# Advanced SQL in Oracle and SQL Server

## Analytic Functions – Part II

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# Data Used in Module

- **Table**
  - CHILDSTAT
- **Columns**
  - FIRSTNAME – child's first name
  - GENDER – child's gender (M=Male, F=Female)
  - BIRTHDATE – child's date of birth
  - HEIGHT – child's height (inches)
  - WEIGHT – child's weight (pounds)
- **Data**

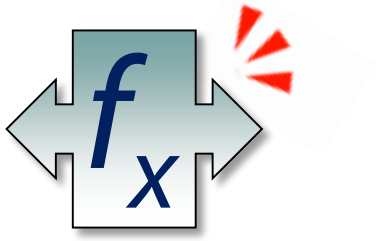
| FIRSTNAME | GENDER | BIRTHDATE | HEIGHT | WEIGHT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LAUREN | F | 10-JUN-00 | 54 | 876 |
| ROSEMARY | F | 08-MAY-00 | 35 | 123 |
| ALBERT | M | 02-AUG-00 | 45 | 150 |
| BUDDY | M | 02-OCT-98 | 45 | 189 |
| FARQUAR | M | 05-NOV-98 | 76 | 198 |
| SIMON | M | 03-JAN-99 | 87 | 256 |
| TOMMY | M | 11-DEC-98 | 78 | 167 |

# ORDER BY Clause

- **What is the ORDER BY Clause?**
  - Imposes ordering on incoming data
  - Required by some analytic functions (ROW_NUMBER(), LEAD(), LAG(),…)
  - Does not make sense on others (COUNT(), MIN(), …)
- **Syntax**

```
function(…) OVER ( … ORDER BY col3,col4, … )
```

- **Functions**
  - ROW_NUMBER() – ever-increasing integral value
  - LISTAGG() – row data as a delimited text string
  - LEAD()/LAG() – peek forward and look back
  - FIRST_VALUE()/LAST_VALUE()/NTH_VALUE() – access first, last or nth row's data



# ROW_NUMBER() Function

- **ROW_NUMBER() Analytic Function**
  - Creates an ever-increasing integral value, starting at 1
  - Subsequent rows get next higher value
  - Can use with PARTITION BY
  - Resets to 1 when crossing partition boundary
  - Similar to Oracle's ROWNUM Pseudo-Column
  - Takes no parameter!
  - Availability:
    - Oracle: 8i
    - SQL Server: 2005
- **Syntax**

```
ROW_NUMBER() OVER ( … ORDER BY var1,var2, … )
```

# Example #7

- **Task: Create a column containing row numbers ordered by ascending name.**

```
SELECT A.*,
       ROW_NUMBER() OVER (ORDER BY A.FIRSTNAME) AS RNUM
 FROM CHILDSTAT A
```

| FIRSTNAME | GENDER | BIRTHDATE | HEIGHT | WEIGHT | RNUM |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ALBERT | M | 02-AUG-00 | 45 | 150 | 1 |
| BUDDY | M | 02-OCT-98 | 45 | 189 | 2 |
| FARQUAR | M | 05-NOV-98 | 76 | 198 | 3 |
| LAUREN | F | 10-JUN-00 | 54 | 876 | 4 |
| ROSEMARY | F | 08-MAY-00 | 35 | 123 | 5 |
| SIMON | M | 03-JAN-99 | 87 | 256 | 6 |
| TOMMY | M | 11-DEC-98 | 78 | 167 | 7 |

# Example #8

- **Task: Create a column containing row numbers within gender.**

```
SELECT A.*,
       ROW_NUMBER() OVER (PARTITION BY A.GENDER
                          ORDER BY A.FIRSTNAME) AS RNUM
 FROM CHILDSTAT A
 ORDER BY A.GENDER,A.FIRSTNAME
```

| FIRSTNAME | GENDER | BIRTHDATE | HEIGHT | WEIGHT | RNUM |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LAUREN | F | 10-JUN-00 | 54 | 876 | 1 |
| ROSEMARY | F | 08-MAY-00 | 35 | 123 | 2 |
| ALBERT | M | 02-AUG-00 | 45 | 150 | 1 |
| BUDDY | M | 02-OCT-98 | 45 | 189 | 2 |
| FARQUAR | M | 05-NOV-98 | 76 | 198 | 3 |
| SIMON | M | 03-JAN-99 | 87 | 256 | 4 |
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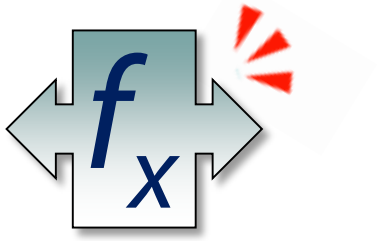


