



Aggregating Data Using Group Functions

Objectives

After completing this lesson, you should be able to do the following:

- **Identify the available group functions**
- **Describe the use of group functions**
- **Group data 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.

EMP

DEPTNO	SAL
10	2450
10	5000
10	1300
20	800
20	1100
20	3000
20	3000
20	2975
30	1600
30	2850
30	1250
30	950
30	1500
30	1250

“maximum
salary in
the EMP table”

MAX (SAL)
5000

Types of Group Functions

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

Using Group Functions

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

Using AVG and SUM Functions

You can use AVG and SUM for numeric data.

```
SQL> SELECT  AVG(sal), MAX(sal),  
2           MIN(sal), SUM(sal)  
3 FROM      emp  
4 WHERE     job LIKE 'SALES%';
```

AVG (SAL)	MAX (SAL)	MIN (SAL)	SUM (SAL)	
-----	-----	-----	-----	
1400	1600	1250	5600	

Using MIN and MAX Functions

You can use MIN and MAX for any datatype.

```
SQL> SELECT MIN(hiredate), MAX(hiredate)
2 FROM emp;
```

MIN (HIRED	MAX (HIRED
-----	-----
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Using the COUNT Function

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

```
SQL> SELECT COUNT (*)  
2 FROM emp  
3 WHERE deptno = 30;
```

COUNT (*)

6

Using the COUNT Function

COUNT(expr) returns the number of nonnull rows.

```
SQL> SELECT COUNT(comm)
      2 FROM emp
      3 WHERE deptno = 30;
```

COUNT (COMM)

4

Group Functions and Null Values

Group functions ignore null values in the column.

```
SQL> SELECT AVG(comm)
       2 FROM emp;
```

AVG (COMM)

550

Using the NVL Function with Group Functions

The NVL function forces group functions to include null values.

```
SQL> SELECT AVG (NVL (comm, 0) )  
2 FROM emp ;
```

```
AVG (NVL (COMM, 0) )  
-----  
157.14286
```

Creating Groups of Data

EMP

DEPTNO	SAL
10	2450
10	5000
10	1300
20	800
20	1100
20	3000
20	3000
20	2975
30	1600
30	2850
30	1250
30	950
30	1500
30	1250

2916.6667

2175

1566.6667

“average
salary
in EMP
table
for each
department”

DEPTNO	AVG (SAL)
10	2916.6667
20	2175
30	1566.6667

Creating Groups of Data: GROUP BY Clause

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

Divide rows in a table into smaller groups by using 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.

```
SQL> SELECT deptno, AVG(sal)
2 FROM emp
3 GROUP BY deptno;
```

DEPTNO	AVG (SAL)
10	2916.6667
20	2175
30	1566.6667

Using the GROUP BY Clause

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

```
SQL> SELECT      AVG(sal)
  2  FROM          emp
  3  GROUP BY deptno;
```

AVG (SAL)
2916.6667
2175
1566.6667

Grouping by More Than One Column

EMP

DEPTNO	JOB	SAL
10	MANAGER	2450
10	PRESIDENT	5000
10	CLERK	1300
20	CLERK	800
20	CLERK	1100
20	ANALYST	3000
20	ANALYST	3000
20	MANAGER	2975
30	SALESMAN	1600
30	MANAGER	2850
30	SALESMAN	1250
30	CLERK	950
30	SALESMAN	1500
30	SALESMAN	1250

“sum salaries in the EMP table for each job, grouped by department”

DEPTNO	JOB	SUM (SAL)
10	CLERK	1300
10	MANAGER	2450
10	PRESIDENT	5000
20	ANALYST	6000
20	CLERK	1900
20	MANAGER	2975
30	CLERK	950
30	MANAGER	2850
30	SALESMAN	5600

Using the GROUP BY Clause on Multiple Columns

```
SQL> SELECT    deptno, job, sum(sal)
  2  FROM      emp
  3  GROUP BY  deptno, job;
```

DEPTNO	JOB	SUM(SAL)
10	CLERK	1300
10	MANAGER	2450
10	PRESIDENT	5000
20	ANALYST	6000
20	CLERK	1900
...		

9 rows selected.

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.

```
SQL> SELECT    deptno, COUNT(ename)
      2  FROM      emp;
```

Column missing in the GROUP BY clause

```
SELECT deptno, COUNT(ename)
      *
```

```
ERROR at line 1:
```

```
ORA-00937: not a single-group group function
```

Illegal Queries

Using Group Functions

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

```
SQL> SELECT      deptno, AVG(sal)
  2  FROM          emp
  3  WHERE         AVG(sal) > 2000
  4  GROUP BY     deptno;
```

```
WHERE AVG(sal) > 2000
```

```
*
```

```
ERROR at line 3
```

```
ORA-00934: group function is not allowed here
```

Cannot use the WHERE clause
to restrict groups

Excluding Group Results

EMP

DEPTNO	SAL
-----	-----
10	2450
10	5000
10	1300
20	800
20	1100
20	3000
20	3000
20	2975
30	1600
30	2850
30	1250
30	950
30	1500
30	1250

5000

3000

2850

“maximum
salary
per department
greater than
\$2900”

DEPTNO	MAX (SAL)
-----	-----
10	5000
20	3000

Excluding Group Results: HAVING Clause

Use the HAVING clause to restrict groups

- Rows are grouped.
- The group function is applied.
- Groups matching the HAVING clause are displayed.

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

Using the HAVING Clause

```
SQL> SELECT    deptno, max(sal)
  2  FROM      emp
  3  GROUP BY  deptno
  4  HAVING    max(sal)>2900;
```

DEPTNO	MAX (SAL)
10	5000
20	3000

Using the HAVING Clause

```
SQL> SELECT      job, SUM(sal) PAYROLL
  2  FROM          emp
  3  WHERE         job NOT LIKE 'SALES%'
  4  GROUP BY     job
  5  HAVING        SUM(sal)>5000
  6  ORDER BY     SUM(sal) ;
```

JOB	PAYROLL
ANALYST	6000
MANAGER	8275

Nesting Group Functions

Display the maximum average salary.

```
SQL> SELECT      max (avg (sal) )  
      2  FROM      emp  
      3  GROUP BY deptno ;
```

```
MAX (AVG (SAL) )  
-----  
      2916.6667
```


Summary

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

Order of evaluation of the clauses:

- WHERE clause
- GROUP BY clause
- HAVING clause