>>> Introduction to SQL
>>> Featuring MySQL and T-SQL

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## >>> Daily schedule

Timetable					
9:00am	_	10:30am	lecture 1	(1.5 hr)	
10:30am		11:00am	morning tea	(30 min)	
11:00am	-	12:30pm	lecture 2	(1.5 hr)	
12:30pm		1:30pm	lunch	(1 hr)	
1:30pm	-	3:00pm	guided exercises	(1.5 hr)	
3:00pm	-	5:00pm	one-on-one help	(2 hr)	

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- 2. Reading the docs
- 3. Aggregating
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- 5. Windowing

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#### Definition

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MySQL and T-SQL disagree on where to put this category of operators. I just call them 'other operators'. They include IN, LIKE, BETWEEN, EXISTS and more.

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### >>> Comparison operators

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* WHERE FavColour = 'blue' (equal)

* WHERE FavColour <> 'blue' (not equal)

* WHERE FavColour != 'blue' (also not equal)

* WHERE Age > 35 (greater than)

* WHERE Year <= 1995 (less than or equal)</pre>
```

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# >>> Logical operators

		AND		
true	AND	true	=	true
false	AND	true	=	false
true	AND	false	=	false
false	AND	false	=	false

		OR		
true	OR	true	=	true
false	OR	true	=	true
true	OR	false	=	true
false	OR	false	=	false

NOT				
NOT	true	=	false	
NOT	false	=	true	

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\* WHERE FavColour IN ('blue', 'red', 'green')

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## >>> Operator precedence

Precedence	Operators
1	Anything in round brackets
2	=,<,>,<=,>=,!=,!<,!> (comparison operators)
3	NOT
4	AND
5	OR, ALL, ANY, SOME, EXISTS, BETWEEN, IN, LIKE

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### >>> Examples

- 1. 2 = 1 AND 1 = 1
- 2. 1 = 1 OR 2 = 1 AND 1 = 1
- 3. ('red' IN ('green', 'red')) AND ('red' LIKE 'r%')
- 4. NOT (1 = 1 AND 2 = 2 AND 3 = 3)

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- 2. 1 = 1 OR 2 = 1 AND 1 = 1
- 3. ('red' IN ('green', 'red')) AND ('red' LIKE 'r%')
- 4. NOT ( 1 = 1 AND 2 = 2 AND 3 = 3 )

- 1. false AND true
- 2. 1 = 1 OR 2 = 1 AND 1 = 1
- 3. ('red' IN ('green', 'red')) AND ('red' LIKE 'r%')
- 4. NOT ( 1 = 1 AND 2 = 2 AND 3 = 3 )

- 1. false
- 2. 1 = 1 OR 2 = 1 AND 1 = 1
- 3. ('red' IN ('green', 'red')) AND ('red' LIKE 'r%')
- 4. NOT ( 1 = 1 AND 2 = 2 AND 3 = 3 )

- 1. false
- 2. 1 = 1 OR false
- 3. ('red' IN ('green', 'red')) AND ('red' LIKE 'r%')
- 4. NOT ( 1 = 1 AND 2 = 2 AND 3 = 3 )

- 1. false
- 2. true OR false
- 3. ('red' IN ('green', 'red')) AND ('red' LIKE 'r%')
- 4. NOT ( 1 = 1 AND 2 = 2 AND 3 = 3 )

- 1. false
- 2. true
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- 1. false
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- 2. true
- 3. true AND true
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- 2. true
- 3. true
- 4. false

>>> Perils of operator precedence

-- this one evaluates to FALSE

1 != 1 AND (2 < 3 OR 3 = 3)

-- but this one evaluates to TRUE

1 != 1 AND 2 < 3 OR 3 = 3

>>> Perils of operator precedence

```
-- this one evaluates to FALSE
1 != 1 AND (2 < 3 OR 3 = 3)
```

-- but this one evaluates to TRUE

$$1 != 1 AND 2 < 3 OR 3 = 3$$

More concretely, consider the following two:

Gender = 'F' AND Age = 50 OR Age = 60

#### >>> A note on NULL

NULL					
(anything	AND	NULL)	=	NULL	
(anything	OR	NULL)	=	NULL	
(anything	=	NULL)	=	NULL	

We will get practice with NULLs during the exercises.



Enjoy.

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Be brave, the documentation can sense fear

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Wait, what have we been learning?

- \* Click here for MySQL SELECT docs
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The word 'query' actually refers to SELECT!

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>>> The syntax conventions

Why is it so hard to read? Syntax, used to make the documentation clearer and more succinct.

- \* Click here for MySQL Syntax Conventions
- \* Click here for T-SQL Syntax Conventions

# >>> The important syntax conventions

MySQL	T-SQL	Description
[a]	[a]	a is optional
{a}	{a}	a is not optional
[a b]	[a b]	optionally, choose a or b
{a b}	{a b}	not optional, choose a or b
a [, a]	a [,n]	optionally repeat a (with comma)
label	<label></label>	a label/placeholder

