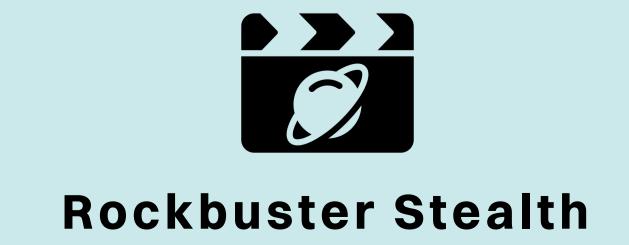
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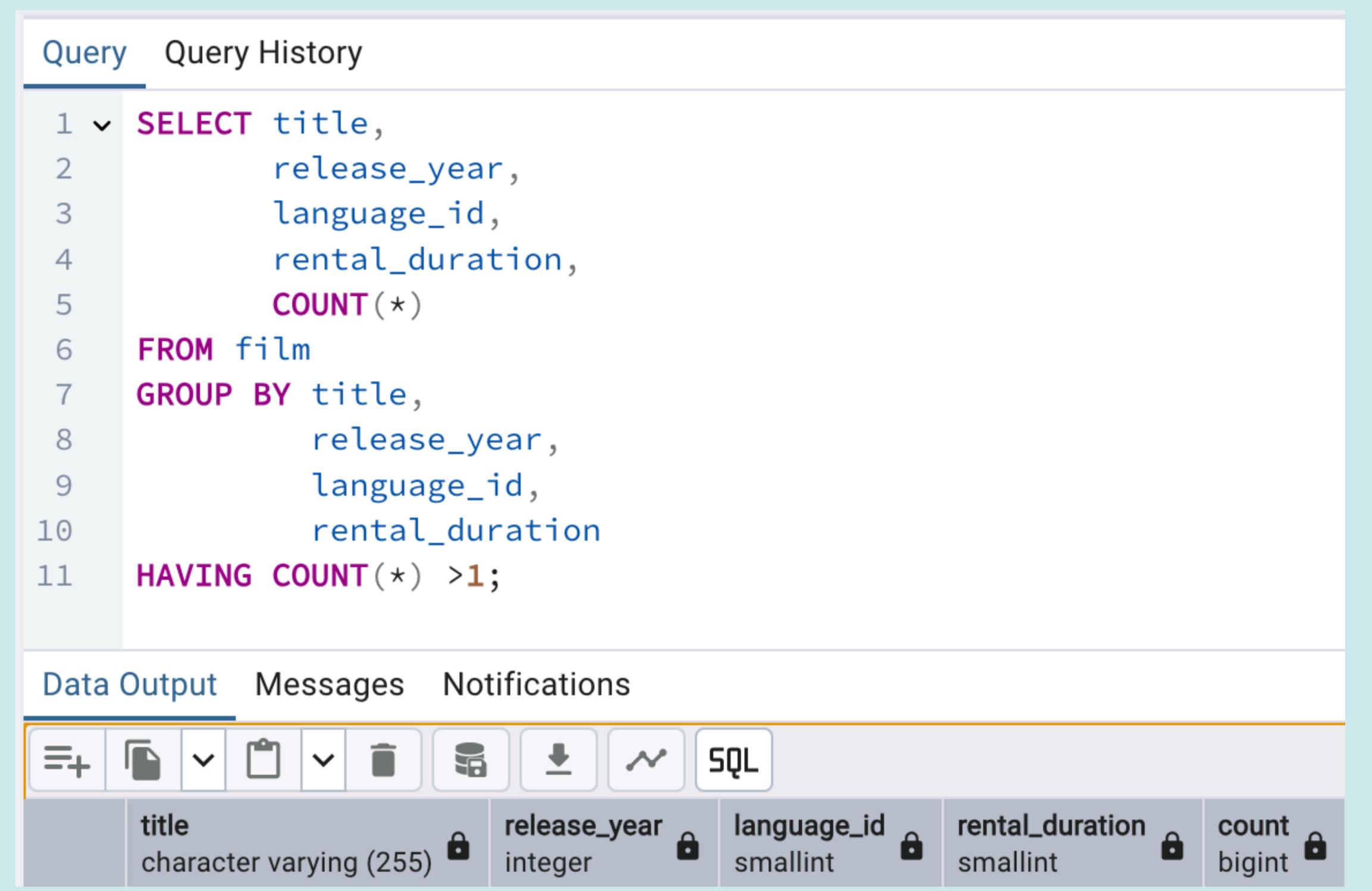
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How would I clean the data?

Start with checking for duplicate values, misspellings, and incorrect data.

If I find duplicate records in the database I would:

- Create a virtual table, known as a view, that selects only unique records.

```
CREATE VIEW film_no_duplicates AS
SELECT
title, release_year, language_id, length, rating
FROM film
GROUP BY
film_id, title, release_year, language_id, length, rating
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- Delete the duplicate records directly from the view (but not delete from the server).

