

>>> 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	guided exercises	(1.5 hr)
3:00pm	-	5:00pm	one-on-one help	(2 hr)

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>>> Where are we now?
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Day 2

1. Search conditions

2. Reading the docs

3. Aggregating

4. Subqueries

5. Windowing

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### Definition

A comparison operator is used to compare two things and return `true`, `false` or `NULL`.

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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)
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## >>> Comparison operators

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- \* WHERE FavColour != 'blue' (also not equal)
- \* WHERE Age > 35 (greater than)
- \* WHERE Year <= 1995 (less than or equal)

## >>> 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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>>> Other operators
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* WHERE FavColour IN ('blue', 'red', 'green')
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* WHERE FirstName LIKE '%b%'
```

```
* WHERE FirstName LIKE 'b__%'
```

## >>> 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

>>> Examples

1.  $2 = 1 \text{ AND } 1 = 1$

2.  $1 = 1 \text{ OR } 2 = 1 \text{ AND } 1 = 1$

3.  $(\text{'red'} \text{ IN } (\text{'green'}, \text{'red'})) \text{ AND } (\text{'red'} \text{ LIKE } \text{'r\%'})$

4.  $\text{NOT } (1 = 1 \text{ AND } 2 = 2 \text{ AND } 3 = 3)$

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1. `2 = 1 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 )`

>>> Solution

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 )

>>> Solution

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  $3 = 3$  )

```
>>> Solution
```

```
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 )
```



```
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1. false
2. true
3. true AND ('red' LIKE 'r%')
4. NOT ( 1 = 1 AND 2 = 2 AND 3 = 3 )















## >>> Perils of operator precedence

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-- 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

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More concretely, consider the following two:

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-- matches 50 or 60 year old females only

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

-- matches 50 year old females, or anyone aged 60

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

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>>> 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.



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Wait, what have we been learning?

- \* [Click here for MySQL SELECT docs](#)

- \* [Click here for T-SQL SELECT docs](#)

The word 'query' actually refers to `SELECT`!

>>> 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>	a label/placeholder

>>> The SELECT clause

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SELECT [ALL | DISTINCT] select_expr [, select_expr] ...  
[ INTO <new_table> ]  
  
[ FROM <table_source> [,...n] ]  
  
[ WHERE <search_condition> ]  
  
[ GROUP BY {col_name | expr }, ... ]  
  
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Repeat with commas (T-SQL)

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## Labels or placeholders

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```
>>> A discovery...
```

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```
SELECT [ALL|DISTINCT] FirstName, LastName, FavColour
```

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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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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**

```
>>> Practice
```

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<greeting> ::= {{Hello | Hi} [...n] .}  
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```

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* Hello.
```

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Don't miss the round brackets!

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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 groups just like the WHERE clause discards rows.



```
>>> SQL clause: GROUP BY
```

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;
```

---

```
>>> SQL clause: GROUP BY
```

```
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

```
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```
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GROUP BY P.FriendID

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

```
>>> SQL clause: GROUP BY
```

```
SELECT P.FriendID
```

Unnamed			
PetID	PetName	PetDOB	FriendID
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{2,3}	{Cauchy, Gauss}	{01/03/2012, 01/03/2012}	3

```
>>> SQL clause: GROUP BY
```

result

Unnamed
FriendID
2
3

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

```
SELECT ???
```

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

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

>>> What will happen if we run this?

---

```
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.
```

```
>>> This will fix the error
```

---

```
SELECT P.friendID, P.petDOB  
FROM Notes.Pets P  
GROUP BY P.friendID, P.petDOB;
```

---

```
>>> SQL clause: GROUP BY
```

```
GROUP BY P.FriendID, P.PetDOB
```

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

```
>>> SQL clause: GROUP BY
```

```
GROUP BY P.FriendID, P.PetDOB
```

Unnamed			
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```
>>> More examples
```

Watch the curly braces

Letters		
<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	Num
a	b	1
a	c	2
a	b	3
a	c	4

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

```
>>> Solutions
```

```
* GROUP BY B
```

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

>>> Solutions

\* GROUP BY B

Unnamed		
<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	Num
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{a, a}	c	{2, 4}

\* GROUP BY A

Unnamed		
<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	Num
a	{b, c, b, c}	{1, 2, 3, 4}



## >>> Solutions

\* GROUP BY B

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{a, a}	c	{2, 4}

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Unnamed		
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Aggregation functions compute one value for each group.  
Aggregating frees us to select more columns.

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GROUP BY RP.gender;
```