```
SELECT [ALL | DISTINCT] select expr [, select expr] ...
[ INTO <new table> ]
[ FROM  [....n] ]
[ WHERE <search condition> ]
[ GROUP BY {col_name | expr }, ... ]
[ HAVING <search condition> ]
[ ORDER BY {order by expression [ ASC | DESC ]} [,...n] ]
```

```
Square brackets mean content is optional.
```

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Curly brackets mean content is mandatory.
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[ HAVING <search condition> ]
```

[ ORDER BY {order by expression [ ASC | DESC ]} [,...n] ]

Vertical line means choose one.

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```
>>> The SELECT clause
```

#### must choose one.

```
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#### Repeat with commas (T-SQL)

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Also repeat with commas (MySQL)
```

[ HAVING <search condition> ]

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[ INTO <new_table> ]

[ FROM <table_source> [,...n] ]

[ WHERE <search_condition> ]

[ GROUP BY {col_name | expr }, ... ]
```

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[ ORDER BY {order by expression [ ASC | DESC ]} [,...n] ]

# Labels or placeholders

```
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[ FROM <table_source> [,...n] ]
[ WHERE <search condition> ]
[ GROUP BY {col_name | expr }, ... ]
[ HAVING <search condition> ]
[ ORDER BY {order by expression [ ASC | DESC ]} [,...n] ]
```

>>> A discovery...

SELECT [ALL|DISTINCT] FirstName, LastName, FavColour

From the MySQL SELECT docs (click here):

The ALL and DISTINCT modifiers specify whether duplicate rows should be returned. ALL (the default), specifies that all matching rows should be returned, including duplicates. DISTINCT specifies removal of duplicate rows from the result set. It is an error to specify both modifiers. DISTINCTROW is a synonym for DISTINCT.

```
>>> Read the docs: FROM
```

T-SQL will often use ::= to define placeholders.

```
FROM {<table_source>} [,...n]
```