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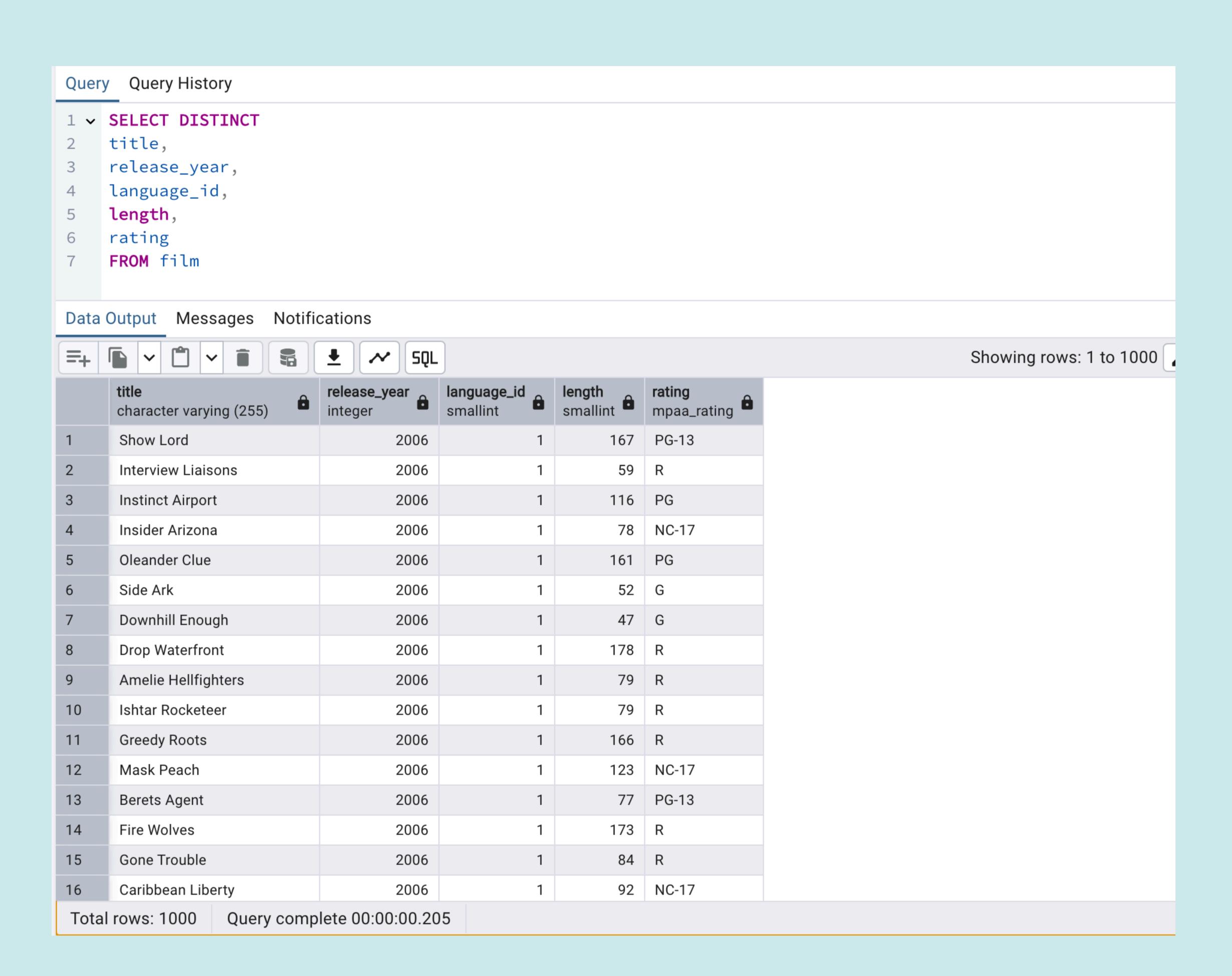
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If I find inconsistencies in the data, I would review the source of the issue. In many cases, correcting inconsistent values is not possible unless I have access to the original or correct source data. Once the correct values are confirmed, I can update the records using the UPDATE command.

