# Retrieving Data from Other Rows



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### **Offset Functions**



- LAG
- LEAD
- FIRST\_VALUE
- LAST\_VALUE

### LAG and LEAD

- Include a column from another row
- LAG: Previous row
- LEAD: Next row
- ORDER BY required
- No frame

## Syntax

```
LAG | LEAD(<expression>)
OVER([PARTITION BY <expression>] ORDER BY <expression>);
LAG | LEAD(<expression>[,<offset>][,<default>])
OVER([PARTITION BY <expression>] ORDER BY <expression>);
```

### FIRST\_VALUE and LAST\_VALUE

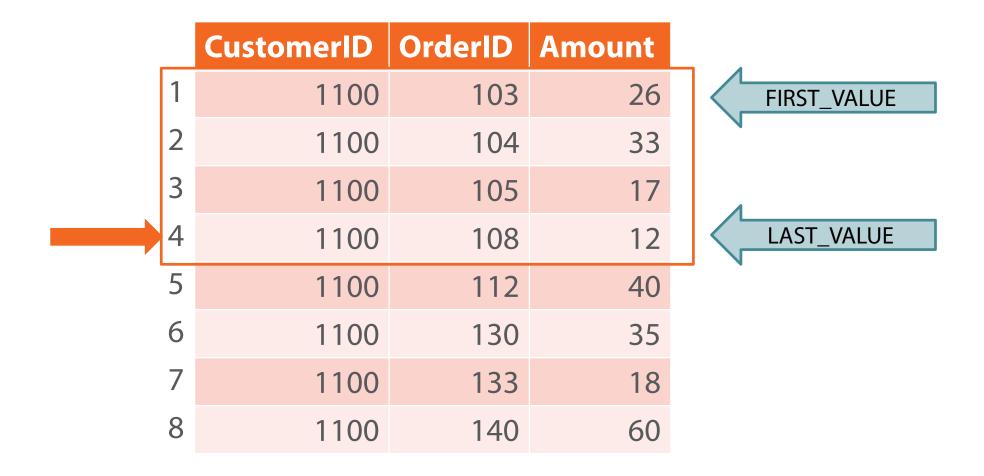
- First or last row of the partition
- FIRST\_VALUE retrieves from the first row
- LAST\_VALUE retrieves from the last row
- ORDER BY required
- Frame required