# LISTAGG() Function

- **LISTAGG() Analytic Function**
  - Concatenates values appearing in a single column
  - Returns a string of delimited values
  - Can sort the data within the column
  - Can be used in an aggregate sense
  - Availability:
    - Oracle: 11g/R2
    - SQL Server: N/A
- **Syntax**

```
LISTAGG(column-name,'delimiter')
  WITHIN GROUP (order-by-clause)
  OVER ( … )
```

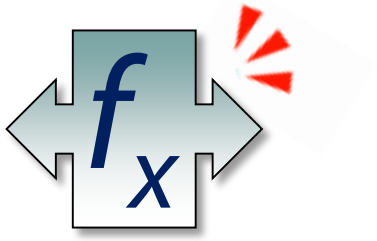
  - WITHIN GROUP specifies data order
  - OVER indicates using LISTAGG() in an analytic sense
  - If omit OVER, using in an aggregate sense

# Example #9

- **Task: Create a string of first names by gender ordered by descending weight.**

```
SELECT A.FIRSTNAME,A.GENDER,A.HEIGHT,A.WEIGHT,
       LISTAGG(A.FIRSTNAME,', ')
         WITHIN GROUP (ORDER BY A.WEIGHT DESC)
           OVER (PARTITION BY A.GENDER) AS NAMELIST
 FROM CHILDSTAT A
```

| FIRSTNAME | GENDER | HEIGHT | WEIGHT | NAMELIST |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LAUREN | F | 54 | 876 | LAUREN, ROSEMARY |
| ROSEMARY | F | 35 | 123 | LAUREN, ROSEMARY |
| SIMON | M | 87 | 256 | SIMON, FARQUAR, BUDDY, TOMMY, ALBERT |
| FARQUAR | M | 76 | 198 | SIMON, FARQUAR, BUDDY, TOMMY, ALBERT |
| BUDDY | M | 45 | 189 | SIMON, FARQUAR, BUDDY, TOMMY, ALBERT |
| TOMMY | M | 78 | 167 | SIMON, FARQUAR, BUDDY, TOMMY, ALBERT |
| ALBERT | M | 45 | 150 | SIMON, FARQUAR, BUDDY, TOMMY, ALBERT |



# LEAD()/LAG() Functions

- **LEAD()/LAG() Analytic Functions**
  - LEAD() – peek forward a number of rows
  - LAG() – look back a number of rows
  - Have access to that row's data
  - Based off of current row!
  - Availability:
    - Oracle: 8i
    - SQL Server: 2012

| GENDER | FIRSTNAME | WEIGHT | |
|---|---|---|---|
| F | ROSEMARY | 123 | |
| F | LAUREN | 876 | |
| M | ALBERT | 150 | LAG 1 Row |
| M | TOMMY | 167 | Current Row |
| M | BUDDY | 189 | |
| M | FARQUAR | 198 | LEAD 2 Rows |
| M | SIMON | 256 | |

# LEAD()/LAG() Functions

- **Syntax**

  **LEAD(*column-name*,*nbr-rows-to-lead*,*def-value*) OVER (…)**
  **LAG(*column-name*,*nbr-rows-to-lag*,*def-value*) OVER (…)**

- **ORDER BY Clause required**
- **PARTITION BY Clause not required**
- ***def-value* returned if *nbr-rows-to-lead* or *nbr-rows-to-lag*:**
  - crosses partition boundary
  - goes off top of table
  - goes off bottom of table
- ***column-name* does not have to appear in the ORDER BY Clause**

# Example #10

- **Task: Create two additional columns using the weight:**
  - the next heaviest weight
  - the previous lightest weight

```
SELECT A.FIRSTNAME,A.WEIGHT,
       LEAD(A.WEIGHT,1,-1) OVER (ORDER BY A.WEIGHT) AS LEAD_1_WT,
       LAG(A.WEIGHT,2,-1)  OVER (ORDER BY A.WEIGHT) AS LAG_2_WT
 FROM CHILDSTAT A
 ORDER BY A.WEIGHT
```

| FIRSTNAME | WEIGHT | LEAD_1_WT | LAG_2_WT |
|---|---|---|---|
| ROSEMARY | 123 | 150 | -1 |
| ALBERT | 150 | 167 | -1 |
| TOMMY | 167 | 189 | 123 |
| BUDDY | 189 | 198 | 150 |
| FARQUAR | 198 | 256 | 167 |
| SIMON | 256 | 876 | 189 |
| LAUREN | 876 | -1 | 198 |