UPDATE table_name
SET field_name = 'Standard_Value'
WHERE field_name IN ('Variation1', 'Variation2', 'Variation3');

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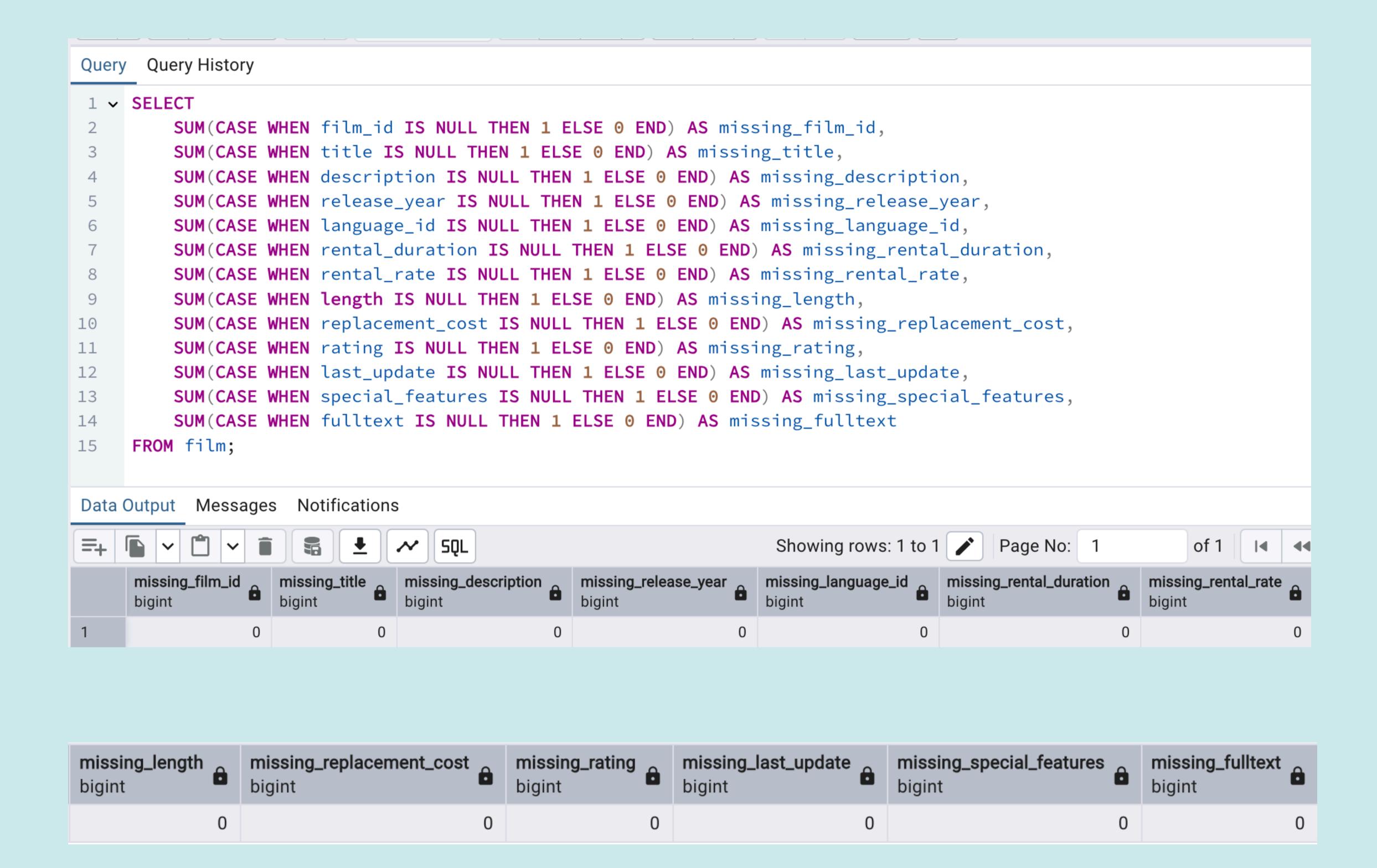
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To check the missing values, I used the CASE statement in SQL. column_name IS NULL → Checks if the value in this column is NULL (meaning missing or empty).

THEN 1 → If the value is NULL, return 1.

ELSE 0 → If the value is not NULL, return 0.

END → Ends the CASE block.