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Column name alias

```
>>> Aggregation function: AVG
```

```
FROM Notes.RandomPeople RP
```

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

```
>>> Aggregation function: AVG
```

GROUP BY RP.Gender

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```
>>> Aggregation function: AVG
```

AVG(RP.Age)

Unnamed		
PersonName	Gender	(unnamed)
{Beyoncé, Laura Marling}	F	AVG({37,28})
{Darren Hayes, Bret McKenzie}	M	AVG({46,42})
{Jack Monroe}	NB	AVG({30})



```
>>> Aggregation function: AVG
```

AVG(RP.Age)

Unnamed		
PersonName	Gender	(unnamed)
{Beyoncé, Laura Marling}	F	32.5
{Darren Hayes, Bret McKenzie}	M	44
{Jack Monroe}	NB	30

```
>>> Aggregation function: AVG
```

```
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>>> Aggregation function: AVG
```

result

Unnamed	
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M	44
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We retrieved the average age for each gender in the table!

>>> What happens if we throw in a WHERE clause?

We will look at the execution of this query:

---

```
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---

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>>> What happens if we throw in a WHERE clause?
```

```
result
```

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Gender	AverageAge
F	32.5

We retrieved the average age for females in the table!



```
>>> Order of execution
```

1. FROM
2. WHERE
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

```
>>> Order of execution
```

1. FROM
2. WHERE
3. GROUP BY
- 4.
- 5.

```
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```

1. FROM
2. WHERE
3. GROUP BY
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- 5.

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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;
```

---

```
>>> SQL clause: HAVING
```

The HAVING clause was created because WHERE is executed before GROUP BY.

We will look at the execution of this query:

---

```
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FROM Notes.RandomPeople RP  
GROUP BY RP.gender  
HAVING AVG(RP.age) > 40;
```

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Search condition with aggregation function

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```
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```

```
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```
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```

result

Unnamed	
Gender	AverageAge
M	44



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>>> Order of execution
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1. FROM
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>>> Order of execution

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

## >>> 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.

```
>>> Solution
```

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



```
>>> Where are we now?
```

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```
>>> Basic subquery
```

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

- \* EXISTS
- \* ALL
- \* ANY

Subqueries are also known as **nested queries**.

>>> 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);
```

---

```
>>> Solution
```

```
1. SELECT P.friendID FROM Notes.Pets P
```



>>> Solution

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2. Let's refer to the output of Step 1 as `RESULT`.

3. `SELECT * FROM Notes.Friends F WHERE F.FriendID IN RESULT`

Retrieves only the rows of `Notes.Friends`  
whose `FriendID` is in `RESULT`.

>>> Solution

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Retrieves a table of all the FriendIDs in `Notes.Pets`.

2. Let's refer to the output of Step 1 as `RESULT`.

3. `SELECT * FROM Notes.Friends F WHERE F.FriendID IN RESULT`

Retrieves only the rows of `Notes.Friends`  
whose `FriendID` is in `RESULT`.

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  
                     FROM Notes.Pets P);
```

---

```
>>> Subquery anywhere!
```

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.

```
>>> How about this one?
```

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

Easy, right?



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FROM RandomPeople
GROUP BY Gender
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```

---

Wrong!

Let's try and execute it.

>>> Can you explain why?

FROM RandomPeople GROUP BY Gender

Unnamed		
PersonName	Gender	Age
(Beyoncé, Laura Marling)	F	(37, 28)
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---

```
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.

>>> 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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---

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WHERE age > (SELECT AVG(age)
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```

---

The notes have a good diagram for this...

```
>>> 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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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
```

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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.

```
>>> First few window functions
```

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You ready...?
```

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Danny... what are you talking about??

Those are aggregation functions.

```
>>> Aggregation functions work on windows
```

What will this do?

---

```
SELECT PersonName, MIN(Age) AS MinimumAge  
FROM RandomPeople;
```

---

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Here we go

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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.

>>> 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?

The minimum age for each person's gender?

---

```
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;
```

---

>>> 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.

>>> Thinking about order of operations

We know `SELECT` executes last, so what will this do?

---

```
SELECT Gender, MAX(Age) OVER()  
FROM Notes.RandomPeople  
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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---

```
SELECT Gender, MAX(MAX(Age)) OVER()  
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GROUP BY Gender;
```

---

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



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Shall I go through it on the blackboard?



>>> Exercises

Do exercises at the end of Chapter 3.

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