DECODE GAMING BEHAVIOUR WITH SQL

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TODAY'S AGENDA

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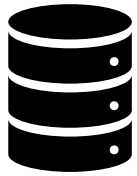

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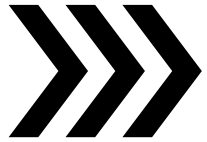

Summary

Project Overview and Objective

Project Overview: The "Decode Gaming Behavior" project focuses on analyzing player behavior, level progression, and gameplay dynamics using SQL queries on a game dataset comprising two tables: Player Details and Level Details.

Objective: The primary goal of this project is to extract valuable insights from the game dataset to understand player behavior and game dynamics. This includes analyzing various aspects such as player progression, performance metrics, and device interactions.

DATASET DESCRIPTION

Player Details Table:

- `P_ID`: Player ID
- `PName`: Player Name
- `L1_status`: Level 1 Status
- `L2_status`: Level 2 Status
- `L1_code`: System-generated Level 1 Code
- `L2_code`: System-generated Level 2 Code

Level Details Table

- `P_ID`: Player ID
- `Dev_ID`: Device ID
- `start_time`: Start Time
- `stages_crossed`: Stages Crossed
- `level`: Game Level
- `difficulty`: Difficulty Level
- `kill_count`: Kill Count
- `headshots_count`: Headshots Count
- `score`: Player Score
- `lives_earned`: Extra Lives Earned

DATA BEFORE PRE-PROCESSING

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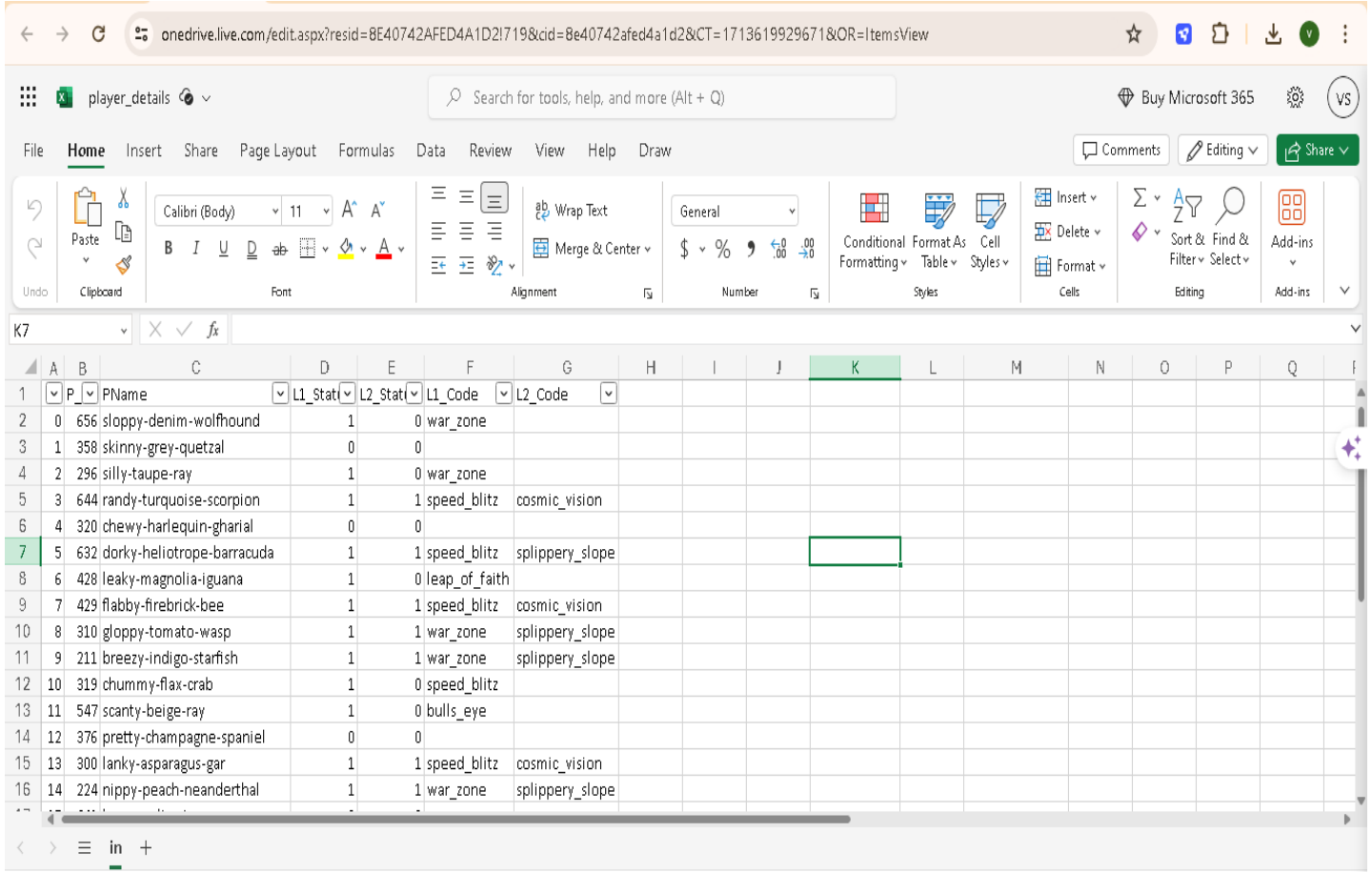


	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	P_	PName	L1_Stat	L2_Stat	L1_Code	L2_Code	
2	0	656	sloppy-denim-wolfhound	1	0	war_zone	
3	1	358	skinny-grey-quetzal	0	0		
4	2	296	silly-taupe-ray	1	0	war_zone	
5	3	644	randy-turquoise-scorpion	1	1	speed_blitz	cosmic_vision
6	4	320	chewy-harlequin-gharial	0	0		
7	5	632	dorky-heliotrope-barracuda	1	1	speed_blitz	splippery_slope
8	6	428	leaky-magnolia-iguana	1	0	leap_of_faith	
9	7	429	flabby-firebrick-bee	1	1	speed_blitz	cosmic_vision
10	8	310	gloppy-tomato-wasp	1	1	war_zone	splippery_slope
11	9	211	breezy-indigo-starfish	1	1	war_zone	splippery_slope
12	10	319	chummy-flax-crab	1	0	speed_blitz	
13	11	547	scanty-beige-ray	1	0	bulls_eye	
14	12	376	pretty-champagne-spaniel	0	0		
15	13	300	lanky-asparagus-gar	1	1	speed_blitz	cosmic_vision
16	14	224	nippy-peach-neanderthal	1	1	war_zone	splippery_slope

DATA IMPUTATION:

REPLACE THE MISSING VALUES WITH SUITABLE SUBSTITUTES SUCH AS MEAN, MEDIAN, OR MODE.

CALCULATE THE MODE FOR VALUES IN THE COLUMNS L1_CODE AND L2_CODE

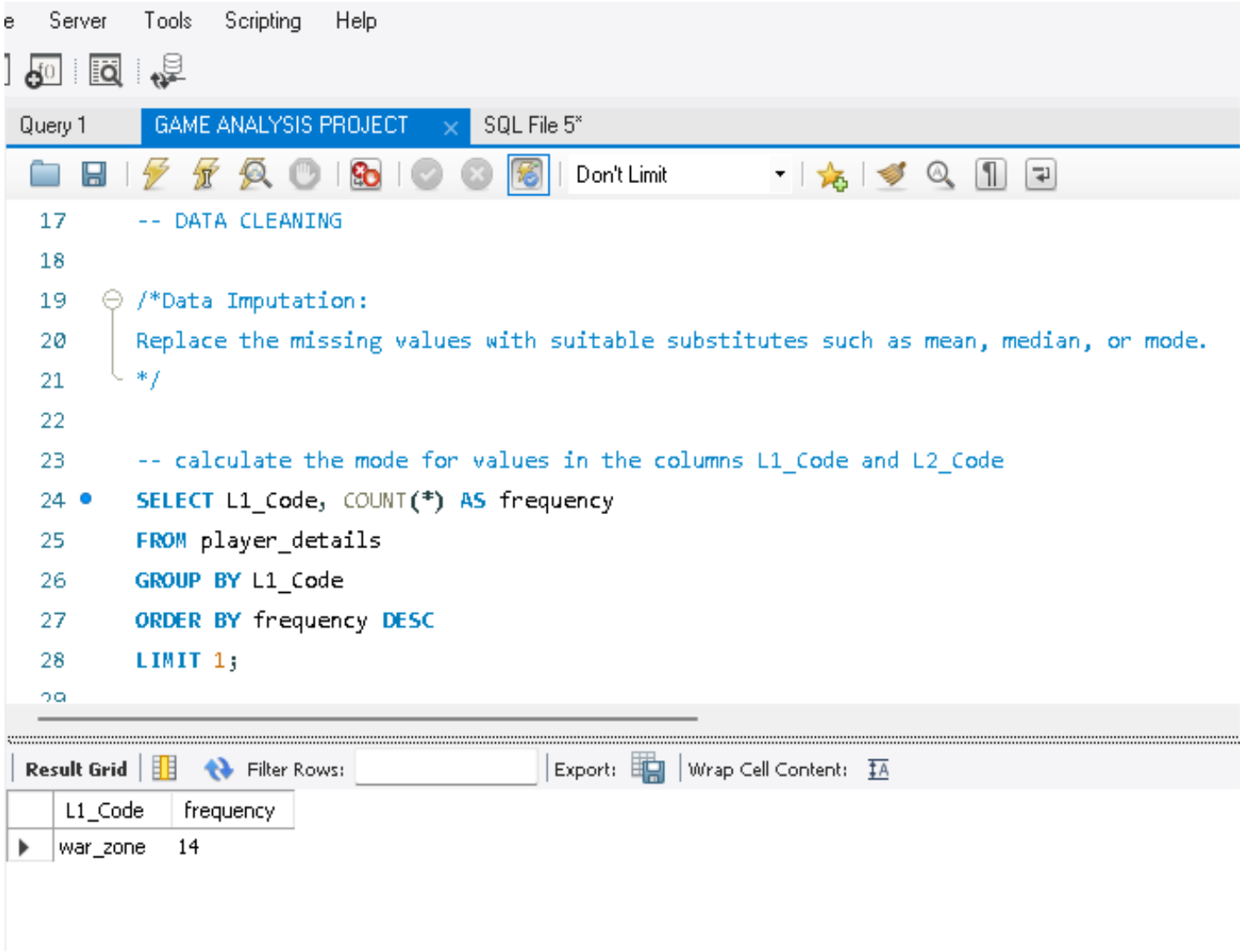
```
SELECT L1_CODE, COUNT(*) AS FREQUENCY

FROM PLAYER_DETAILS

GROUP BY L1_CODE

ORDER BY FREQUENCY DESC

LIMIT 1;
```

