

SQL and Databases

How do you store your data?

Imagine a lot of information about people

- Maybe you have information about alcohol consumption patterns
- Many times, local laws and taxes change how we consume various goods
- In Excel, we would store state-level and individual-level data for each individual

Is this the best way to maintain a large amount of data? What if we had information on 40 million people across 50 states?

Relational databases

What if we could avoid storing redundant information wherever possible?

- One table for data on individuals
- One table for data on states (taxes, unemployment, etc.)

This is exactly what we get with SQL Databases!

Relational databases

In order to work with relational databases, we can use **Structured Query Language** (normal referred to as SQL, pronounced like *sequel*)

Let's try it out!

Relational databases

We begin by storing our data in tables:

People

ID	Name	State
1	Robert	AL
2	Mary	NE
3	Jose	NE
4	Greg	WA

States

State	Population	Region	Capital
AL	4,858,979	South	Montgomery
NE	1,896,190	Midwest	Lincoln
WA	7,170,351	West	Olympia

Extracting data - SELECT statements

What do you think would happen if you used the following **SQL** query with our tables?

```
SELECT Name, State FROM People
```

People

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States

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Extracting data

How about this query?

```
SELECT Name, State FROM People WHERE State='NE'
```

People

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1	Robert	AL
2	Mary	NE
3	Jose	NE
4	Greg	WA

States

State	Population	Region	Capital
AL	4,858,979	South	Montgomery
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Extracting data

One more example...

```
SELECT Name, People.State, Region FROM People, Ptates WHERE  
People.State='NE' AND People.State=States.State
```

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A general SQL formula

```
SELECT table1.column1, table1.column2, table2.column3  
FROM table1, table2  
WHERE some_condition, another_condition
```

Grouping and Counting

Here is a new table!

Weasley

ID	Name	Age
1	Ron	21
2	Ginny	20
3	Fred	23
4	George	23
5	Percy	25
6	Bill	30
7	Charlie	28

Grouping and Counting

What would happen if we used the following query:

```
SELECT Age, COUNT(*) FROM Weasley GROUP BY Age
```

Weasley

ID	Name	Age
1	Ron	21
2	Ginny	20
3	Fred	23
4	George	23
5	Percy	25
6	Bill	30
7	Charlie	28

Grouping and Counting

What would happen if we used the following query:

```
SELECT Age, COUNT(*) FROM Weasley GROUP BY Age
```

Weasley

Age	COUNT(*)
21	1
20	1
23	2
25	1
30	1
28	1

But I wanted them in order...

```
SELECT Age, COUNT(*) FROM weasley GROUP BY Age ORDER BY Age ASC
```

Weasley

Age	COUNT(*)
20	1
21	1
23	2
25	1
28	1
30	1

Also, that "COUNT(*)" name is terrible...

```
SELECT Age, COUNT(*) AS Count FROM weasley GROUP BY Age ORDER BY Age ASC
```

Weasley

Age	Count
20	1
21	1
23	2
25	1
28	1
30	1

SQL and other aggregations

```
SELECT type, AVG(balance) AS avgBalance FROM bank GROUP BY type
```

bank

ID	balance	owner	type
1	3000	Bonnie	checking
2	100	Bonnie	savings
3	10000	Clyde	checking
4	0	Clyde	savings
5	2000	Ted	checking
6	3000	Ted	savings

SQL and other aggregations

```
SELECT type, AVG(balance) AS avgBalance FROM bank GROUP BY type
```

type	avgBalance
checking	3875
savings	1033.33

SQL and other aggregations

```
SELECT type, SUM(balance) AS totalBalance FROM bank GROUP BY type
```

bank

ID	balance	owner	type
1	3000	Bonnie	checking
2	100	Bonnie	savings
3	10000	Clyde	checking
4	0	Clyde	savings
5	2000	Ted	checking
6	3000	Ted	savings

SQL and other aggregations

```
SELECT type, SUM(balance) AS totalBalance FROM bank GROUP BY type
```

type	totalBalance
checking	15500
savings	3100

SQL and other aggregations

```
SELECT type, MIN(balance) AS minBalance, MAX(balance) AS maxBalance FROM  
bank GROUP BY type
```

bank

ID	balance	owner	type
1	3000	Bonnie	checking
2	100	Bonnie	savings
3	10000	Clyde	checking
4	0	Clyde	savings
5	2000	Ted	checking
6	3000	Ted	savings

SQL and other aggregations

```
SELECT type, MIN(balance) AS minBalance, MAX(balance) AS maxBalance FROM  
bank GROUP BY type
```

type	minBalance	maxBalance
checking	500	10000
savings	0	3000

Making new columns using CASE

```
SELECT Name, CASE WHEN Age=23 THEN 1 ELSE 0 END AS Age23 FROM weasley
```

Weasley

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1	Ron	21
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Making new columns using CASE

```
SELECT Name, CASE WHEN Age=23 THEN 1 ELSE 0 END AS Age23 FROM weasley
```

Name	Age23
Ron	0
Ginny	0
Fred	1
George	1
Percy	0
Bill	0
Charlie	0

CASE statement pattern

```
SELECT
  CASE
    WHEN condition_to_match
      THEN value_if_met
    WHEN next_condition
      THEN next_value
    ...
    ELSE
      value_for_everyone_else
    END
  AS variable_name
FROM
  table_name
```

Random sampling - ignore if you want

```
SET @counter = (  
    SELECT COUNT(*) AS id  
    FROM ACS  
    WHERE relate=1 AND year=2016 AND statefip=31);  
  
SET @serial=0;  
  
SELECT new.*  
FROM  
    (SELECT @serial := @serial+1 AS id, hhincome, sex, educ, statefip  
     FROM ACS  
     WHERE relate=1 AND year=2016 AND statefip=31)  
    AS new,  
  
    (SELECT @random:=RAND() AS random, ROUND(@counter*@random) AS draw  
     FROM ACS  
     LIMIT 10000)  
    AS test  
WHERE new.id=test.draw;
```


Lab Time!

Using the NFL data provided, work with your group to extract the subset of data that you decided to focus on after last week by using SQL queries. When you're done, save the query results in spreadsheet format (`csv` is the option to choose).

- Use SQLectron to execute queries
- Save the data
- Use it in Tableau!
 - After exploring your data, is your question the same as it was before?