Pivoting

POSTGRESQL SUMMARY STATS AND WINDOW FUNCTIONS



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Transforming tables

Before

 Gold medals awarded to China, Russia, and the USA

After

```
| Country | 2008 | 2012 |
|-----|----|----|
| CHN | 74 | 56 |
| RUS | 43 | 47 |
| USA | 125 | 147 |
```

- Pivoted by Year
- Easier to scan, especially if pivoted by a chronologically ordered column

Enter CROSSTAB



Queries

Before

```
SELECT
   Country, Year, COUNT(*) AS Awards
FROM Summer_Medals
WHERE
   Country IN ('CHN', 'RUS', 'USA')
   AND Year IN (2008, 2012)
   AND Medal = 'Gold'
GROUP BY Country, Year
ORDER BY Country ASC, Year ASC;
```

After

```
CREATE EXTENSION IF NOT EXISTS tablefunc;
SELECT * FROM CROSSTAB($$
  SELECT
    Country, Year, COUNT(*) :: INTEGER AS Awards
  FROM Summer Medals
  WHERE
    Country IN ('CHN', 'RUS', 'USA')
    AND Year IN (2008, 2012)
    AND Medal = 'Gold'
  GROUP BY Country, Year
  ORDER BY Country ASC, Year ASC;
$$) AS ct (Country VARCHAR, "2008" INTEGER, "2012" INTEGER
ORDER BY Country ASC;
```

Source query

```
WITH Country_Awards AS (
  SELECT
    Country, Year, COUNT(*) AS Awards
  FROM Summer_Medals
  WHERE
    Country IN ('CHN', 'RUS', 'USA')
    AND Year IN (2004, 2008, 2012)
    AND Medal = 'Gold' AND Sport = 'Gymnastics'
  GROUP BY Country, Year
  ORDER BY Country ASC, Year ASC)
SELECT
  Country, Year,
  RANK() OVER
    (PARTITION BY Year ORDER BY Awards DESC) :: INTEGER
    AS rank
FROM Country_Awards
ORDER BY Country ASC, Year ASC;
```



Source result

```
Country | Year | Rank |
-----
CHN
       | 2004 | 3
      | 2008 | 1
CHN
      | 2012 | 1
CHN
      | 2004 | 1
RUS
      | 2008 | 2
RUS
      | 2012 | 2
RUS
      | 2004 | 2
USA
      | 2008 | 3
USA
       | 2012 | 3
USA
```

Pivot query

```
CREATE EXTENSION IF NOT EXISTS tablefunc;

SELECT * FROM CROSSTAB($$
...

$$) AS ct (Country VARCHAR,

"2004" INTEGER,

"2008" INTEGER,

"2012" INTEGER)

ORDER BY Country ASC;
```



Pivot result

```
| Country | 2004 | 2008 | 2012 |
|-----|-----|-----|
| CHN | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| RUS | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| USA | 2 | 3 | 3 |
```

Let's practice!

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ROLLUP and CUBE

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Group-level totals

Chinese and Russian medals in the 2008 Summer Olympics per medal class

```
Country | Medal
                | Awards |
CHN
        | Bronze | 57
CHN
      | Gold
CHN
        | Silver | 53
CHN
        | Total
RUS
       | Bronze | 56
RUS
       | Gold
RUS
        | Silver | 44
RUS
        | Total
                  143
```

The old way

```
SELECT
  Country, Medal, COUNT(*) AS Awards
FROM Summer_Medals
WHERE
  Year = 2008 AND Country IN ('CHN', 'RUS')
GROUP BY Country, Medal
ORDER BY Country ASC, Medal ASC
UNION ALL
SELECT
  Country, 'Total', COUNT(*) AS Awards
FROM Summer_Medals
WHERE
  Year = 2008 AND Country IN ('CHN', 'RUS')
GROUP BY Country, 2
ORDER BY Country ASC;
```



Enter ROLLUP

```
SELECT
  Country, Medal, COUNT(*) AS Awards
FROM Summer_Medals
WHERE
  Year = 2008 AND Country IN ('CHN', 'RUS')
GROUP BY Country, ROLLUP(Medal)
ORDER BY Country ASC, Medal ASC;
```

- ROLLUP is a GROUP BY subclause that includes extra rows for group-level aggregations
- GROUP BY Country, ROLLUP(Medal) will count all Country and Medal -level totals, then count only Country -level totals and fill in Medal with null s for these rows

ROLLUP - Query

```
SELECT
  Country, Medal, COUNT(*) AS Awards
FROM summer_medals
WHERE
  Year = 2008 AND Country IN ('CHN', 'RUS')
GROUP BY ROLLUP(Country, Medal)
ORDER BY Country ASC, Medal ASC;
```

