

# What is Subquery?

In SQL, a subquery is a query within another query. SELECT statement is nested inside CUD.

The inside query can't run individually.

Database → use subquery;  
outer query { SELECT \* FROM movies  
WHERE score=(SELECT MAX(score) FROM movies) } inner query

## Types of Subqueries

Based on:

1. The results it return

2. Based on working

Independent

correlated

Scalar Subquery (eg, horror)

Row Subquery

Table Subquery

Example

Genres
horror
comedy
action

Genres	rating
horror	7.8
comedy	9.2

Select ..... where ..... ( ..... )  
↑ dependent independent

## Where can Subqueries be used?

Insert select update delete  
where select from having

## Subquery Vs Order by

→ It is faster execution  
→ It is in a single which makes it

*It was more  
much faster than subquery  
on sorting.*

#### --INDEPENDENT SUBQUERY - SCALAR SUBQUERY

-Find the highest rated movie among all the movies whose number of votes are >the dataset avg votes

```
SELECT * FROM movies
WHERE score=(SELECT MAX(score) FROM movies
              WHERE votes > (SELECT AVG(votes)
                              FROM movies))
```

#### --INDEPENDENT SUBQUERY - ROW SUBQUERY(ONE COLUMN MULTI ROWS)

-Find all movies of those actors who filmography avg rating >8.5(take 25000 votes as cutoff)

```
SELECT * FROM movies
WHERE star IN (SELECT star FROM movies
               WHERE votes > 25000
               GROUP BY star
               HAVING AVG(score) > 8.5);
```

*'IN' is used  
when rows  
are returned*

#### -- INDEPENDENT SUBQUERY - TABLE SUBQUERY(MULTI COL MULTI ROW)

- Find the highest grossing movies of top 5 actor/director combo in terms of total gross income

```
SELECT * FROM movies
WHERE (star,director,gross) IN (SELECT star,director,MAX(gross)
                                FROM movies
                                GROUP BY star,director
                                ORDER BY SUM(gross) DESC LIMIT 5)
```

*We can solve above subquery by using Common Table Expression*

#### COMMON TABLE EXPRESSION

```
WITH top_duos AS (
  SELECT star,director,MAX(gross)
  FROM movies
  GROUP BY star,director
  ORDER BY SUM(gross) DESC LIMIT 5
)
SELECT * FROM movies
WHERE (star,director,gross) IN (SELECT * FROM top_duos)
```

#### CORRELATED SUBQUERY

- Find all the movies that have a rating higher than the average rating of movies in the same genre

```
SELECT * FROM movies m1
WHERE score > (SELECT AVG(score) FROM movies m2
               WHERE m2.genre = m1.genre)
```

## USUAGE WITH SELECT

-Display all movie, genre, score and avg(score) of genre

```
SELECT name, genre, score, (SELECT AVG(score) FROM movies m2 where m2.genre = m1.genre)
FROM movies m1
```

## --USUAGE WITH FROM

-Display average rating of all the restaurants

```
SELECT r_name, avg_rating
FROM (SELECT r_id, AVG(restaurant_rating) AS 'avg_rating'
      FROM orders
      GROUP BY r_id) t1 JOIN restaurants t2
ON t1.r_id = t2.r_id
```

## --USUAGE WITH HAVING

-Find genres having score > avg score of all the movies

```
SELECT genre, AVG(score)
FROM movies
GROUP BY genre
HAVING AVG(score) > (SELECT AVG(score) FROM movies)
```

## --SUBQUERY IN INSERT

-Populate a already created loyal\_customers table with records of only those customers who have ordered more than 3 times

```
INSERT INTO loyal_users
(user_id, name)
SELECT t1.user_id, name
FROM orders t1
JOIN users t2 ON t1.user_id = t2.user_id
GROUP BY user_id
HAVING COUNT(*) > 3
```

## SUBQUERY IN UPDATE

-Populate the money col of loyal\_customer table using the orders table. Provide a 10% app money to all the customers based on their order value

```
UPDATE loyal_users
SET money = (SELECT SUM(amount)*0.1
            FROM orders
            WHERE orders.user_id = loyal_users.user_id)
```

## SUBQUERY IN DELETE

-DELETE all the customer record who have never ordered.

```
DELETE FROM users  
WHERE user_id IN (SELECT user_id FROM users  
WHERE user_id NOT IN (SELECT DISTINCT(user_id) FROM orders))
```

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