

Master the Art of Complex Queries: Top 100 Advanced
SQL Questions & Answers!

TOP 100 ADVANCED SQL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS FOR QUERY WRITING!

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1. How to retrieve the second-highest salary of an employee?

```
SELECT MAX(salary)
FROM employees
WHERE salary < (SELECT MAX(salary) FROM employees);
```

2. How to get the nth highest salary in ?

```
SELECT salary
FROM (SELECT salary, DENSE_RANK() OVER (ORDER BY salary DESC) AS rank
      FROM employees) AS ranked_salaries
WHERE rank = N;
```

3. How do you fetch all employees whose salary is greater than the average salary?

```
SELECT *
FROM employees
WHERE salary > (SELECT AVG(salary) FROM employees);
```

4. Write a query to display the current date and time in .

```
SELECT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP;
```

5. How to find duplicate records in a table?

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```
SELECT column_name, COUNT(*)  
FROM table_name  
GROUP BY column_name  
HAVING COUNT(*) > 1;
```

6. How can you delete duplicate rows in ?

```
WITH CTE AS (  
    SELECT column_name,  
           ROW_NUMBER() OVER (PARTITION BY column_name ORDER BY  
column_name) AS row_num  
    FROM table_name  
)  
DELETE FROM CTE WHERE row_num > 1;
```

7. How to get the common records from two tables?

```
SELECT *  
FROM table1  
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SELECT *  
FROM table2;
```

8. How to retrieve the last 10 records from a table?

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```
SELECT *  
FROM employees  
ORDER BY employee_id DESC  
LIMIT 10;
```

9. How do you fetch the top 5 employees with the highest salaries?

```
SELECT *  
FROM employees  
ORDER BY salary DESC  
LIMIT 5;
```

10. How to calculate the total salary of all employees?

```
SELECT SUM(salary)  
FROM employees;
```

11. How to write a query to find all employees who joined in the year 2020?

```
SELECT *  
FROM employees  
WHERE YEAR(join_date) = 2020;
```

12. Write a query to find employees whose name starts with 'A'.

```
SELECT *
```

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```
FROM employees
```

```
WHERE name LIKE 'A%';
```

13. How can you find the employees who do not have a manager?

```
SELECT *
```

```
FROM employees
```

```
WHERE manager_id IS NULL;
```

14. How to find the department with the highest number of employees?

```
SELECT department_id, COUNT(*)
```

```
FROM employees
```

```
GROUP BY department_id
```

```
ORDER BY COUNT(*) DESC
```

```
LIMIT 1;
```

15. How to get the count of employees in each department?

```
SELECT department_id, COUNT(*)
```

```
FROM employees
```

```
GROUP BY department_id;
```

16. Write a query to fetch employees having the highest salary in each department.

```
SELECT department_id, employee_id, salary
```

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```
FROM employees AS e
WHERE salary = (SELECT MAX(salary)
                FROM employees
                WHERE department_id = e.department_id);
```

17. How to write a query to update the salary of all employees by 10%?

```
UPDATE employees
SET salary = salary * 1.1;
```

18. How can you find employees whose salary is between 50,000 and 1,00,000?

```
SELECT *
FROM employees
WHERE salary BETWEEN 50000 AND 100000;
```

19. How to find the youngest employee in the organization?

```
SELECT *
FROM employees
ORDER BY birth_date DESC
LIMIT 1;
```

20. How to fetch the first and last record from a table?

```
(SELECT * FROM employees ORDER BY employee_id ASC LIMIT 1)
```

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UNION ALL

(SELECT * FROM employees ORDER BY employee_id DESC LIMIT 1);

21. Write a query to find all employees who report to a specific manager.

SELECT *

FROM employees

WHERE manager_id = ?;

22. How can you find the total number of departments in the company?

SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT department_id)

FROM employees;

23. How to find the department with the lowest average salary?

SELECT department_id, AVG(salary)

FROM employees

GROUP BY department_id

ORDER BY AVG(salary) ASC

LIMIT 1;

24. How to delete all employees from a department in one query?

DELETE FROM employees

WHERE department_id = ?;

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25. How to display all employees who have been in the company for more than 5 years?

```
SELECT *  
FROM employees  
WHERE DATEDIFF(CURDATE(), join_date) > 1825;
```

26. How to find the second-largest value from a table?

```
SELECT MAX(column_name)  
FROM table_name  
WHERE column_name < (SELECT MAX(column_name) FROM table_name);
```

27. How to write a query to remove all records from a table but keep the table structure?

```
TRUNCATE TABLE table_name;
```

28. Write a query to get all employee records in XML format.

```
SELECT employee_id, name, department_id  
FROM employees  
FOR XML AUTO;
```

29. How to get the current month's name from ?

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```
SELECT MONTHNAME(CURDATE());
```

30. How to convert a string to lowercase in ?

