MySQL Aggregate Functions

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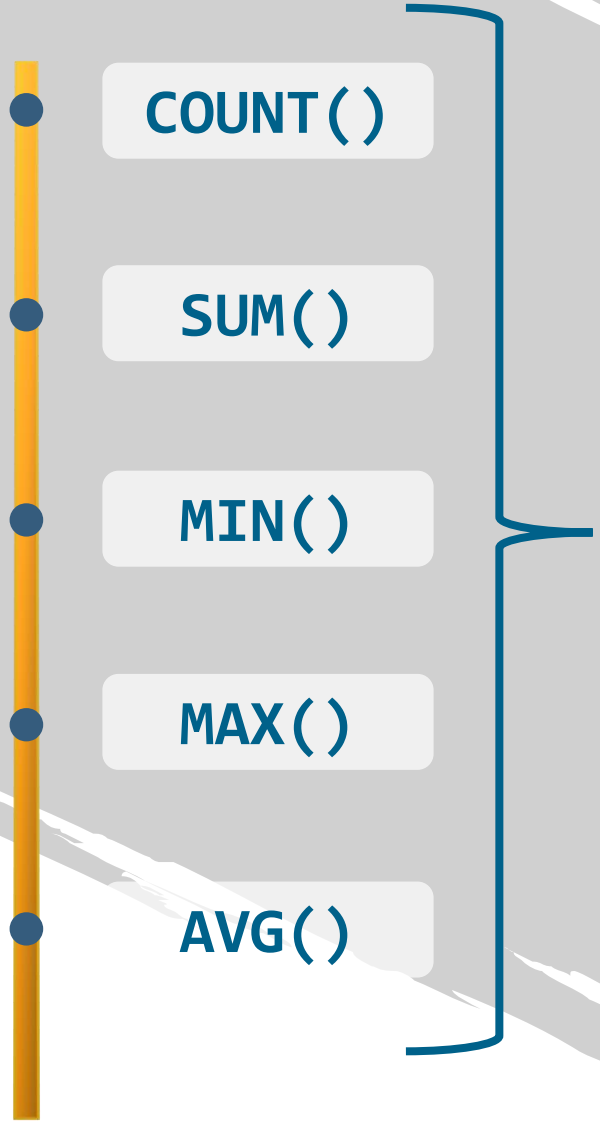