This structure converts NULL-checking into numbers, where 1 means the value is missing and 0 means the value is present. By using SUM on this result, we can easily count how many missing (NULL) values exist in the dataset.

Structure of the CASE Statement:

CASE

WHEN condition THEN result_if_true ELSE result_if_false END

In our case:

CASE

WHEN column_name IS NULL THEN 1
ELSE 0
END

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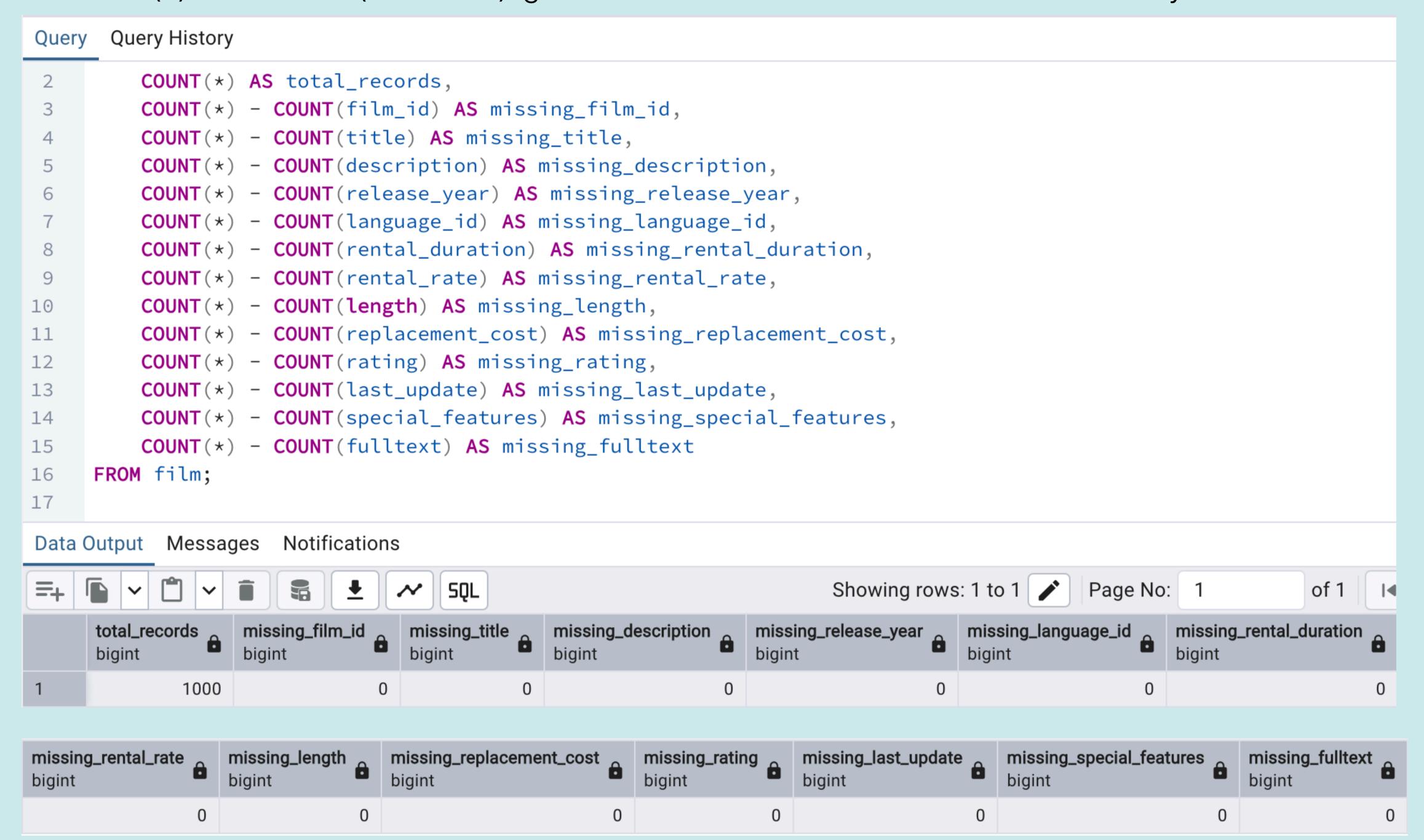
