

Creating Groups of Data

Until this point in the discussion, all group functions have treated the table as one large group of information. At times, however, you need to divide the table of information into smaller groups. This can be done by using the <code>GROUP BY</code> clause.

	•You can divide rows in a table into smaller groups by using the GROUP BY clause.	
	SELECT column, group_function(column) FROM table [WHERE condition] [GROUP BY group by_expression] [ORDER BY column]:	
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Creating Groups of Data: GROUP BY Clause Syntax

You can use the <code>GROUP</code> BY clause to divide the rows in a table into groups. You can then use the group functions to return summary information for each group. In the syntax:

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group_by_expression
determine the basis for
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Specifies the columns whose values

grouping rows

Guidelines

If you include a group function in a SELECT clause, you cannot select individual results as well, *unless* the individual column appears in the GROUP BY clause. You receive an error message if you fail to include the column list in the GROUP BY clause.

Using a WHERE clause, you can exclude rows before dividing them into groups.

You must include the columns in the GROUP BY clause.

You cannot use a column alias in the GROUP BY clause.

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Using the GROUP BY Clause

When using the GROUP BY clause, make sure that all columns in the SELECT list that are not group functions are included in the GROUP BY clause. The example in the slide displays the department number and the average salary for each department. Here is how this SELECT statement, containing a GROUP BY clause, is evaluated:

The SELECT clause specifies the columns to be retrieved, as follows:

Warehouse ID column in the INVENTORIES table.

The average of quantity on hand in the group that you specified in the GROUP BY clause

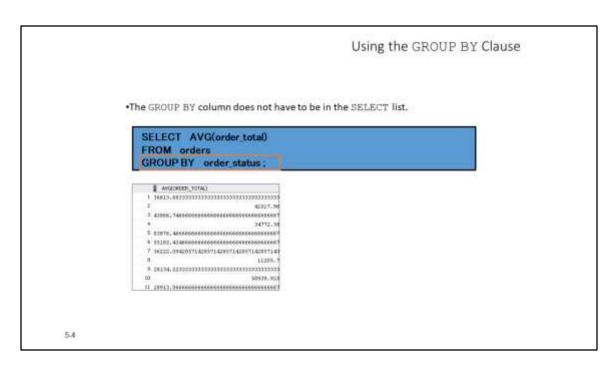
The FROM clause specifies the tables that the database must access: the INVENTORIES table.

The WHERE clause specifies the rows to be retrieved. Because there is no WHERE clause, all rows are retrieved by default.

The GROUP BY clause specifies how the rows should be grouped. The rows are grouped by warehouse_id column, so the AVG function that is applied to the quantity_on_hand column which calculates the average quantity_on_hand for each department.

Note: To order the query results in ascending or descending order, include the

ORDER BY clause in the query.



Using the GROUP BY Clause (continued)

The GROUP BY column does not have to be in the SELECT clause. For example, the SELECT statement in the slide displays the average order value for each order status without displaying the respective status. Without the status, however, the results do not look meaningful.

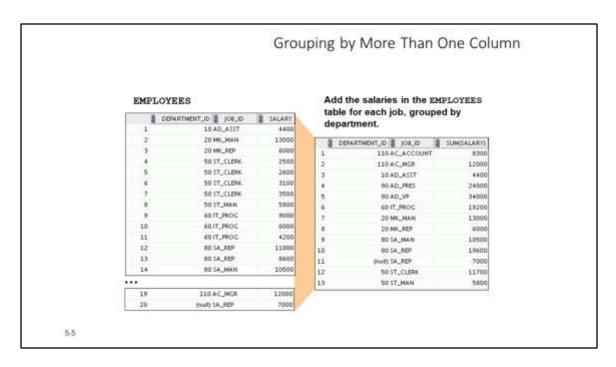
You can also use the group function in the ${\tt ORDER}\ {\tt BY}$ clause:

SELECT order_status, AVG(order_total)
FROM orders
GROUP BY order_status
ORDER BY AVG(order_total);

	DEPARTMENT_ID	₽ AVG(SALARY)
1	50	3500
2	10	4400
3	60	6400

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7	110	10150
8	90	19333.33333333333333333333333333333333



Grouping by More Than One Column

Sometimes, you need to see results for groups within groups. The slide shows a report that displays the total salary that is paid to each job title in each department.

The EMPLOYEES table is grouped first by the department number, and then by the job title within that grouping. For example, the four stock clerks in department 50 are grouped together, and a single result (total salary) is produced for all stock clerks in the group.