# Example #11

- **Task: Create two columns using the weight within gender:**
  - the next heaviest weight
  - the previous lightest weight

```
SELECT A.FIRSTNAME,A.GENDER,A.WEIGHT,
       LEAD(A.WEIGHT,1,-1) OVER (PARTITION BY A.GENDER
                                 ORDER BY A.WEIGHT) AS LEAD_1_WT,
       LAG(A.WEIGHT,2,-1) OVER (PARTITION BY A.GENDER
                                ORDER BY A.WEIGHT) AS LAG_2_WT
 FROM CHILDSTAT A
 ORDER BY A.GENDER,A.WEIGHT
```

| FIRSTNAME | GENDER | WEIGHT | LEAD_1_WT | LAG_2_WT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ROSEMARY | F | 123 | 876 | -1 |
| LAUREN | F | 876 | -1 | -1 |
| ALBERT | M | 150 | 167 | -1 |
| TOMMY | M | 167 | 189 | -1 |
| BUDDY | M | 189 | 198 | 150 |
| FARQUAR | M | 198 | 256 | 167 |
| SIMON | M | 256 | -1 | 189 |

# RANK()/DENSE_RANK() Functions

- **RANK()/DENSE_RANK() Analytic Functions**
  - Provide ranks based on ORDER BY column
  - Recall that runners finish a race ranked as 1, 2, 3,…
  - Tied for first?
    - RANK() returns 1, 1, 3, 4,…
    - DENSE_RANK() returns 1, 1, 2, 3,…

# RANK()/DENSE_RANK() Functions

- **RANK()/DENSE_RANK() Analytic Functions**
- **Syntax**

```
RANK() OVER ( … ORDER BY … )
DENSE_RANK() OVER ( … ORDER BY … )
```

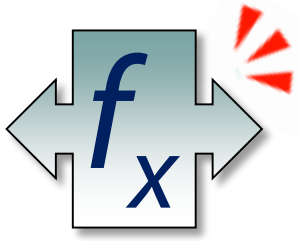
  - No arguments required
  - ORDER BY Clause required
  - PARTITION BY Clause not required
  - Availability:
    - Oracle: 8i
    - SQL Server: 2005

# Example #12

- **Task: Create ranks using ascending height within gender.**

```
SELECT A.FIRSTNAME,A.GENDER,A.HEIGHT,
       RANK() OVER (PARTITION BY A.GENDER
                    ORDER BY A.HEIGHT) AS HT_RANK,
       DENSE_RANK() OVER (PARTITION BY A.GENDER
                          ORDER BY A.HEIGHT) AS HT_DENSERANK
 FROM CHILDSTAT A
 ORDER BY A.GENDER,A.HEIGHT
```

| FIRSTNAME | GENDER | HEIGHT | HT_RANK | HT_DENSERANK |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ROSEMARY | F | 35 | 1 | 1 |
| LAUREN | F | 54 | 2 | 2 |
| ALBERT | M | 45 | 1 | 1 |
| BUDDY | M | 45 | 1 | 1 |
| FARQUAR | M | 76 | 3 | 2 |
| TOMMY | M | 78 | 4 | 3 |
| SIMON | M | 87 | 5 | 4 |



# FIRST_VALUE()/LAST_VALUE() Functions

- **FIRST_VALUE()/LAST_VALUE() Analytic Functions**
  - Retrieves the first or last value within a column
  - Takes a column name as the sole parameter
  - Honor partition boundaries!
- **Syntax**

```
FIRST_VALUE(column-name) OVER ( … ORDER BY … )
LAST_VALUE(column-name) OVER ( … ORDER BY … )
```

  - ORDER BY clause required
  - PARTITION BY clause not required
  - Availability:
    - Oracle: 8i
    - SQL Server: 2012

# Example #13

- **Task: Retrieve names of the heaviest/lightest male/female child.**

```
SELECT A.FIRSTNAME,A.GENDER,A.WEIGHT,
       FIRST_VALUE(A.FIRSTNAME) OVER (PARTITION BY A.GENDER
                                      ORDER BY A.WEIGHT) AS LT_CHILD,
       LAST_VALUE(A.FIRSTNAME) OVER (PARTITION BY A.GENDER
                                     ORDER BY A.WEIGHT) AS HV_CHILD
 FROM CHILDSTAT A
 ORDER BY A.GENDER,A.WEIGHT
```

| FIRSTNAME | GENDER | WEIGHT | LT_CHILD | HV_CHILD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ROSEMARY | F | 123 | ROSEMARY | ROSEMARY |
| LAUREN | F | 876 | ROSEMARY | LAUREN |
| ALBERT | M | 150 | ALBERT | ALBERT |
| TOMMY | M | 167 | ALBERT | TOMMY |
| BUDDY | M | 189 | ALBERT | BUDDY |
| FARQUAR | M | 198 | ALBERT | FARQUAR |
| SIMON | M | 256 | ALBERT | SIMON |

**The HV_CHILD column is *incorrect*. This brings us the *Window Clause*.**

# Summary

- **ORDER BY Clause gives order to your data**
- **Can be used with the PARTITION BY Clause**
- **ROW_NUMBER(), LEAD(), LAG(), etc.**
- ***…but something was wrong with that last example…***