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One more option to check missing values COUNT(column) automatically excludes NULLs.

COUNT(*) - COUNT(column) gives us the number of NULLs directly.



When dealing with missing values, there are two common approaches: Ignoring Columns with Many Missing Values:

If a column has a large percentage of missing data, one practical solution is to exclude that column from your analysis. In SQL, this means simply omitting that column from your SELECT statement. It's also good practice to add a comment explaining why you are ignoring a column. It's also good practice to add a comment explaining why you are ignoring a column.

SELECT col1,

col2,

col4 -- col3 is excluded due to many missing values

FROM tablename;

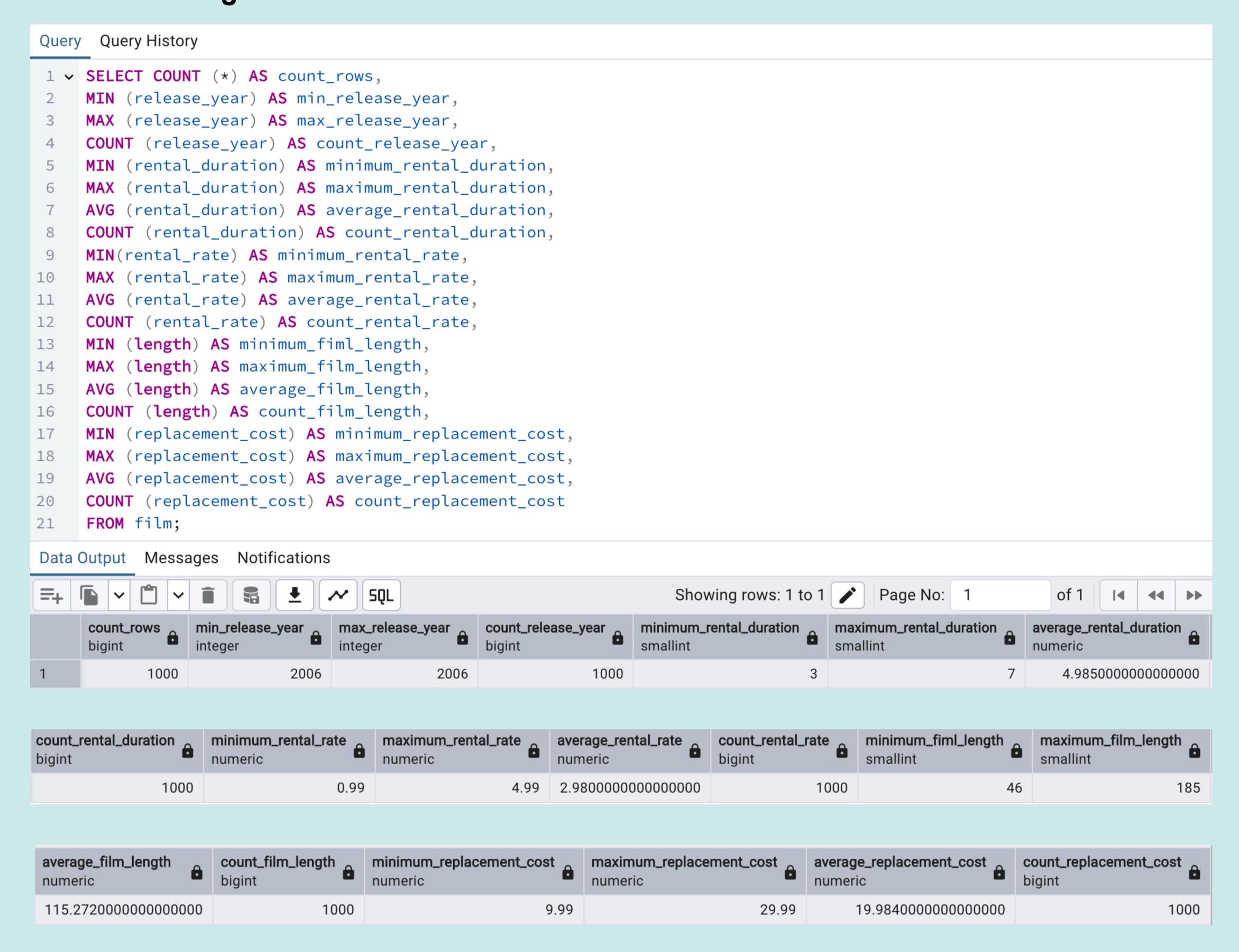
Imputing Missing Values:

Instead of excluding data, you can fill in missing values using statistical imputation methods. One common technique is to replace missing values with the column's average. This can be done in SQL with an UPDATE statement like this:

