

Structured Query Language (SQL) - Part 2

Lecture 7

Learning Outcomes

- ▶ In this chapter, students will learn:
 - ▶ How to use SQL for data administration (to drop tables and create views)
 - ▶ How to use SQL for data manipulation (to delete and retrieve data)
 - ▶ How to use SQL to query a database for useful information
 - ▶ How to use SQL functions to manipulate dates, strings, and other data

Advanced Data Definition Commands

- ▶ All changes in table structure are made by using **ALTER** command
- ▶ Three options:
 - ▶ **ALTER COLUMN** changes column characteristics
 - ▶ **ADD** adds a column
 - ▶ **DROP** deletes a column
 - ▶ **ALTER** column set data type
- ▶ Can also be used to:
 - ▶ Add table constraints (e.g., foreign key)
 - ▶ Remove table constraints

Changing a Column's Data Characteristics

- ▶ Use ALTER to change column's data characteristics
- ▶ Syntax:
 - ▶ **ALTER TABLE** <table name>
ALTER COLUMN <column name> **SET DATA TYPE** <new column data type characteristic>
- ▶ Changes in column's characteristics are permitted if changes do not alter the existing data type
- ▶ Example:
 - ▶ **ALTER TABLE** PRODUCT **ALTER COLUMN** V_CODE
SET DATA TYPE CHAR(5)
 - ▶ **ALTER TABLE** PRODUCT **ALTER COLUMN** P_PRICE
SET DATA TYPE NUMBER(9,2)

Adding a Column

- ▶ ADD column
 - ▶ Do not include the NOT NULL clause for new column
- ▶ Example:
 - ▶ **ALTER TABLE** PRODUCT **ADD** SALECODE CHAR(10)
 - ▶ **ALTER TABLE** STUDENT **ADD** GENDER CHAR(1)
DEFAULT 'F'

Dropping a Column

- ▶ Use ALTER to drop column
 - ▶ Some RDBMSs impose restrictions on the deletion of an attribute
- ▶ Syntax:
 - ▶ **ALTER TABLE** <tablename>
DROP <columnname>
- ▶ Example:
 - ▶ **ALTER TABLE** VENDOR **DROP COLUMN** V_ORDER

Ordering a Listing

- ▶ ORDER BY clause is useful when listing order is important
- ▶ Syntax:
 - ▶ **SELECT** columnlist
FROM tablelist
[**WHERE** conditionlist]
[**ORDER BY** columnlist [ASC | DESC]]
- ▶ Ascending order by default
- ▶ Example:
 - ▶ **SELECT** P_CODE, P_DESCRIPT, P_INDATE, P_PRICE
FROM PRODUCT
ORDER BY P_PRICE

Order Results in Ascending Order

**FIGURE
7.17**

**Selected PRODUCT table
attributes: ordered by
(ascending) P_PRICE**

	P_CODE	P_DESCRIPTION	P_INDATE	P_PRICE
►	S4778-2T	Rat-tail file, 1/8-in. fine	15-Dec-05	4.99
	PVC23DRT	PVC pipe, 3.5-in., 8-ft.	20-Feb-06	5.87
	SM-18277	1.25-in. metal screw, 25	01-Mar-06	6.99
	SW-23116	2.5-in. wdl. screw, 50	24-Feb-06	8.45
	23109-HB	Claw hammer	20-Jan-06	9.95
	23114-AA	Sledge hammer, 12 lb.	02-Jan-06	14.40
	13-Q2/P2	7.25-in. pwr. saw blade	13-Dec-05	14.99
	14-Q1/L3	9.00-in. pwr. saw blade	13-Nov-05	17.49
	2238/QPD	B&D cordless drill, 1/2-in.	20-Jan-06	38.95
	1546-QQ2	Hrd. cloth, 1/4-in., 2x50	15-Jan-06	39.95
	1558-QWV1	Hrd. cloth, 1/2-in., 3x50	15-Jan-06	43.99
	2232/QWME	B&D jigsaw, 8-in. blade	24-Dec-05	99.87
	2232/QTY	B&D jigsaw, 12-in. blade	30-Dec-05	109.92
	11QER/31	Power painter, 15 psi., 3-nozzle	03-Nov-05	109.99
	WR3/TT3	Steel matting, 4'x8'x1/6", .5" mesh	17-Jan-06	119.95
	89-WRE-Q	Hicut chain saw, 16 in.	07-Feb-06	256.99

A Query based on Multiple Restrictions

```
SELECT P_DESCRIPT, V_CODE, P_INDATE, P_PRICE
FROM PRODUCT
WHERE P_INDATE > '1999-08-20' AND P_PRICE <= 50.00
ORDER BY V_CODE, P_INDATE
```

**FIGURE
7.19**

A query based on multiple restrictions

	P_DESCRIPT	V_CODE	P_INDATE	P_PRICE
▶	Sledge hammer, 12 lb.		02-Jan-06	14.40
	Claw hammer	21225	20-Jan-06	9.95
	9.00-in. pwr. saw blade	21344	13-Nov-05	17.49
	7.25-in. pwr. saw blade	21344	13-Dec-05	14.99
	Rat-tail file, 1/8-in. fine	21344	15-Dec-05	4.99
	Hrd. cloth, 1/2-in., 3x50	23119	15-Jan-06	43.99
	Hrd. cloth, 1/4-in., 2x50	23119	15-Jan-06	39.95
	B&D cordless drill, 1/2-in.	25595	20-Jan-06	38.95

Listing Unique Values

- ▶ **DISTINCT** clause produces list of only values that are different from one another
- ▶ Example:
 - ▶ **SELECT DISTINCT** V_CODE
FROM PRODUCT

FIGURE
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A listing of distinct (different)
V_CODE values in the
PRODUCT table

