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EXERCISE-8

Aggregating Data Using Group Functions

Objectives

After the completion of this exercise, the students will be able to do the following:

- Identify the available group functions
- Describe the use of group functions
- Group data by using the GROUP BY clause
- Include or exclude grouped rows by using the HAVING clause

What Are Group Functions?

Group functions operate on sets of rows to give one result per group

Types of Group Functions

- AVG
- COUNT
- MAX
- MIN
- STDDEV
- SUM
- VARIANCE

Each of the functions accepts an argument. The following table identifies the options that you can use in the syntax:

Function	Description
AVG([DISTINCT ALL] n)	Average value of n, ignoring null values
COUNT({ * [DISTINCT ALL] expr })	Number of rows, where expr evaluates to something other than null (count all selected rows using *, including duplicates and rows with nulls)
MAX([DISTINCT ALL] expr)	Maximum value of expr, ignoring null values
MIN([DISTINCT ALL] expr)	Minimum value of expr, ignoring null values
STDDEV([DISTINCT ALL] x)	Standard deviation of n, ignoring null values
SUM([DISTINCT ALL] n)	Sum values of n, ignoring null values
VARIANCE([DISTINCT ALL] x)	Variance of n, ignoring null values

Group Functions: Syntax

SELECT [column,] group_function(column), ...

FROM table

[WHERE condition]

[GROUP BY column]

[ORDER BY column];

Guidelines for Using Group Functions

- DISTINCT makes the function consider only nonduplicate values; ALL makes it consider every value, including duplicates. The default is ALL and therefore does not need to be specified.

- The data types for the functions with an *expr* argument may be CHAR, VARCHAR2, NUMBER, or DATE.
- All group functions ignore null values.

Using the AVG and SUM Functions

You can use AVG and SUM for numeric data.

```
SELECT AVG(salary), MAX(salary),
MIN(salary), SUM(salary)
FROM employees
WHERE job_id LIKE '%REP%';
```

Using the MIN and MAX Functions

You can use MIN and MAX for numeric, character, and date data types.

```
SELECT MIN(hire_date), MAX(hire_date)
FROM employees;
```

You can use the MAX and MIN functions for numeric, character, and date data types. example displays the most junior and most senior employees.

The following example displays the employee last name that is first and the employee last name that is last in an alphabetized list of all employees:

```
SELECT MIN(last_name), MAX(last_name)
FROM employees;
```

Note: The AVG, SUM, VARIANCE, and STDDEV functions can be used only with numeric data types. MAX and MIN cannot be used with LOB or LONG data types.

Using the COUNT Function

COUNT(*) returns the number of rows in a table:

```
SELECT COUNT(*)
FROM employees
WHERE department_id = 50;
```

COUNT(*expr*) returns the number of rows with nonnull values for the *expr*:

```
SELECT COUNT(commission_pct)
FROM employees
WHERE department_id = 80;
```

Using the DISTINCT Keyword

- COUNT(DISTINCT *expr*) returns the number of distinct non-null values of the *expr*.
- To display the number of distinct department values in the EMPLOYEES table:

```
SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT department_id) FROM employees;
```

Use the DISTINCT keyword to suppress the counting of any duplicate values in a column.

Group Functions and Null Values

Group functions ignore null values in the column:

```
SELECT AVG(commission_pct)
FROM employees;
```

The NVL function forces group functions to include null values:

```
SELECT AVG(NVL(commission_pct, 0))
FROM employees;
```

Creating Groups of Data

To divide the table of information into smaller groups. This can be done by using the GROUP BY clause.

GROUP BY Clause Syntax

```
SELECT column, group_function(column)
FROM table
[WHERE condition]
[GROUP BY group_by_expression]
[ORDER BY column];
```

In the syntax:

group_by_expression specifies columns whose values determine the basis for grouping rows

Guidelines

- If you include a group function in a SELECT clause, you cannot select individual results as well, unless the individual column appears in the GROUP BY clause. You receive an error message if you fail to include the column list in the GROUP BY clause.
- Using a WHERE clause, you can exclude rows before dividing them into groups.
- You must include the *columns* in the GROUP BY clause.
- You cannot use a column alias in the GROUP BY clause.

