



DATA SCIENCE RETREAT

# SQL

## A crash course

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# Agenda

- **Introduction**
- **SQL Concepts and Basic Operations**
- **More Operations: Joins, Aggregations, Subqueries**
- **SQL Functions: Window, Analytic**
- **Tricks and Tips**

# Introduction

What is SQL?

Why SQL?

The RDBMS Landscape

NoSQL?

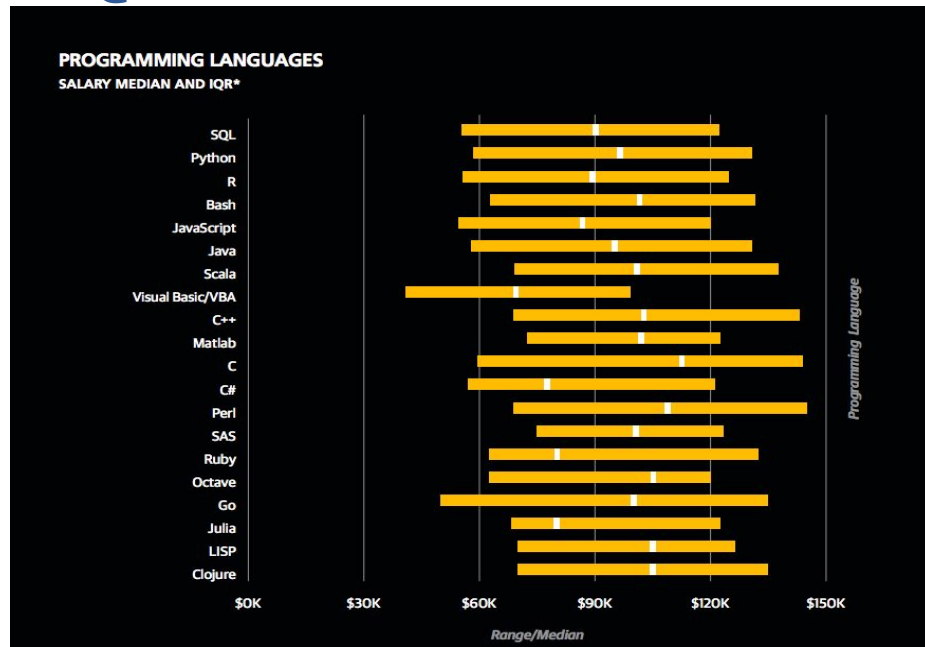
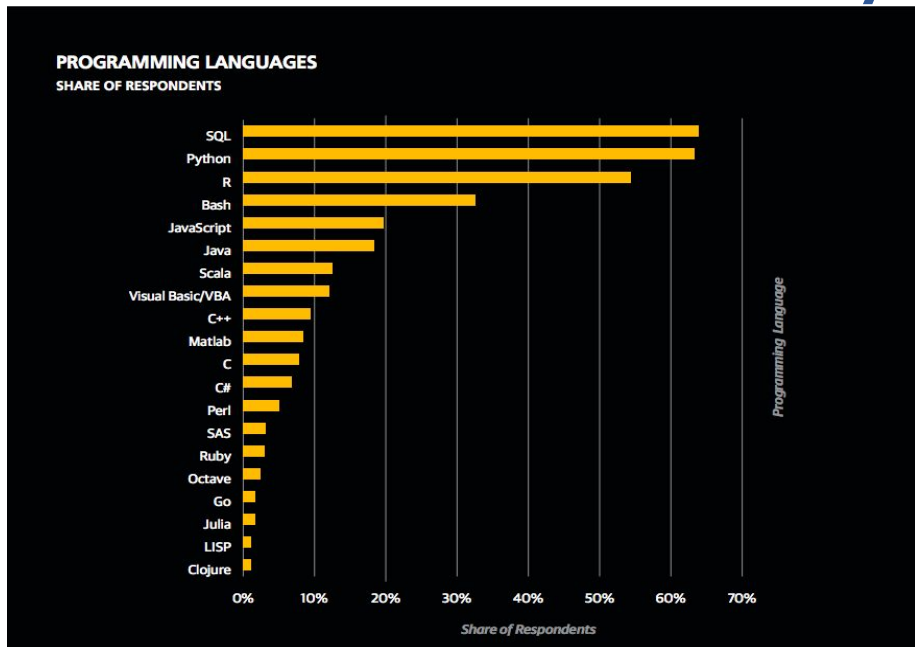
# What is SQL?

