

## → Sub-Query

- a. A subquery is a query which is nested within another query
- b. It is used to retrieve data from one or more tables and use a result of query as condition/criteria for another table
- c. We can write almost 255 levels of subqueries
- d. Larger the number of subqueries, slower the execution time
- e. JOIN is faster than subqueries
- f. In subqueries, we use operators like IN(logical OR), ANY(logical OR), ALL(logical AND)
- g. Syntax for subquery in FROM clause:

```
SELECT <column_name> FROM (SELECT <column_name> FROM <table_name>)
WHERE <condition>;
```

- h. Syntax for subquery in WHERE clause:

```
SELECT <column_name> FROM <table1_name> WHERE <column_name>
[operators =, NOT IN, IN, >, <, etc] (SELECT <column_name> FROM
<table2_name>);
```

- i. Syntax for subquery in HAVING clause:

```
SELECT column_name FROM table1_name WHERE condition GROUP BY
column_name HAVING column_name [operator =, >, <, <>] (SELECT
column_name FROM table2_name);
```

## → Rules to write a subqueries

- a. A subquery must be enclosed in parenthesis ( )
- b. A subquery cannot return more than one column
- c. A subquery can return only one row in most cases, however we can use some clauses like IN, ANY, which will allow subquery to return multiple rows
- d. A subquery can be used in various clauses like SELECT, FROM, WHERE, HAVING, DELETE
- e. Syntax of subquery will vary depending on the clause we have used
- f. A subquery can be nested to multiple levels, but this can make the query more complex and harder to understand
- g. A subquery slows down the query execution time. In order to have better performance, we need to optimize subqueries

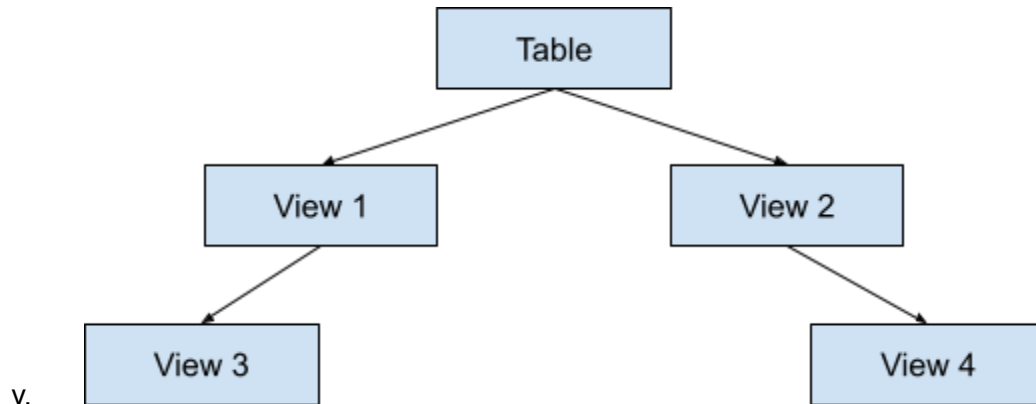
## → Views

- a. A VIEW is a virtual table, that contains specific results
- b. Views are stored in the database like tables, and can be used to simplify queries, hide complex queries for end user and provide a layer of security or restriction to sensitive data

c. A `view` can be created on simple queries, bare statements, on joins, on subqueries

d. *Key points for Views:*

- i. A view is a virtual table which displays selected columns from one or more tables
- ii. It does not store actual data, but only `SELECT` query statement
- iii. A view is a logical entity, while table is a physical entity
- iv. You can create a view from another view, but if the table is dropped, view becomes inaccessible



e. *Advantages of Views:*

- i. It provides security and helps to hide columns having sensitive information underlying tables
- ii. It reduces data redundancy

f. *Creating View*

i. *Syntax to create a view:*

```
CREATE VIEW <view_name> AS SELECT <column1>, <column2> FROM  
<table_name> WHERE <condition>;
```

ii. *Example of create view – Basic Example:*

```
CREATE VIEW sal_emp AS SELECT FIRST_NAME, SALARY, DEPARTMENT_ID FROM  
employees WHERE SALARY>10000;
```

iii. *Example of create view – GROUP BY:*

```
CREATE VIEW no_emp_dept AS SELECT DEPARTMENT_ID, count(*) FROM  
employees GROUP BY DEPARTMENT_ID;
```

iv. *Example of create view – JOIN:*

```
CREATE VIEW join_view1 AS SELECT e.FIRST_NAME, d.DEPARTMENT_NAME,  
e.SALARY FROM employees e JOIN departments d ON  
e.DEPARTMENT_ID=d.DEPARTMENT_ID;
```

v. *Example of create view – SubQuery:*

```
CREATE VIEW sub_examp AS SELECT max(SALARY) FROM employees WHERE  
SALARY<(SELECT max(SALARY) FROM employees);
```

g. Updating VIEW:

- i. This UPDATE statement will change data in both view as well as table
- ii. This query is considered as if we are updating the data on main table

```
SELECT * FROM employees;  
UPDATE sal_emp SET FIRST_NAME="John"  
WHERE SALARY=24000 AND DEPARTMENT_ID=90 AND FIRST_NAME="Steven";  
SELECT * FROM employees;
```

- iii. **Note:** Updating the View may not always result in update to main table, so in order to update anything in view table, you need to update main table

h. Altering VIEW

- i. The schema / structure of VIEW can be altered using ALTER command
- ii. This means that columns can be added or removed on the applied condition in the view
- iii. This means that modification will be made on VIEW table
- iv. Example:

```
SELECT FIRST_NAME, LAST_NAME, SALARY, HIRE_DATE FROM employees  
WHERE SALARY>5000;
```

i. Deleting record from VIEW:

```
SELECT * FROM employees; # show record of John in table employees  
DELETE FROM sal_emp WHERE SALARY=24000 AND DEPARTMENT_ID=90 AND  
FIRST_NAME='John'; # deletes record of John with salary 24000, dept  
id of 90  
SELECT * FROM employees; # does not show record of John
```

j. Dropping view:

```
SELECT * FROM sal_emp; # shows view sal_emp  
DROP VIEW sal_emp; # drops view sal_emp  
SELECT * FROM sal_emp; # throws error as sal_emp does not exist  
anymore
```

→ Random Tips:

- a. The SELECT column is used to select required data from database
- b. The FROM clause is used to specify the source from where the data has to be fetched
- c. The WHERE condition is used to filter the records, the row will be filtered according to comparison between result of subquery
- d. The GROUP BY clause is used to group rows having similar values
- e. The HAVING clause is used to filter based on specified condition, filtering the group on basis of result of subquery

- f. `IN` operator is faster than `ANY` operator, but `ANY` is more powerful than `IN` operator

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