Using the GROUP BY Clause

All columns in the SELECT list that are not in group functions must be in the GROUP BY clause.

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

The GROUP BY column does not have to be in the SELECT list.

```
SELECT AVG(salary) FROM employees GROUP BY department_id;
```

You can use the group function in the ORDER BY clause:

```
SELECT department_id, AVG(salary) FROM employees GROUP BY department_id ORDER BY AVG(salary);
```

Grouping by More Than One Column

```
SELECT department_id, dept_id, job_id, SUM(salary) FROM employees  
GROUP BY department_id, job_id;
```

Illegal Queries Using Group Functions

Any column or expression in the SELECT list that is not an aggregate function must be in the GROUP

BY clause:

```
SELECT department_id, COUNT(last_name) FROM employees;
```

You can correct the error by adding the GROUP BY clause:

```
SELECT department_id, count(last_name) FROM employees GROUP BY department_id;
```

You cannot use the WHERE clause to restrict groups.

- You use the HAVING clause to restrict groups.
- You cannot use group functions in the WHERE clause.

```
SELECT department_id, AVG(salary) FROM employees WHERE AVG(salary) > 8000  
GROUP BY department_id;
```

You can correct the error in the example by using the HAVING clause to restrict groups:

```
SELECT department_id, AVG(salary) FROM employees  
HAVING AVG(salary) > 8000 GROUP BY department_id;
```

Restricting Group Results

With the HAVING Clause .When you use the HAVING clause, the Oracle server restricts groups as follows:

1. Rows are grouped.
2. The group function is applied.
3. Groups matching the HAVING clause are displayed.

Using the HAVING Clause

```
SELECT department_id, MAX(salary) FROM employees  
GROUP BY department_id HAVING MAX(salary)>10000 ;
```

The following example displays the department numbers and average salaries for those departments with a maximum salary that is greater than \$10,000:

```
SELECT department_id, AVG(salary) FROM employees GROUP BY department_id  
HAVING max(salary)>10000;
```

Example displays the job ID and total monthly salary for each job that has a total payroll exceeding \$13,000. The example excludes sales representatives and sorts the list by the total monthly salary.

```
SELECT job_id, SUM(salary) PAYROLL FROM employees WHERE job_id NOT LIKE  
%REP%  
GROUP BY job_id HAVING SUM(salary) > 13000 ORDER BY SUM(salary);
```

Nesting Group Functions

Display the maximum average salary:

Group functions can be nested to a depth of two. The slide example displays the maximum average salary.

```
SELECT MAX(AVG(salary)) FROM employees GROUP BY department_id;  
Summary
```

In this exercise, students should have learned how to:

- Use the group functions COUNT, MAX, MIN, and AVG
- Write queries that use the GROUP BY clause
- Write queries that use the HAVING clause

```
SELECT column, group_function  
FROM table  
[WHERE condition]  
[GROUP BY group_by_expression]  
[HAVING group_condition]  
[ORDER BY column];
```

Find the Solution for the following:

Determine the validity of the following three statements. Circle either True or False.

1. Group functions work across many rows to produce one result per group.

True/ False

2. Group functions include nulls in calculations.

True/ False

3. The WHERE clause restricts rows prior to inclusion in a group calculation.

True/ False

The HR department needs the following reports:

4. Find the highest, lowest, sum, and average salary of all employees. Label the columns Maximum, Minimum, Sum, and Average, respectively. Round your results to the nearest whole number

```
SELECT ROUND(MAX(salary)) AS Maximum, ROUND(MIN(salary))  
AS Minimum, ROUND(SUM(salary)) AS sum, ROUND  
(AVG(salary)) AS Average FROM employees;
```