V_CODE
21225
21231
21344
23119
24288
25595

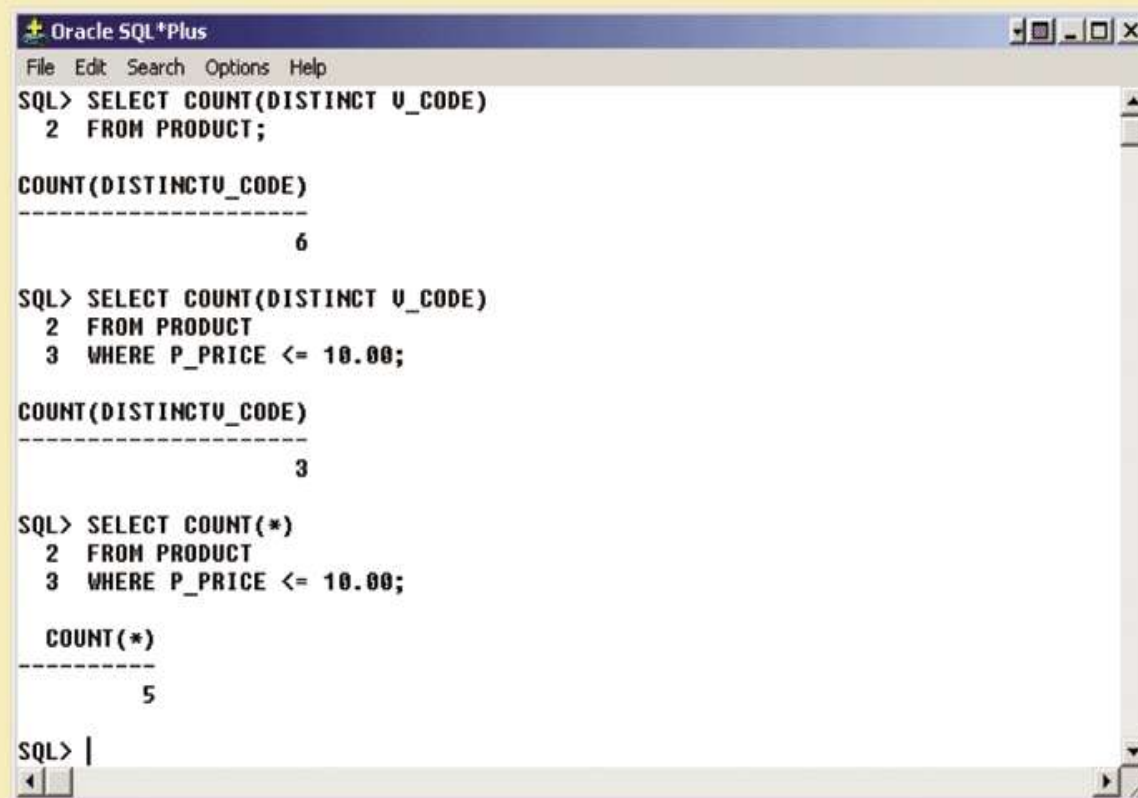
Aggregate Functions

- ▶ **COUNT** function tallies number of non-null values of an attribute
 - ▶ Takes one parameter: usually a column name
 - ▶ Can be used with DISTINCT clause
- ▶ **MAX** and **MIN** find highest (lowest) value in a table
- ▶ **SUM** computes total sum for any specified attribute
- ▶ **AVG** function format is similar to MIN and MAX

Example Output of COUNT Function

FIGURE
7.21

COUNT function output examples



```
Oracle SQL*Plus
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SQL> SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT U_CODE)
2 FROM PRODUCT;

COUNT(DISTINCT U_CODE)
-----
6

SQL> SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT U_CODE)
2 FROM PRODUCT
3 WHERE P_PRICE <= 10.00;

COUNT(DISTINCT U_CODE)
-----
3

SQL> SELECT COUNT(*)
2 FROM PRODUCT
3 WHERE P_PRICE <= 10.00;

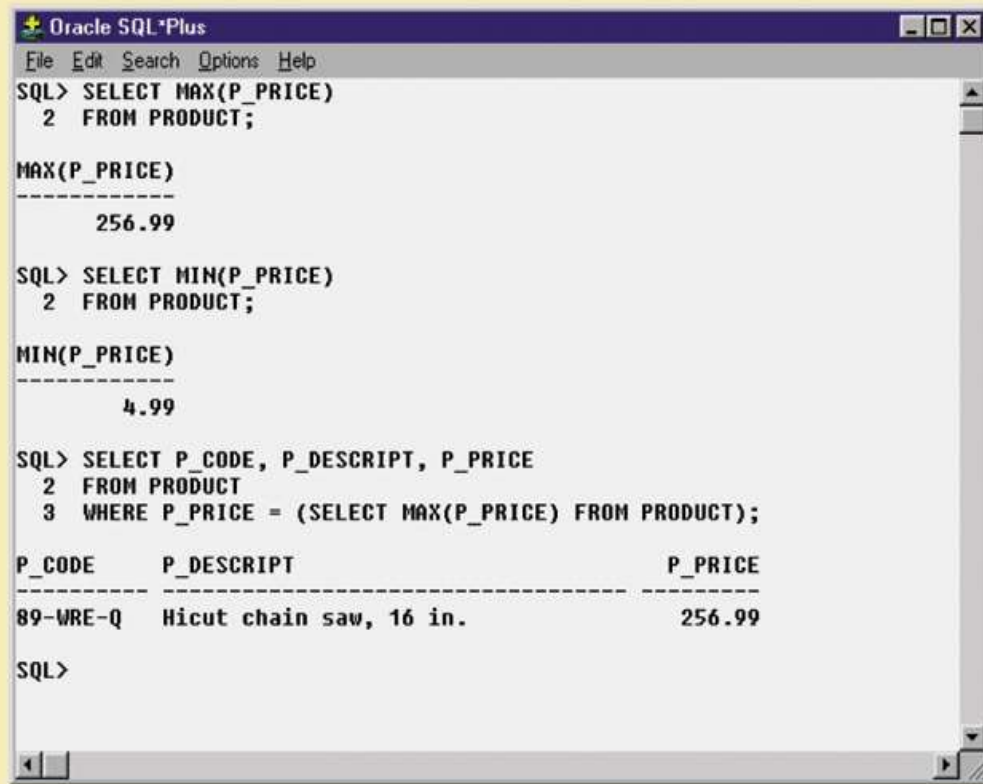
COUNT(*)
-----
5

SQL> |
```

Example Output of MAX and MIN Functions

FIGURE
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MAX and MIN function output examples



```
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SQL> SELECT MAX(P_PRICE)
2 FROM PRODUCT;

MAX(P_PRICE)
-----
256.99

SQL> SELECT MIN(P_PRICE)
2 FROM PRODUCT;

MIN(P_PRICE)
-----
4.99

SQL> SELECT P_CODE, P_DESCRIPT, P_PRICE
2 FROM PRODUCT
3 WHERE P_PRICE = (SELECT MAX(P_PRICE) FROM PRODUCT);

P_CODE      P_DESCRIPT      P_PRICE
-----
89-WRE-Q    Hicut chain saw, 16 in.    256.99

SQL>
```