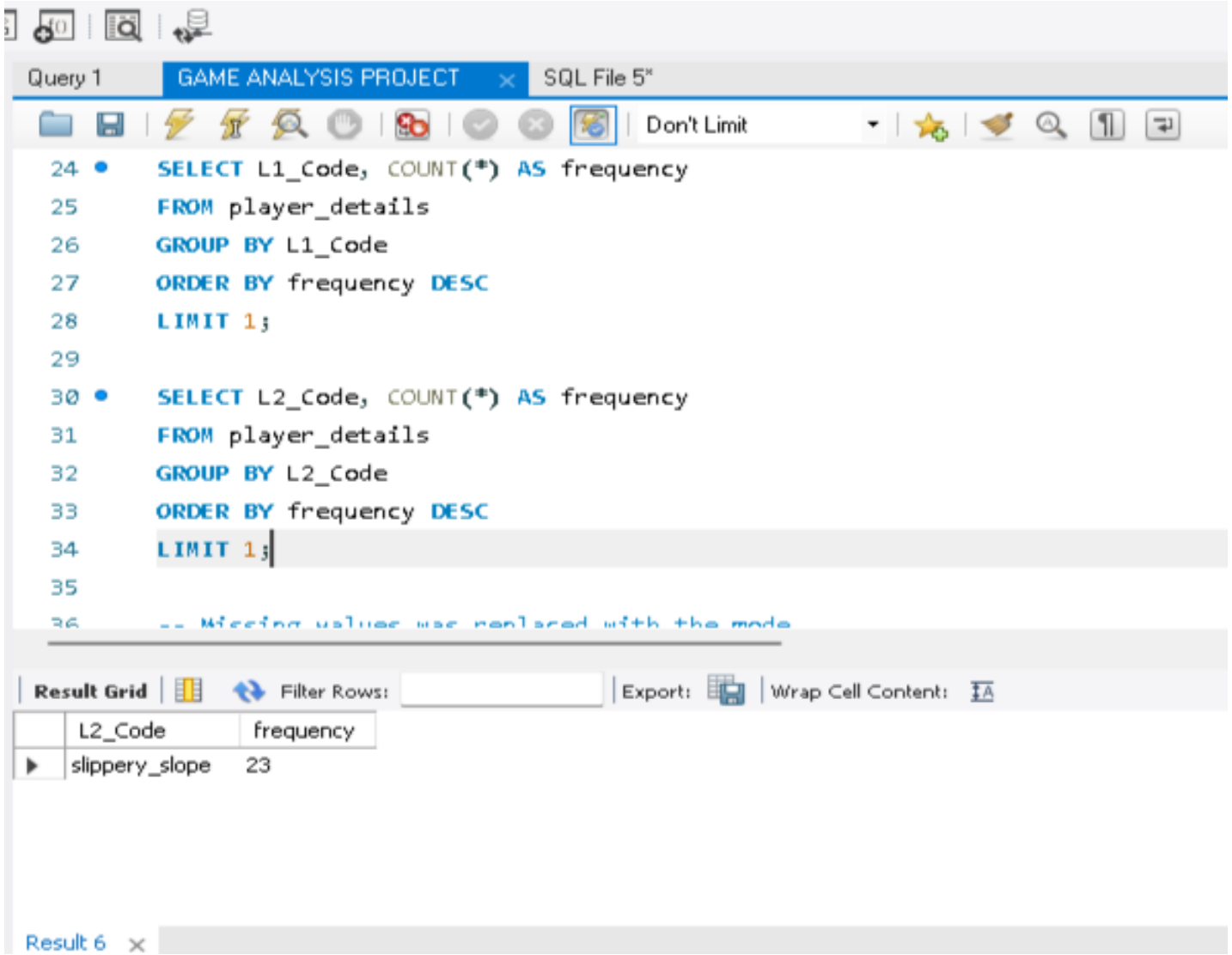


DATA IMPUTATION:

REPLACE THE MISSING VALUES WITH SUITABLE SUBSTITUTES SUCH AS MEAN, MEDIAN, OR MODE.

CALCULATE THE MODE FOR VALUES IN THE COLUMNS L1_CODE AND L2_CODE

```
SELECT L2_CODE, COUNT(*) AS FREQUENCY
FROM PLAYER_DETAILS
GROUP BY L2_CODE
ORDER BY FREQUENCY DESC
LIMIT 1;
```



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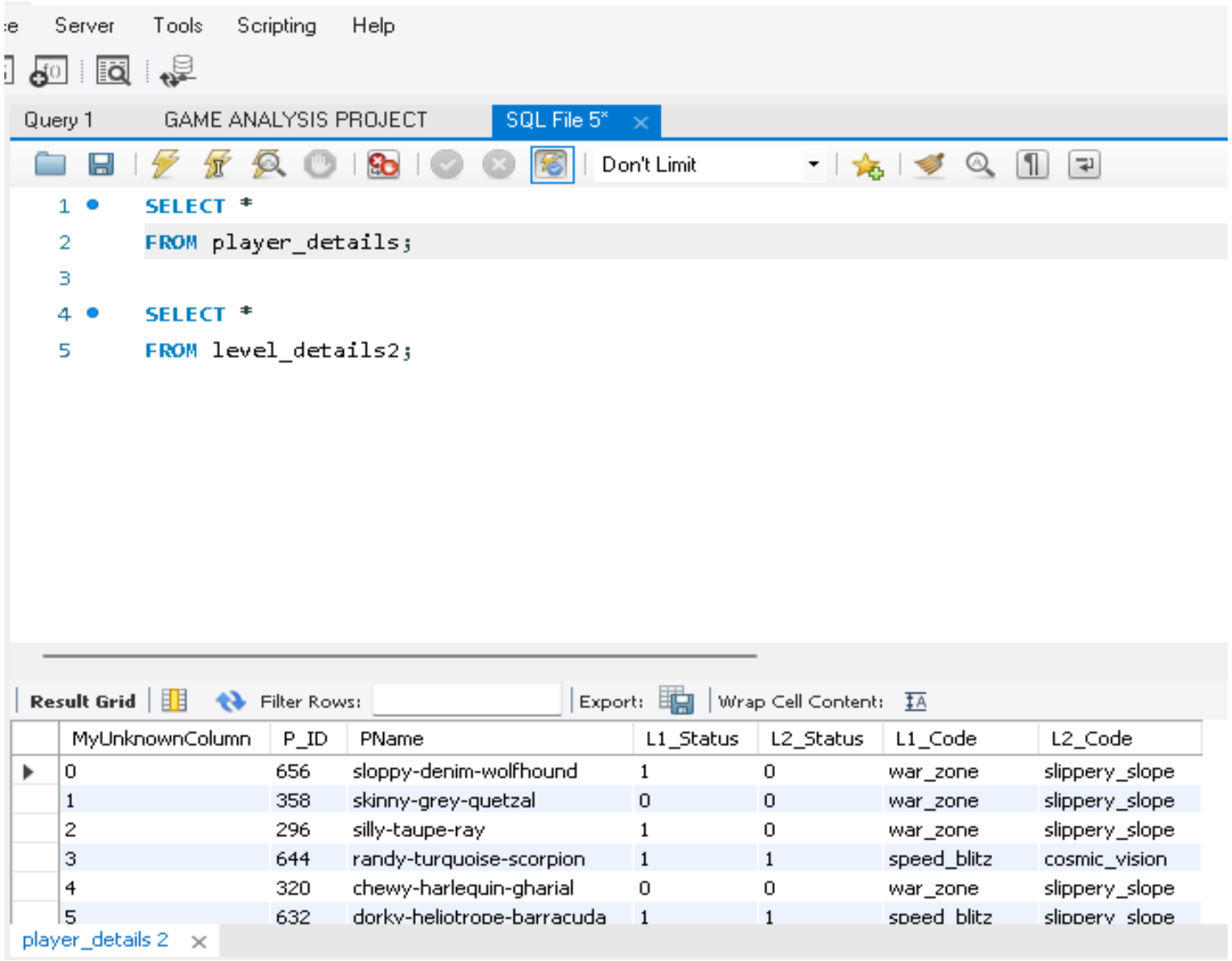


DATA ANALYSIS

1. EXTRACT `P_ID`, `DEV_ID`, `PNAME`, AND `DIFFICULTY_LEVEL` OF ALL PLAYERS AT LEVEL 0.

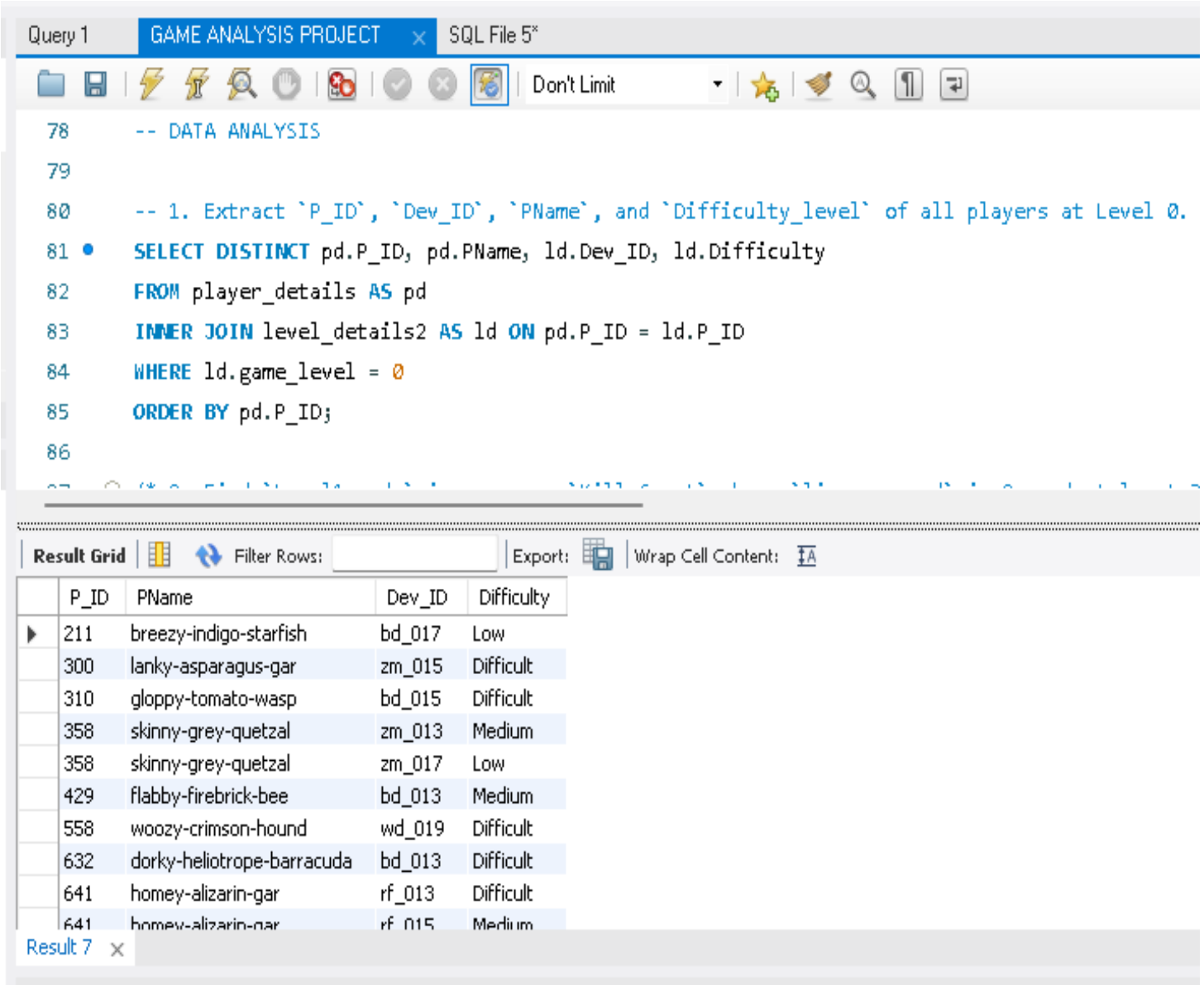
```
SELECT DISTINCT PD.P_ID,
PD.PNAME, LD.DEV_ID,
LD.DIFFICULTY

FROM PLAYER_DETAILS AS PD

INNER JOIN LEVEL_DETAILS2 AS
LD ON PD.P_ID = LD.P_ID

WHERE LD.GAME_LEVEL = 0

ORDER BY PD.P_ID;
```