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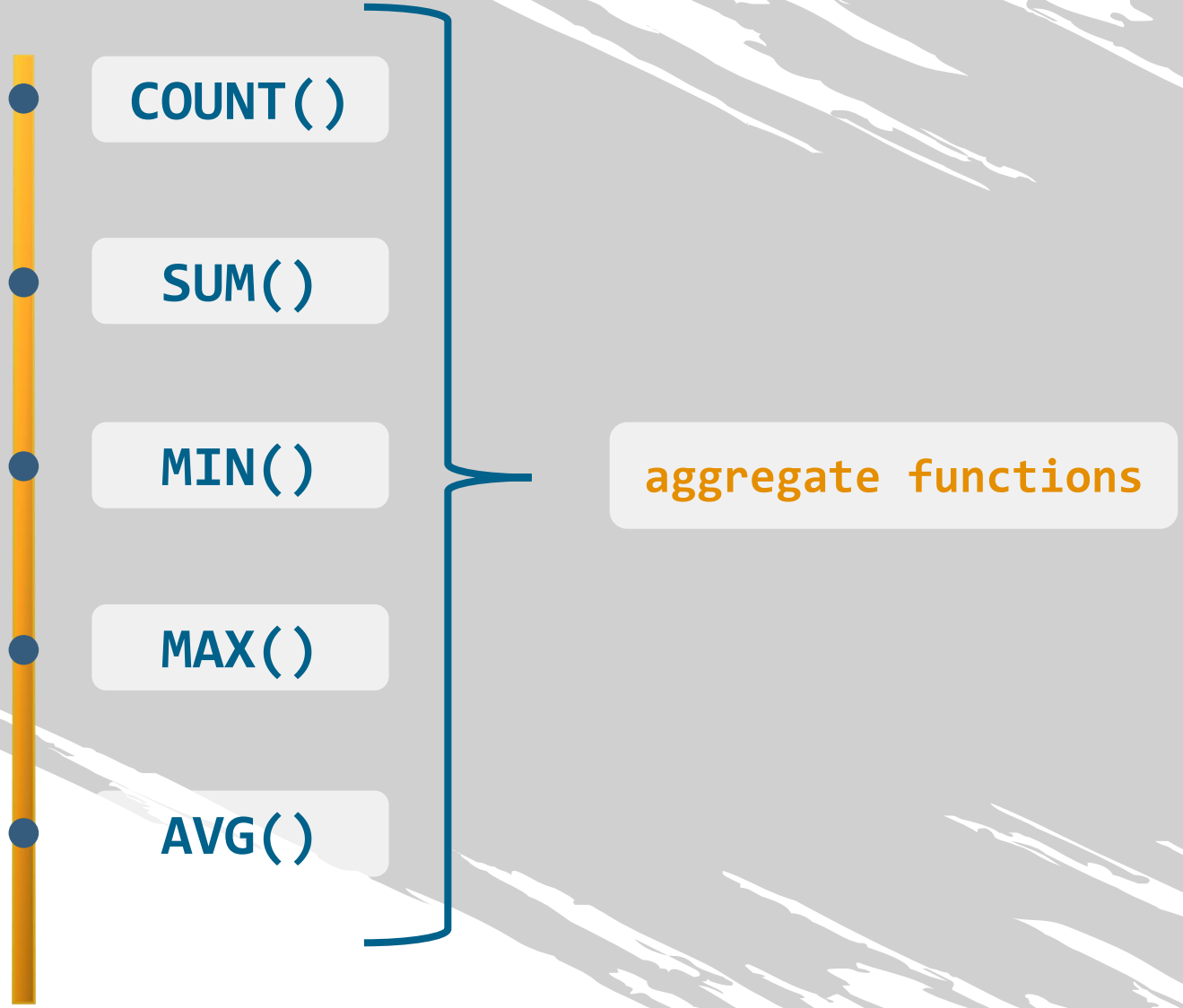

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- top management executives are typically interested in *summarized* figures and rarely in detailed data

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`COUNT(DISTINCT )`

helps us find the number of times unique values are encountered in a given column

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returns the maximum value of a column

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returns the minimum value of a column


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extracts the average value of all non-null values in a field

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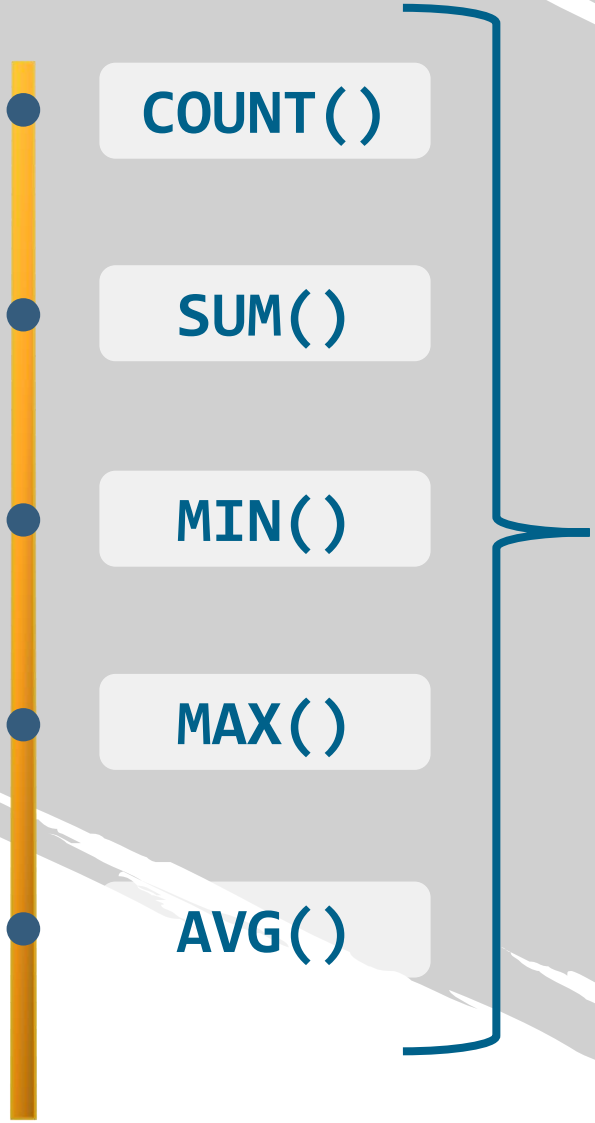