Example of SUM and AVG Functions

▶ SUM

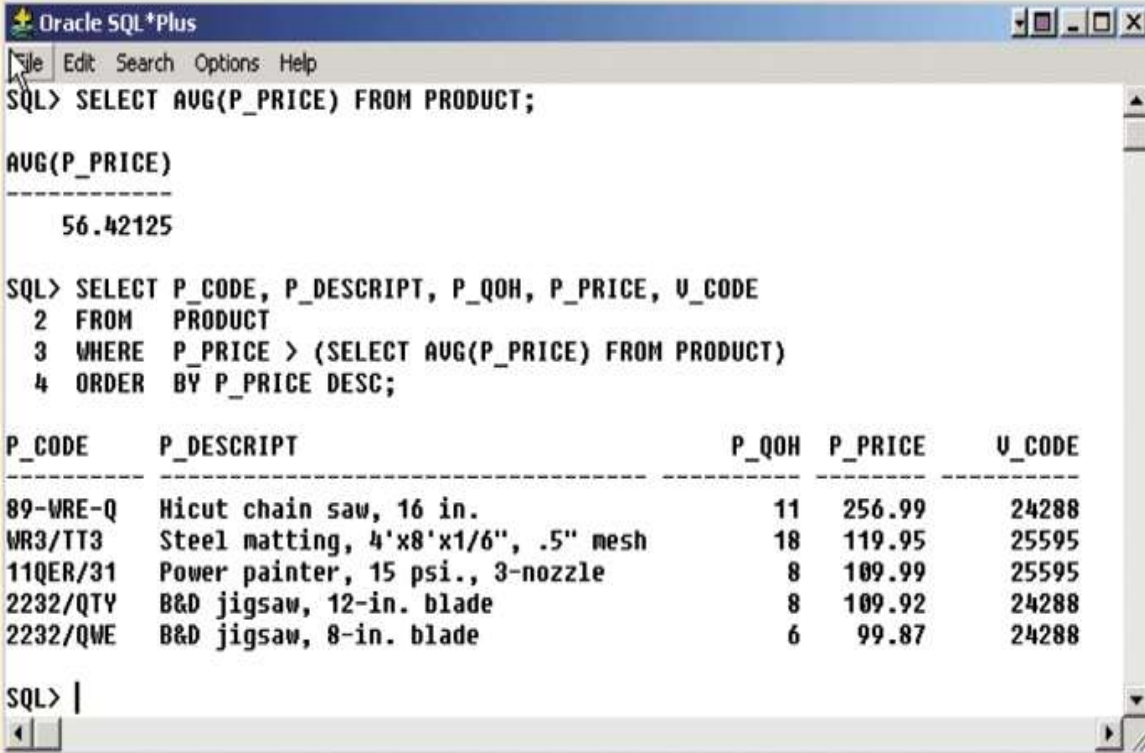
- ▶ **SELECT SUM** (P_ONHAND * P_PRICE)
FROM PRODUCT

▶ AVG

- ▶ **SELECT AVG** (P_PRICE)
FROM PRODUCT

Example Output of AVG Function

FIGURE 7.24
AVG function output examples



The screenshot shows the Oracle SQL*Plus interface. The first query calculates the average price of products. The second query lists products with prices above the average, ordered by price in descending order.

```
Oracle SQL*Plus
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SQL> SELECT AVG(P_PRICE) FROM PRODUCT;

AVG(P_PRICE)
-----
56.42125

SQL> SELECT P_CODE, P_DESCRIPT, P_QOH, P_PRICE, U_CODE
2 FROM PRODUCT
3 WHERE P_PRICE > (SELECT AVG(P_PRICE) FROM PRODUCT)
4 ORDER BY P_PRICE DESC;

P_CODE      P_DESCRIPT      P_QOH  P_PRICE  U_CODE
-----
89-WRE-Q    Hicut chain saw, 16 in.      11    256.99    24288
WR3/TT3     Steel matting, 4'x8'x1/6", .5" mesh      18    119.95    25595
11QER/31    Power painter, 15 psi., 3-nozzle      8    109.99    25595
2232/QTY    B&D jigsaw, 12-in. blade      8    109.92    24288
2232/QWE    B&D jigsaw, 8-in. blade      6     99.87    24288

SQL> |
```

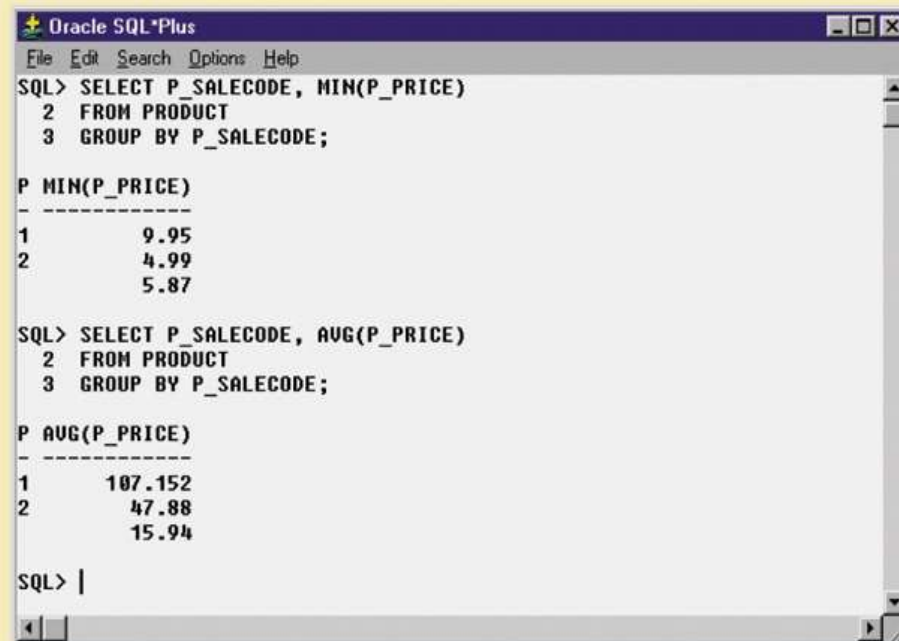
Grouping Data

- ▶ Frequency distributions created by **GROUP BY** clause within SELECT statement
- ▶ Syntax:
 - ▶ `SELECT columnlist`
`FROM tablelist`
`[WHERE conditionlist]`
`[GROUP BY columnlist]`
`[HAVING conditionlist]`
`[ORDER BY columnlist [ASC | DESC]]`
- ▶ Only valid when used in conjunction with one of the SQL aggregate function (COUNT, MIN, MAX, AVG, SUM)