DATA ANALYSIS

2. FIND `LEVEL1_CODE`WISE AVERAGE `KILL_COUNT` WHERE `LIVES_EARNED` IS 2, AND AT LEAST 3 STAGES ARE CROSSED

```
SELECT PD.L1_CODE,
ROUND(AVG(KILL_COUNT), 1) AS
AVG_KILL_COUNT

FROM LEVEL_DETAILS2 AS LD

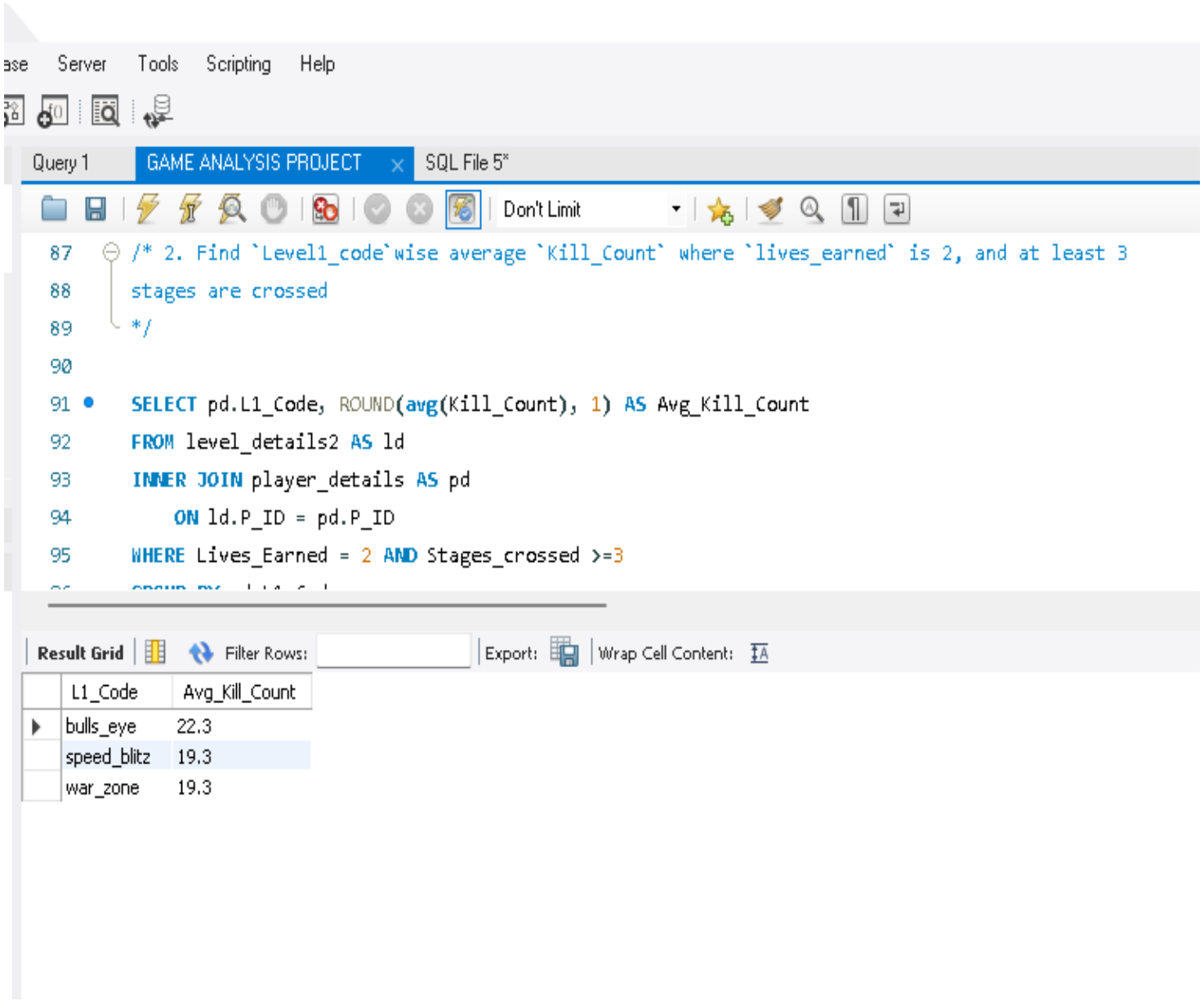
INNER JOIN PLAYER_DETAILS AS
PD

    ON LD.P_ID = PD.P_ID

WHERE LIVES_EARNED = 2 AND
STAGES_CROSSED >=3

GROUP BY PD.L1_CODE

ORDER BY AVG_KILL_COUNT DESC;
```



DATA ANALYSIS

3. FIND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STAGES CROSSED AT EACH DIFFICULTY LEVEL FOR LEVEL 2 WITH PLAYERS USING `ZM_SERIES` DEVICES. ARRANGE THE RESULT IN DECREASING ORDER OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STAGES CROSSED

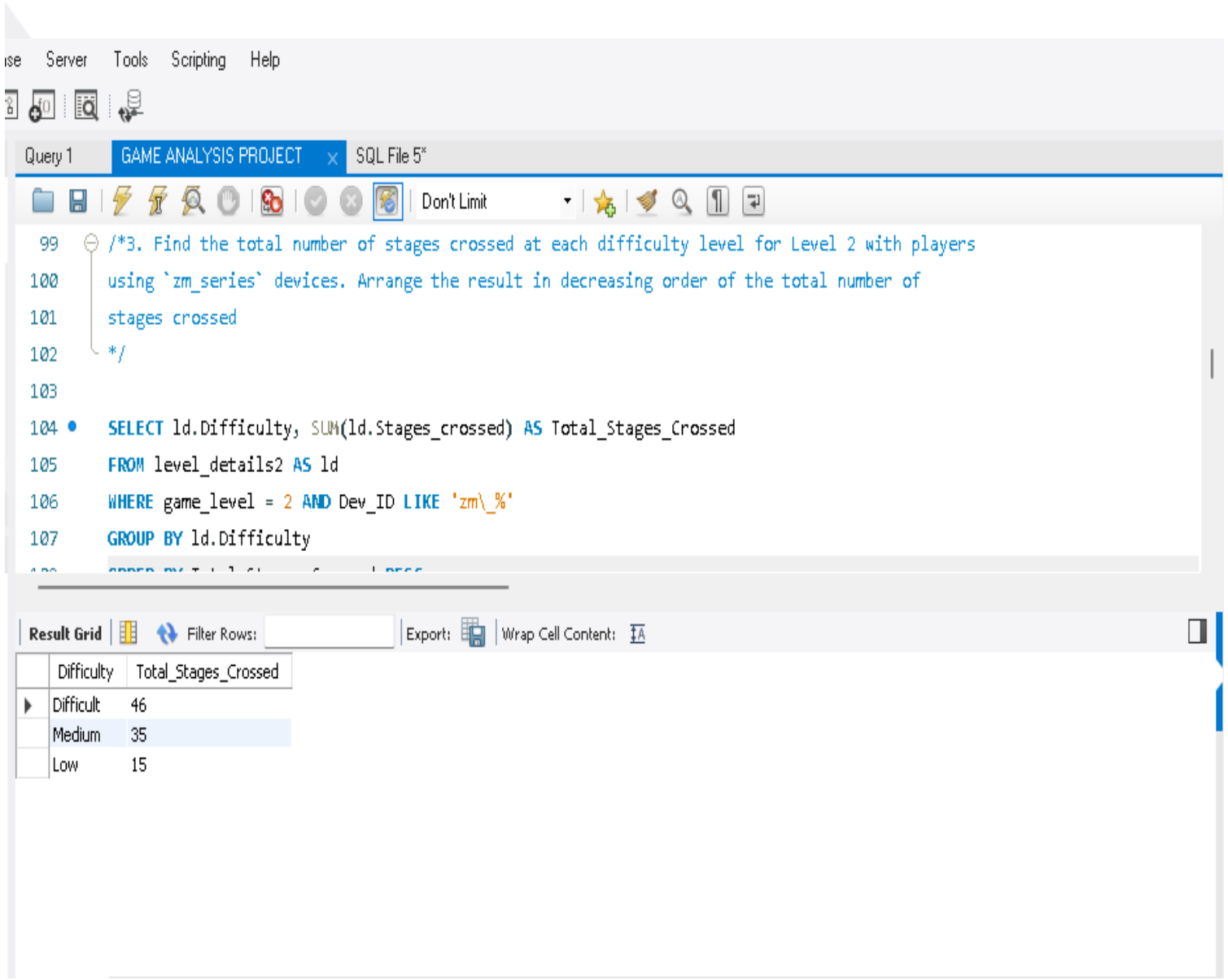
```
SELECT LD.DIFFICULTY,
SUM(LD.STAGES_CROSSED) AS
TOTAL_STAGES_CROSSED

FROM LEVEL_DETAILS2 AS LD

WHERE GAME_LEVEL = 2 AND
DEV_ID LIKE 'ZM\_%'

GROUP BY LD.DIFFICULTY

ORDER BY TOTAL_STAGES_CROSSED
DESC;
```



DATA ANALYSIS

4. EXTRACT `P_ID` AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF UNIQUE DATES FOR THOSE PLAYERS WHO HAVE PLAYED GAMES ON MULTIPLE DAYS

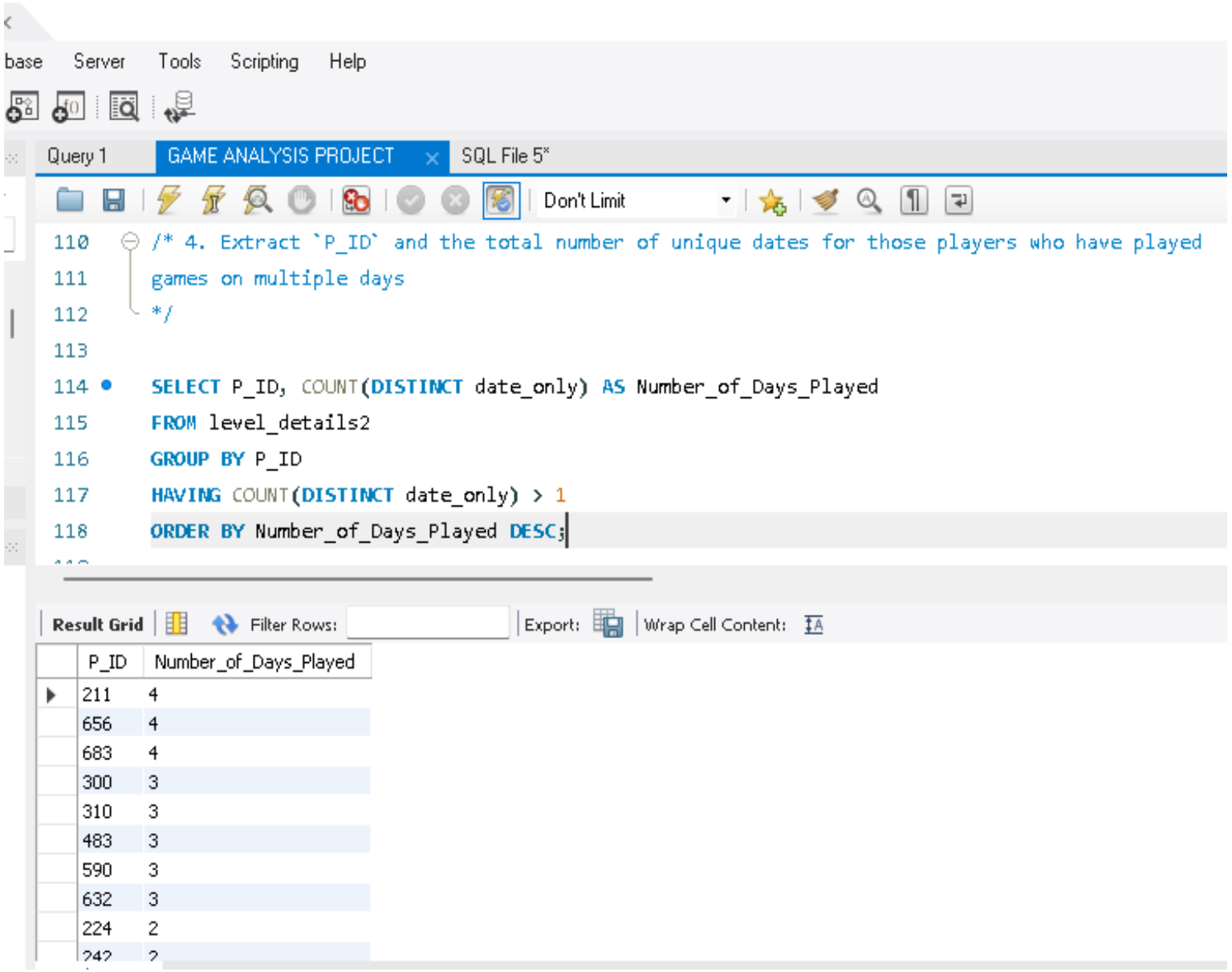
```
SELECT P_ID, COUNT(DISTINCT
DATE_ONLY) AS
NUMBER_OF_DAYS_PLAYED

FROM LEVEL_DETAILS2

GROUP BY P_ID

HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT
DATE_ONLY) > 1

ORDER BY NUMBER_OF_DAYS_PLAYED
DESC;
```