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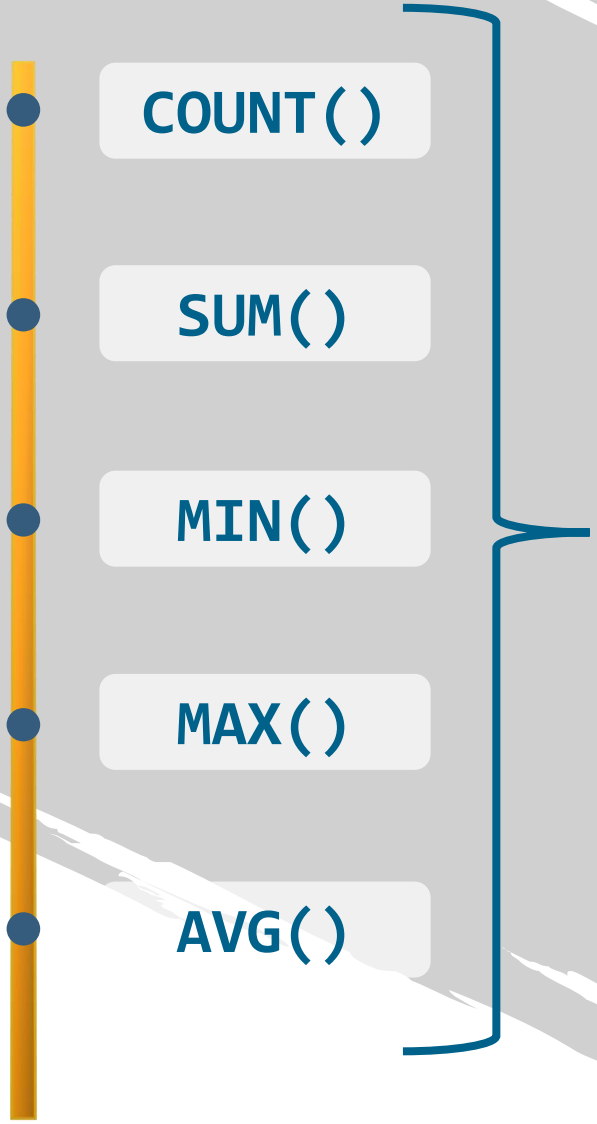

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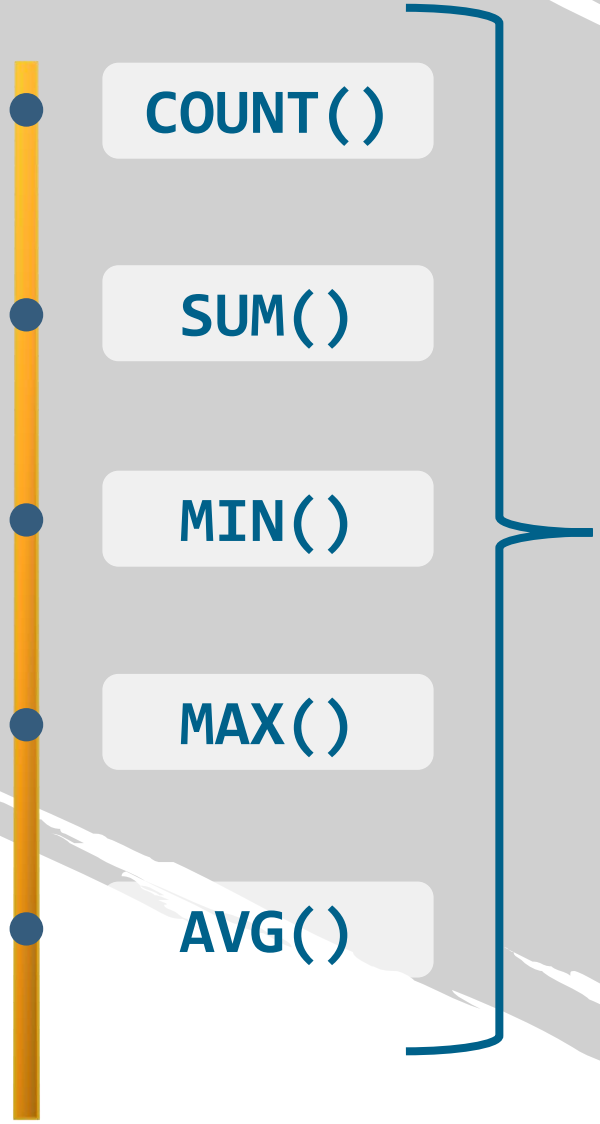