- SQL = Structured Query Language
- An application of the *relational model* (1970)
- Used with commercial databases since 1979
- A standard: ANSI (1986) and ISO (1987)

# Why SQL?

- Different domains:
  - Transactional applications such as e-commerce
  - Data warehousing
  - Reporting and Analytics
- Different roles:
  - Software/Data engineers
  - Business analysts
  - Data scientists

# Why SQL?



It is a **must-have skill** when you're working towards getting a job in the data science industry.

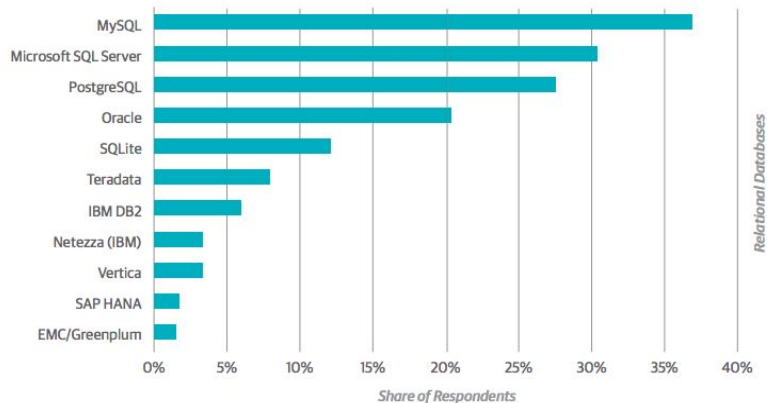
# The RDBMS Landscape

- RDBMS = Relational Database Management System
- Some relational DBs:
  - [SQLite](#)
  - [Oracle](#)
  - [SQL Server](#)
  - [IBM DB2](#)
  - [MySQL/MariaDB](#)
  - [PostgreSQL](#)
  - [Amazon RDS](#)
  - [Amazon Redshift](#)
  - [SAP Hana](#)
  - [Hive](#)
  - [SparkSQL](#)



# The RDBMS Landscape

**RELATIONAL DATABASES**  
SHARE OF RESPONDENTS



**RELATIONAL DATABASES**  
SALARY MEDIAN AND IQR\*



# NoSQL?

- Motivation: better scaling
- Specific databases:
  - o Elasticsearch (document-oriented)
  - o Cassandra
  - o MongoDB
  - o Neo4J (graph database)

# SQL Basics

Database Structures

Database Objects

Data Types

Types of SQL Statements

The Basic SQL Query

# Database Structures (1/2)

- Storage
  - HDs, SSDs, memory
- Files
  - or memory mapped also possible.
- Tablespace
  - Logical allocation of space in files for database objects.
- Security
  - Users, roles, privileges.

# Database Structures (2/2)

- Database
  - Essentially a larger collection of related data (i.e., for an application).
- Schema
  - Logical organization of tables by user or subject within a database.
- Database Objects
  - Tables, views, indexes, keys, functions and more.

# Database Objects

- **Table:** the basic data storage type
- **View:** an alias for a select statement
- **Index:** (sometimes) accelerates searches
  - Don't index everything: index cost performance and space.
  - Some databases offer special index types (like bitmaps).
- **Key:** column(s) used as a unique identifier for rows in the table
- And some more: trigger, function/procedure, sequence, partition, cluster, database link (not in Postgres)

# Data Types (1/2)

- NULL
- Numbers (link is for Postgres only)
  - Integers and floating point
  - Numeric (arbitrary precision, decimal exact and slow!)
  - Money
- Text
  - char(n), varchar(n), text (check your database for encoding support and configuration)
  - bytea (raw byte strings, can store blobs – but not really large objects)
- Date/Time
  - date, time, timestamp, interval

# Data Types (2/2)

- Boolean
  - TRUE/FALSE
- Enumerated
  - Similar to ordered factors, have to be defined by CREATE TYPE xxx AS ENUM
  - Careful, converting to integer is not easy
- Text Search
  - More on that later
- Others
  - Geometric, network addresses, bit strings, UUID, XML, JSON, arrays, composite



