## The SQL HAVING Clause

The HAVING clause was added to SQL because the WHERE keyword cannot be used with aggregate functions.

### HAVING Syntax

SELECT column\_name(s)  
FROM table\_name  
WHERE condition  
GROUP BY column\_name(s)  
HAVING condition  
ORDER BY column\_name(s);

## SQL HAVING Examples

The following SQL statement lists the number of customers in each country. Only include countries with more than 5 customers:

### Example

SELECT COUNT(CustomerID), Country  
FROM Customers  
GROUP BY Country  
HAVING COUNT(CustomerID) > 5;

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The HAVING clause in SQL is used to filter the results of a GROUP BY operation in a query. It allows you to specify conditions on the aggregated data, much like the WHERE clause does for individual rows of data. However, the key difference is that HAVING operates on groups of rows that have been aggregated, whereas WHERE filters rows before any group aggregation takes place.

### Syntax of the HAVING Clause

The HAVING clause is typically used in conjunction with the GROUP BY clause. Here's the basic syntax:

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SELECT column1, aggregate\_function(column2)

FROM table

WHERE condition

GROUP BY column1

HAVING condition\_on\_aggregate;

* SELECT: Specifies the columns or expressions that you want to retrieve.
* aggregate\_function: This could be functions like SUM(), AVG(), MAX(), MIN(), COUNT(), etc.
* FROM: Specifies the table from which to retrieve data.
* WHERE: Filters rows before any grouping is applied.
* GROUP BY: Groups rows that have the same values in specified columns into aggregate rows.
* HAVING: Filters groups created by GROUP BY according to the specified condition (which usually involves an aggregate function).

### Example of the HAVING Clause

Imagine a simple database table sales with the following columns and data:

| Store | Sales | Date |
| --- | --- | --- |
| A | 150 | 2023-01-01 |
| B | 190 | 2023-01-01 |
| A | 90 | 2023-01-02 |
| B | 120 | 2023-01-02 |
| A | 300 | 2023-01-03 |
| B | 310 | 2023-01-03 |

Suppose you want to find stores where the total sales are greater than 400 across the days listed. Here's how you can use the HAVING clause to accomplish this:

Select stores

From stores

Group by Stores

Having SUM(Sales) < 400

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SELECT Store, SUM(Sales) as TotalSales

FROM sales

GROUP BY Store

HAVING SUM(Sales) > 400;

#### Breakdown of the Query

* SELECT Store, SUM(Sales) as TotalSales: This line tells SQL to display the store name and the total sales for each store.
* FROM sales: This line specifies the table from which to retrieve the data.
* GROUP BY Store: This line groups the rows in the table by the Store column. Each group will contain all rows with the same store.
* HAVING SUM(Sales) > 400: This line filters out any groups where the total sales (sum of sales for that store) are 400 or less.

This query will result in:

| Store | TotalSales |
| --- | --- |
| A | 540 |
| B | 620 |

Both stores A and B are shown in the results because both have total sales exceeding 400. This illustrates how HAVING can be effectively used to filter groups based on aggregate conditions.



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Actually, it's possible to use the HAVING clause without explicitly using a GROUP BY clause in some SQL databases, but it is not very common and can be somewhat non-standard or behave differently across different SQL implementations.

When HAVING is used without GROUP BY, the entire table is treated as a single group. This can be useful in certain scenarios where you want to apply a condition to an aggregated result over all rows of the table. For instance, you might want to check the sum or average of a column over the entire table and only return the result if it meets a certain condition.

Here's an example to illustrate this:

### Example Without GROUP BY

Suppose you have a table named employees with the following columns: EmployeeID, Name, and Salary.

| EmployeeID | Name | Salary |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Alice | 70000 |
| 2 | Bob | 85000 |
| 3 | Carol | 95000 |
| 4 | David | 60000 |

If you wanted to know the average salary of all employees, but only if the average is greater than $80,000, you might attempt to use the HAVING clause without GROUP BY like this:

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SELECT AVG(Salary) as AverageSalary

FROM employees

HAVING AVG(Salary) > 80000;

#### What Happens Here:

* SELECT AVG(Salary) as AverageSalary: This part of the query computes the average salary across all entries in the employees table.
* HAVING AVG(Salary) > 80000: Since there's no GROUP BY, the whole table is treated as a single group. The HAVING clause filters this "group" (the entire table's data) based on whether the average salary is greater than $80,000.