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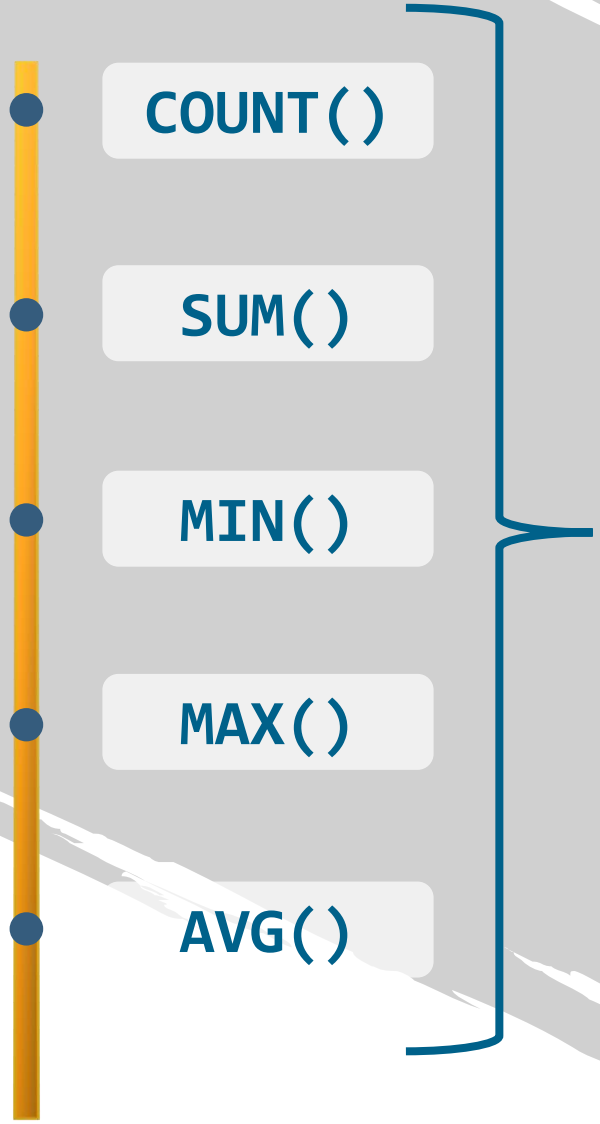

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Here we will study something a bit more sophisticated.

IF NULL() and COALESCE() are among the advanced SQL functions in the toolkit of SQL professionals. They are used when null values are dispersed in your data table and you would like to substitute the null values with another value.

So, let's adjust the "Departments" duplicate in a way that suits the purposes of the next video, in which we will work with IF NULL() and COALESCE().

First, let's look at our table and see what we have there.