# Types of SQL Statements

- Data Definition Language (**DDL**) – manipulate DB objects (tables, etc)
  - CREATE
  - ALTER
  - DROP
- Data Manipulation Language (**DML**) – manipulate the data
  - SELECT
  - UPDATE
  - INSERT
  - DELETE
- Data Control Language (**DCL**) – access control
  - GRANT
  - REVOKE

# DDL Example - Create

```
CREATE TABLE category
(
  category_id INTEGER DEFAULT nextval('category_category_id_seq' ::
REGCLASS) NOT NULL
  CONSTRAINT category_pkey
  PRIMARY KEY,
  name          VARCHAR(25)    NOT NULL,
  last_update   TIMESTAMP      DEFAULT now()    NOT NULL
);
```

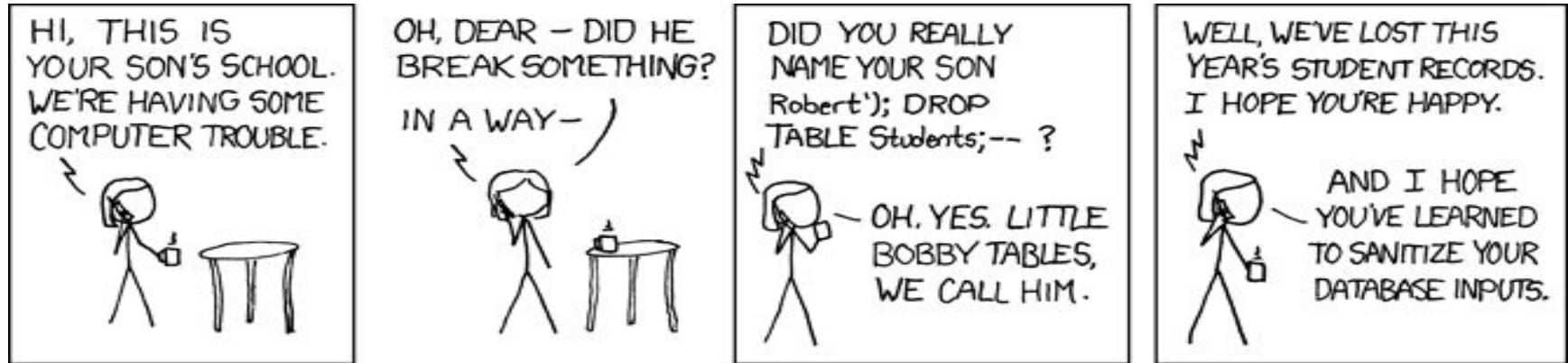
# DDL Examples - Create, Alter

- Create a table named "**user**" with columns "**first\_name**" and "**last\_name**"
  - `CREATE TABLE user (first_name varchar(20), last_name varchar(20));`
- Add a new column "**birthdate**" to "**user**" table:
  - `ALTER TABLE user ADD COLUMN birthdate date;`

# You'll probably have to go through a DBA for DDL privileges



# Little Bobby Tables revisited



# DML Examples - Insert, Update, Select

- Insert data into the **"user"** table:
  - `INSERT INTO user (first_name, last_name, birthdate) VALUES ('Freddie', 'Flintstone', '1960-09-30');`
- Change the first\_name of user Freddie to Fred:
  - `UPDATE user SET first_name = 'Fred' WHERE first_name='Freddie'`
- Check content of **"user"** table:
  - `SELECT * FROM user`

# The Basic SQL Query

```
SELECT <attributes>  
FROM   <one or more relations>  
WHERE  <conditions>
```

# Inside the SELECT Statement

```
[ WITH [ RECURSIVE ] with_query [, ...] ]  
SELECT [ ALL | DISTINCT [ ON ( expression [, ...] ) ] ]  
    * | expression [ [ AS ] output_name ] [, ...]  
    [ FROM from_item [, ...] ]  
    [ WHERE condition ]  
    [ GROUP BY expression [, ...] ]  
    [ HAVING condition [, ...] ]  
    [ WINDOW window_name AS ( window_definition ) [, ...] ]  
    [ { UNION | INTERSECT | EXCEPT } [ ALL | DISTINCT ] select ]  
    [ ORDER BY expression [ ASC | DESC | USING operator ] [ NULLS { FIRST | LAST } ] [, ...] ]  
    [ LIMIT { count | ALL } ]  
    [ OFFSET start [ ROW | ROWS ] ]  
    [ FETCH { FIRST | NEXT } [ count ] { ROW | ROWS } ONLY ]  
    [ FOR { UPDATE | NO KEY UPDATE | SHARE | KEY SHARE } [ OF table_name [, ...] ] [ NOWAIT ] [...]
```