DATA ANALYSIS

5. FIND `P_ID` AND LEVELWISE SUM OF `KILL_COUNTS` WHERE `KILL_COUNT` IS GREATER THAN THE AVERAGE KILL COUNT FOR MEDIUM DIFFICULTY.

```
SELECT P_ID, GAME_LEVEL,
SUM(KILL_COUNT) AS
TOTAL_KILL_COUNTS

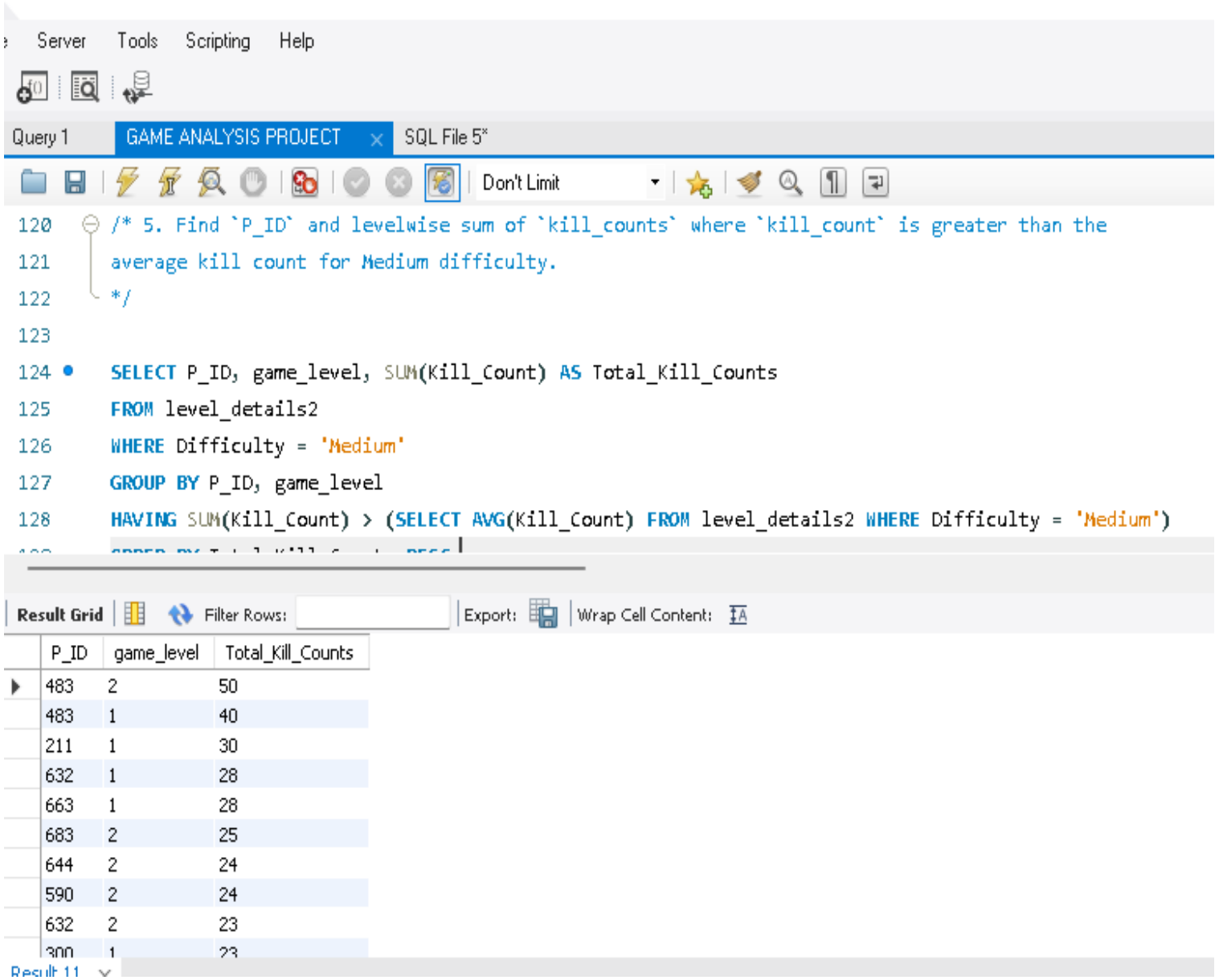
FROM LEVEL_DETAILS2

WHERE DIFFICULTY = 'MEDIUM'

GROUP BY P_ID, GAME_LEVEL

HAVING SUM(KILL_COUNT) >
(SELECT AVG(KILL_COUNT) FROM
LEVEL_DETAILS2 WHERE
DIFFICULTY = 'MEDIUM')

ORDER BY TOTAL_KILL_COUNTS
DESC;
```



DATA ANALYSIS

6. FIND `LEVEL` AND ITS CORRESPONDING `LEVEL_CODE`WISE SUM OF LIVES EARNED, EXCLUDING LEVEL 0. ARRANGE IN ASCENDING ORDER OF LEVEL.

```
SELECT LD.GAME_LEVEL,
PLAYER_DETAILS.L1_CODE,
PLAYER_DETAILS.L2_CODE,
SUM(LD.LIVES_EARNED) AS
TOTAL_LIVES_EARNED

FROM LEVEL_DETAILS2 AS LD

INNER JOIN PLAYER_DETAILS ON
PLAYER_DETAILS.P_ID = LD.P_ID

WHERE LD.GAME_LEVEL > 0

GROUP BY LD.GAME_LEVEL,
PLAYER_DETAILS.L1_CODE,
PLAYER_DETAILS.L2_CODE

ORDER BY TOTAL_LIVES_EARNED
ASC;
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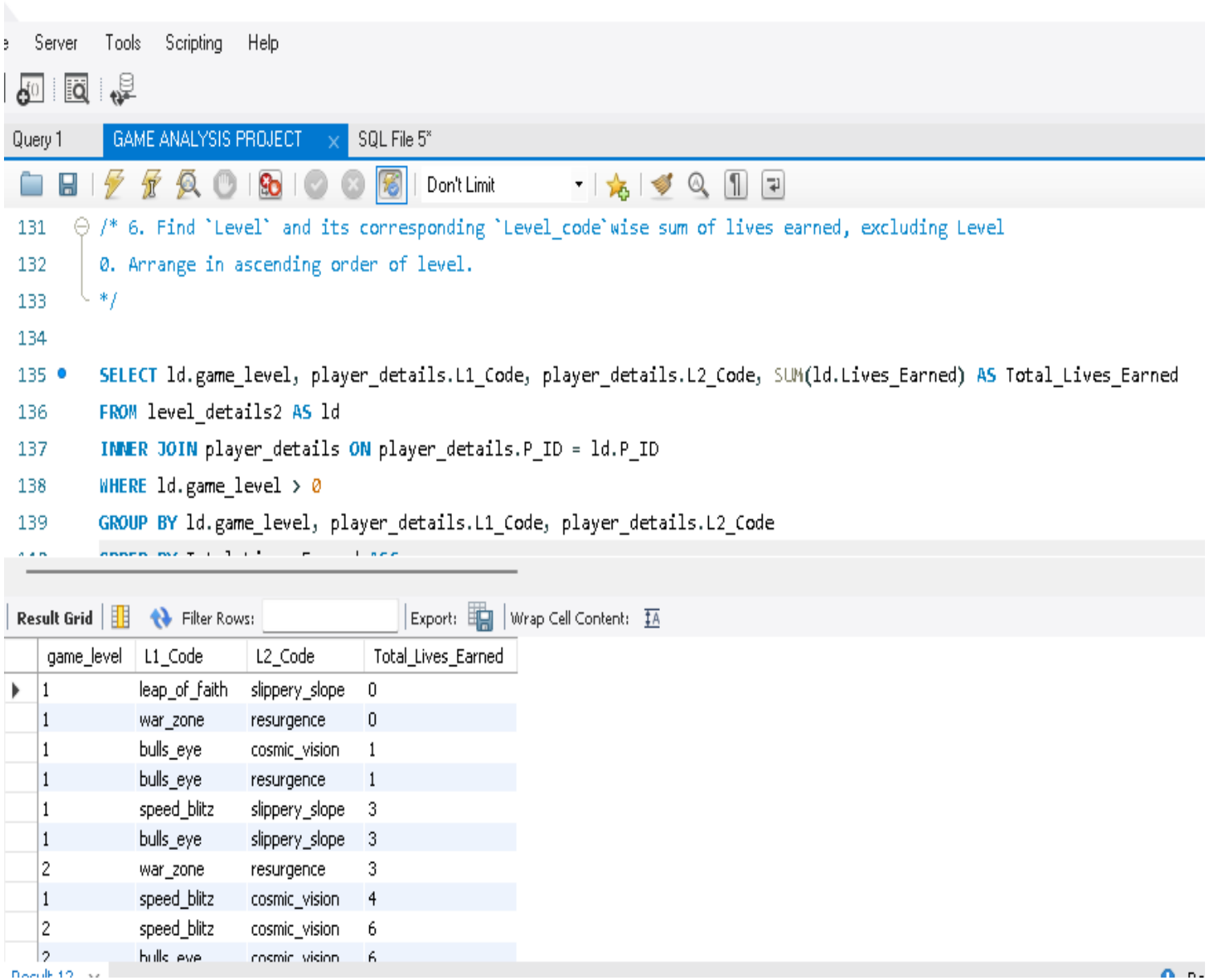


DATA ANALYSIS

7. FIND THE TOP 3 SCORES BASED ON EACH `DEV_ID` AND RANK THEM IN INCREASING ORDER USING

`ROW_NUMBER`. DISPLAY THE DIFFICULTY AS WELL