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SQL

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SELECT * FROM departments_dup;
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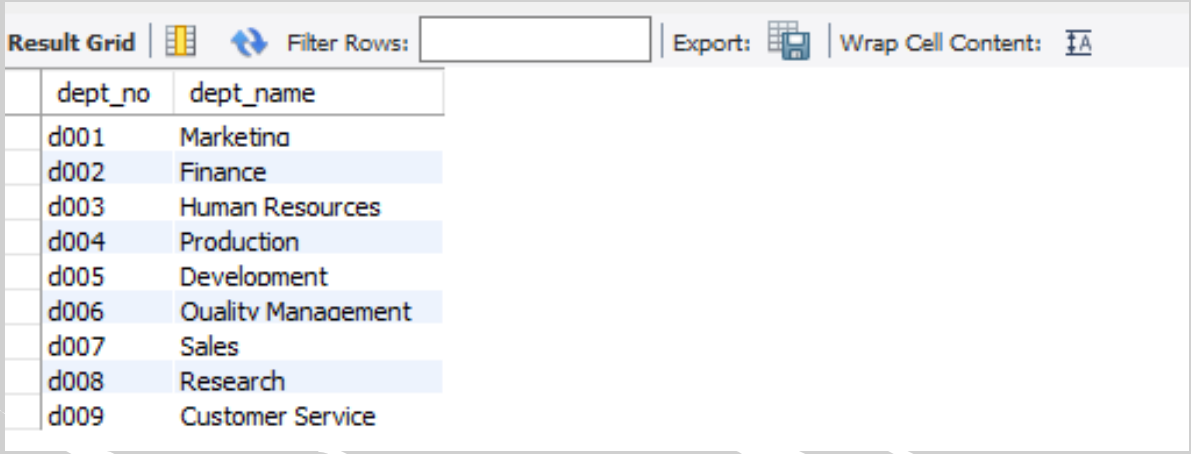

Result Grid | Filter Rows: | Export: | Wrap Cell Content:

dept_no	dept_name
d001	Marketing
d002	Finance
d003	Human Resources
d004	Production
d005	Development
d006	Quality Management
d007	Sales
d008	Research
d009	Customer Service

Nine departments, with their department numbers and names provided. Ok!

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Currently, as shown in the DDL statement of this table, the "Department name" field is with a NOT NULL constraint, which naturally means we must insert a value in each of its rows.

DDL for employees.departments_dup

```
1  CREATE TABLE `departments_dup` (
2      `dept_no` char(4) NOT NULL,
3      `dept_name` varchar(40) NOT NULL
4  ) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8
```

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Now, with the ALTER TABLE statement and the CHANGE COLUMN command, we will modify this constraint and allow null values to be registered in the “department name” column.


```sql
ALTER TABLE departments_dup

CHANGE COLUMN dept_name dept_name VARCHAR(40) NULL;
```

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Right after that, we will insert into the department number column of this table a couple of data values – D-10 and D-11, the numbers of the next two potential departments in the “Departments Duplicate” table.


```sql
INSERT INTO departments_dup(dept_no) VALUES ('d010'), ('d011');
```

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By running this SELECT query over here, you can see whether this operation was carried out successfully.


```sql
SELECT
    *
FROM
    departments_dup
ORDER BY dept_no ASC;
```

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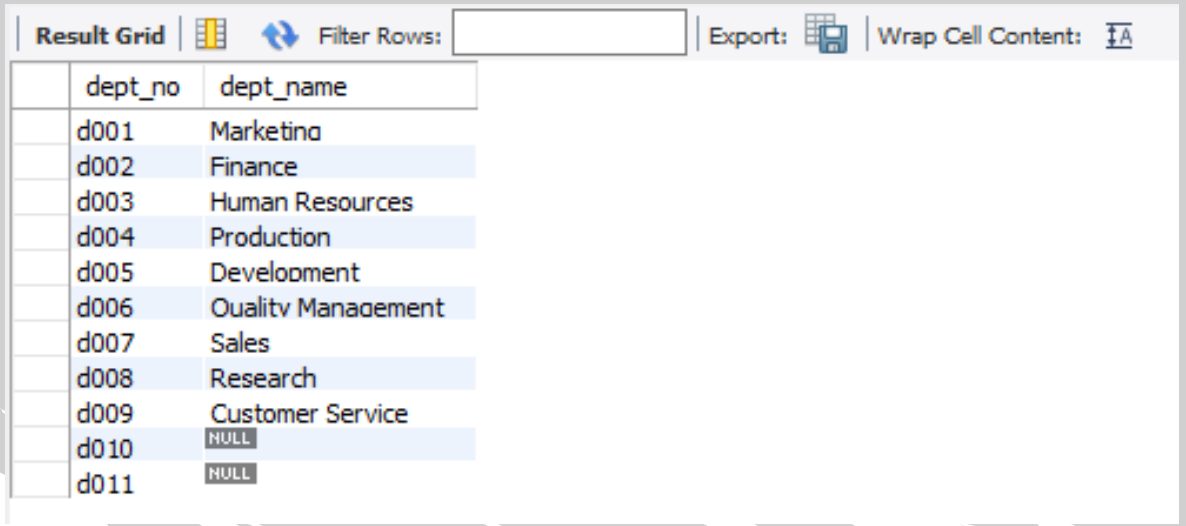
We have the two new department numbers listed below, and in the “Department name” column we can see two null values. The latter happened because we allowed for null values to exist in this field, “Department name”. Thus, Workbench will indicate that a value in a cell is missing by attaching a “null” label to it. Great!