The following SELECT statement returns the result shown in the slide:

SELECT department_id, job_id, sum(salary)
FROM employees
GROUP BY department_id, job_id
ORDER BY job_id;

SELECT order_mode, order_status, sum(order_total) FROM orders WHERE order_id BETWEEN 2300 AND 2500 GROUP BY order_mode, order_status ORDER BY order_mode, order_status;			
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Using the Group By Clause on Multiple Columns

You can return summary results for groups and subgroups by listing multiple GROUP BY columns. The GROUP BY clause groups rows but does not guarantee the order of the result set. To order the groupings, use the ORDER BY clause. In the example in the slide, the SELECT statement that contains a GROUP BY clause is evaluated as follows:

The SELECT clause specifies the column to be retrieved:

order_mode in the ORDERS table

order status in the ORDERS table

The sum of all order_total in the group that you specified in the GROUP BY clause

The FROM clause specifies the tables that the database must access: the ORDERS table.

The WHERE clause reduces the result set to those rows where order_id is between 2300 and 2500.

The GROUP BY clause specifies how you must group the resulting rows:

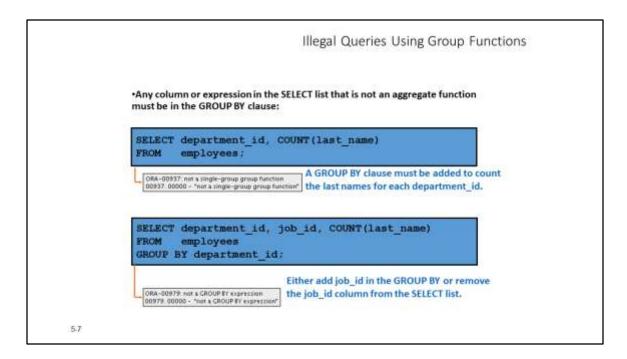
First, the rows are grouped by the order_mode.

Second, the rows are grouped by order status in the order mode groups.

The ORDER BY clause sorts the results by order mode and order status.

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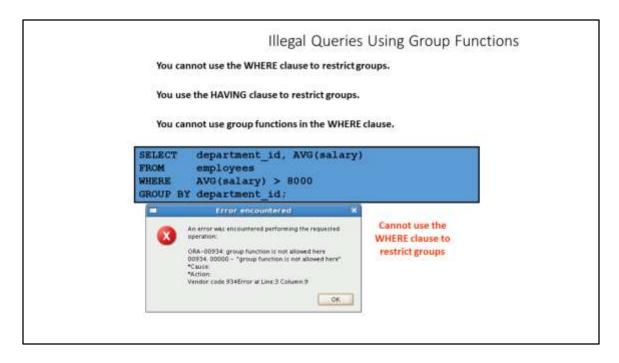
Illegal Queries Using Group Functions

Whenever you use a mixture of individual items (DEPARTMENT_ID) and group functions (COUNT) in the same SELECT statement, you must include a GROUP BY clause that specifies the individual items (in this case, DEPARTMENT_ID). If the GROUP BY clause is missing, the error message "not a single-group group function" appears and an asterisk (*) points to the offending column. You can correct the error in the first example in the slide by adding the GROUP BY clause:

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SELECT department_id, count(last_name)
FROM employees
GROUP BY department id;
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Any column or expression in the SELECT list that is not an aggregate function must be in the GROUP BY clause. In the second example in the slide, <code>job_id</code> is neither in the GROUP BY clause nor is it being used by a group function, so there is a "not a GROUP BY expression" error. You can correct the error in the second slide example by adding <code>job id</code> in the GROUP BY clause.

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SELECT department_id, job_id, COUNT(last_name)
FROM employees
GROUP BY department id, job id;
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Illegal Queries Using Group Functions (continued)

The WHERE clause cannot be used to restrict groups. The SELECT statement in the example in the slide results in an error because it uses the WHERE clause to restrict the display of the average salaries of those departments that have an average salary greater than \$8,000.

However, you can correct the error in the example by using the ${\tt HAVING}$ clause to restrict groups:

SELECT department_id, AVG(salary)
FROM employees
GROUP BY department_id
HAVING AVG(salary) > 8000;

	A	DEPARTMENT_ID	AVG(SALARY)
1		20	9500
2		90	19333.333333333
3		110	10150
4		80	10033.3333333333