-- Impute missing values in col1 with the column's average UPDATE tablename SET col1 = (SELECT AVG(col1) FROM tablename) WHERE col1 IS NULL;

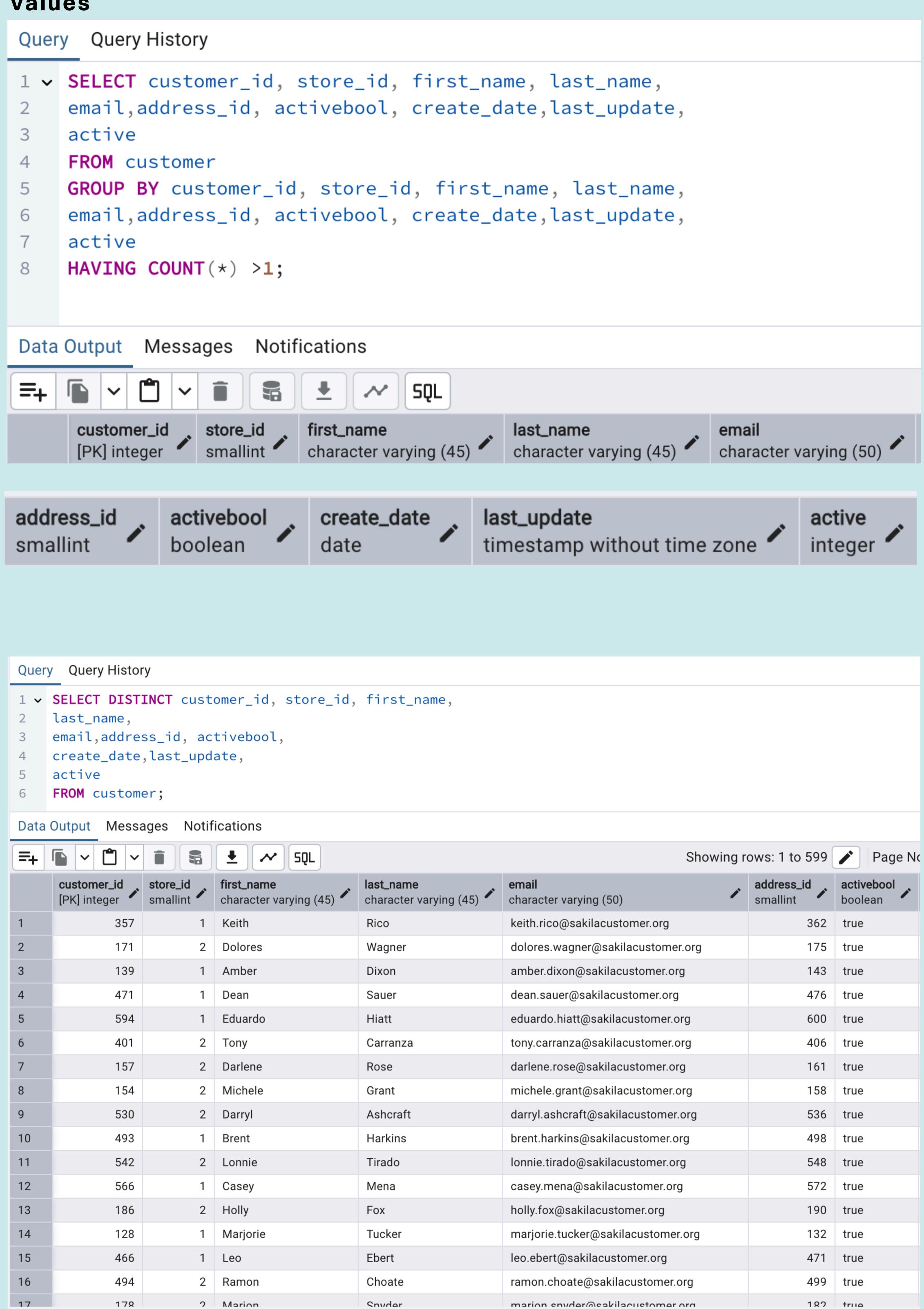
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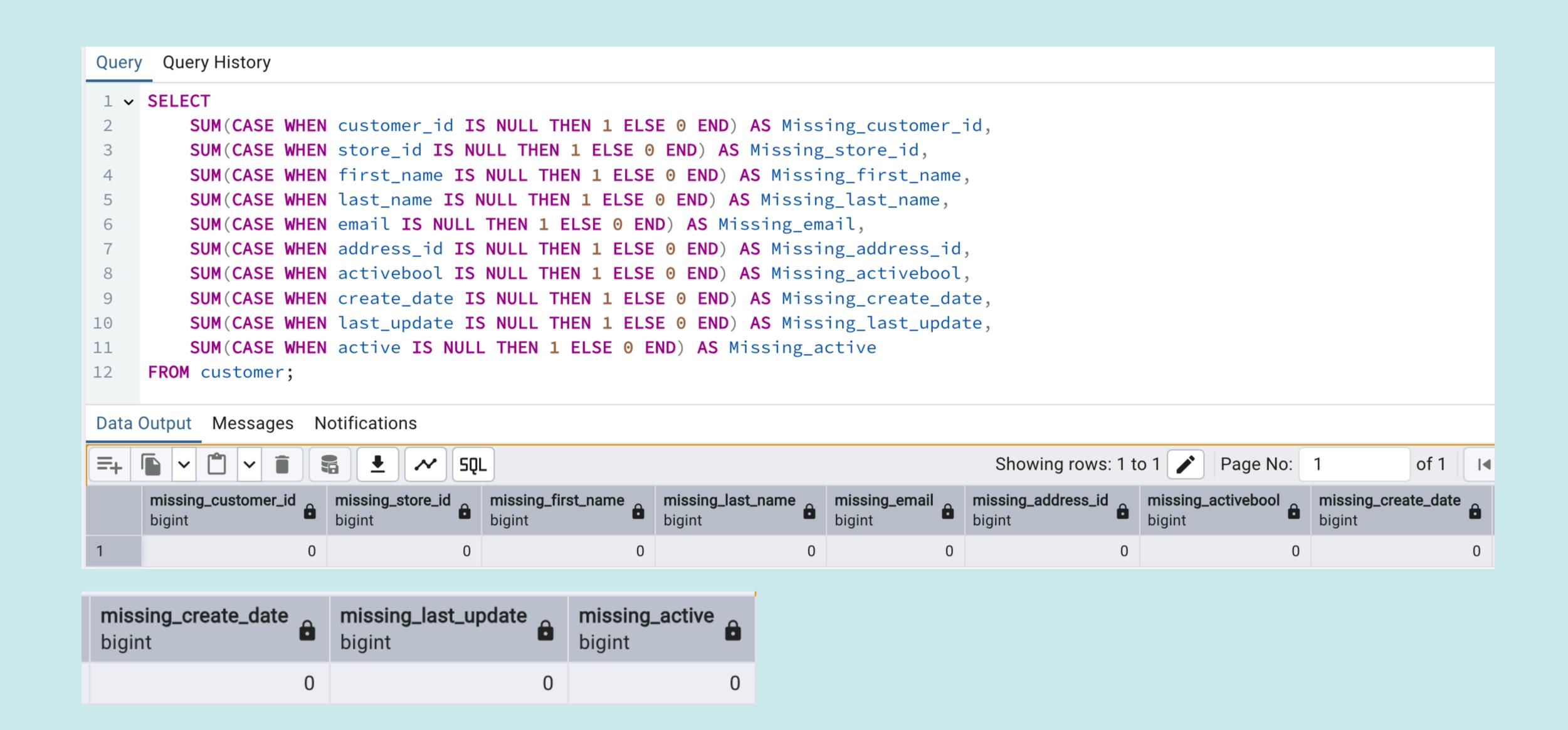
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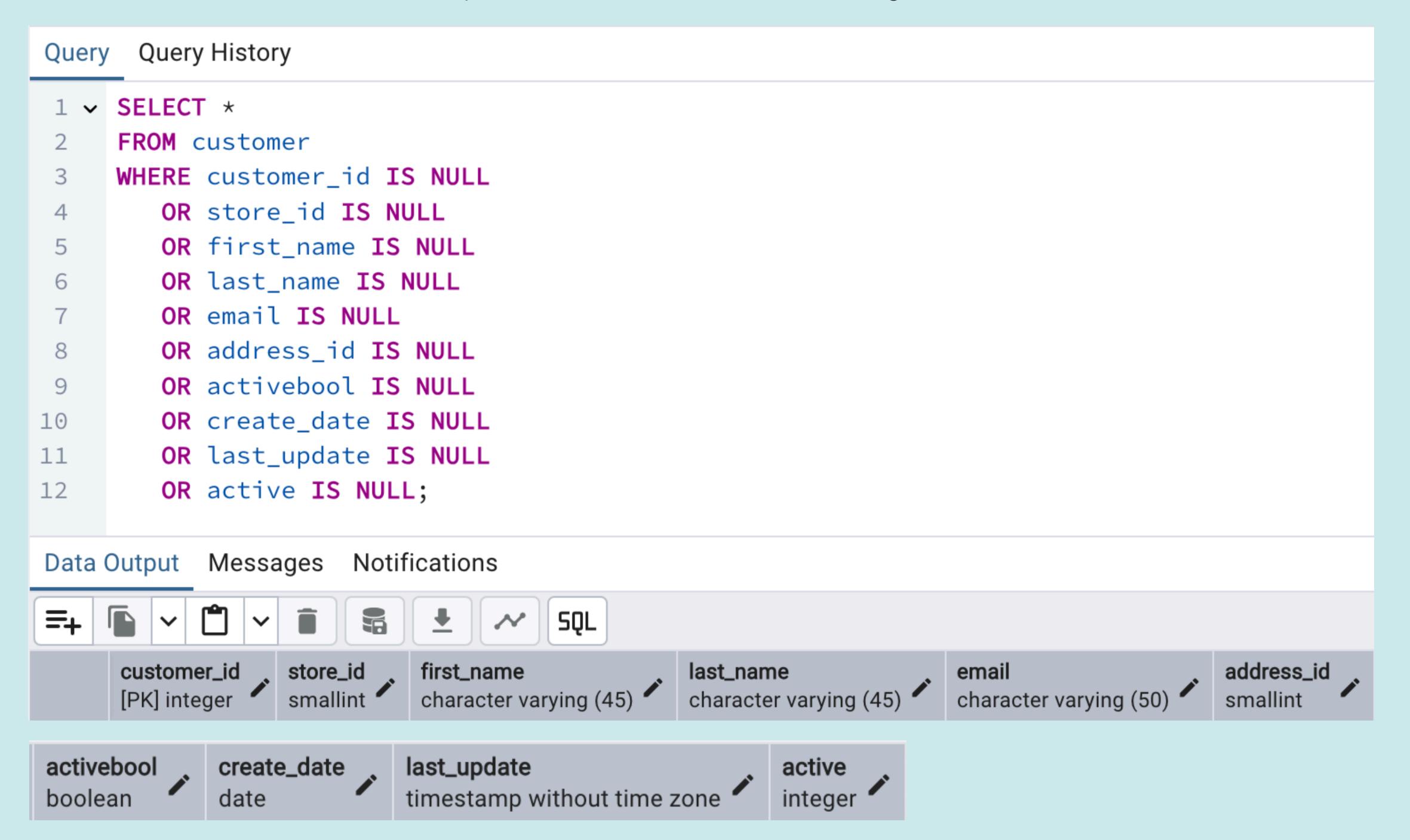
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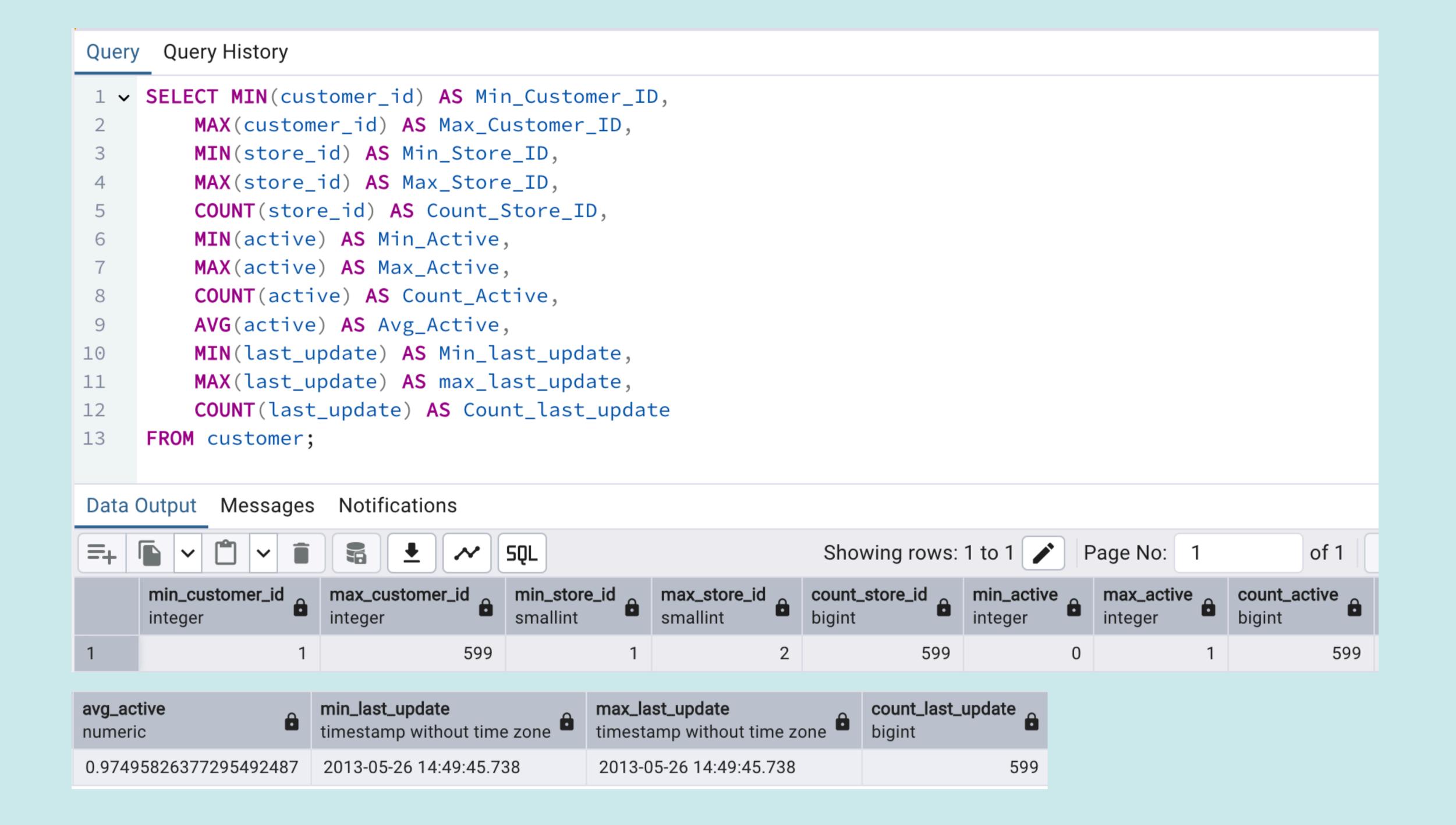
If we want to see which specific rows have missing data:



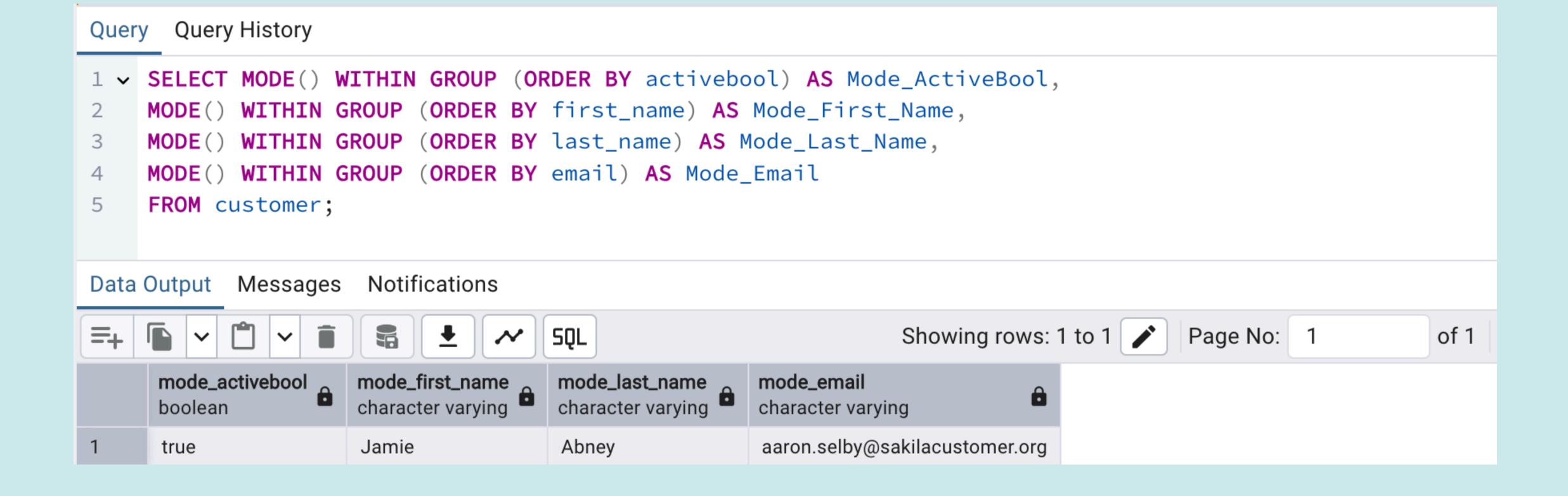
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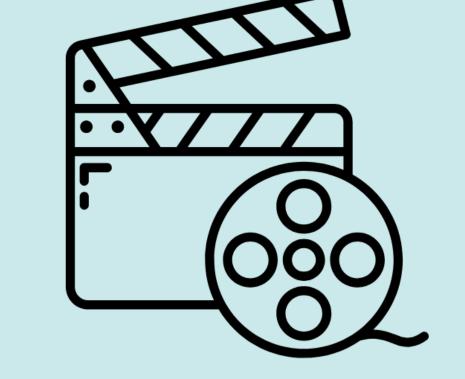
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From my experience, SQL is more effective for data profiling than Excel. While Excel is easier to use for small datasets and quick overviews, SQL is faster, more scalable, and better suited for handling large amounts of data. It also simplifies tasks like calculating statistics and checking for missing values without manual steps. Overall, SQL offers more efficiency and flexibility for data profiling.