

SQL INTERVIEW PREPARATION PART 2.1

Table Structure

id: int64
time_id: datetime64[ns]
user_id: object
customer_id: object
client_id: object
event_type: object
event_id: int64

Question 1: Desktop-Only Users: Write a query that returns the company (customer_id column) with the highest number of users that use desktop only.

Solution:

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WITH DeviceUsage AS (  
    SELECT  
        user_id,  
        customer_id,  
        COUNT(DISTINCT client_id) AS distinct_clients  
    FROM events_table  
    WHERE client_id = 'desktop'  
    GROUP BY user_id, customer_id  
)  
SELECT customer_id, COUNT(user_id) AS desktop_only_users  
FROM DeviceUsage  
WHERE distinct_clients = 1  
GROUP BY customer_id  
ORDER BY desktop_only_users DESC  
LIMIT 1;
```

Query Explanation:

The query identifies the **company (customer_id)** with the **highest number of "desktop-only" users**, where "desktop-only" users are those who use **only the desktop client**.

Steps:

1. DeviceUsage CTE:

- Counts the number of distinct client_id values per user in each company (customer_id) for desktop users.
- Filters only desktop users.

2. Final Query:

- Filters out users who used **only the desktop client** (distinct_clients = 1).
- Counts these users for each company.
- Sorts companies by the number of desktop-only users in descending order.
- Returns the top company.

Example Input Table (events_table):

user_id	customer_id	client_id	event_type
1	A	desktop	login
2	A	desktop	purchase
3	A	mobile	browse
4	B	desktop	browse
5	B	desktop	login
6	B	desktop	purchase
7	C	mobile	login

Query Output:

1. DeviceUsage CTE:

user_id	customer_id	distinct_clients
1	A	1
2	A	1
3	A	2
4	B	1
5	B	1
6	B	1

2. Final Output:

customer_id desktop_only_users

B 3

Result: The top company is **B** with **3 desktop-only users**.

Question 2: Bottom Companies by Mobile Usage: Write a query that returns a list of the bottom 2 companies by mobile usage. Company is defined in the customer_id column. Mobile usage is defined as the number of events registered on a client_id == 'mobile'. Order the result by the number of events ascending. In the case where there are multiple companies tied for the bottom ranks (rank 1 or 2), return all the companies. Output the customer_id and number of events.

Solution:

WITH MobileUsage AS (

 SELECT

 customer_id,

 COUNT(*) AS mobile_event_count

 FROM events_table

 WHERE client_id = 'mobile'

 GROUP BY customer_id

),

RankedCompanies AS (

 SELECT

 customer_id,

 mobile_event_count,

 DENSE_RANK() OVER (ORDER BY mobile_event_count ASC) AS rank

 FROM MobileUsage

)

SELECT customer_id, mobile_event_count

FROM RankedCompanies

WHERE rank <= 2;

Query Explanation:

The query finds the **bottom 2 companies (customer_id)** with the **lowest mobile event counts** (client_id = 'mobile').

Steps:

1. MobileUsage CTE:

- Counts the total mobile events (mobile_event_count) for each company.

2. RankedCompanies CTE:

- Assigns a **rank** to companies based on their mobile event count in **ascending order** using DENSE_RANK.

3. Final Query:

- Filters and retrieves companies with a rank of **1 or 2** (bottom two companies).

Example Input Table (events_table):

customer_id	user_id	client_id	event_type
A	1	mobile	login
A	2	mobile	browse
B	3	desktop	purchase
C	4	mobile	login
C	5	mobile	browse
D	6	mobile	login

Query Output:

1. MobileUsage CTE:

customer_id	mobile_event_count
A	2
C	2
D	1

2. **RankedCompanies CTE:**

customer_id	mobile_event_count	rank
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D	1	1
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A	2	2
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C	2	2
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3. **Final Output:**

customer_id	mobile_event_count
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D	1
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A	2
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C	2
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Result: The query returns **D, A, C**, since they are tied for the bottom 2 ranks.

Question 3: Exclusive Users per Client: Write a query that returns a number of users who are exclusive to only one client. Output the client_id and number of exclusive users.

Solution:

WITH ClientUsage AS (

SELECT

user_id,

client_id,

COUNT(DISTINCT client_id) AS client_count

FROM events_table

GROUP BY user_id, client_id

)

SELECT client_id, COUNT(user_id) AS exclusive_user_count

FROM ClientUsage

WHERE client_count = 1

GROUP BY client_id;

Query Explanation:

This query identifies the number of **exclusive users** for each client_id. A user is considered exclusive if they use **only one client** (e.g., only mobile or only desktop).

Steps:

1. ClientUsage CTE:

- Counts the distinct number of clients (client_count) each user has interacted with.

2. Final Query:

- Filters users with client_count = 1 (exclusive users).
- Groups by client_id and counts the number of such exclusive users (exclusive_user_count).

Example Input Table (events_table):

user_id	client_id	event_type
1	mobile	login
1	mobile	browse
2	desktop	purchase
3	desktop	login
3	mobile	browse
4	desktop	login

Query Output:

1. ClientUsage CTE:

user_id	client_id	client_count
1	mobile	1
2	desktop	1
3	desktop	2
4	desktop	1

2. Final Output:

client_id	exclusive_user_count
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mobile	1
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desktop	2
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Result: The query identifies exclusive users for each client (mobile: 1, desktop: 2).