where from\_item can be one of:

```
[ ONLY ] table_name [ * ] [ [ AS ] alias [ ( column_alias [, ...] ) ] ]  
[ LATERAL ] ( select ) [ AS ] alias [ ( column_alias [, ...] ) ]  
with_query_name [ [ AS ] alias [ ( column_alias [, ...] ) ] ]  
[ LATERAL ] function_name ( [ argument [, ...] ] ) [ AS ] alias [ ( column_alias [, ...] | column_definition [, ...] ) ]  
[ LATERAL ] function_name ( [ argument [, ...] ] ) AS ( column_definition [, ...] )  
from_item [ NATURAL ] join_type from_item [ ON join_condition | USING ( join_column [, ...] ) ]
```

and with\_query is:

```
with_query_name [ ( column_name [, ...] ) ] AS ( select | values | insert | update | delete )
```

```
TABLE [ ONLY ] table_name [ * ]
```



# The WHERE Clause

- Select only a subset of rows of the table.
- Operators:

Operator	Description
=	Equal
<>	Not equal. <b>Note:</b> In some versions of SQL this operator may be written as !=
>	Greater than
<	Less than
>=	Greater than or equal
<=	Less than or equal
BETWEEN	Between an inclusive range
LIKE	Search for a pattern
IN	To specify multiple possible values for a column

- More about Operators: [https://www.w3schools.com/sql/sql\\_and\\_or.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/sql/sql_and_or.asp)

# Logic question

```
SELECT *  
FROM Person  
WHERE age < 25 OR age >= 25
```

Can it be that some Persons are not included?

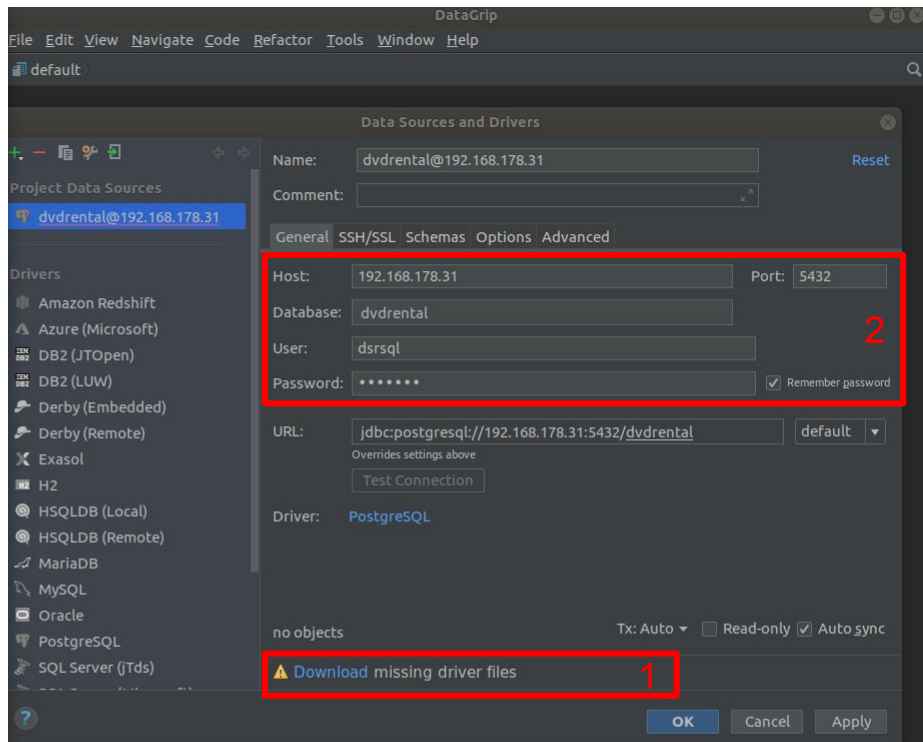
# WARNING

- SQL has a 3-state boolean logic system. WHERE only accepts rows where the condition is TRUE (i.e. not FALSE, but also not UNKNOWN).