where

```
{<table_source>} ::= table_or_view_name [[AS] table_alias]
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FROM MyTable, MyOtherTable

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```

where

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FROM MyTable AS M

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Have a look at the T-SQL FROM documentation

- \* It really is more of the same
- \* It gets easier very quickly with practice
- \* Google, StackExchange, etc
- \* Beginner tutorial
- \* Syntax guides and cheat sheets

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>>> Example from the docs (logical operator IN)
test_expression [ NOT ] IN ( subquery | expression [ ,...n ] )
Don't miss the round brackets!
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```

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[~]$_
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[~]$_
                                                             [25/92]
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[~]$_
                                                             [25/92]
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                                                            [25/92]
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- \* test\_expression NOT IN (expression, expression, expression)

# Example: FavColour IN ('red', 'blue', 'green')

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The HAVING clause discards  $\underline{\text{groups}}$  just like the WHERE clause discards rows.

The GROUP BY clause groups the rows of a table according to the values of one or more columns. The easiest way to understand it is with examples.

We will look at the execution of this query:

SELECT P.friendID FROM Notes.Pets P GROUP BY P.friendID;

FROM Notes.Pets P

Pets				
PetID	PetName	PetDOB	FriendID	
1	Chikin	24/09/2016	2	
2	Cauchy	01/03/2012	3	
3	Gauss	01/03/2012	3	

GROUP BY P.FriendID

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GROUP BY P.FriendID

Unnamed			
PetID	FriendID		
{2}	{Chikin}	{24/09/2016}	2
{2,3}	$\{ ext{Cauchy,}$	{01/03/2012,	3
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SELECT P.FriendID

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# result

Unnamed
FriendID
2
3

>>> Can we select any of the other columns?

SELECT ???

Unnamed			
PetID   PetName   PetDOB   Frien			
{2}	{Chikin}	{24/09/2016}	2
{2,3}	$\{ ext{Cauchy,}$	{01/03/2012,	3
$\{2,3\}$	Gauss}	01/03/2012}	3

Error: SQL can't be sure the entries are atomic.

>>>	What	will	happen	if	we	run	this
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SELECT P.friendID, P.petDOB
FROM Notes.Pets P
GROUP BY P.friendID;

### >>> Error

Msg 8120, Level 16, State 1, Line 1 Column 'Notes.Pets.PetDOB' is invalid in the select list because it is not contained in either an aggregate function or the GROUP BY clause.

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GROUP BY P.FriendID, P.PetDOB

Unnamed				
PetID PetName PetDOB FriendII				
{2}	{Chikin}	24/09/2016	2	
{2,3}	{Cauchy, Gauss}	01/03/2012	3	

>>> More examples

# Watch the curly braces

Letters			
A	$A \mid B \mid $ Num		
a	b	1	
a	С	2	
a	b	3	
a	С	4	

- \* GROUP BY B
- \* GROUP BY A
- \* GROUP BY A, B

GROUP BY B

Unnamed				
A	B	Num		
{a, a}	b	{1, 3}		
{a, a}	С	$\{2, 4\}$		

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GROUP BY B

Unnamed					
A	B	Num			
{a, a}	b	{1, 3}			
{a, a}	С	{2, 4}			

GROUP BY A

Unnamed								
A	B			Num				
a	{b,	с,	b,	c}	{1,	2,	3,	4}

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GROUP BY B

Unnamed					
A	B	Num			
{a, a}	b	{1, 3}			
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\* GROUP BY A

	Unnamed							
A	В			Num				
a	{b,	с,	b,	<b>c</b> }	$\{1,$	2,	3,	4}

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Column name alias

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FROM Notes.RandomPeople RP

RandomPeople			
PersonName Gender Age			
Beyoncé	F	37	
Laura Marling	F	28	
Darren Hayes	M	46	
Bret McKenzie	М	42	
Jack Monroe	NB	30	

GROUP BY RP.Gender

RandomPeople			
Name Gender A			
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Jack Monroe	NB	30	

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GROUP BY RP.Gender

Unnamed			
PersonName	Gender	Age	
{Beyoncé,	F	{37,	
Laura Marling}	Г	28}	
{Darren Hayes,	М	{46,	
<pre>Bret McKenzie}</pre>	PI	42}	
{Jack Monroe}	NB	{30}	

# AVG(RP.Age)

Unnamed			
PersonName	Gender	(unnamed)	
{Beyoncé,	F	AVG({37,28})	
Laura Marling}			
$\{ exttt{Darren Hayes,}$	М	AVG({46,42})	
Bret McKenzie}	- 11	HVU((10,12))	
{Jack Monroe}	NB	AVG({30})	

AVG(RP.Age)

Unnamed			
PersonName	Gender	(unnamed)	
{Beyoncé,	F	32.5	
Laura Marling}	F	32.0	
$\{ exttt{Darren Hayes,}$	М	44	
<pre>Bret McKenzie}</pre>	l II	44	
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SELECT RP.Gender, AVG(RP.Age) AS AverageAge

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{Jack Monroe}	NB	30	

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#### result

Unnamed		
Gender AverageAge		
F 32.5		
М	44	
NB	30	

We retrieved the average age for each gender in the table!

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We will look at the execution of this query:

SELECT RP.gender, AVG(RP.age) AS AverageAge
FROM Notes.RandomPeople RP
WHERE RP.gender = 'F'

GROUP BY RP.gender;

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PersonName Gender Age			
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Darren Hayes	М	46	
Bret McKenzie M 42			
Jack Monroe	NB	30	

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RandomPeople					
PersonName Gender Age					
Beyoncé					
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Darren Hayes	M	46			
Bret McKenzie	M	42			
Jack Monroe	NB	30			

## GROUP BY RP.Gender

Unnamed			
PersonName Gender Age			
{Beyoncé, Laura Marling}	F	{37, 28}	

# AVG(RP.Age)

Unnamed			
PersonName	Gender	(unnamed)	
{Beyoncé, Laura Marling}	F	32.5	

# SELECT RP.Gender, AVG(RP.Age) AS AverageAge

Unnamed			
PersonName	Gender	(unnamed)	
{Beyoncé, Laura Marling}	F	32.5	

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#### result

Unnamed	
Gender	AverageAge
F	32.5

We retrieved the average age for females in the table!

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So we need to use CAST. For example, in Notes.RandomPeople, the data type for Age is integer.

SELECT gender, AVG(age) AS AverageAge FROM Notes.RandomPeople GROUP BY gender;

## Must be changed to:

SELECT gender, AVG(CAST(age AS decimal(5,2))) AS AverageAge FROM Notes.RandomPeople GROUP BY gender;

The HAVING clause was created because WHERE is executed <a href="before">before</a> GROUP BY.

We will look at the execution of this query:

SELECT RP.gender, AVG(RP.age) AS AverageAge
FROM Notes.RandomPeople RP
GROUP BY RP.gender
HAVING AVG(RP.age) > 40;

The HAVING clause is like WHERE, but it acts on groups.

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Search condition with aggregation function

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#### result

Unnamed	
Gender	AverageAge
М	44

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- 2. WHERE
- 3. GROUP BY
- 4. Aggregation
- 5. HAVING
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#### >>> Order of execution

- 1. FROM
- 2. WHERE
- 3. GROUP BY
- 4. Aggregation
- 5. HAVING
- 6. SELECT

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# >>> Group practice

The aggregation function in the HAVING clause does not have to match the one in the SELECT clause.

SELECT RP.gender, STDEV(RP.age) AS AverageAge
FROM Notes.RandomPeople RP
GROUP BY RP.gender
HAVING AVG(RP.age) > 40;

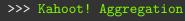
Explain in words what the above query achieves.

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The query finds the sample standard deviation of the ages for each gender that has an average age greater than  $40\,$ .

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Enjoy.

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# >>> Basic subquery

Subqueries (next slide) are powerful with search conditions. In fact, some logical operators only work with subqueries:

- \* EXISTS
- \* AT.T.
- \* ANY

Subqueries are also known as nested queries.

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# >>> Class practice

Can anyone figure out what this does? Note: the subquery is executed first.

SELECT \*
FROM Notes.Friends F

WHERE F.friendID IN (SELECT P.friendID

FROM Notes.Pets P);



1. SELECT P.friendID FROM Notes.Pets P

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It retrieved the details of all friends who have pets. Let's execute it to experiment.

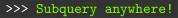
# >>> Challenge

Can we rewrite it as a join?

SELECT \*
FROM Notes.Friends F
WHERE F.friendID IN (SELECT P.friendID

(SELECT P.friendID
FROM Notes.Pets P);

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Quick note: a subquery does not have to be used only in the WHERE clause. It can be used almost anywhere, but we will look at this later.

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Find all the people whose Gender has AVG(Age) less than 40.

>>> How about this one?

Easy, right?

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Wrong!

Let's try and execute it.

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FROM RandomPeople GROUP BY Gender

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Bret McKenzie)	M 42)		
(Jack Monroe)	NB	(30)	

SELECT PersonName FROM RandomPeople GROUP BY Gender HAVING AVG(Age) < 40;