## Syntax

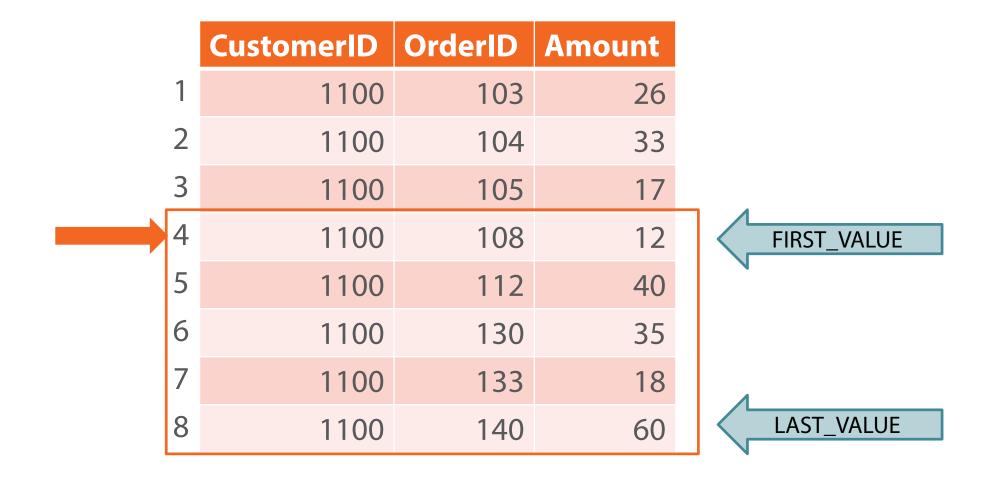
```
FIRST_VALUE | LAST_VALUE(<expression>)
OVER([PARTITION BY <expression>] ORDER BY <expression>
<frame definition>);

Default frame:
RANGE BETWEEN UNBOUNDED PRECEDING AND CURRENT ROW
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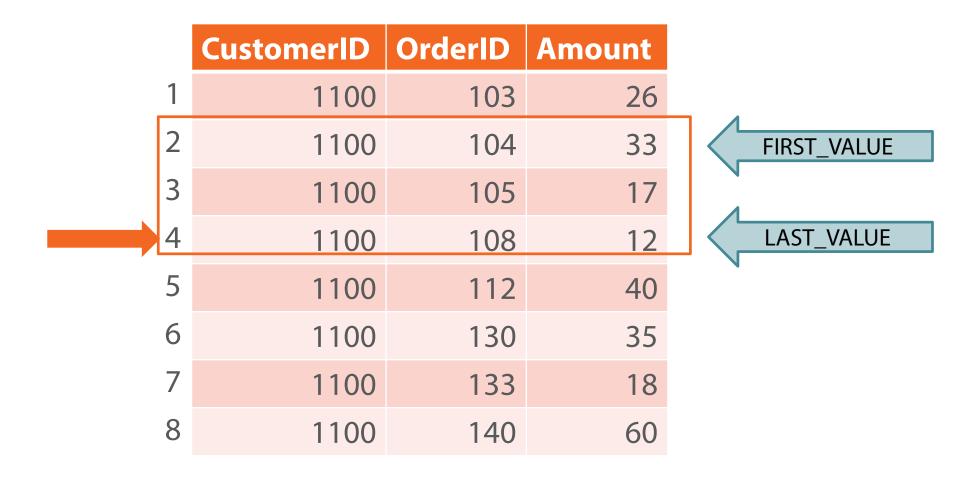
#### ROWS BETWEEN UNBOUNDED PRECEDING AND CURRENT ROW



#### ROWS BETWEEN CURRENT ROW AND UNBOUNDED FOLLOWING



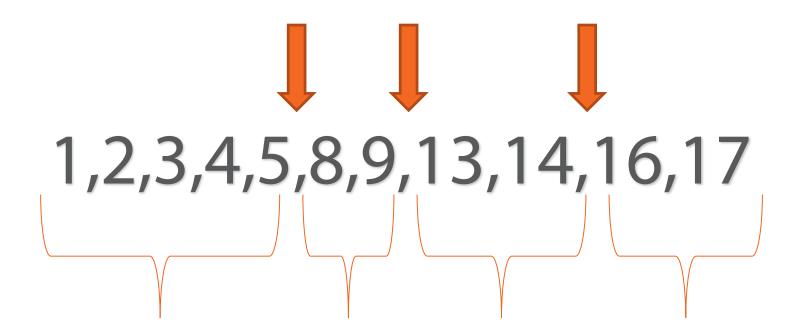
#### ROWS BETWEEN 2 PRECEDING AND CURRENT ROW



# Real World Examples



### The Islands and Gaps Problem



### Offset Function Performance

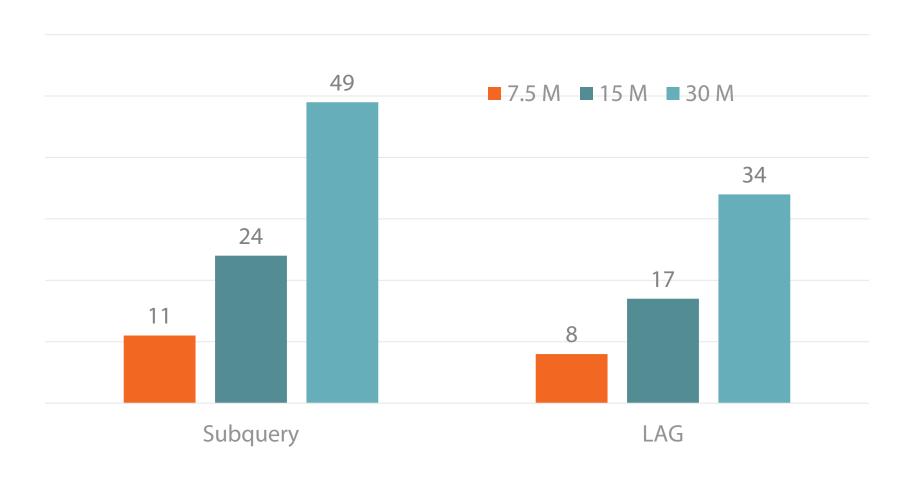
Frame for FIRST\_VALUE and LAST\_VALUE

Hardcode offset value with LAG and LEAD

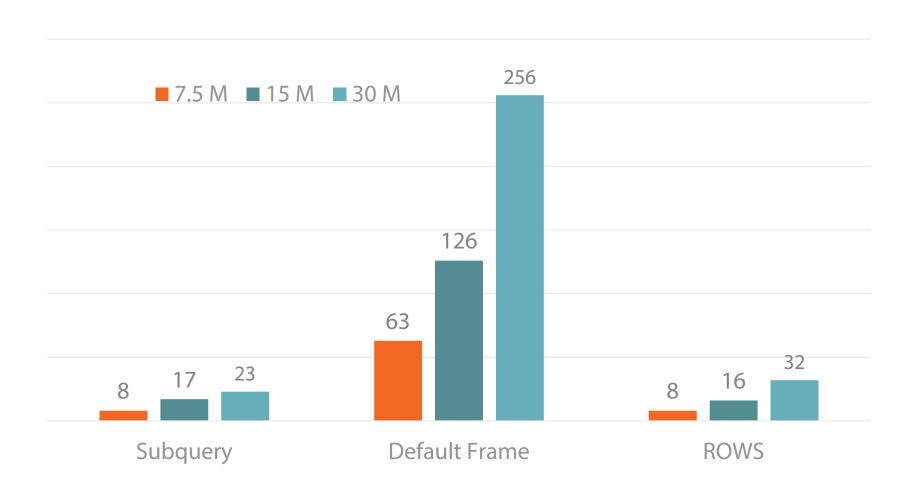
Covering index



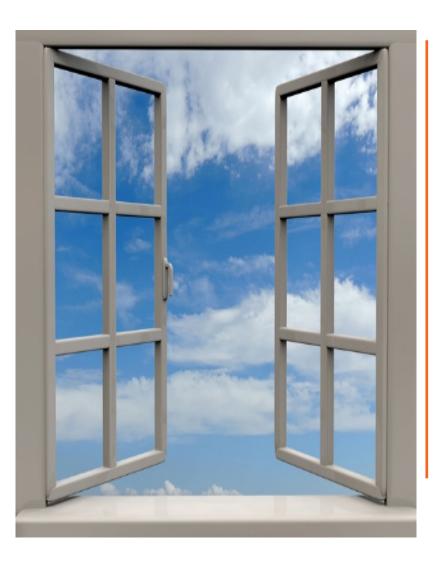
# Subquery vs. LAG



## Subquery vs. FIRST\_VALUE



### **Course Overview**



Functions added in 2005 and 2012

Real world examples

Performance tuning

Coming up next: Statistical functions