5. Modify the above query to display the minimum, maximum, sum, and average salary for each job type.

```
SELECT job_id, ROUND (MIN(salary)) AS Minimum, ROUND (MAX(salary)) AS Maximum, ROUND (SUM(salary)) AS Sum, ROUND (AVG(salary)) AS Average FROM employees GROUP BY job_id;
```

6. Write a query to display the number of people with the same job. Generalize the query so that the user in the HR department is prompted for a job title.

```
SELECT COUNT (*) AS "Number of people" FROM employees  
WHERE job_id = 'job-title';
```

7. Determine the number of managers without listing them. Label the column Number of Managers. Hint: Use the MANAGER_ID column to determine the number of managers.

```
SELECT COUNT (DISTINCT manager_id) AS "Number of  
Managers" FROM employees WHERE manager_id IS  
NOT NULL;
```

8. Find the difference between the highest and lowest salaries. Label the column DIFFERENCE.

```
SELECT (MAX(salary) - MIN(salary)) AS Difference  
FROM employees;
```

9. Create a report to display the manager number and the salary of the lowest-paid employee for that manager. Exclude anyone whose manager is not known. Exclude any groups where the minimum salary is \$6,000 or less. Sort the output in descending order of salary.

```
SELECT manager_id MIN(salary) AS min_salary FROM  
employees WHERE Manager_id IS NOT NULL GROUP BY  
manager_id HAVING MIN(salary) > 6000 ORDER BY  
min_salary DESC;
```

10. Create a query to display the total number of employees and, of that total, the number of employees hired in 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998. Create appropriate column headings.

```
SELECT COUNT(*) AS Total, SUM (CASE WHEN TO_CHAR  
(hire_date,'YYYY')='1995' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS "Hired  
in 1995", SUM (CASE WHEN TO_CHAR(hire_date,'YYYY')= '1996' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS
```

11. Create a matrix query to display the job, the salary for that job based on department number, and the total salary for that job, for departments 20, 50, 80, and 90, giving each column an appropriate heading.

```
SELECT job_id, SUM(CASE WHEN department_id = 20 THEN
    Salary END) AS "Dept 20", SUM(CASE WHEN department_id = 50
    THEN Salary END) AS "Dept 50", SUM(CASE WHEN department_id =
    80 THEN Salary END) AS "Dept 80", SUM(CASE WHEN department_id =
    90 THEN Salary END) AS "Dept 90", SUM(Salary) AS "TOTAL"
FROM employees WHERE department_id IN (20, 50, 80, 90) GROUP BY
```

12. Write a query to display each department's name, location, number of employees, and the average salary for all the employees in that department. Label the column name-Location, Number of people, and salary respectively. Round the average salary to two decimal places.

```
SELECT d.department_name || '-' || l.city AS "name-location",
COUNT(e.employee_id) AS "Number of people", ROUND(AVG(
e.salary)) AS department_id, l.location_id LEFT JOIN
employees e ON d.department_id = e.department_id
GROUP BY department_name, l.city;
```

Evaluation Procedure	Marks awarded
Query(5)	5
Execution (5)	4
Viva(5)	5
Total (15)	15
Faculty Signature	BPL

Practice Questions

Date Functions

1. For DJs on Demand, display the number of months between the event_date of the Vigil wedding and today's date. Round to the nearest month.

```
SELECT ROUND(MONTHS - BETWEEN(SYSDATE, event_date))  
AS months_between FROM dm_events WHERE event_  
name = 'Vigil Wedding';
```

2. Display the days between the start of last summer's school vacation break and the day school started this year. Assume 30.5 days per month. Name the output "Days."

```
SELECT ROUND((School_start_date - vacation_start_  
date) * 30.5, 0) AS Days FROM School_Calendar;
```

3. Display the days between January 1 and December 31.

```
SELECT (TO_DATE('31-DEC-2024', 'DD-MON-YYYY') - TO_  
DATE('01-JAN-2024')) * 30.5 AS days FROM  
dual;
```

