

Slide 1: Subquery Best Practices and Considerations

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Slide 2: Learning Objectives

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Discuss how to write subqueries within subqueries

Discuss performance limitations with overuse of subqueries

Explain how to use subqueries as calculations

Describe best practices using subqueries

Slide 3: Best Practices With Subqueries

Best Practices with Subqueries

There is **no limit** to the number of subqueries you can have

Performance slows when you nest too deeply

Subquery selects can only **retrieve a single column**

Slide 4: Subquery in Subquery

Subquery in Subquery

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2. Customer ID's for those orders
3. Customer information for those orders

```
SELECT Customer_name, Customer_contact
FROM Customers
WHERE cust_id IN
    (SELECT customer_id
     FROM Orders
     WHERE order_number IN (SELECT order_number
                           FROM OrderItems
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Slide 7: PoorSQL Website

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www.poorsql.com

Website will pre-format code

Uses proper indenting

Code is easier to read and troubleshoot

Slide 8: Subqueries for Calculations

Subqueries for Calculations

Total number of orders placed by every customer

Customer_name	Customer_state	Orders
Becky	IA	5
Nita	CA	6
Raj	OH	0
Steve	AZ	1

```
SELECT COUNT (*) AS orders
FROM Orders
WHERE customer_id = '143569';

SELECT customer_name
, customer_state
( SELECT COUNT (*) AS orders
FROM Orders
WHERE Orders.customer_id =
Customer.customer_id) AS orders
FROM customers
ORDER BY Customer_name
```


Slide 9: The Power of Subqueries

The Power of Subqueries

Subqueries are powerful tools

Not always the best option due to performance

Next lesson: using joins