Aggregation

The following query selects the average population for each country between the years 2000 and 2018 from the 'midyear_population' table in the 'census_bureau_international' dataset. The resulting table is arranged in descending order.

```
bq query --use legacy sql=false 'SELECT
 country name AS country,
 AVG(midyear population) AS average population
FROM
 `bigquery-public-data.census bureau international.midyear population`
 year >= 2000 AND year <= 2018
GROUP BY
 country
ORDER BY
 average population DESC
LIMIT
 20'
Waiting on bqjob r95be3d17e726415 000001662890a68f 1 ... (1s) Current
status: DONE
               average_population
+----+
           | 1.3285399873157892E9 |
China
| India
               1.154912377105263E9 |
| United States | 3.0594302226315784E8 |
Indonesia
               2.3984691394736844E8
| Brazil
                 1.930978929473684E8 |
Pakistan
               1.8112083526315784E8
Nigeria
                1.6255564478947365E8
Bangladesh
               1.447749475789474E8 |
Russia
               1.4330035963157892E8
Japan
                1.2727527184210527E8
| Mexico
               1.1269223210526317E8 |
| Philippines
                          9.1357295E7
```

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In the preceding query, the fields retrieved using the SELECT command are passed through an aggregation function to give the average of the mid-year population for the years between 2000 and 2018 inclusive. In order to mix aggregated field and non-aggregated fields, we need the GROUP BY command to group the result by one or more columns, or else only a single result will be returned because of the aggregated function.

Joins

The following query selects the average population for each country and their life expectancy for the year 2018. The data is joined from the 'midyear_population' table and the 'mortality_life_expectancy' table in the 'census_bureau_international' dataset. The resulting table is grouped by country name and year and arranged in descending order.

```
bq query --use_legacy_sql=false 'SELECT
  midyearpop.country_name AS country,
  midyearpop.year AS year,
  AVG(midyearpop.midyear_population) AS population,
  AVG(mortality.life_expectancy) AS life_expectancy
FROM
  `bigquery-public-data.census_bureau_international.midyear_population` AS midyearpop
JOIN
  `bigquery-public-data.census_bureau_international.mortality_life_expectancy` AS mortality
ON
  midyearpop.country_name = mortality.country_name
```