Example output of GROUP BY clause

```
SELECT P_SALECODE, MIN(P_PRICE)  
FROM PRODUCT  
GROUP BY P_SALECODE
```

FIGURE 7.25 GROUP BY clause output examples

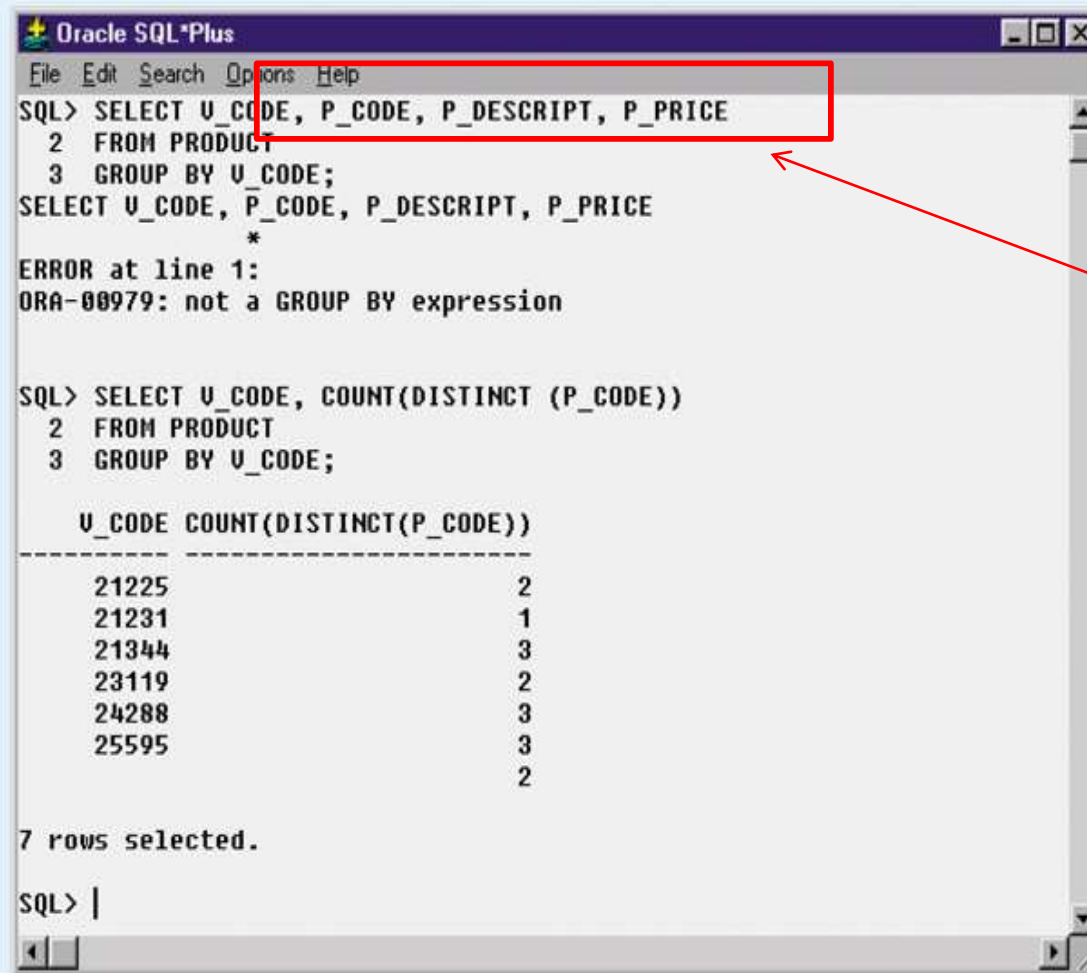


The screenshot shows the Oracle SQL*Plus interface with two SQL queries and their results. The first query uses the MIN function to find the minimum price for each product sale code. The second query uses the AVG function to find the average price for each product sale code.

```
Oracle SQL*Plus  
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SQL> SELECT P_SALECODE, MIN(P_PRICE)  
2 FROM PRODUCT  
3 GROUP BY P_SALECODE;  
  
P MIN(P_PRICE)  
-----  
1          9.95  
2          4.99  
          5.87  
  
SQL> SELECT P_SALECODE, AVG(P_PRICE)  
2 FROM PRODUCT  
3 GROUP BY P_SALECODE;  
  
P AVG(P_PRICE)  
-----  
1        107.152  
2         47.88  
          15.94  
  
SQL> |
```

**FIGURE
7.26**

Incorrect and correct use of the GROUP BY clause



The screenshot shows the Oracle SQL*Plus interface. The first query is incorrect because it does not use an aggregate function in the SELECT clause. A red box highlights the SELECT clause, and a red arrow points from the text 'NO aggregate function (COUNT, MIN, MAX, AVG, SUM)' to it. The error message 'ORA-00979: not a GROUP BY expression' is displayed. The second query is correct as it uses the COUNT aggregate function. The output shows 7 rows selected.

```
Oracle SQL*Plus
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SQL> SELECT U_CODE, P_CODE, P_DESCRIPT, P_PRICE
2 FROM PRODUCT
3 GROUP BY U_CODE;
SELECT U_CODE, P_CODE, P_DESCRIPT, P_PRICE
      *
ERROR at line 1:
ORA-00979: not a GROUP BY expression

SQL> SELECT U_CODE, COUNT(DISTINCT (P_CODE))
2 FROM PRODUCT
3 GROUP BY U_CODE;

U_CODE COUNT(DISTINCT(P_CODE))
-----
21225          2
21231          1
21344          3
23119          2
24288          3
25595          3
          2

7 rows selected.

SQL> |
```

