perform maintenance on a table through a view, but see the restrictions above first.