```
WITH RANKEDSCORES AS (

    SELECT DEV_ID, SCORE,
DIFFICULTY,

          ROW_NUMBER() OVER
(PARTITION BY DEV_ID ORDER BY
SCORE DESC) AS RANKED

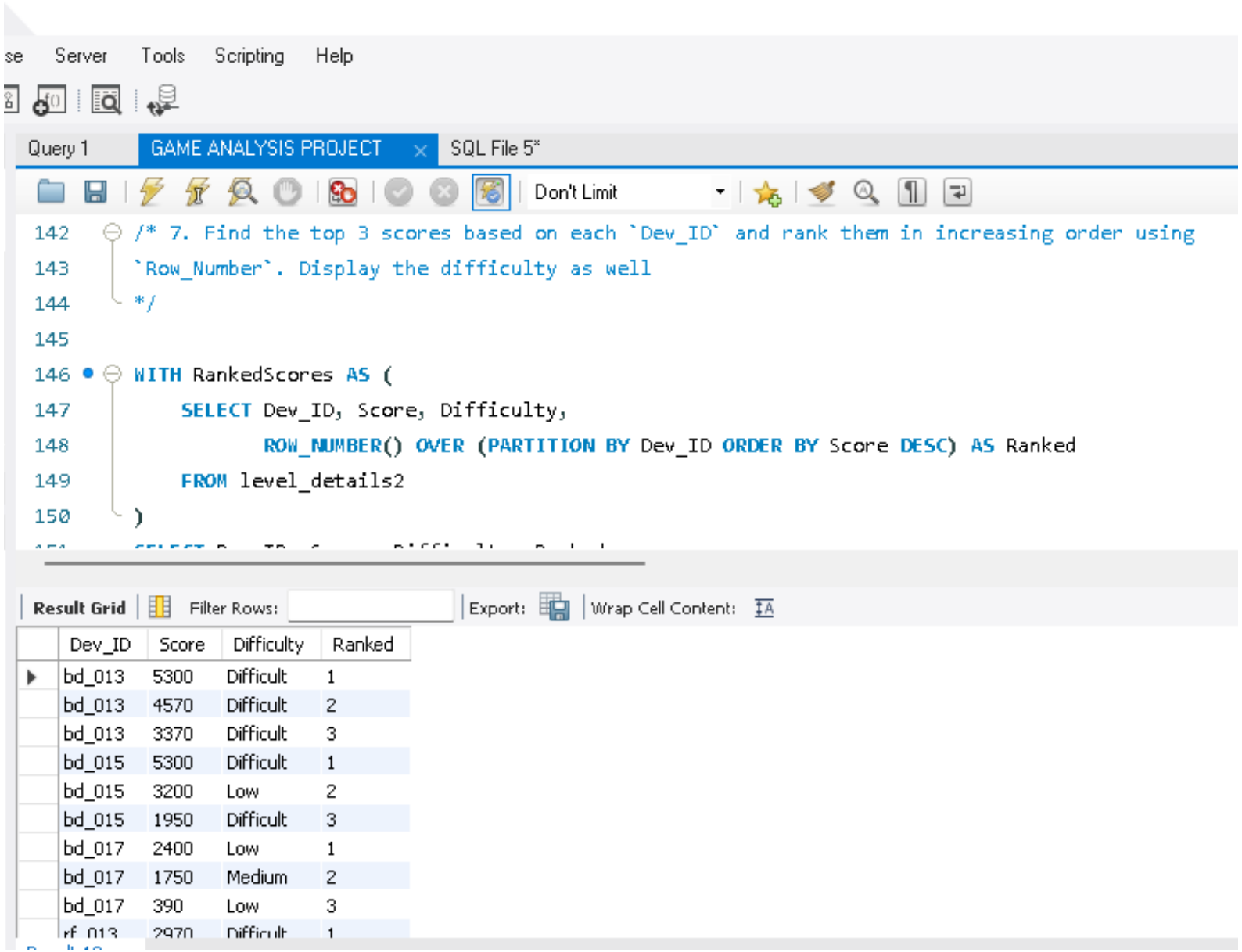
    FROM LEVEL_DETAILS2

)

SELECT DEV_ID, SCORE,
DIFFICULTY, RANKED

FROM RANKEDSCORES

WHERE RANKED <= 3;
```



DATA ANALYSIS

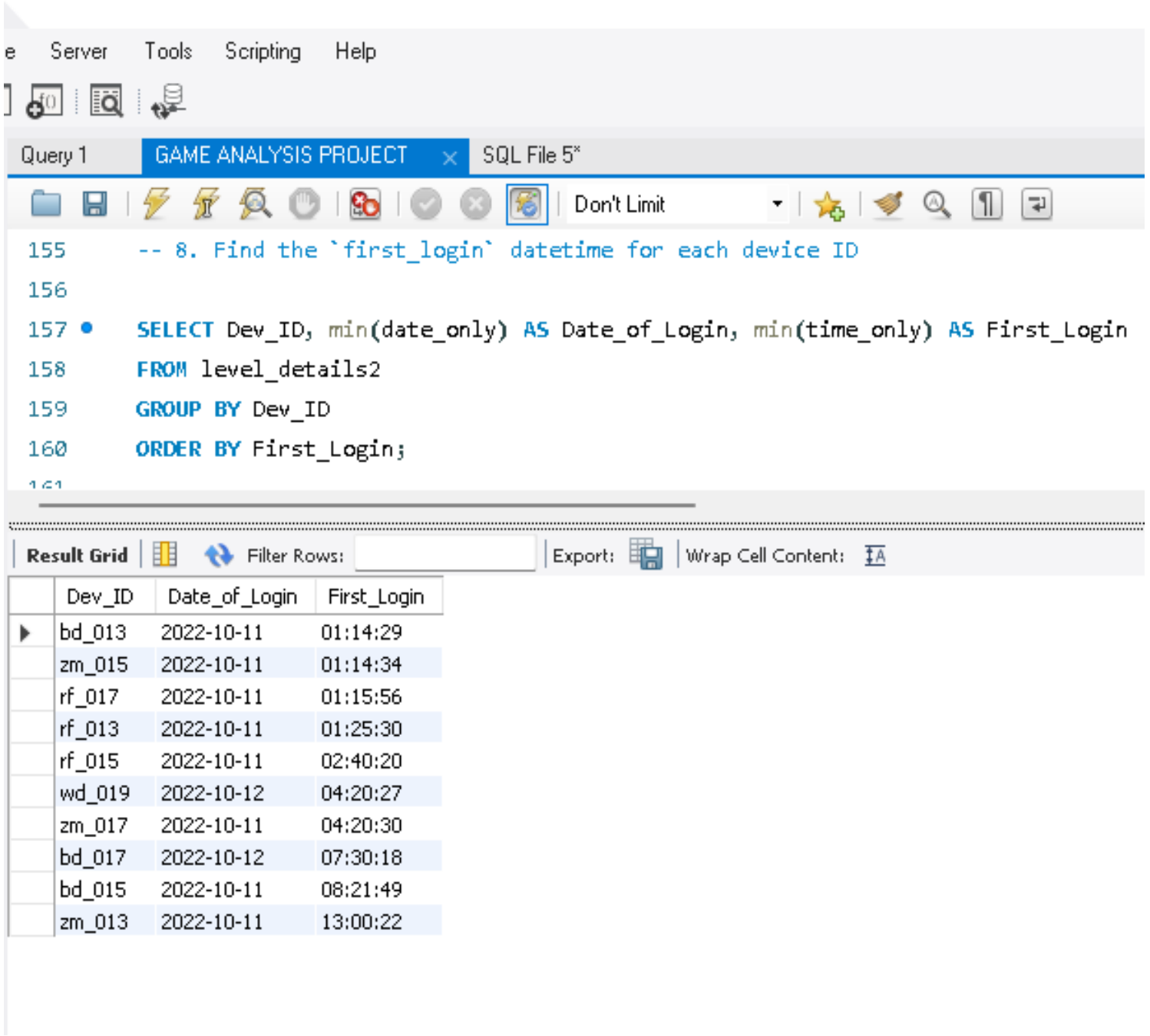
8. FIND THE `FIRST_LOGIN` DATETIME FOR EACH DEVICE ID

```
SELECT DEV_ID, MIN(DATE_ONLY)
AS DATE_OF_LOGIN,
MIN(TIME_ONLY) AS FIRST_LOGIN

FROM LEVEL_DETAILS2

GROUP BY DEV_ID

ORDER BY FIRST_LOGIN;
```



DATA ANALYSIS

9. FIND THE TOP 5 SCORES BASED ON EACH DIFFICULTY LEVEL AND RANK THEM IN INCREASING ORDER

USING `RANK`. DISPLAY `DEV_ID` AS WELL.

```
WITH RANKEDSCORES AS (

    SELECT DEV_ID, DIFFICULTY,
SCORE,

          RANK() OVER
(PARTITION BY DIFFICULTY ORDER
BY SCORE DESC) AS RANKED

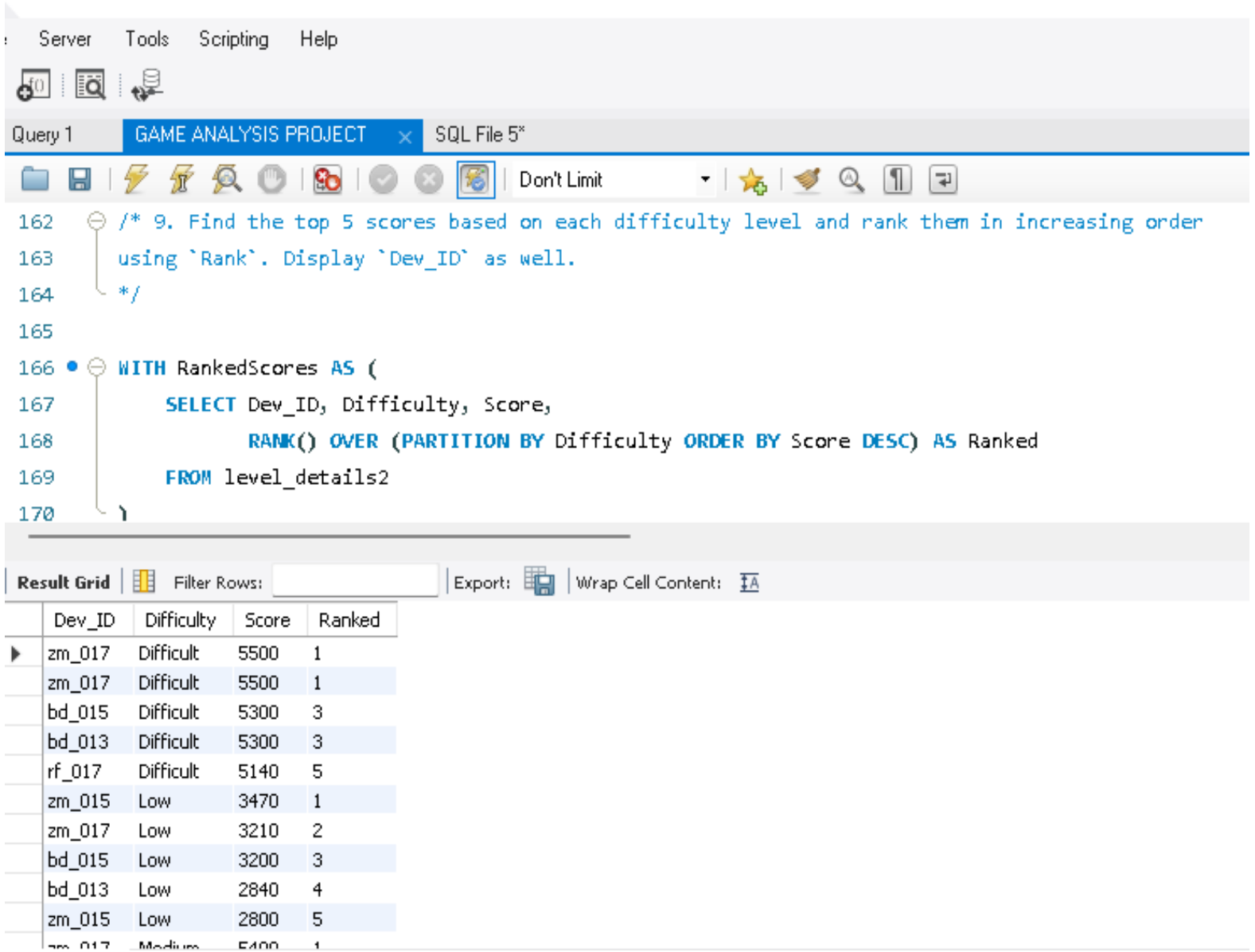
    FROM LEVEL_DETAILS2

)