4. Using one statement, round today's date to the nearest month and nearest year and truncate it to the nearest month and nearest year. Use an alias for each column.

```
SELECT ROUND(SYSDATE, 'MONTH') AS rounded_month,  
ROUND(SYSDATE, 'YEAR') AS rounded_year, TRUNC(SYSDATE,  
'MONTH') AS truncated_month, TRUNC(SYSDATE, 'YEAR') AS  
truncated_year FROM dual;
```

5. What is the last day of the month for June 2005? Use an alias for the output.

```
SELECT LAST_DAY(TO_DATE('01-JUN-2005', 'DD-MON-YYYY'))  
AS last_day FROM dual;
```

6. Display the number of years between the Global Fast Foods employee Bob Miller's birthday and

today. Round to the nearest year.

SELECT ROUND(MONTHS_BETWEEN(SYSDATE, birth_date)) AS years_between FROM employees WHERE last_name = 'Mikel' AND first_name = 'Bob';

7. Your next appointment with the dentist is six months from today. On what day will you go to the dentist? Name the output, "Appointment."

SELECT ADD_MONTHS(SYSDATE, 6) AS Appointment FROM dual;

8. The teacher said you have until the last day of this month to turn in your research paper. What day will this be? Name the output, "Deadline."

SELECT LAST_DAY(SYSDATE) AS Deadline FROM dual;

9. How many months between your birthday this year and January 1 next year?

SELECT MONTHS_BETWEEN(TO_DATE('01-JAN-2025', 'DD-MM-YYYY'), TO_DATE('15-SEP-2024', 'DD-MM-YYYY')) AS months_between FROM dual;

10. What's the date of the next Friday after your birthday this year? Name the output, "First Friday."

SELECT NEXT_DAY(TO_DATE("5-SEP-2024", 'DD-MON-YYYY'), 'FRIDAY') AS First_Friday FROM dual;

11. Name a date function that will return a number.

MONTHS_BETWEEN(), ROUND(SYSDATE - SYSDATE TO_NUMBER());

12. Name a date function that will return a date.

SYSDATE, ADD_MONTHS(), NEXT_DAY(), LAST_DAY()

13. Give one example of why it is important for businesses to be able to manipulate date data?

Business need to: calculate salaries, billing cycles, promotions, employee service years, due dates, interest calculation, etc. Banks calculate loan due dates and interest on date functions.

Conversion Functions

In each of the following exercises, feel free to use labels for the converted column to make the output more readable.

1. List the last names and birthdays of Global Fast Food Employees. Convert the birth dates to character data in the Month DD, YYYY format. Suppress any leading zeros.

```
SELECT last_name, TO_CHAR(birth_date, 'Month DD, YYYY')  
AS birthday FROM employees;
```

2. Convert January 3, 04, to the default date format 03-Jan-2004.

```
SELECT TO_DATE('03-JAN-2004', 'DD-MON-YYYY') AS  
converted_date FROM dual;
```

3. Format a query from the Global Fast Foods f_promotional_menus table to print out the start_date of promotional code 110 as: The promotion began on the tenth of February 2004.

```
SELECT 'The promotion began on the ' || TO_CHAR  
(start_date, 'FMDDth "of" Month,YY') AS promotion  
FROM f_promotional_menus WHERE promo_code = 110;
```

4. Convert today's date to a format such as: "Today is the Twentieth of March, Two Thousand Four"

```
SELECT 'Today is the ' || TO_CHAR(SYSDATE,  
"FMDDth "of" Month,YY") AS formatted_date FROM  
dual;
```

5. List the ID, name and salary for all Global Fast Foods employees. Display salary with a \$ sign and two decimal places.

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, TO_CHAR(salary, '$  
999,999.99') AS salary FROM employees;
```

Evaluation Procedure	Marks awarded
Practice Evaluation (5)	
Viva(5)	
Total (10)	
Faculty Signature	