

Database Design and SQL

Chapter 6: Single Table Queries (Part 2)

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Single Table Queries

Sorting Rows With The ORDER BY Clause:

The Order by clause is used to return the results of a query in a sorted order based on the columns specified with the clause.

<pre>SELECT ship_city, customer_name, customer_id FROM customers ORDER BY ship_city, customer_name;</pre>		
Results		
SHIP_CITY	CUSTOMER_NAME	CUSTOMER_ID
Albany	Ajax Steel Inc.	275978
Albany	Seaworthy	888402
Albany		

The order by clause sorts the result set in ascending order by customer_name within ship_city.

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The sort order can be ascending or descending . An Order by clause specifies a list of columns with ascending or descending sequence.

Retrieve ship_city, customer_name, and customer_id for all rows in the CUSTOMERS table and sequence in customer_name within ship_city (descending) order.

```
SELECT    ship_city, customer_name, customer_id
FROM      customers
ORDER BY  ship_city DESC, customer_name;
```

When descending order is required , the DESC keyword is specified after the column that is to be sorted in descending order

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LENGTH Function:

The LENGTH function returns the length of a string as a numeric value.

```
SELECT LENGTH ('GoodDay')  
  FROM SYSIBM.SYSDUMMY1;  
  
SELECT LENGTH (last_name)      -- Assume last_name is "Barker"  
  FROM employees;
```

Results

```
7  
6
```

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AGGREGTE FUNCTIONS:

Aggregate functions produce a value from set of rows Following figure lists the available SQL aggregate functions.

Function	Returns
AVG	The average value of a given column
COUNT	The total number of values in a given column
COUNT(*)	The total number of rows in a table
MAX	The largest value in a given column
MIN	The smallest value in a given column
SUM	The sum of the numeric values in a given column

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COUNT Function:

The count function returns a single value containing the number of rows in the result sheet.

Retrieve the number of Boston customers in the CUSTOMERS table.	
<pre>SELECT COUNT(*) AS "Count" FROM customers WHERE ship_city = 'Boston';</pre>	
Results	
Count	

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SUM Function:

The SUM function returns a single value containing the sum(total) for a column in the result set. In example shown below the SUM function returns the accumulated value for all sales in the ORDERS table.

Return the total sales for all orders in the ORDERS table.	
<pre>SELECT SUM(order_total) AS "Total Sales" FROM orders;</pre>	
Results	
Total Sales	

3310.85	

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CASE Function:

The CASE function provides a multi-condition test. The query shown below uses CASE to produce a table that categorizes ship_city according the province.

```
SELECT customer_name,  
       CASE ship_city  
         WHEN 'Albany'      THEN 'New York'  
         WHEN 'Boston'     THEN 'Massachusetts'  
         WHEN 'Chicago'    THEN 'Illinois'  
         WHEN 'Dallas'     THEN 'Texas'  
         WHEN 'Detroit'    THEN 'Michigan'  
         WHEN 'Houston'    THEN 'Texas'  
         WHEN 'Portland'   THEN 'Oregon'  
         WHEN 'San Diego'  THEN 'California'  
         WHEN 'Toronto'    THEN 'Ontario'  
       END AS state  
FROM customers  
ORDER BY state;
```

Results

CUSTOMER_NAME	STATE
Nautilus Mfg.	California

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GROUP BY and HAVING CLAUSES

The GROUP BY clause works with aggregate functions to group the data in the result set by columns. The rows in the result set are grouped together based on the columns specified in the GROUP BY clause. In addition, the GROUP BY clause can be used to apply aggregate functions to (sub)groups of the rows in the result set.

The SQL statement shown in the next slide will return one row for each group of customers in a different city.

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Example 6-66: The GROUP BY clause

Retrieve ship_city as "Ship City", count as "Count", and Average Discount as "Average Discount" for all rows in the CUSTOMERS table and group by ship_city.

```
SELECT      ship_city AS "Ship City",  
            COUNT( * ) AS "Count",  
            DECIMAL(ROUND(AVG(discount),3), 3,3)  
            AS "Average Discount"  
FROM        customers  
GROUP BY   ship_city;
```

Results

Ship City	Count	Average Discount
Toronto	1	0.020
Chicago	1	0.050

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HAVING CLAUSE

The HAVING clause can be used to restrict rows in the result set after aggregate functions have been applied to grouped rows. The having clause takes a form similar to that of WHERE clause, which selects rows before they are grouped.

Retrieve the average discount of customers in Portland and Boston using a HAVING clause.

```
SELECT      ship_city AS "Ship City",  
            DECIMAL (ROUND( AVG( discount ),3 ), 3,3)  
            AS "Average Discount"  
FROM        customers  
GROUP BY   ship_city  
HAVING      ship_city IN ( 'Portland', 'Boston' );
```

Results

Ship City	Average Discount
Boston	0.030
Portland	0.015

Conclusion