SELECT DEV_ID, DIFFICULTY,
SCORE, RANKED

FROM RANKEDSCORES

WHERE RANKED <= 5;
```



DATA ANALYSIS

10. FIND THE DEVICE ID THAT IS FIRST LOGGED IN (BASED ON `START_DATETIME`) FOR EACH PLAYER

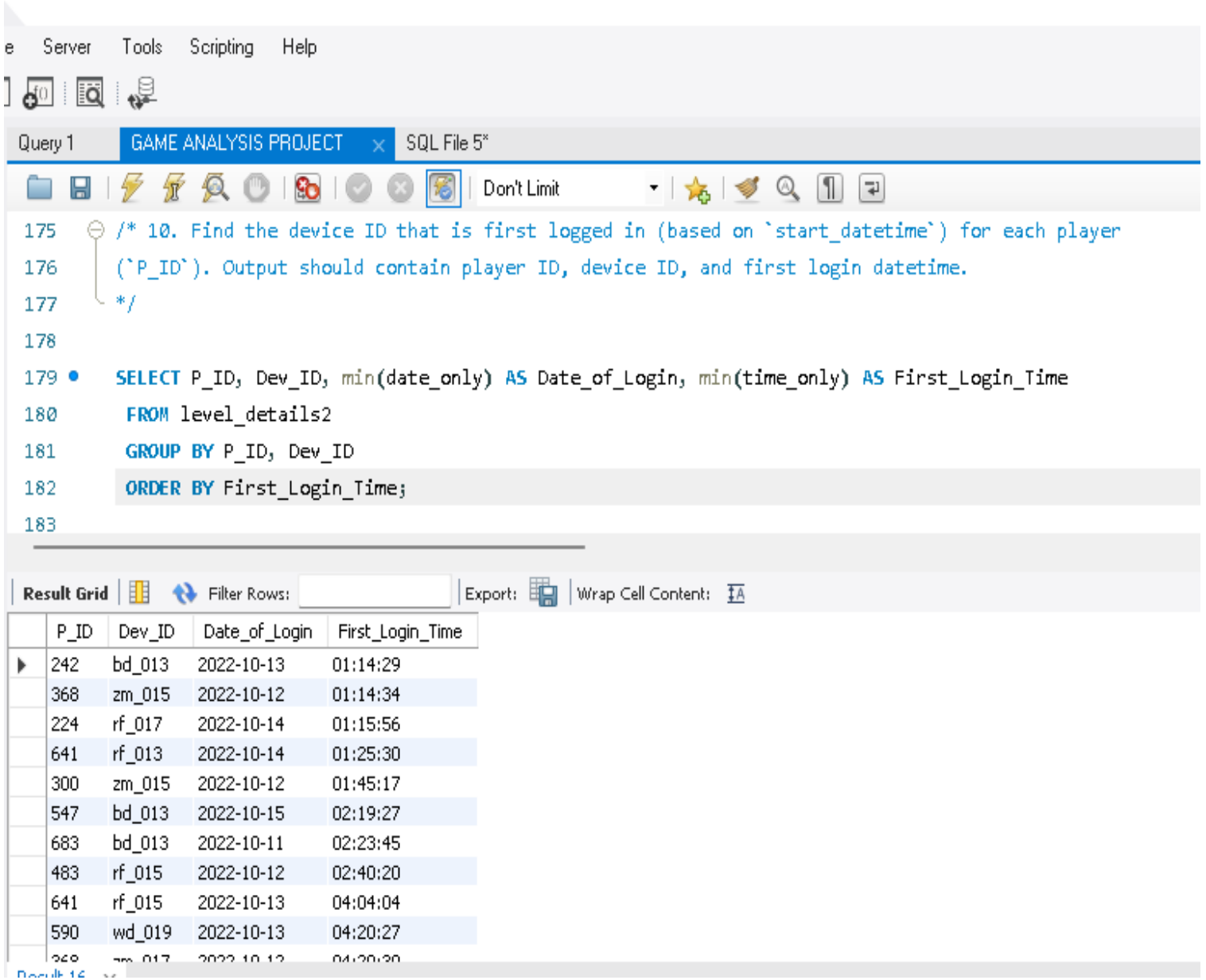
(`P_ID`). OUTPUT SHOULD CONTAIN PLAYER ID, DEVICE ID, AND FIRST LOGIN DATETIME.

```
SELECT P_ID, DEV_ID,
MIN(DATE_ONLY) AS
DATE_OF_LOGIN, MIN(TIME_ONLY)
AS FIRST_LOGIN_TIME

FROM LEVEL_DETAILS2

GROUP BY P_ID, DEV_ID

ORDER BY FIRST_LOGIN_TIME;
```



DATA ANALYSIS

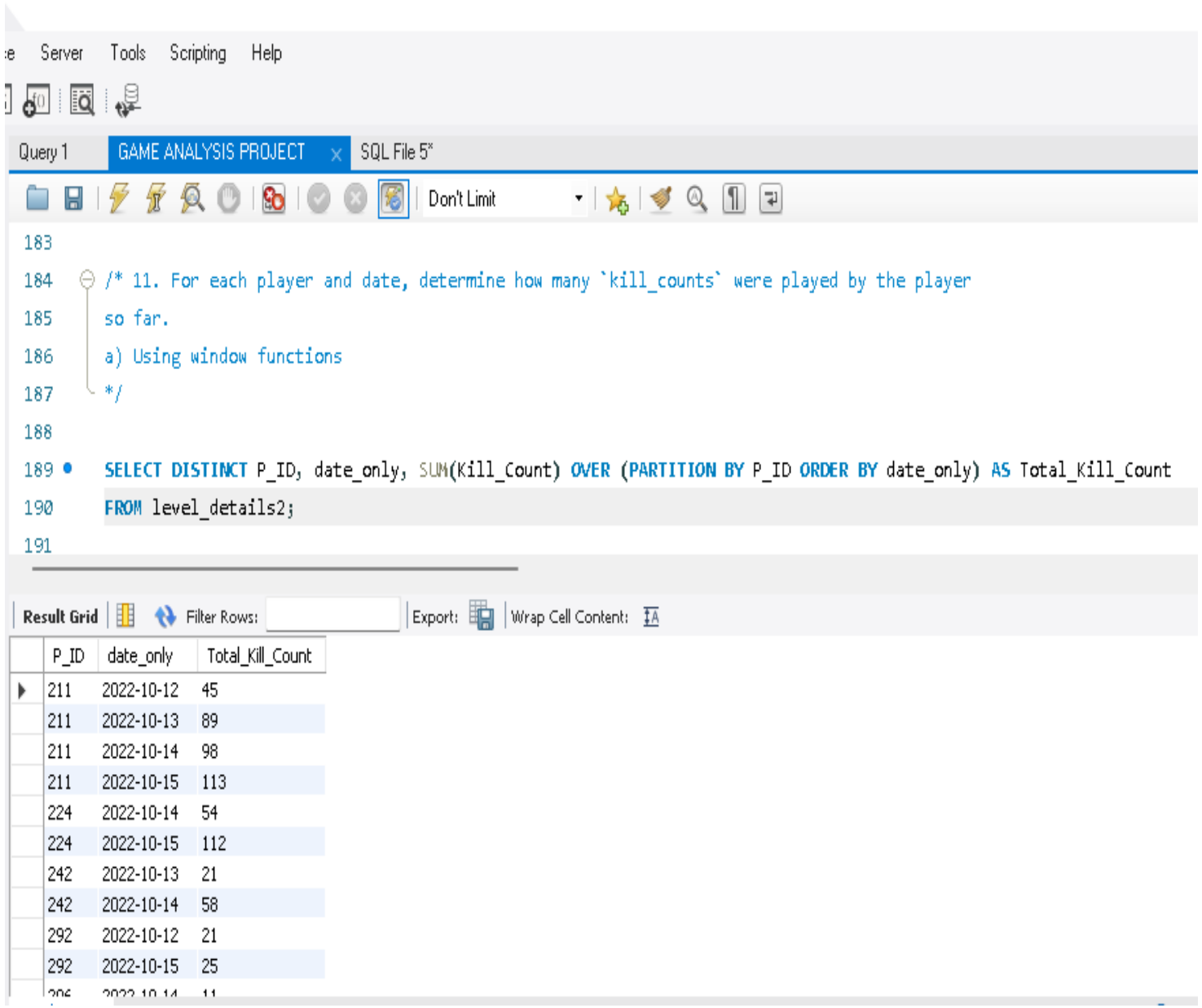
11. FOR EACH PLAYER AND DATE, DETERMINE HOW MANY `KILL_COUNTS` WERE PLAYED BY THE PLAYER

SO FAR.

A) USING WINDOW FUNCTIONS

```
SELECT DISTINCT P_ID,
DATE_ONLY, SUM(KILL_COUNT)
OVER (PARTITION BY P_ID ORDER
BY DATE_ONLY) AS
TOTAL_KILL_COUNT

FROM LEVEL_DETAILS2;
```



DATA ANALYSIS

11. FOR EACH PLAYER AND DATE, DETERMINE HOW MANY `KILL_COUNTS` WERE PLAYED BY THE PLAYER

SO FAR.

B) WITHOUT WINDOW FUNCTIONS

```
SELECT DISTINCT
    T1.P_ID, T1.DATE_ONLY,
    (SELECT
SUM(T2.KILL_COUNT)
     FROM LEVEL_DETAILS2 T2
     WHERE T1.P_ID = T2.P_ID
AND T1.DATE_ONLY >=
T2.DATE_ONLY) AS
TOTAL_KILL_COUNT
FROM
    LEVEL_DETAILS2 T1
ORDER BY
    T1.P_ID, T1.DATE_ONLY;
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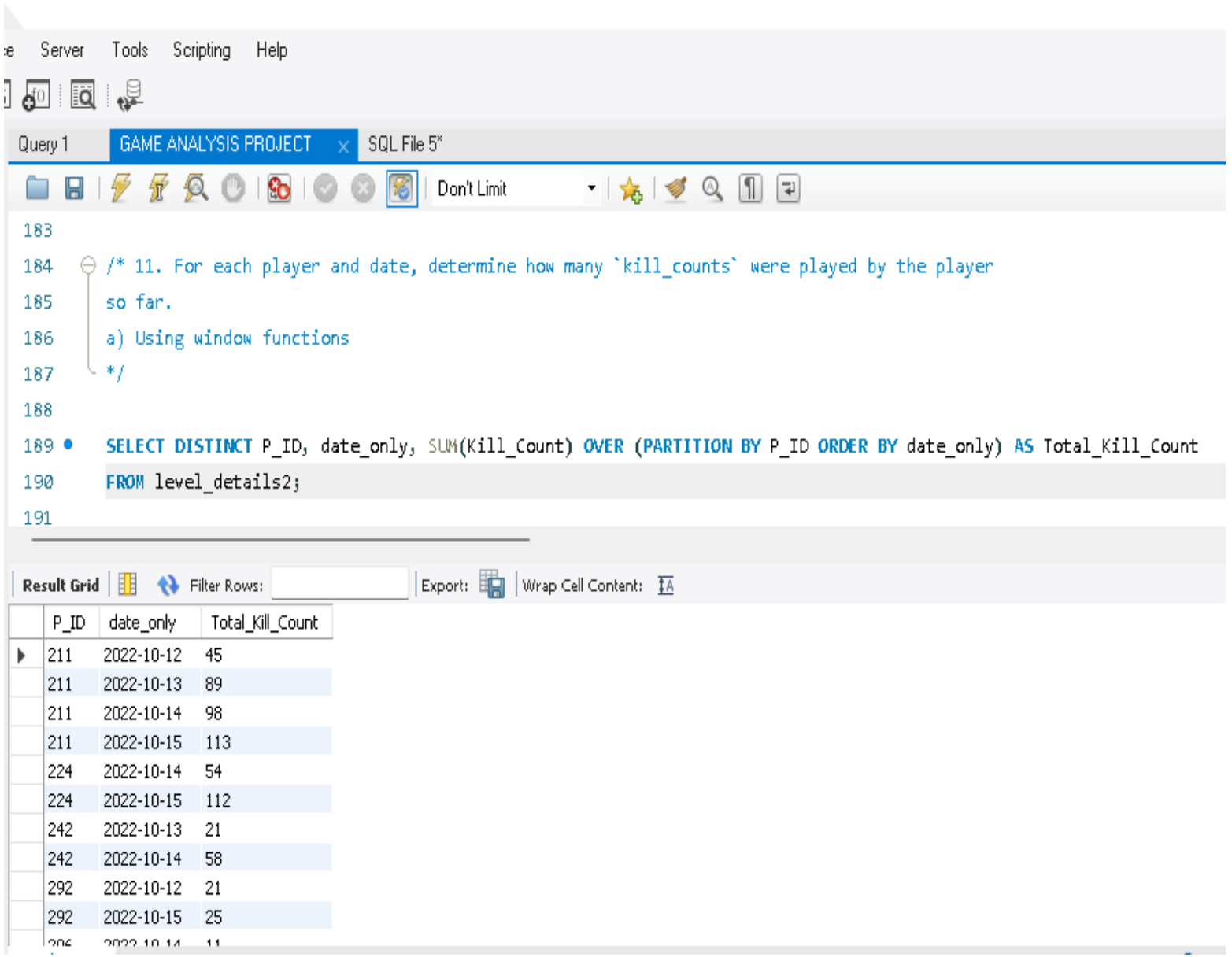