However, it's important to note that not all SQL systems allow HAVING without GROUP BY. Some databases might require a GROUP BY clause or may throw an error if HAVING is used without grouping. Additionally, this use of HAVING can often be replaced by a WHERE clause with a subquery for clearer intentions and better compatibility across different SQL systems. For instance:

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SELECT AVG(Salary) as AverageSalary

FROM employees

WHERE (SELECT AVG(Salary) FROM employees) > 80000;

This version using a subquery in the WHERE clause might be more universally supported and can accomplish the same goal.



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what is wrong with this code SELECT patient\_id, diagnosis from admissions group by patient\_id having count(diagnosis) < 1 this is what the question is Show patient\_id, diagnosis from admissions. Find patients admitted multiple times for the same diagnosis.

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The SQL query you've written doesn't quite match the requirements of the question you're trying to address. The query aims to show patient IDs and their diagnoses for patients who have been admitted multiple times with the same diagnosis. However, the query as it stands has a few issues:

1. **GROUP BY Logic**: You are grouping by patient\_id but not by diagnosis, which means it combines all admissions for each patient into a single group, without distinguishing between different diagnoses.
2. **SELECT with GROUP BY**: The SELECT statement includes diagnosis without an aggregate function, which is generally not allowed unless diagnosis is also included in the GROUP BY clause. SQL needs clear instructions on how to aggregate or handle each column that isn't part of the GROUP BY clause.
3. **HAVING Clause**: The HAVING count(diagnosis) < 1 clause is used incorrectly because count(diagnosis) counts non-null entries of diagnosis for each group. Since diagnosis for a patient cannot be less than 1 if the patient has been admitted (assuming diagnosis is recorded each time), this condition will always exclude all results. Your intent is to find multiple admissions with the same diagnosis, which requires a count greater than 1.

To correct these issues and meet the requirement of finding patients admitted multiple times for the same diagnosis, you should group by both patient\_id and diagnosis and check for groups with a count greater than 1. Here is the corrected query:

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SELECT patient\_id, diagnosis

FROM admissions

GROUP BY patient\_id, diagnosis

HAVING COUNT(\*) > 1;

### Explanation of the Corrected Query:

* GROUP BY patient\_id, diagnosis: This line ensures that the data is grouped by both the patient ID and their diagnosis. This way, each group represents a unique combination of patient and diagnosis.
* HAVING COUNT(\*) > 1: This line filters out groups where the combination of patient\_id and diagnosis appears only once. It includes only those combinations that occur more than once, which indicates multiple admissions for the same diagnosis.

This query will effectively display the patient\_id and diagnosis for all patients who have been admitted more than once with the same diagnosis, matching the requirement of the question.



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what does it \* means in count function

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In SQL, the COUNT(\*) function is used to count the number of rows in a result set or group, including rows with NULL values in any column. Essentially, COUNT(\*) is a way of counting all rows, irrespective of any specific column's content.

### Key Points About COUNT(\*):

1. **Counting Rows**: COUNT(\*) counts every row in the selected range or group, regardless of the content. It's useful when you need a total row count without filtering by specific column values.
2. **Performance**: Because COUNT(\*) does not require checking the contents of any specific column, it is often the fastest way to count rows in a table or a group.
3. **Comparison with Other** COUNT **Variants**:
   * COUNT(column\_name): This counts non-NULL entries in the specified column. If the column has NULL values, those rows will not be counted.
   * COUNT(DISTINCT column\_name): This counts unique non-NULL values in the specified column.

### Examples:

* **Using** COUNT(\*):

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SELECT COUNT(\*)

FROM employees;

This query will return the total number of rows in the employees table, including all rows regardless of any NULL values.

* **Using** COUNT(column\_name):

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SELECT COUNT(salary)

FROM employees;

This will count only the rows where the salary column has a non-NULL value.

* **Using** COUNT(DISTINCT column\_name):

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SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT department)

FROM employees;

This counts how many distinct (unique) department names exist among the employees, excluding any departments not specified (i.e., NULL).

In the context of your previous query where you needed to find patients admitted multiple times for the same diagnosis, using COUNT(\*) ensures that all admissions are counted, regardless of any NULL values that might exist in other columns. This is particularly useful for accurately assessing the total number of admissions per patient-diagnosis combination.