**NO aggregate
function
(COUNT, MIN,
MAX,AVG,SUM)**

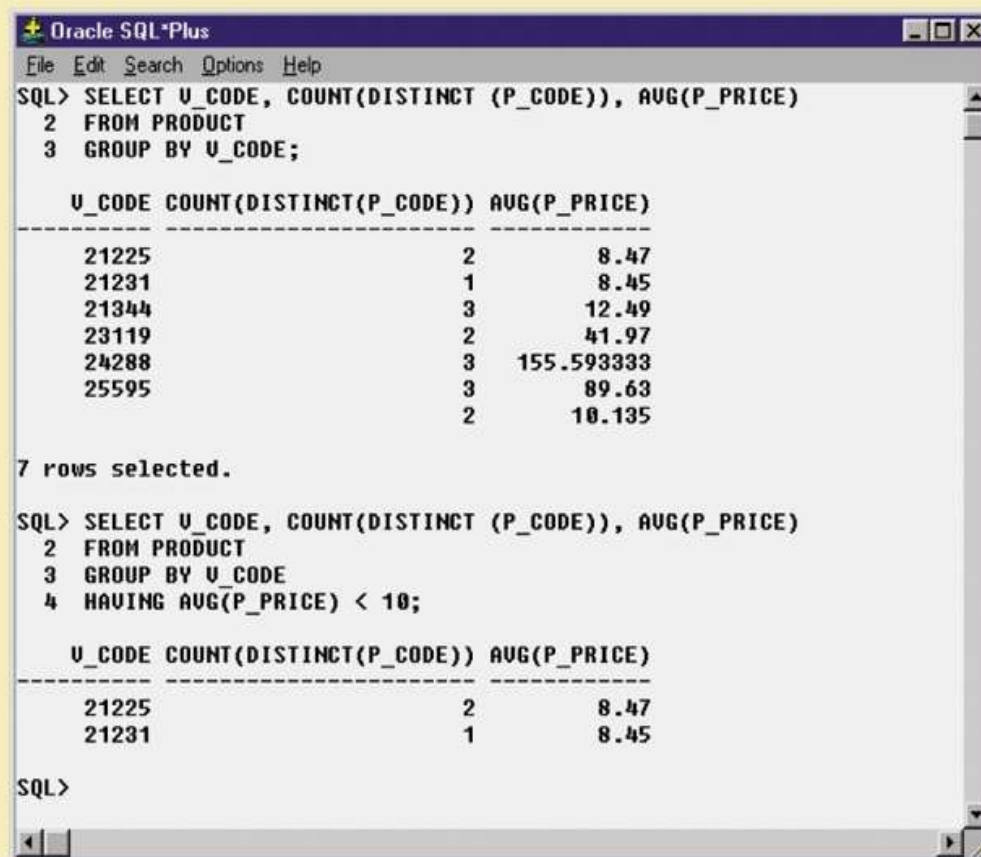
Grouping Data with HAVING Clause

- ▶ **HAVING** clause
 - ▶ Operates very much like WHERE clause
 - ▶ **WHERE** clause – applies to columns and expressions for individual rows
 - ▶ **HAVING** clause – applies to the output of a **GROUP BY** operation

Grouping Data with HAVING Clause

FIGURE
7.27

An application of the HAVING clause



```
Oracle SQL*Plus
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SQL> SELECT U_CODE, COUNT(DISTINCT (P_CODE)), AVG(P_PRICE)
2 FROM PRODUCT
3 GROUP BY U_CODE;

U_CODE COUNT(DISTINCT(P_CODE)) AVG(P_PRICE)
-----
21225          2          8.47
21231          1          8.45
21344          3         12.49
23119          2         41.97
24288          3    155.593333
25595          3         89.63
          2         10.135

7 rows selected.

SQL> SELECT U_CODE, COUNT(DISTINCT (P_CODE)), AVG(P_PRICE)
2 FROM PRODUCT
3 GROUP BY U_CODE
4 HAVING AVG(P_PRICE) < 10;

U_CODE COUNT(DISTINCT(P_CODE)) AVG(P_PRICE)
-----
21225          2          8.47
21231          1          8.45

SQL>
```

Subqueries/Nested Queries

- ▶ A subquery is a query inside a query
 - ▶ Normally expressed inside parentheses
- ▶ The first query in the SQL statement is known as the **outer** query
- ▶ The query inside the SQL statement known as the **inner** query
 - ▶ Inner query executed first
 - ▶ Output of an inner query is used as the input for the output query
- ▶ The entire SQL statement is sometimes referred to as **nested queries**

Subqueries/Nested Queries *(Used with Equal Operator or IN Operator)*

► Example:

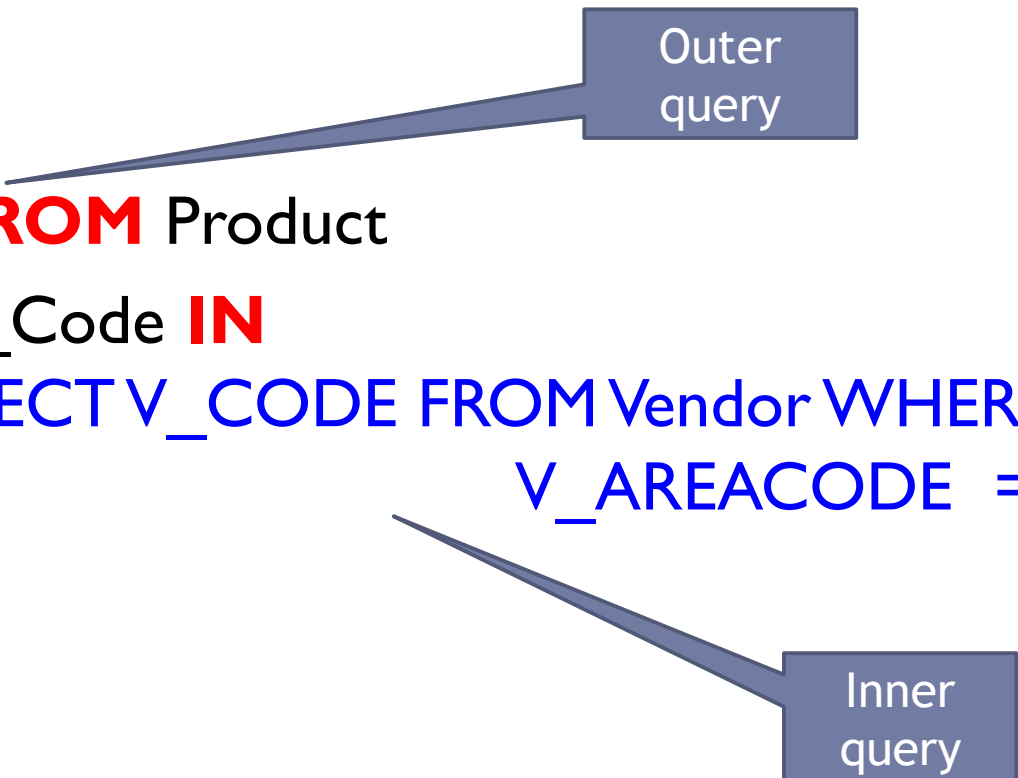
► **UPDATE** Product
SET P_Price =
 (SELECT AVG (P_Price) FROM Product)
WHERE V_Code **IN**
 (SELECT V_CODE FROM Vendor WHERE
 V_AREACODE = '615')

The diagram illustrates the structure of the SQL query. A callout box labeled 'Outer query' points to the 'UPDATE Product' statement. Another callout box labeled 'Inner query' points to the subquery '(SELECT AVG (P_Price) FROM Product)'. A third callout box labeled 'Inner query' points to the subquery '(SELECT V_CODE FROM Vendor WHERE V_AREACODE = '615')'.