```
SELECT LOWER('STRING_VALUE');
```

31. How to find all employees who do not have any subordinates?

```
SELECT *
```

```
FROM employees
```

```
WHERE employee_id NOT IN (SELECT manager_id FROM employees WHERE  
manager_id IS NOT NULL);
```

32. Write a query to calculate the total sales per customer in a sales table.

```
SELECT customer_id, SUM(sales_amount)
```

```
FROM sales
```

```
GROUP BY customer_id;
```

33. How to write a query to check if a table is empty?

```
SELECT CASE
```

```
    WHEN EXISTS (SELECT 1 FROM table_name)
```

```
    THEN 'Not Empty'
```

```
    ELSE 'Empty'
```

```
END;
```

34. How to find the second highest salary for each department?

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```
SELECT department_id, salary
FROM (SELECT department_id, salary,
      DENSE_RANK() OVER (PARTITION BY department_id ORDER BY salary
      DESC) AS rank
      FROM employees) AS ranked_salaries
WHERE rank = 2;
```

35. Write a query to fetch employees whose salary is a multiple of 10,000.

```
SELECT *
FROM employees
WHERE salary % 10000 = 0;
```

36. How to fetch records where a column has null values?

```
SELECT *
FROM employees
WHERE column_name IS NULL;
```

37. How to write a query to find the total number of employees in each job title?

```
SELECT job_title, COUNT(*)
FROM employees
GROUP BY job_title;
```

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38. Write a query to fetch all employees whose names end with 'n'.

```
SELECT *  
FROM employees  
WHERE name LIKE '%n';
```

39. How to find all employees who work in both departments 101 and 102?

```
SELECT employee_id  
FROM employees  
WHERE department_id IN (101, 102)  
GROUP BY employee_id  
HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT department_id) = 2;
```

40. Write a query to fetch the details of employees with the same salary.

```
SELECT *  
FROM employees  
WHERE salary IN (SELECT salary  
                  FROM employees  
                  GROUP BY salary  
                  HAVING COUNT(*) > 1);
```

41. How to update salaries of employees based on their department?

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```
UPDATE employees
SET salary = CASE
    WHEN department_id = 101 THEN salary * 1.10
    WHEN department_id = 102 THEN salary * 1.05
    ELSE salary
END;
```

42. How to write a query to list all employees without a department?

```
SELECT *
FROM employees
WHERE department_id IS NULL;
```

43. Write a query to find the maximum salary and minimum salary in each department.

```
SELECT department_id, MAX(salary), MIN(salary)
FROM employees
GROUP BY department_id;
```

44. How to list all employees hired in the last 6 months?

```
SELECT *
FROM employees
WHERE hire_date > ADDDATE(CURDATE(), INTERVAL -6 MONTH);
```

45. Write a query to display department-wise total and average salary.

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```
SELECT department_id, SUM(salary) AS total_salary, AVG(salary) AS avg_salary  
FROM employees  
GROUP BY department_id;
```

46. How to find employees who joined the company in the same month and year as their manager?

```
SELECT e.employee_id, e.name  
FROM employees e  
JOIN employees m ON e.manager_id = m.employee_id  
WHERE MONTH(e.join_date) = MONTH(m.join_date)  
AND YEAR(e.join_date) = YEAR(m.join_date);
```

47. Write a query to count the number of employees whose names start and end with the same letter.

```
SELECT COUNT(*)  
FROM employees  
WHERE LEFT(name, 1) = RIGHT(name, 1);
```

48. How to retrieve employee names and salaries in a single string?

```
SELECT CONCAT(name, ' earns ', salary) AS employee_info  
FROM employees;
```

49. How to find employees whose salary is higher than their manager's salary?

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```
SELECT e.employee_id, e.name  
FROM employees e  
JOIN employees m ON e.manager_id = m.employee_id  
WHERE e.salary > m.salary;
```

50. Write a query to get employees who belong to departments with less than 3 employees.

```
SELECT *  
FROM employees  
WHERE department_id IN (SELECT department_id  
                        FROM employees  
                        GROUP BY department_id  
                        HAVING COUNT(*) < 3);
```

51. How to write a query to find employees with the same first name?

```
SELECT *  
FROM employees  
WHERE first_name IN (SELECT first_name  
                    FROM employees  
                    GROUP BY first_name  
                    HAVING COUNT(*) > 1);
```

52. How to write a query to delete employees who have been in the company for more than 15 years?

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