



TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES

DATA RETRIEVAL USING SELECT

1. SELECT statement

- The SELECT statement is used to retrieve the data from one or more tables
- Using SELECT statement the following operation can be performed
 - Projection : The operation displays subset of columns
 - Selection : The operation displays subset of rows

Projection means selecting set of columns from a table. In the below table, 3 columns marked with yellow colour suggesting that those columns are selected.

Selection means selecting set of rows from a table. In the below table, 3 rows marked with yellow colour suggesting that those rows are selected.

A Typical SELECT statement may consists of six clauses.

Syntax:

```
SELECT column_name [, column_list]
FROM table_name
[WHERE search_condition]
[GROUP BY grouping_column_name]
[HAVING aggregated_search_condition]
[ORDER BY sorting_column]
```

- The SELECT and FROM clauses of the statement are mandatory. The remaining four clauses are optional

Consider the following table CUSTOMER_DETAILS

ID	Name	Age	Salary	Location	Creation_Date
1	Aamir	31	12000	Mumbai	01/10/11
2	Salman	33	45000	Kolkata	03/03/00
3	Sharukh	45	67000	Delhi	08/19/11
4	Priyanka	21	48000	Chennai	04/30/09
5	Deepika	33	100000	Mumbai	08/19/11
6	Kishore	21	56000	Banglore	03/04/10
7	Rahman	32	15000		04/30/09
8	Saif Ali	40	12000	Kolkata	01/10/11
9	Kareena	32	37900		03/04/10
10	Katrina	40		Banglore	

Table 1.1 customer_details

2. SELECT Statement (Projection)

To display all records from table SELECT keyword with asterisk(*) is used:

```
SQL> select * from customer_details;
```

ID	NAME	AGE	SALARY	LOCATION	CREATION_	AVG_TRAN_AMT
1	Aamir	31	38259	Mumbai	01-OCT-11	
2	Salman	33	45000	Kolkata	03-MAR-00	
3	Sharukh	45	67000	Delhi	19-AUG-11	
4	Priyanka	21	35690	Chennai	30-APR-09	
5	Deepika	33	100000	Mumbai	19-AUG-11	
6	Kishore	21	56000	Banglore	04-MAR-10	
7	Rahman	32	15000		30-APR-09	
8	Saif Ali	40	12000	Kolkata	10-JAN-11	
9	Kareena	32	37900		04-MAR-10	
10	Katrina	40	2000	Banglore		

10 rows selected.

The above query displays all the records from customer_details table.

- To retrieve selected columns from the table, specific column names separated by commas(,) are used

```
SQL> Select id, name, salary from customer_details;
```

ID	NAME	SALARY
1	Aamir	38259
2	Salman	45000
3	Sharukh	67000
4	Priyanka	35690
5	Deepika	100000
6	Kishore	56000
7	Rahman	15000
8	Saif Ali	12000
9	Kareena	37900
10	Katrina	2000

```
10 rows selected.
```

The above query displays only id, name and salary columns from customer_details table.

3. SELECT Statement (selection)

The WHERE clause can be used to refine selection results by adding a search criteria.

- **Restricting Selection using comparison operators:**

```
SELECT name, age FROM customer_details WHERE salary>50000;
```

The above query displays name and age of customers whose salary is more than 50000, from customer_details table.

More than one condition can be used in the WHERE clause with the help of AND/OR operator.

- **Restricting Selection using IN keyword:**

```
SELECT name, location FROM customer_details WHERE location  
IN ('Kolkata','Delhi');
```

The above query displays name and location of customers who are from Kolkata or Delhi.

- **Restrict based on pattern matching:**

```
SELECT name, location FROM customer_details WHERE name  
LIKE '_a%';
```

The above query displays name and location of customers whose name's second character is a.

'_' identifies that one character can appear before 'a' and ' % ' identifies that any numbers of character can appear after 'a'.

- **Restricting Selection using BETWEEN ... AND keyword:**

```
SELECT name, location FROM customer_details WHERE age  
BETWEEN 20 AND 40;
```

The above query displays name and location of customers whose age ranging from 20 to 40

- **Restricting based on NULL value:**

In Database terminology NULL is referred as value which is unspecified or unavailable.

NULL value may not display anything but it should not be misunderstood as zero or blank space.

Condition on NULL value can be given using the keyword IS.

```
SELECT name, age FROM customer_details WHERE location IS  
NULL;
```

The above query displays name and age of customers whose location is not specified.

```
SELECT name, age FROM customer_details WHERE age IS NOT  
NULL;
```

The above query displays name and age of customers whose age is available.

4. DISTINCT Keyword

To eliminate duplicate rows DISTINCT keyword is used in the SELECT statement.

```
SQL> select distinct(age) from customer_details;

      AGE
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      31
      21
      32
      33
      45
      40

6 rows selected.
```

The above query displays only the different age values.

5. ORDER BY Clause

ORDER BY clause in the SELECT statement is used to sort the results. Ascending order is the default sorting order.

```
SQL> Select name,age,salary from customer_details where salary>50000 order by salary;
```

NAME	AGE	SALARY
Kishore	21	56000
Sharukh	45	67000
Deepika	33	100000

- Name, age and salary of the customers displayed as per the ascending order of their salary.
- DESC keyword can be used to display the list in descending order

6. GROUP BY Clause

The GROUP BY statement is used to group the result-set by one or more columns.

```
SQL> select count(name), age from customer_details group by age;
```

COUNT (NAME)	AGE
1	31
2	21
2	32
2	33
1	45
2	40

```
6 rows selected.
```

The above query displays number of customers present in particular age group.

7. Concatenation Operator

The concatenation(||) operator can be used to combine character strings and values from table.

```
SQL> Select 'the name is '||name||' and age is '||age from customer_details;
```

```
'THE NAME IS' || NAME || 'AND AGE IS' || AGE
```

```
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the name is Aamir and age is 31
the name is Salman and age is 33
the name is Sharukh and age is 45
the name is Priyanka and age is 21
the name is Deepika and age is 33
the name is Kishore and age is 21
the name is Rahman and age is 32
the name is Saif Ali and age is 40
the name is Kareena and age is 32
the name is Katrina and age is 40
```

```
10 rows selected.
```

The Name, age and the strings are displayed as single output columns

8. Column Alias

Column heading in the result set can be changed with Column aliases using the keyword AS.

```
SQL> Select name as customer_name,id as customer_id from customer_details;
```

CUSTOMER_NAME	CUSTOMER_ID
Aamir	1
Salman	2
Sharukh	3
Priyanka	4
Deepika	5
Kishore	6
Rahman	7
Saif Ali	8
Kareena	9
Katrina	10

```
10 rows selected.
```

- The columns name and id are displayed as customer_name and customer_id in the result set.
- Column headings in the table are unchanged.