- ROLLUP is hierarchical, de-aggregating from the leftmost provided column to the right-most
 - ROLLUP(Country, Medal) includes Country -level totals
 - ROLLUP(Medal, Country) includes Medal -level totals
 - Both include grand totals

ROLLUP - Result

```
Country | Medal
                | Awards |
CHN
         Bronze 57
CHN
         Gold
CHN
         Silver |
CHN
         null
        Bronze 56
RUS
RUS
         Gold
         Silver | 44
RUS
RUS
         null
                  143
null
         null
                  327
```

- Group-level totals contain nulls; the row with all null s is the grand total
- Notice that it didn't include Medal -level totals, since it's ROLLUP(Country, Medal) and not ROLLUP(Medal, Country)

Enter CUBE

```
SELECT
  Country, Medal, COUNT(*) AS Awards
FROM summer_medals
WHERE
  Year = 2008 AND Country IN ('CHN', 'RUS')
GROUP BY CUBE(Country, Medal)
ORDER BY Country ASC, Medal ASC;
```

- CUBE is a non-hierarchical ROLLUP
- It generates all possible group-level aggregations
 - CUBE(Country, Medal) counts Country -level, Medal -level, and grand totals

CUBE - Result

```
Country | Medal
                 | Awards |
          Bronze | 57
CHN
CHN
        Gold
CHN
        | Silver | 53
        | null
CHN
                  184
RUS
        | Bronze | 56
RUS
        | Gold
RUS
        | Silver | 44
RUS
          null
null
        Bronze | 113
null
        | Gold
                 | 117
null
        | Silver |
null
        | null
                   327
```

Notice that Medal -level totals are included

ROLLUP vs CUBE

Source

- Use ROLLUP when you have hierarchical data (e.g., date parts) and don't want all possible group-level aggregations
- Use CUBE when you want all possible group-level aggregations

ROLLUP(Year, Quarter)

CUBE(Year, Quarter)

Above rows + the following

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A survey of useful functions

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Nulls ahoy

Query

```
SELECT
  Country, Medal, COUNT(*) AS Awards
FROM summer_medals
WHERE
  Year = 2008 AND Country IN ('CHN', 'RUS')
GROUP BY ROLLUP(Country, Medal)
ORDER BY Country ASC, Medal ASC;
```

null s signify group totals

Result

```
Country | Medal | Awards |
          Bronze | 57
CHN
CHN
         Gold
                   74
        | Silver | 53
CHN
CHN
        | null
                  184
RUS
        | Bronze | 56
RUS
        | Gold
                   43
RUS
        | Silver | 44
RUS
          null
                   143
null
        | null
                   327
```

Enter COALESCE

- COALESCE() takes a list of values and returns the first non-null value, going from left to right
- COALESCE(null, null, 1, null, 2) ? 1
- Useful when using SQL operations that return null s
 - ROLLUP and CUBE
 - Pivoting
 - LAG and LEAD

Annihilating nulls

Query

```
SELECT
   COALESCE(Country, 'Both countries') AS Country,
   COALESCE(Medal, 'All medals') AS Medal,
   COUNT(*) AS Awards
FROM summer_medals
WHERE
   Year = 2008 AND Country IN ('CHN', 'RUS')
GROUP BY ROLLUP(Country, Medal)
ORDER BY Country ASC, Medal ASC;
```

Result

```
Medal
                            | Awards |
Country
Both countries | All medals | 327
CHN
                All medals | 184
CHN
                 Bronze
                              57
CHN
                Gold
                            1 74
CHN
                Silver
                            l 53
RUS
                All medals | 143
RUS
                Bronze
                            | 56
RUS
                 Gold
                            43
RUS
                Silver
                            44
```

Compressing data

Before



Rank is redundant because the ranking is implied

After

CHN, RUS, USA

 Succinct and provides all information needed because the ranking is implied

Enter STRING_AGG

• STRING_AGG(column, separator) takes all the values of a column and concatenates them, with separator in between each value

```
STRING_AGG(Letter, ', ') transforms this...
```

...into this

```
A, B, C
```



Query and result

Before

```
WITH Country_Medals AS (
  SELECT
    Country, COUNT(*) AS Medals
  FROM Summer Medals
  WHERE Year = 2012
    AND Country IN ('CHN', 'RUS', 'USA')
    AND Medal = 'Gold'
    AND Sport = 'Gymnastics'
  GROUP BY Country),
  SELECT
    Country,
    RANK() OVER (ORDER BY Medals DESC) AS Rank
  FROM Country_Medals
  ORDER BY Rank ASC;
```

After

```
WITH Country_Medals AS (...),

Country_Ranks AS (...)

SELECT STRING_AGG(Country, ', ')
FROM Country_Medals;
```

Result

```
CHN, RUS, USA
```

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