

QUESTION

Most Recent Transaction

Medium

10 Points

Given a table of customer sales in a retail store with columns `id`, `transaction_value`, and `created_at` representing the date and time for each transaction, write a query to get the last transaction for each day.

The output should include the ID of the transaction, datetime of the transaction, and the transaction amount. Order the transactions by datetime.

Output Schema:

| Column | Type |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| <code>id</code> | INT |
| <code>created_at</code> | DATETIME |
| <code>transaction_value</code> | FLOAT |

TABLE SCHEMA

```
1 CREATE TABLE customer_sales (  
2   id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
3   transaction_value DECIMAL(10, 2),  
4   created_at DATETIME  
5 );  
6  
7 INSERT INTO customer_sales (id, transaction_value, created_at)  
8 VALUES  
9 (1, 50.00, '2025-01-23 10:15:00'),  
10 (2, 30.00, '2025-01-23 15:45:00'),  
11 (3, 20.00, '2025-01-23 18:30:00'),  
12 (4, 45.00, '2025-01-24 09:20:00'),  
13 (5, 60.00, '2025-01-24 22:10:00'),  
14 (6, 25.00, '2025-01-25 11:30:00'),  
15 (7, 35.00, '2025-01-25 14:50:00'),  
16 (8, 55.00, '2025-01-25 19:05:00');
```

SOLUTION

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WITH rankings as (SELECT
    id, transaction_value,created_at,
    ROW_NUMBER() OVER (PARTITION BY DATE (created_at) ORDER BY created_at DESC) AS
    Sequence
FROM
    customer_sales)

SELECT
    id,created_at,transaction_value
FROM rankings
WHERE
    Sequence = 1
ORDER BY
    created_at
```

OUTPUT

| id | created_at | transaction_value |
|----|---------------------|-------------------|
| 3 | 2025-01-23 18:30:00 | 20 |
| 5 | 2025-01-24 22:10:00 | 60 |
| 8 | 2025-01-25 19:05:00 | 55 |

My Thought Process:

To solve this, I used the ROW_NUMBER() function to rank each transaction per day based on the time they occurred (latest first).

Then, I picked the top-ranked (i.e., latest) transaction for each day.

I used DATE(created_at) to group the data by day and ignored the time portion.