Subqueries/Nested Queries *(Used with Equal Operator or IN Operator)*

► Example:

► **DELETE FROM** Product
WHERE V_Code **IN**
(SELECT V_CODE FROM Vendor WHERE
V_AREACODE = '615')



Outer
query

Inner
query

Copying Parts of Tables

- ▶ SQL permits copying contents of selected table columns
 - ▶ Data need not re-entered manually into newly created table(s)
 - ▶ Can use **SUBQUERIES**
- ▶ **1st Step**: Create new table structure
- ▶ **2nd Step**: Add **rows** to new table using table rows from another table

Copying Parts of Tables

▶ CREATE TABLE PART (
PART_CODE CHAR(8) NOT NULL,
PART_DESCRIPT CHAR(35),
PART_PRICE DECIMAL(8,2),
V_CODE VARCHAR2(5),
PRIMARY KEY(PART_CODE))

New table

PRODUCT	
PK	<u>P_CODE</u>
	P_DESCRIPT P_INDATE P_QOH P_MIN P_PRICE P_DISCOUNT V_CODE
FK1	

Copy from
Product table

▶ **INSERT INTO** PART (PART_CODE, PART_DESCRIPT,
PART_PRICE, V_CODE)

SELECT P_CODE, P_DESCRIPT, P_PRICE, V_CODE **FROM**
PRODUCT

Copying Parts of Tables

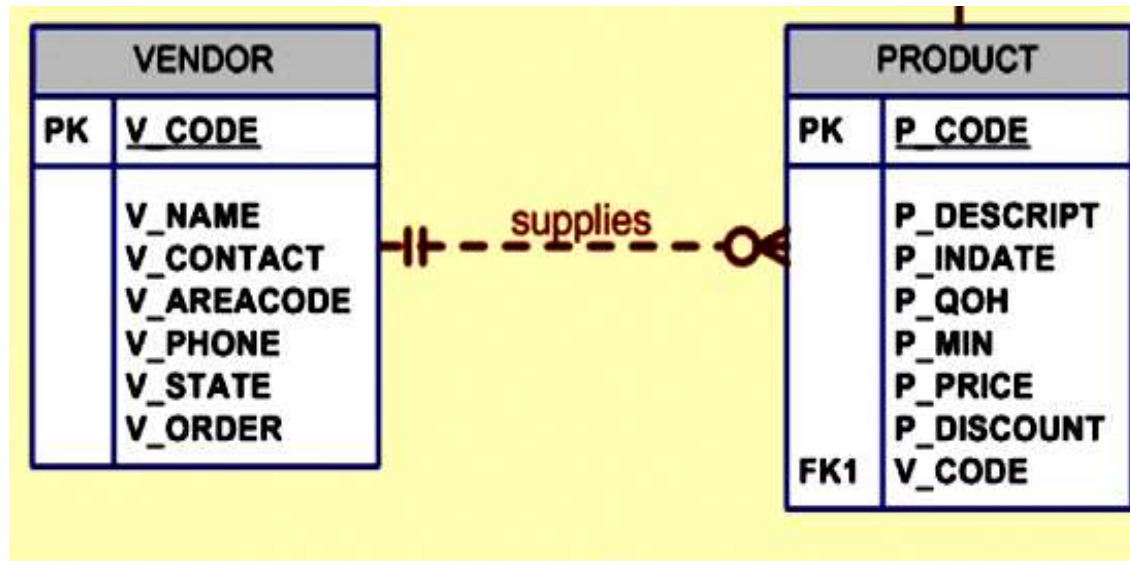
**FIGURE
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**PART table attributes copied
from the PRODUCT table**

PART_CODE	PART_DESCRIPTOR	PART_PRICE	V_CODE
11QER/31	Power painter, 15 psi., 3-nozzle	109.99	25595
13-Q2/P2	7.25-in. pwr. saw blade	14.99	21344
14-Q1/L3	9.00-in. pwr. saw blade	17.49	21344
1546-QQ2	Hrd. cloth, 1/4-in., 2x50	39.95	23119
1558-QW1	Hrd. cloth, 1/2-in., 3x50	43.99	23119
2232/QTY	B&D jigsaw, 12-in. blade	109.92	24288
2232/QWE	B&D jigsaw, 8-in. blade	99.87	24288
2238/QPD	B&D cordless drill, 1/2-in.	38.95	25595
23109-HB	Claw hammer	9.95	21225
23114-AA	Sledge hammer, 12 lb.	14.4	
54778-2T	Rat-tail file, 1/8-in. fine	4.99	21344
89-WRE-Q	Hicut chain saw, 16 in.	256.99	24288
PVC23DRT	PVC pipe, 3.5-in., 8-ft	5.87	
SM-18277	1.25-in. metal screw, 25	6.99	21225
SW-23116	2.5-in. wd. screw, 50	8.45	21231
WR3/TT3	Steel matting, 4'x8'x1/8", .5" mesh	119.95	25595

Joining Database Tables

- ▶ Join is performed when data are retrieved from more than one table at a time
- ▶ Use equality comparison (=) to join foreign key and primary key of related tables



Joining Database Tables: INNER JOIN

- ▶ **SELECT** P_DESCRIPT, P_PRICE, V_NAME, V_CONTACT, V_AREACODE, V_PHONE
FROM PRODUCT **INNER JOIN** VENDOR
ON PRODUCT.V_CODE = VENDOR.V_CODE