DATA ANALYSIS

12. FIND THE CUMULATIVE SUM OF STAGES CROSSED OVER `START_DATETIME` FOR EACH `P_ID`,

EXCLUDING THE MOST RECENT `START_DATETIME`.

```
SELECT

    T1.P_ID, T1.DATE_ONLY,

    SUM(T2.STAGES_CROSSED) AS
CUMULATIVE_STAGES_CROSSED

FROM LEVEL_DETAILS2 T1

JOIN LEVEL_DETAILS2 T2 ON
T1.P_ID = T2.P_ID AND
T1.DATE_ONLY >= T2.DATE_ONLY

GROUP BY T1.P_ID, T1.DATE_ONLY

HAVING T1.DATE_ONLY < (SELECT
MAX(DATE_ONLY) FROM
LEVEL_DETAILS2 WHERE P_ID =
T1.P_ID)

ORDER BY T1.P_ID,
T1.DATE_ONLY;
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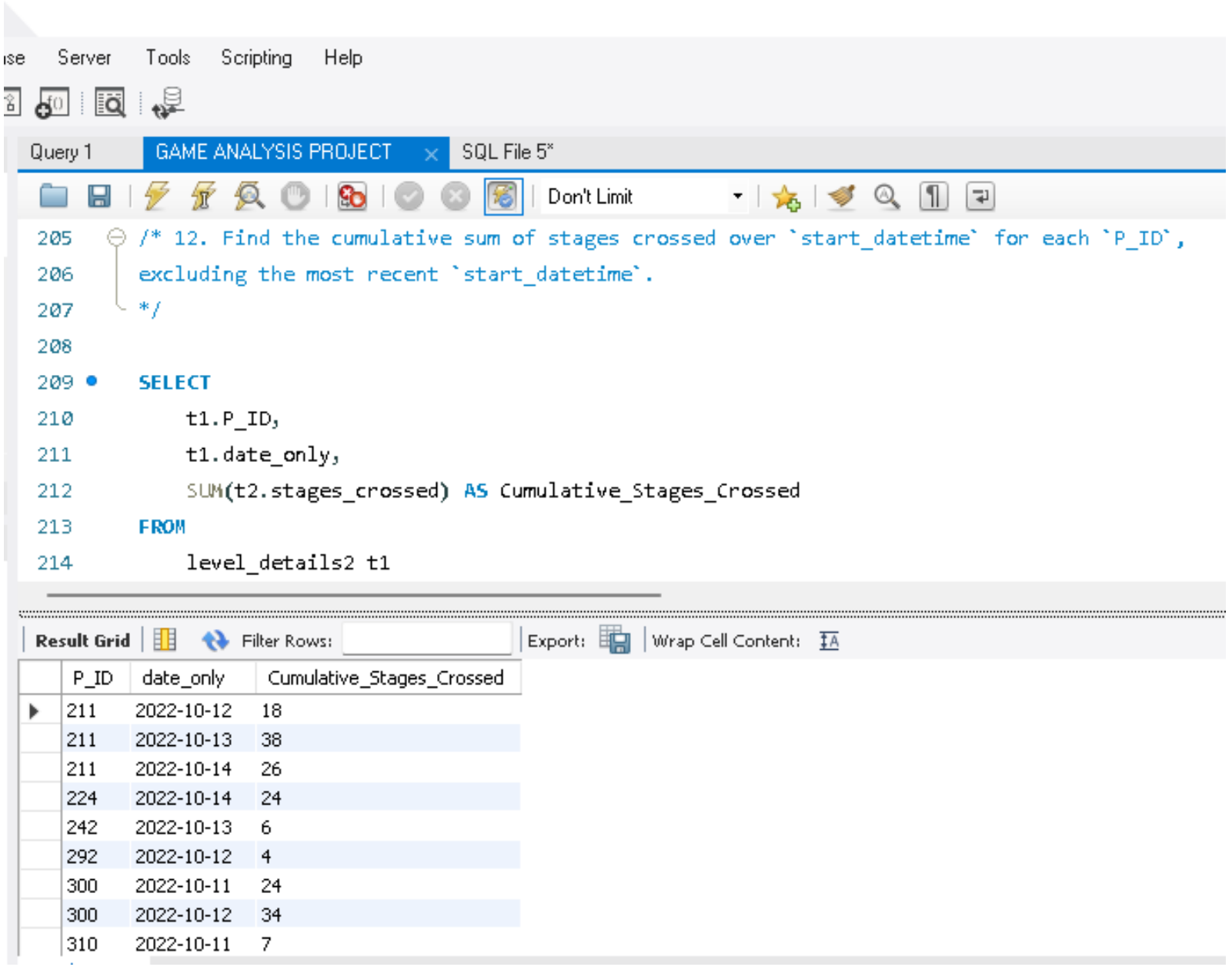


DATA ANALYSIS

13. EXTRACT THE TOP 3 HIGHEST SUMS OF SCORES FOR EACH `DEV_ID` AND THE CORRESPONDING `P_ID`.

```
WITH RANKED_SCORES AS (

     SELECT P_ID, DEV_ID,
SUM(SCORE) AS TOTAL_SCORES,

          RANK() OVER
(PARTITION BY DEV_ID ORDER BY
SUM(SCORE) DESC) AS RANKED

     FROM LEVEL_DETAILS2

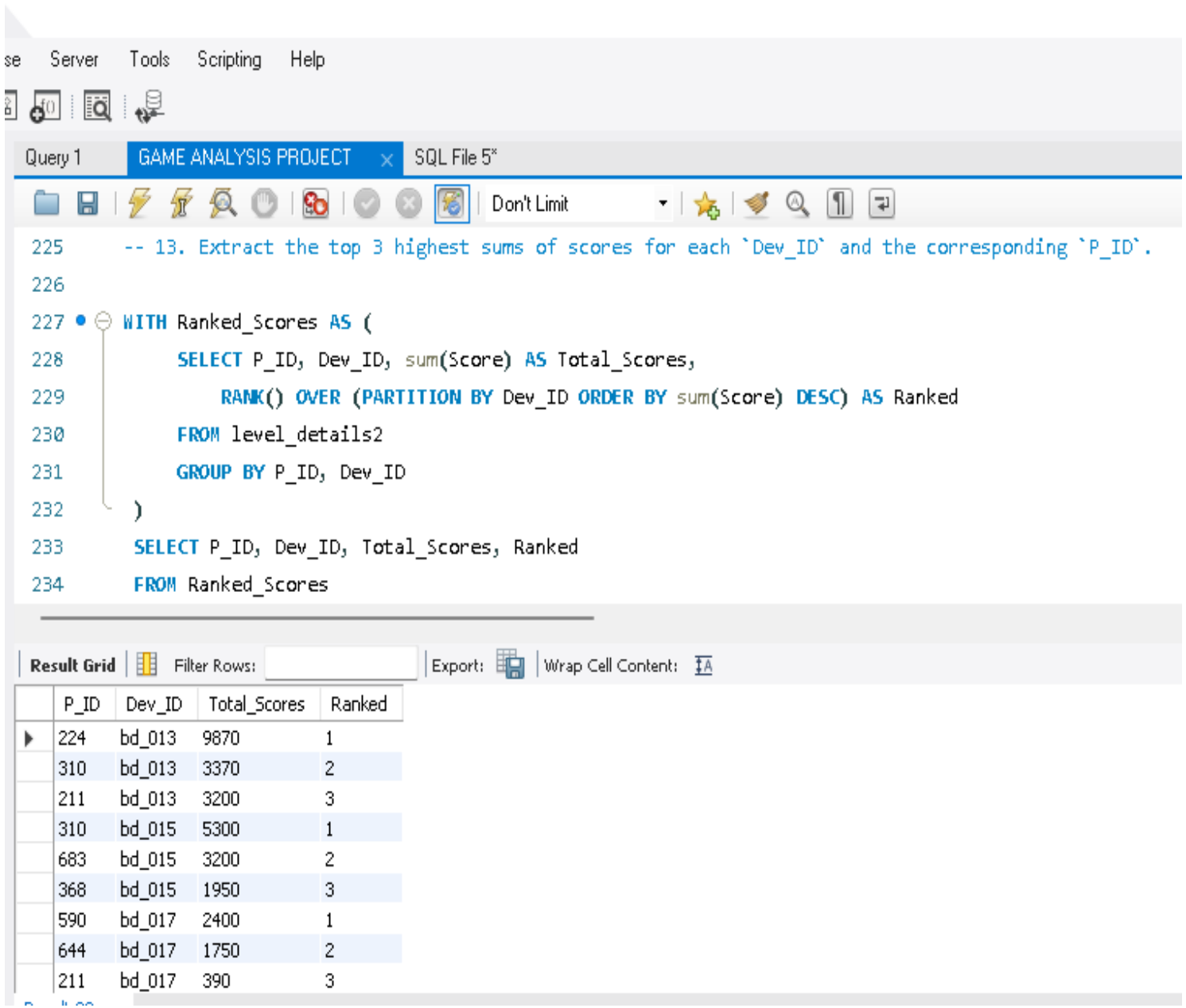
     GROUP BY P_ID, DEV_ID

)

