

Steps to Creating a SELECT Query

Question	Clauses
1) What tables have the info you need?	FROM & JOIN
2) What columns have that info? Do we need to calculate an answer from some columns? i. Qualified field names?	SELECT
3) If joins are needed, what tables by what column? Do we want only related results or all results even if unrelated?	JOIN
4) Are aggregates needed? (Do we need to break those results down by some category?)	SELECT & GROUP BY
5) Are any filters needed? ii. If so, are they WHERE filters? iii. Or HAVING filters? (Only for filtering aggregate results that are broken into Groups)	WHERE & HAVING
6) Any sorting needed? What fields in what direction?	ORDER BY

Reminders

- Good idea to run unfiltered queries on individual tables to test.
- Write your queries knowing that the data may change: try to imagine the results if you had different data.
 1. Example: using
WHERE city = 'Paris'
 could return Paris, *France* AND Paris, *TX* if you had records for cities in both places.