

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

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>>> Daily schedule
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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	breakout / windowing	(1.5 hr)
3:00pm	-	5:00pm	one-on-one help	(2 hr)

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Figure out what `UNION` does.

- * [Click here for T-SQL `UNION` documentation.](#)
- * [Click here for MySQL `UNION` documentation.](#)

>>> Live demonstration of UNION

Starting with this...

```
SELECT F.FirstName AS FirstInitial,  
       F.LastName AS LastInitial,  
       ColourName  
FROM Ape.Friends F LEFT JOIN Ape.Colours C  
    ON F.FavColourID = C.ColourID;
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Figure out what `FORMAT` (T-SQL) and `DATE_FORMAT` (MySQL) do.

- * [Click here for T-SQL `FORMAT` docs.](#)
- * [Click here for MySQL `DATE_FORMAT` docs.](#)


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>>> Live demonstration of date formatting
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Let's format some dates.

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Figure out what `COUNT` and `COUNT(DISTINCT)` do.

- * [Click here for T-SQL `COUNT` documentation.](#)
- * [Click here for MySQL `COUNT` documentation.](#)

>>> Live demo

Starting with this...

```
SELECT COUNT(TasteRank)
FROM Ape.Banana;
```

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Figure out what `WITH` does.

- * [Click here for T-SQL `WITH` documentation.](#)
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>>> Live demo

Reducing repetition via WITH.

```
SELECT BananaID, TasteRank, Ripe,  
       CASE WHEN Ripe = 1 AND TasteRank = 5 THEN 'Ripe and tasty'  
       ELSE 'Imperfect' END AS Category  
FROM Ape.Banana  
GROUP BY Category;
```

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>>> Many other functions
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There are many other functions...

- * [Click here for T-SQL functions](#)

- * [Click here for MySQL functions](#)

Check out the notes section on window functions.

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- * CREATE DATABASE and DROP DATABASE
- * CREATE SCHEMA (for T-SQL only)
- * CREATE VIEW to store a query like a table
- * SELECT INTO and CREATE TABLE ... SELECT
- * INSERT INTO to create a whole record
- * CREATE TABLE and DROP TABLE
- * ALTER to add columns to a stored table
- * UPDATE to change the entries in a table

You can also see all of the above in the notes.

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Importing/exporting CSVs in various editors.

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>>> How we cover the IDI
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- * This is not a full intro to the IDI
- * Our queries probably won't work on the IDI
- * I'll make some important points (from a SQL perspective)
- * The IDI uses T-SQL

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The schemas (sometimes called **nodes**) in the main database correspond mostly to different government departments. From a technical perspective, the probabilistic linking allows us to **JOIN** records between **schemas**.

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>>> Databases in the IDI
```

- * IDI_Clean (and previous 'refreshes')
- * IDI_Metadata
- * IDI_Sandpit
- * IDI_RnD

>>> IDI SQL Server

DATABASE SERVERS

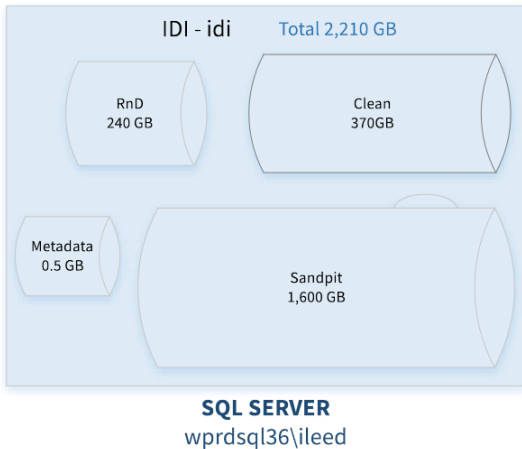
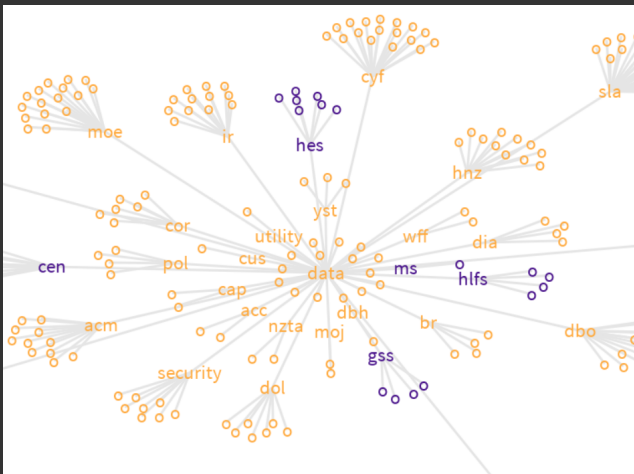


Image source: Use of IDI, Peter Ellis.