SELECT P_ID, DEV_ID,
TOTAL_SCORES, RANKED

FROM RANKED_SCORES

WHERE RANKED <= 3;
```



DATA ANALYSIS

14. FIND PLAYERS WHO SCORED MORE THAN 50% OF THE AVERAGE SCORE, SCORED BY THE SUM OF SCORES FOR EACH `P_ID`.

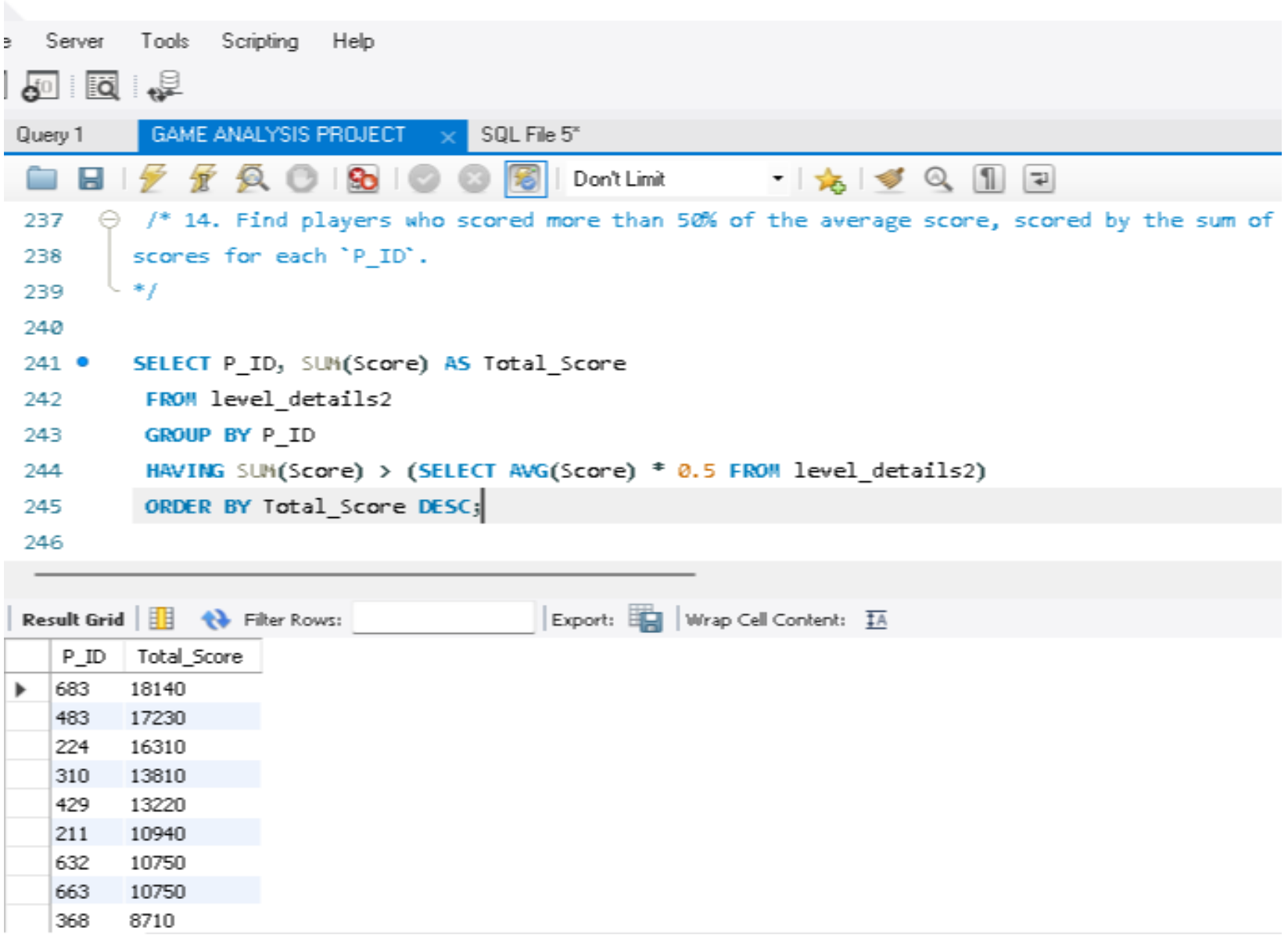
```
SELECT P_ID, SUM(SCORE) AS
TOTAL_SCORE

FROM LEVEL_DETAILS2

GROUP BY P_ID

HAVING SUM(SCORE) > (SELECT
AVG(SCORE) * 0.5 FROM
LEVEL_DETAILS2)

ORDER BY TOTAL_SCORE DESC;
```



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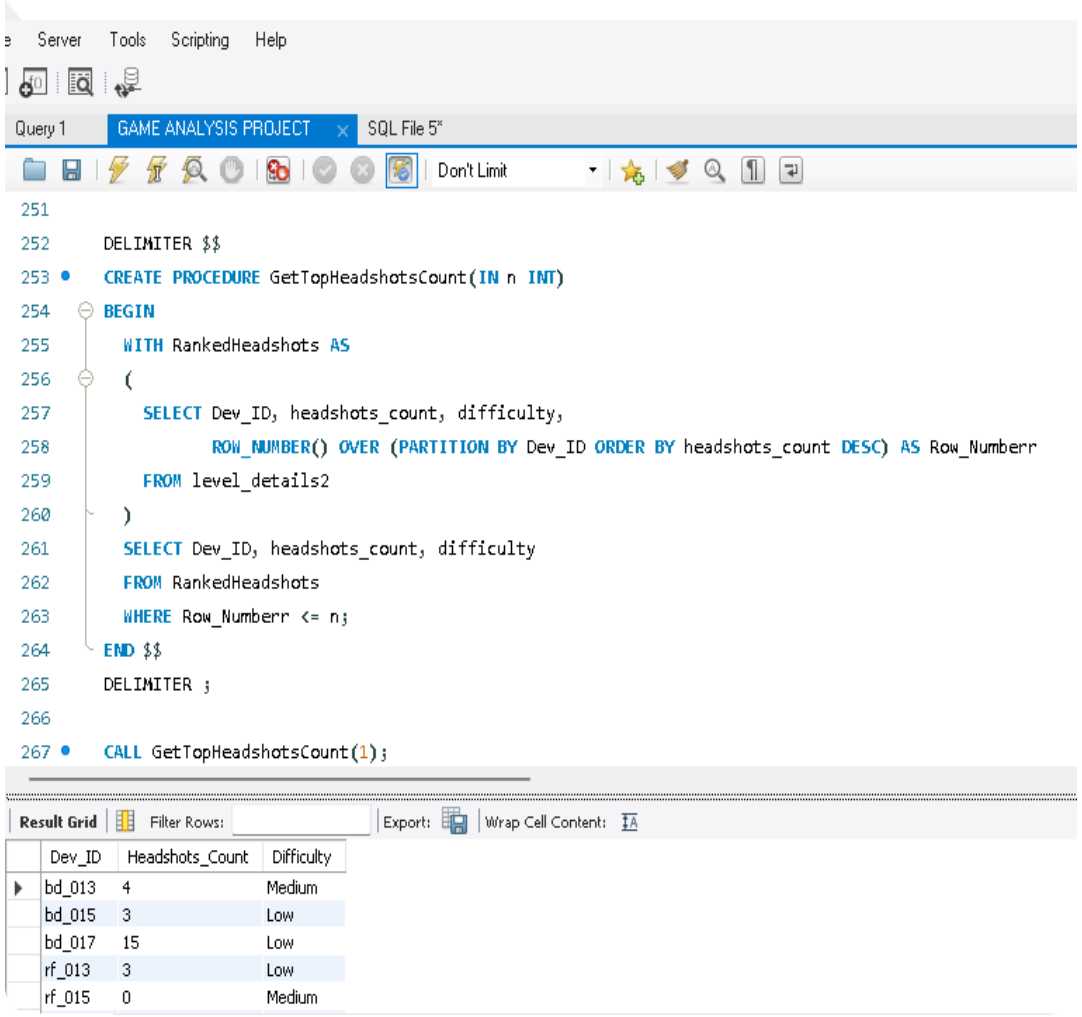

- 15. CREATE A STORED PROCEDURE TO FIND THE TOP `N` `HEADSHOTS_COUNT` BASED ON EACH `DEV_ID`
- AND RANK THEM IN INCREASING ORDER USING `ROW_NUMBER`. DISPLAY THE DIFFICULTY AS WELL.

- DELIMITER $$
- CREATE PROCEDURE GETTOPHEADSHOTSCOUNT(IN N INT)
- BEGIN
- WITH RANKEDHEADSHOTS AS
- (
- SELECT DEV_ID, HEADSHOTS_COUNT, DIFFICULTY,
- ROW_NUMBER() OVER (PARTITION BY DEV_ID ORDER BY HEADSHOTS_COUNT DESC) AS ROW_NUMBERR
- FROM LEVEL_DETAILS2
-)
- SELECT DEV_ID, HEADSHOTS_COUNT, DIFFICULTY
- FROM RANKEDHEADSHOTS
- WHERE ROW_NUMBERR <= N;
- END $$
- DELIMITER ;

- CALL GETTOPHEADSHOTSCOUNT(1);

INSIGHTS

- Focus on improving player engagement for low and medium difficulty levels, as the total stages crossed data shows a significant drop compared to the difficult level for players using zm_series devices.
- Identify and analyze the players who have played games on multiple days. These players are likely more engaged and can provide valuable insights into factors that encourage consistent gameplay.
- Optimize the game mechanics or levels where the kill counts exceed the average for medium difficulty. This could help retain players who find the medium difficulty too easy.
- Analyze the level codes and corresponding difficulty levels where the most lives are earned. These levels or mechanics could be further enhanced or replicated in other levels to increase player engagement.
- Identify the top-performing device IDs based on scores and difficulty levels. Study the characteristics of these devices and their users to understand what contributes to their success.

INSIGHTS

- Analyze the first login data to identify potential patterns or trends in player onboarding and engagement. This could help optimize the onboarding process and improve player retention from the start.
- Study the players who consistently score above the average. These players could provide insights into factors that contribute to higher engagement and better performance.
- Examine the cumulative stages crossed data to identify potential drop-off points where players tend to lose interest or face challenges. These could be opportunities for game improvements or targeted player support.
- Analyze the top-scoring players for each device ID to understand the preferences and behaviors of high-performing players. This could inform strategies for encouraging similar gameplay patterns among other players.
- Consider implementing features or incentives to encourage consistent gameplay, as the data on kill counts per date could reveal patterns of player engagement or dropoff over time.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Difficulty Level Optimization:

- Conduct a thorough review of the low and medium difficulty levels to identify areas for improvement. Analyze player feedback, gameplay data, and performance metrics to pinpoint potential pain points or areas where players lose interest.

- Consider adjusting the difficulty curve, introducing new mechanics, or enhancing existing gameplay elements to make these levels more engaging and rewarding.

2. Player Segmentation and Targeted Engagement:

- Segment players based on their engagement levels, performance, and preferences. Identify highly engaged players, casual players, and those at risk of churn.

- Develop targeted strategies for each segment, such as personalized challenges, rewards, or in-game events, to enhance their gameplay experience and encourage continued engagement.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Onboarding and Retention Strategies:

- Analyze the first login data and player behavior during the initial gameplay stages to optimize the onboarding process.

- Implement tutorials, guidance, or incentives that help new players understand the game mechanics and progress smoothly through the early levels.

- Identify potential dropoff points and introduce interventions or adjustments to maintain player interest and prevent churn.

4. High-Performance Player Analysis:

- Conduct in-depth interviews or surveys with top-performing players to understand their motivations, preferences, and gameplay strategies.

- Analyze the characteristics of devices and device IDs associated with high-performing players to identify potential hardware or software factors contributing to their success.

- Leverage these insights to develop features, updates, or marketing campaigns that cater to the preferences of high-performing players.

RECOMMENDATIONS

5. Community Engagement and Social Features:

- Evaluate the potential for introducing social features or community engagement opportunities within the game.

- Foster a sense of community and competition among players, which can increase engagement and retention.

- Encourage players to share their experiences, strategies, and achievements, creating a more immersive and interactive gaming environment.

6. Continuous Data Monitoring and Iteration:

- Implement robust data tracking and analysis processes to monitor player behavior, performance metrics, and engagement levels on an ongoing basis.

- Continuously iterate and refine the game based on these insights, introducing updates, adjustments, or new features to maintain player interest and satisfaction.

RECOMMENDATIONS

7. Cross-Platform and Accessibility Considerations:

- Evaluate the game's performance and accessibility across various platforms and devices, ensuring a consistent and optimized experience for all players.

- Address any platform-specific issues or limitations that may impact gameplay or engagement.

8. Collaboration and Player Feedback:

- Foster open communication channels with players to gather feedback, suggestions, and insights.

- Collaborate with the game development team to prioritize and implement player-requested features or improvements, fostering a sense of community involvement and co-creation.

Summary

The gaming project aimed to decode player behavior through data analysis. Key insights include:

1. Optimizing low and medium difficulty levels to improve engagement, as players using zm_series devices showed lower stage completion rates at these levels.

2. Identifying and analyzing highly engaged players who played on multiple days, to understand factors encouraging consistent gameplay.

4. Analyzing first login data and cumulative stages crossed to optimize onboarding and identify potential drop-off points.

5. Considering social features and community engagement to foster player interaction and increase retention.

6. Implementing continuous data monitoring and iterative improvements based on player feedback and behavior.

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