	P_DESCRIPT	P_PRICE	V_NAME	V_CONTACT	V_AREACODE	V_PHONE
▶	Claw hammer	9.95	Bryson, Inc.	Smithson	615	223-3234
	1.25-in. metal screw, 25	6.99	Bryson, Inc.	Smithson	615	223-3234
	2.5-in. wd. screw, 50	8.45	D&E Supply	Singh	615	228-3245
	7.25-in. pwr. saw blade	14.99	Gomez Bros.	Ortega	615	889-2546
	9.00-in. pwr. saw blade	17.49	Gomez Bros.	Ortega	615	889-2546
	Rat-tail file, 1/8-in. fine	4.99	Gomez Bros.	Ortega	615	889-2546
	Hrd. cloth, 1/4-in., 2x50	39.95	Randsets Ltd.	Anderson	901	678-3998
	Hrd. cloth, 1/2-in., 3x50	43.99	Randsets Ltd.	Anderson	901	678-3998
	B&D jigsaw, 12-in. blade	109.92	ORDVA, Inc.	Hakford	615	898-1234
	B&D jigsaw, 8-in. blade	99.87	ORDVA, Inc.	Hakford	615	898-1234
	Hicut chain saw, 16 in.	256.99	ORDVA, Inc.	Hakford	615	898-1234
	Power painter, 15 psi., 3-nozzle	109.99	Rubicon System	Orton	904	456-0092
	B&D cordless drill, 1/2-in.	38.95	Rubicon System	Orton	904	456-0092
	Steel matting, 4'x8'x1/8", .5" mesh	119.95	Rubicon System	Orton	904	456-0092

Joining Database Tables: Equal Operator

► **SELECT** P_DESCRIPT, P_PRICE, V_NAME, V_CONTACT,
V_AREACODE, V_PHONE
FROM PRODUCT, VENDOR
WHERE **PRODUCT.V_CODE = VENDOR.V_CODE**

	P_DESCRIPT	P_PRICE	V_NAME	V_CONTACT	V_AREACODE	V_PHONE
►	Claw hammer	9.95	Bryson, Inc.	Smithson	615	223-3234
	1.25-in. metal screw, 25	6.99	Bryson, Inc.	Smithson	615	223-3234
	2.5-in. wd. screw, 50	8.45	D&E Supply	Singh	615	228-3245
	7.25-in. pwr. saw blade	14.99	Gomez Bros.	Ortega	615	889-2546
	9.00-in. pwr. saw blade	17.49	Gomez Bros.	Ortega	615	889-2546
	Rat-tail file, 1/8-in. fine	4.99	Gomez Bros.	Ortega	615	889-2546
	Hrd. cloth, 1/4-in., 2x50	39.95	Randsets Ltd.	Anderson	901	678-3998
	Hrd. cloth, 1/2-in., 3x50	43.99	Randsets Ltd.	Anderson	901	678-3998
	B&D jigsaw, 12-in. blade	109.92	ORDVA, Inc.	Hakford	615	898-1234
	B&D jigsaw, 8-in. blade	99.87	ORDVA, Inc.	Hakford	615	898-1234
	Hicut chain saw, 16 in.	256.99	ORDVA, Inc.	Hakford	615	898-1234
	Power painter, 15 psi., 3-nozzle	109.99	Rubicon System	Orton	904	456-0092
	B&D cordless drill, 1/2-in.	38.95	Rubicon System	Orton	904	456-0092
	Steel matting, 4'x8'x1/8", .5" mesh	119.95	Rubicon System	Orton	904	456-0092

Joining Database Tables

► **SELECT** P_DESCRIPT, P_PRICE, V_NAME, V_CONTACT,
V_AREACODE, V_PHONE
FROM PRODUCT, VENDOR
WHERE **PRODUCT.V_CODE = VENDOR.V_CODE**
AND P_INDATE > '1999-08-15'

FIGURE
7.30

An ordered and limited listing after a join

	P_DESCRIPT	P_PRICE	V_NAME	V_CONTACT	V_AREACODE	V_PHONE
►	25-in. metal screw, 25	6.99	Bryson, Inc.	Smithson	615	223-3234
	2.5-in. wvd. screw, 50	8.45	D&E Supply	Singh	615	228-3245
	Claw hammer	9.95	Bryson, Inc.	Smithson	615	223-3234
	B&D cordless drill, 1/2-in.	38.95	Rubicon Systems	Orton	904	456-0092
	Steel matting, 4'x8'x1/6", .5" mesh	119.95	Rubicon Systems	Orton	904	456-0092
	Hicut chain saw, 16 in.	256.99	ORDVA, Inc.	Hakford	615	898-1234

Joining Tables with an Alias

- ▶ Alias can be used to identify source table
- ▶ Any legal table name can be used as alias
- ▶ Add alias after table name in FROM clause
 - ▶ FROM *<tablename>* *<alias>*

- ▶ Example:

```
SELECT P_DESCRIPT, P_PRICE, V_NAME, V_CONTACT,  
       V_AREACODE, V_PHONE  
FROM PRODUCT P, VENDOR V  
WHERE P.V_CODE = V.V_CODE  
ORDER BY P_PRICE
```


Outer Joins

- ▶ Outer join (recap from lecture 2!)
 - ▶ Returns not only the rows matching the join condition but also the rows with unmatched values
- ▶ Two types of outer join
 - ▶ *Left outer join*
 - ▶ *Right outer join*

Table name: CUSTOMER

CUS_CODE	CUS_LNAME	CUS_ZIP	AGENT_CODE
1132445	Walker	32145	231
1217782	Adares	32145	125
1312243	Rakowski	34129	167
1321242	Rodriguez	37134	125
1542311	Smithson	37134	421
1657399	Vanloo	32145	231

Table name: AGENT

AGENT_CODE	AGENT_PHONE
125	6152439887
167	6153426778
231	6152431124
333	9041234445

Outer Joins

▶ LEFT join

- ▶ Returns rows in the left side table with unmatched values in the right side table
- ▶ Example:

```
SELECT CUS_CODE, CUS_LNAME, CUS_ZIP,  
        AGENT_CODE, AGENT_PHONE  
FROM CUSTOMER LEFT JOIN AGENT ON  
        CUSTOMER.AGENT_CODE = AGENT.AGENT_CODE
```

CUS_CODE	CUS_LNAME	CUS_ZIP	AGENT_CODE	AGENT_PHONE
1217782	Adares	32145	125	6152439887
1321242	Rodriguez	37134	125	6152439887
1312243	Rakowski	34129	167	6153426778
1132445	Walker	32145	231	6152431124
1657399	Vanloo	32145	231	6152431124
1542311	Smithson	37134	421	

