# Databases & SQL for Analysts

# 3.8: Performing Subqueries

#### 1. The Average Amount Paid by The Top 5 Customers

#### Query & answer:

```
1. -- Find the average amount paid by the top 5 customers
2.
SELECT AVG(total_amount_paid) as average
4. FROM (
5.
         SELECT A.customer_id, A.first_name, A.last_name,
6.
                D.country,
7.
                        SUM(E.amount) AS total amount paid
8.
9.
         FROM public.payment E
10.
         RIGHT JOIN public.customer A ON E.customer id = A.customer id
11.
         LEFT JOIN public.address B ON A.address_id = B.address_id
12.
         LEFT JOIN public.city C ON B.city_id = C.city_id
         LEFT JOIN public.country D ON C.country id = D.country id
13.
14.
         WHERE C.city IN (
15.
                           SELECT C.city
                           FROM public.city C
16.
17.
                           RIGHT JOIN public.address B
18.
                                      ON C.city_id = B.city_id
                           LEFT JOIN public.country D
19.
20.
                                      ON C.country id = D.country id
21.
                           RIGHT JOIN public.customer A
22.
                                      ON B.address_id = A.address_id
23.
                           WHERE D.country IN (
24.
                                                SELECT D.country
                                               FROM public.customer A
25.
26.
                                                LEFT JOIN public.address B
                                                    ON A.address_id = B.address_id
27.
                                                LEFT JOIN public.city C
28.
```

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29.
                                                    ON B.city_id = C.city_id
                                                LEFT JOIN public.country D
30.
31.
                                                    ON C.country_id = D.country_id
32.
                                                GROUP BY country
33.
                                                ORDER BY COUNT(customer_id) DESC
34.
                                                LIMIT 10
35.
                                                )
36.
                           GROUP BY C.city, D.country
37.
                           ORDER BY COUNT(customer_id) DESC
38.
                           LIMIT 10
39.
                           )
40.
         GROUP BY A.customer_id, A.first_name, A.last_name,
41.
                  D.country,
42.
                  C.city
         ORDER BY total_amount_paid DESC
43.
44.
         LIMIT 5
45.
         ) AS total_amount_paid
```

average	
107.354	

# 2. Number of The Top 5 Customers Based Within Each Country

#### Query & answer:

```
1. -- Find out how many of the top 5 customers are based within each country
2.
SELECT D.country,
          COUNT( DISTINCT A.customer_id) AS all_customer_count,
4.
5.
          COUNT (DISTINCT top_5_customers.customer_id) AS top_customer_count
6. FROM public.customer A
7. LEFT JOIN public.address B ON A.address id = B.address id
8. LEFT JOIN public.city C ON B.city id = C.city id
9. LEFT JOIN public.country D ON C.country_id = D.country_id
10. LEFT JOIN (
11.
            SELECT A.customer_id, A.first_name, A.last_name,
12.
                   D.country,
13.
                   C.city,
14.
                   SUM(E.amount) AS total_amount_paid
15.
            FROM public.payment E
            RIGHT JOIN public.customer A ON E.customer_id = A.customer_id
16.
17.
            LEFT JOIN public.address B ON A.address id = B.address id
18.
            LEFT JOIN public.city C ON B.city id = C.city id
            LEFT JOIN public.country D ON C.country_id = D.country_id
19.
20.
            WHERE C.city IN (
21.
                             SELECT C.city
22.
                             FROM public.city C
                             RIGHT JOIN public.address B
23.
24.
                                  ON C.city id = B.city id
25.
                             LEFT JOIN public.country D
26.
                                  ON C.country_id = D.country_id
27.
                             RIGHT JOIN public.customer A
                                  ON B.address_id = A.address_id
28.
                             WHERE D.country IN (
29.
30.
                                           SELECT D.country
31.
                                                 FROM public.customer A
                                                  LEFT JOIN public.address B
32.
                                                    ON A.address_id = B.address_id
33.
                                         LEFT JOIN public.city C
34.
```

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35.
                                                    ON B.city_id = C.city_id
36.
                                         LEFT JOIN public.country D
37.
                                                    ON C.country_id = D.country_id
38.
                                         GROUP BY country
39.
                                         ORDER BY COUNT(customer_id) DESC
40.
                                         LIMIT 10
41.
                                           )
42.
                             GROUP BY C.city, D.country
                             ORDER BY COUNT(customer_id) DESC
43.
44.
                             LIMIT 10
45.
                              )
            GROUP BY A.customer_id, A.first_name, A.last_name,
46.
47.
                     D.country,
48.
                     C.city
            ORDER BY total_amount_paid DESC
49.
50.
            LIMIT 5
51.
              ) AS top_5_customers
              ON D.country = top_5_customers.country
52.
53. GROUP BY D.country
54. ORDER BY top_customer_count DESC
55.LIMIT 5
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country	all_customer_count	top_customer_count
Mexico	30	2
United States	36	1
India	60	1
Turkey	15	1
American Samoa	1	0

#### 3. Reflection

# • Do you think steps 1 and 2 could be done without using subqueries?

Step 1 and 2 may be completed without subqueries if the data were already in place in new tables. In this case, the subqueries allowed for easy understanding, as the complex query were broken down into a series of logical steps.

# • When do you think subqueries are useful?

Subqueries are useful when there is a need to utilize the results of one query to determine the results of another. They can also be used to create complex queries that would otherwise be difficult to write.