# Enough Theory, let's try it!



- File
- Data Sources
- “+”
- PostgreSQL

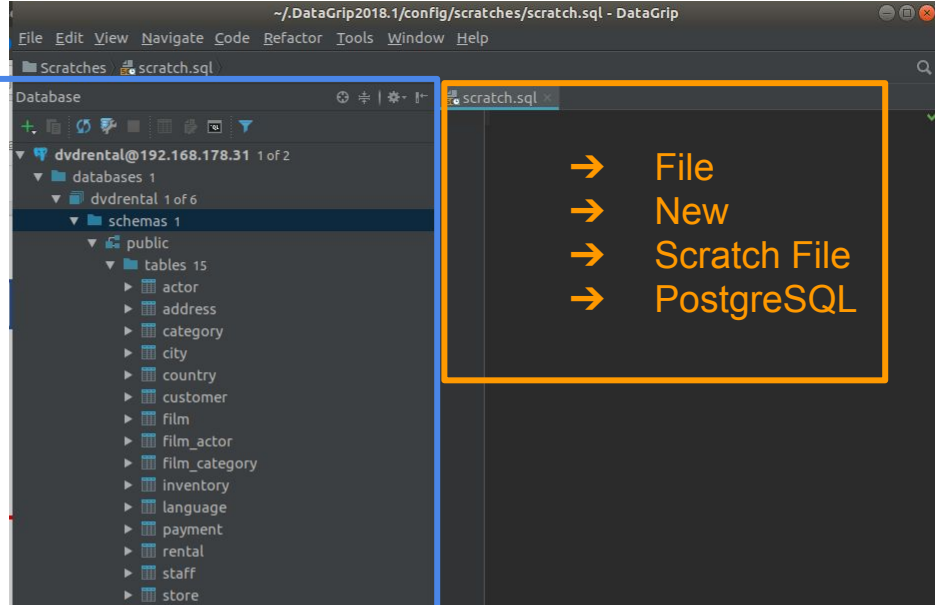


Download at <https://www.jetbrains.com/datagrip/>

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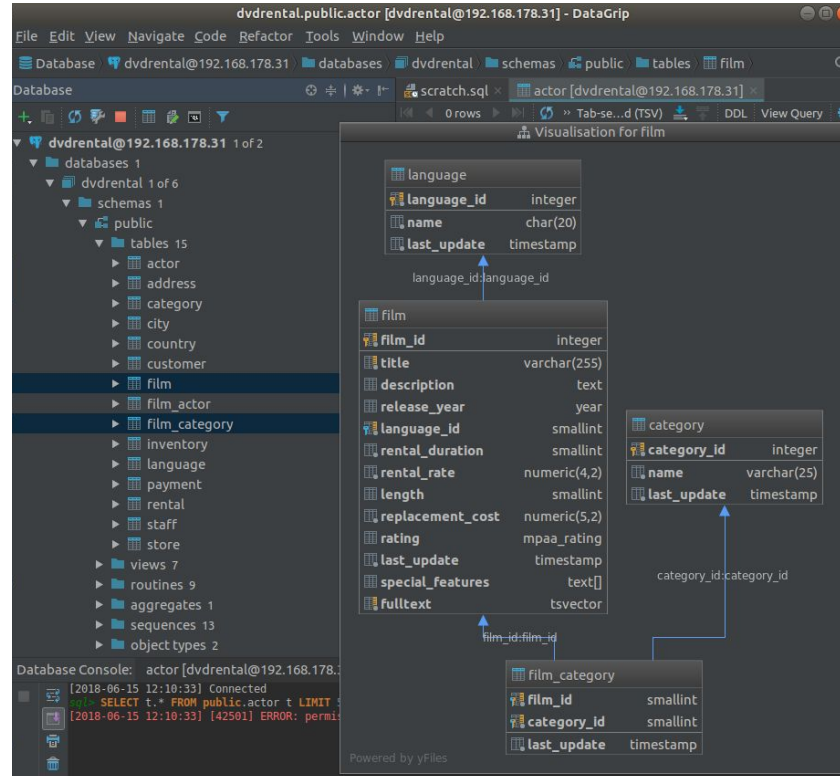
- View
- Tool Windows
- Database



# DVDRental Schema



- Select table
- Right-click
- Diagrams
- Show Visualisation Popup ...