Outer Joins

► RIGHT join

- Returns rows in the right side table with unmatched values in the left side table

- Example:

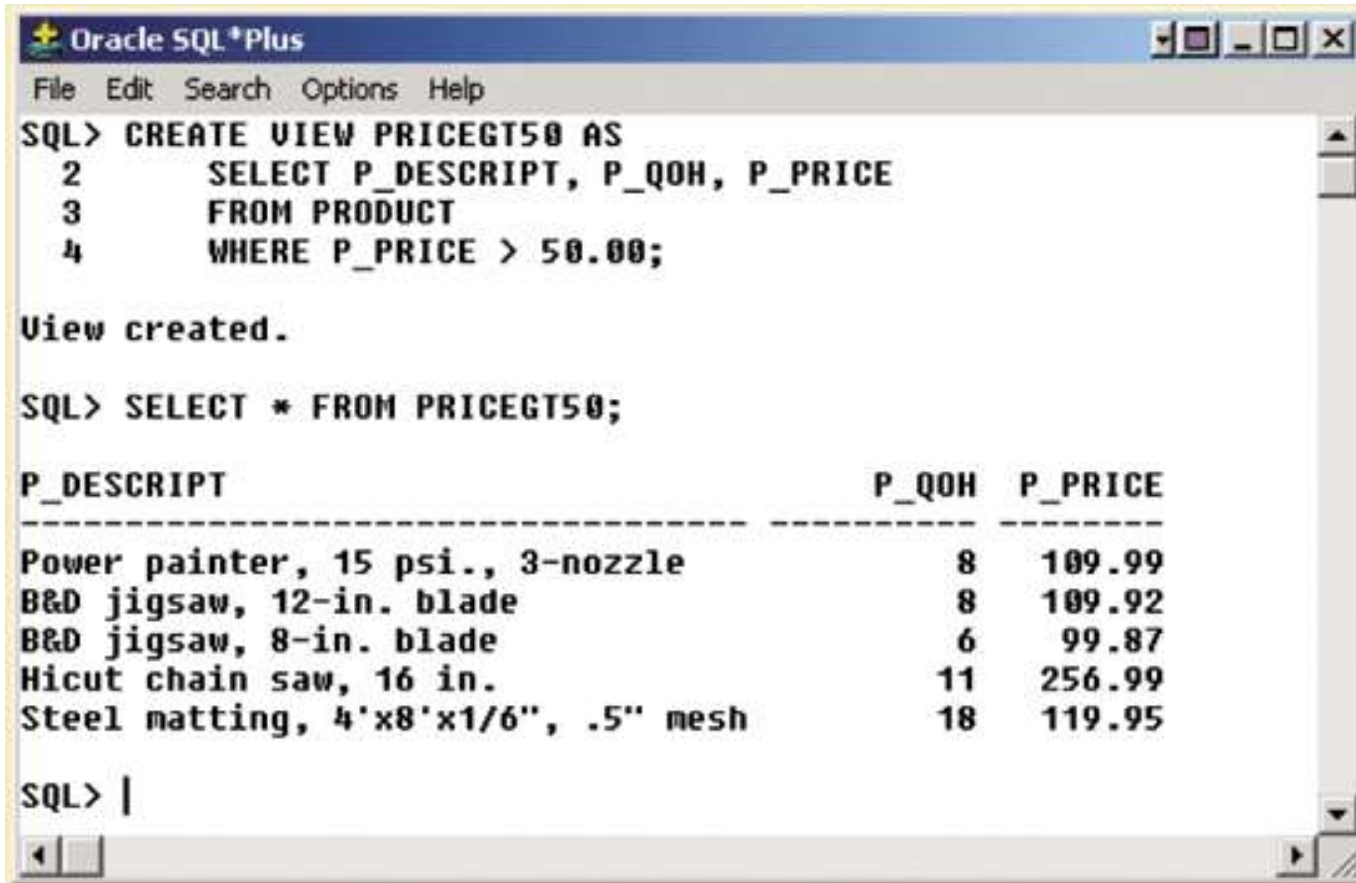
```
SELECT CUS_CODE, CUS_LNAME, CUS_ZIP,  
        AGENT_CODE, AGENT_PHONE  
FROM CUSTOMER RIGHT JOIN AGENT ON  
        CUSTOMER.AGENT_CODE = AGENT.AGENT_CODE
```

CUS_CODE	CUS_LNAME	CUS_ZIP	AGENT_CODE	AGENT_PHONE
1217782	Adares	32145	125	6152439887
1321242	Rodriguez	37134	125	6152439887
1312243	Rakowski	34129	167	6153426778
1132445	Walker	32145	231	6152431124
1657399	Vanloo	32145	231	6152431124
			333	9041234445

Virtual Tables: Creating a View

- ▶ View is a virtual table based on SELECT query
- ▶ Create view by using **CREATE VIEW** command
- ▶ Syntax:
 - ▶ **CREATE VIEW** <viewname> **AS**
SELECT *statement*
- ▶ Example:
 - ▶ **CREATE VIEW** ProductView **AS**
SELECT * from Product
 - ▶ To display the contents of the virtual table:
SELECT * FROM ProductView

Virtual Tables: Creating a View



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File Edit Search Options Help
SQL> CREATE VIEW PRICEGT50 AS
  2     SELECT P_DESCRIPT, P_QOH, P_PRICE
  3     FROM PRODUCT
  4     WHERE P_PRICE > 50.00;

View created.

SQL> SELECT * FROM PRICEGT50;

P_DESCRIPT                                P_QOH  P_PRICE
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Power painter, 15 psi., 3-nozzle             8    109.99
B&D jigsaw, 12-in. blade                     8    109.92
B&D jigsaw, 8-in. blade                      6     99.87
Hicut chain saw, 16 in.                     11   256.99
Steel matting, 4'x8'x1/6", .5" mesh          18   119.95

SQL> |
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SQL Indexes

- ▶ When primary key is declared, DBMS automatically creates unique index
- ▶ Often need additional indexes to improve search
- ▶ Syntax:
 - ▶ **CREATE INDEX** <indexname> **ON** <tablename (column)>
- ▶ Example:
 - ▶ **CREATE INDEX** P_INDATEX **ON** PRODUCT (P_INDATE)
 - ▶ DROP INDEX P_INDATEX

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