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The next adjustment we'll have to make is adding a third column called "Department manager". It will indicate the manager of the respective department. For now, we will leave it empty, and will add the NULL constraint. Finally, we will place it next to the "Department name" column by typing "AFTER "Department name".


```sql
ALTER TABLE employees.departments_dup

ADD COLUMN dept_manager VARCHAR(255) NULL AFTER dept_name;
```

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Let’s check the state of the “Departments duplicate” table now.


```sql
SELECT
    *
FROM
    departments_dup
ORDER BY dept_no ASC;
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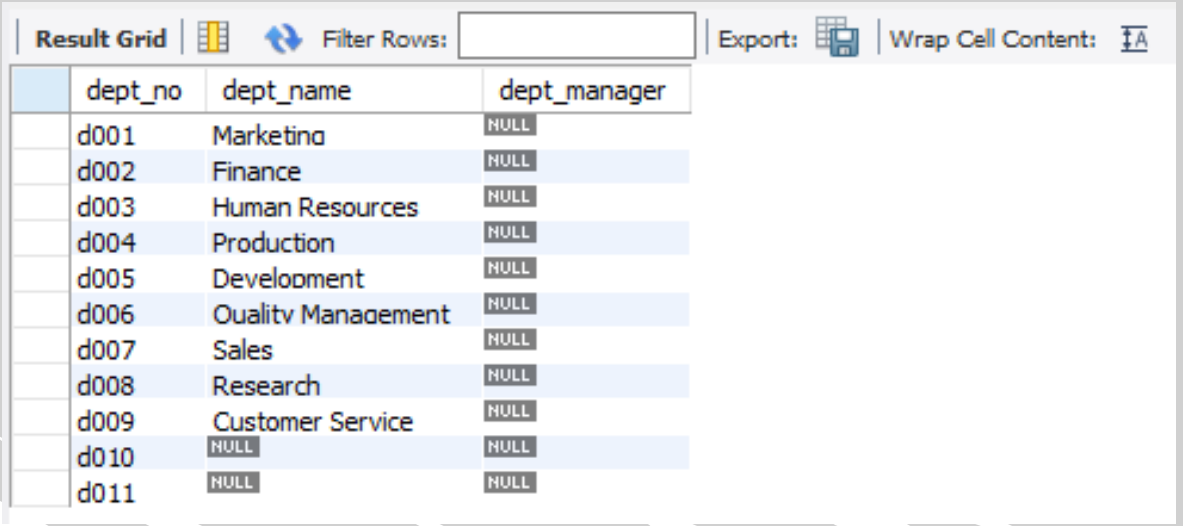
Exactly as we wanted, right? The third column is completely empty and we have null values in the last two records. These are the “department name” and “manager” fields.



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To save the “Departments duplicate” table in its current state, execute a COMMIT statement.


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COMMIT;
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Here we’ll end the setup for the video about IF NULL() and COALESCE().

Good luck!

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- COALESCE() will always return a *single* value of the ones we have within parentheses, and this value will be *the first non-null value* of this list, reading the values from left to right

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- if COALESCE() has two arguments, it will work precisely like IFNULL()

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`IFNULL()` and `COALESCE()` do not make any changes to the data set. They merely create an output where certain data values appear in place of NULL values.

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- COALESCE() can help you visualize *a prototype of the table's final version*

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