# Answers 3.6

Find out if the film table and the customer table contain any dirty data, specifically non-uniform or duplicate data, or missing values. Next to each query write 2 to 3 sentences explaining how you would clean the data (even if the data is not dirty).

Checking for Duplicates in "film" Query Query History SELECT title, release\_year, language\_id, rental\_duration, length, COUNT(\*) 2 FROM film GROUP BY title, release\_year, language\_id, rental\_duration, length HAVING COUNT(\*) > 1 Data output Messages Notifications - V =+ language\_id release\_year rental\_duration length count character varying (255) smallint smallint smallint integer bigint Checking for Duplicates in "customer" Query **Query History** SELECT first\_name, last\_name, email, address\_id, COUNT(\*) 1 FROM customer GROUP BY first\_name, last\_name, email, address\_id HAVING COUNT(\*) > 1 Messages Notifications Data output =+ \* email last\_name address\_id count character varying (45) character varying (45) character varying (50)

- There are no duplicates in either.
- If there were duplicate records, I would run a view command that will make each row unique based on the desired above command.

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### Checking for Non-Uniform values



- There are no non-uniform values.
- If there were, a command using "UPDATE film" followed by SET rating = '[desired rating]' followed by WHERE listing all of the non-uniform values that need to be altered. This could be repeated for multiple ratings if there were multiple errors.

## Checking for Missing Values

- If there are missing values, we must determine whether they need to be replaced.
- If there are missing numeric values, a possible solution, if there are only very few, is to run the following command:

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UPDATE name_of_table
SET = AVG(desired_column)
WHERE desired_column IS NULL
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Use SQL to calculate descriptive statistics for both the film table and the customer table. For numerical columns, this means finding the minimum, maximum, and average values. For non-numerical columns, calculate the mode value.

#### For "film" table



#### For "customer" table Query Query History 1 SELECT mode() WITHIN GROUP (ORDER BY first\_name) AS most\_common\_first\_name, mode() WITHIN GROUP (ORDER BY last\_name) AS most\_common\_larst\_name, MIN(create\_date) AS oldest\_create\_date, 4 MAX(create\_date) AS newest create date. 5 AVG(active) AS customer\_activity\_rate 6 FROM customer Data output Messages Notifications most\_common\_first\_name a most\_common\_larst\_name a oldest\_create\_date a newest\_create\_date a customer\_activity\_rate a numeric Abney 2006-02-14 2006-02-14 0.9749582637729549

Back in Achievement 1 you learned about data profiling in Excel. Based on your previous experience, which tool (Excel or SQL) do you think is more effective for data profiling, and why? Consider their respective functions, ease of use, and speed. Write a short paragraph in the running document that you have started

SQL is a significantly better data profiling tool. In SQL you can simply type a command, and you will find all the information you want, whereas in Excel you must fetch it from the table. Looking for errors is even easier in SQL, as the commands save you the trouble of sifting through mass amounts of data, where mistakes are easy to miss. The difference in time efficiency too, gives SQL a boost, which can be crucial in the corporate world.