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>>> Zooming in to IDI_Clean
```

Survey (purple) and admin (orange) data.



Schemas are mainly for permission managment.

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- * Permanent residents
- * Visas to reside, work or study
- * People that live and work here without visas (e.g., Australians)

>>> More details on the spine

- * Stats NZ prototype spine paper
- * Stats NZ linking methodology paper
- * VHIN spine explainer

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- * Just because two records from different refreshes have the same `snz_uid`, definitely doesn't mean they have belong to the same individual.
This is a **silly mistake** (`IDI_Clean_20210820`).

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The priority of Stats NZ is to achieve a high precision rate. This involves a trade-off, with a *higher false negative rate*.

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Linkage bias examines variables where the false negative rate is particularly high. For example, **bias in year of birth** is expected since older people have lived through longer periods of poor coverage, creating a linking bias. However, it is not easy to look at linked records versus records that didn't link, so estimating linkage bias is difficult.

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>>> One-to-one relationship
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When linkage is created between a schema and the spine, Stats NZ refers to it as a **project**.

"Each project ideally produces **one-to-one links**, where each record on one side links to at most one record on the other side. Duplicates are records which link to more than one record. How these are handled in the IDI depends on the projects."

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- * The security schema:
 - * Information related to linkage process.
 - * security.concordance (link e.g., snz_uid to snz_acc_uid)

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>>> A quick superpower
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This code is T-SQL only:

```
USE IDI_Clean;  
SELECT *  
FROM Information_Schema.Columns  
WHERE Table_Catalog = 'IDI_Clean';
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- * ''Uncommunicated changes sometimes happen''
- * ''Almost certainly sub-optimal''
- * ''Legacy code still doesn't use it''


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>>> My favourite links
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- * Stats NZ paper - Use of the IDI
Really good! "The first part of this report sets out to describe, from a researcher's point of view, what data is available, how it is structured, and the analytical platforms that are available". Much more!
- * VHIN guides to getting started
Very beginner friendly.
- * Visual summary of available data as at July 2021.
- * Current StatsNZ website
Some material, no longer contains data dictionaries.

>>> From paper: Use of The IDI

- * Most analyses are frequency counts and cross tabs.
- * SAS dominates usage, but SQL is really the foundation.
- * Need better ways to jointly develop code, facilitated by version control.
- * Need more of the data joining, re-coding and filtering code written in SQL and executed on the database server.

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There is more instability in the database design than is necessary to accommodate real world change. Table and column names and types change; and some of the dimension reference data is in a separate database to the main data, when it exists in a database at all... Adding new data, including of a standard repeat type (e.g., **a new survey**) requires design work, not just new values in fact and dimensions. Because of this instability and the lack of code version control, researchers cannot be sure to reproduce any particular piece of data. Because of these environment limitations, **analytical programs contain numerous ad hoc, context-specific and time-specific work-arounds** and there is no legacy code base for reproducible research.

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Local, 'event ID', unique in table?

>>> Simplifying messy code

A Ministry of Health query...

```
SELECT year(IDI_Clean_20181020.moh_clean.
PRIMHD.moh_mhd_activity_start_date)
AS StartYear,
IDI_Clean_20181020.moh_clean.PRIMHD.snz_moh_uid
FROM IDI_Clean_20181020.moh_clean.PRIMHD
WHERE IDI_Clean_20181020.moh_clean.
PRIMHD.moh_mhd_activity_type_code != 'T35'
GROUP BY year(IDI_Clean_20181020.moh_clean.
PRIMHD.moh_mhd_activity_start_date),
IDI_Clean_20181020.moh_clean.PRIMHD.snz_moh_uid
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>>> Independent development

Live walk-through using StackExchange database.

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>>> Now, the actual window functions

Function	Returns
FIRST_VALUE	Entry in first row of partition
LAST_VALUE	Entry in last row of partition
LAG	Entry one row behind current row
LEAD	Entry one row ahead of current row
ROW_NUMBER	Number of current row in partition
RANK	Rank of current row in partition
DENSE_RANK	Rank, without gaps
PERCENT_RANK	Percentage of rank value
CUME_DIST	Cumulative distribution value
NTILE	Bucket numbers (like histogram)

All potentially return more than one value per partition.
We will explore them live in a moment, but first...

```
>>> What is a rank?
```

A six day sausage sizzle, starting on NYE, 1999

SausageSizzleSummary		
SaleDate	Product	Sales
1999-12-31	pork	3
1999-12-31	veggie	3
2000-01-01	pork	2
2000-01-01	veggie	7
2000-01-02	pork	6
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Dense rank: a rank that doesn't skip values

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Now for a live demo.

>>> Exercises

Practice makes perfect. Finish the textbook exercises.

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