```
>>> Use a subquery instead
```

```
SELECT PersonName
FROM RandomPeople
WHERE Gender IN (SELECT Gender
FROM RandomPeople
GROUP BY Gender
HAVING AVG(Age) < 40);
```

Let's execute it and explore.

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```
>>> Correlated subquery
```

## The hardest thing in introductory SQL...

```
SELECT PersonName
FROM RandomPeople RP
WHERE age > (SELECT AVG(age)
FROM RandomPeople
WHERE gender = RP.gender);
```

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The notes have a good diagram for this...

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```
>>> A subquery in FROM
```

What does it do?

SELECT Gender, AvgAge
FROM (SELECT Gender, AVG(Age) AS AvgAge
FROM RandomPeople
GROUP BY Gender)
WHERE AvgAge < 40;

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```
>>> A subquery in FROM
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What does it do?

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Can we rewrite it with HAVING?

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>>> What is windowing?

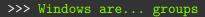
- \* Aggregation functions return one value per group.
- \* Window functions return one value per row.
- \* Window functions are not scalar functions.

On the next slide: what are windows?

>>> Windows are... groups

The only reason we don't call them groups is because we use (and create) them differently.

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The only reason we don't call them groups is because we use (and create) them differently.

Sometimes they're called partitions instead of windows.

- \* 'Groups' when we return one value per group.
- \* 'Partitions'/'windows' when we return one value per row.

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>>> First few window functions

You ready...?

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Danny... what are you talking about?? Those are aggregation functions.

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Success: OVER() made the whole table one partition.

## What will this do?

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Success: OVER() made the whole table one partition.

The aggregation still returns one result per partition, but now that single result gets duplicated for each row.

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>>> So how do we form the windows?

The minimum age for each person's gender?

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>>> So how do we form the windows?

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SELECT PersonName, MIN(Age) OVER(PARTITION BY Gender) AS MinimumAge FROM RandomPeople;

So what will this do?

SELECT PersonName,
Age - MIN(Age) OVER(PARTITION BY Gender) AS AgeDiff
FROM RandomPeople;

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>>> Remember this?

Find all the people whose Gender has AVG(Age) less than 40.

```
SELECT PersonName
FROM RandomPeople
WHERE Gender IN (SELECT Gender
FROM RandomPeople
GROUP BY Gender
HAVING AVG(Age) < 40);
```

Can we rewrite it? Let's do it live.

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# >>> Thinking about order of operations

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GROUP BY Gender;

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Error: MAX is a windowed aggregation function now.

- \* MAX((37,28)) = 37
- \* MAX((37,28)) OVER() = (37,37)

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GROUP BY Gender;

Fixed: we can add a regular aggregation function inside it.

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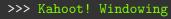
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Shall I go through it on the blackboard?



Enjoy.



Do exercises at the end of Chapter 3.

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