# Example

- List all films with their title, rating and length

**SELECT**

title,  
rating,  
length

**FROM**

film

- **Exercise:**
  1. Find the film titles that are R rated and have less than 1 hour of length.  
EXTRA: Order the list of films above by length - from longer to shorter.

# Operations

Join

Union

Subqueries

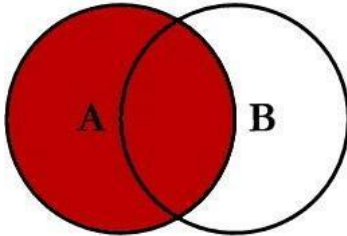
The WITH Clause



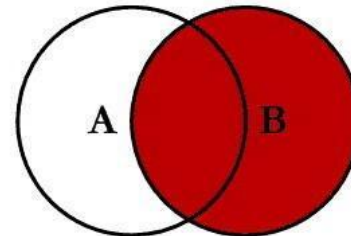
# SQL Operations Overview

- One Table Basics
  - Projection: selecting columns
  - Selection: selecting rows
- To see more columns: Join tables
  - Inner Join
  - Outer Join (left, right, full)
  - Cross Join: full cartesian product
- To see more rows: Union tables
  - Union / Union Distinct / Union All

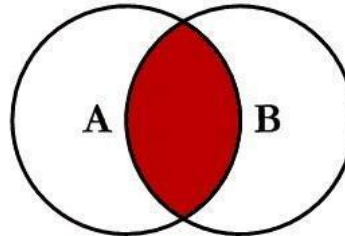
# SQL JOINS



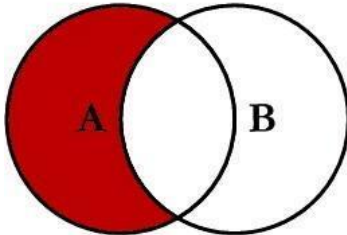
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SELECT <select_list>
FROM TableA A
LEFT JOIN TableB B
ON A.Key = B.Key
```



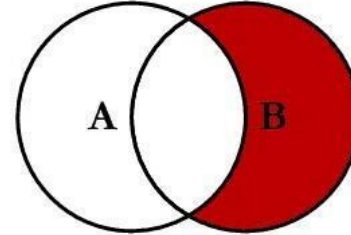
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SELECT <select_list>
FROM TableA A
RIGHT JOIN TableB B
ON A.Key = B.Key
```



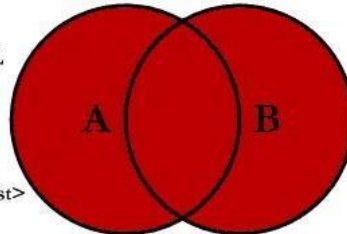
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SELECT <select_list>
FROM TableA A
INNER JOIN TableB B
ON A.Key = B.Key
```



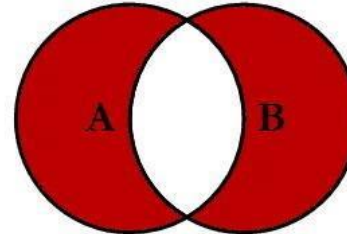
```
SELECT <select_list>
FROM TableA A
LEFT JOIN TableB B
ON A.Key = B.Key
WHERE B.Key IS NULL
```



```
SELECT <select_list>
FROM TableA A
RIGHT JOIN TableB B
ON A.Key = B.Key
WHERE A.Key IS NULL
```



```
SELECT <select_list>
FROM TableA A
FULL OUTER JOIN TableB B
ON A.Key = B.Key
```



```
SELECT <select_list>
FROM TableA A
FULL OUTER JOIN TableB B
ON A.Key = B.Key
WHERE A.Key IS NULL
OR B.Key IS NULL
```

# Join Exercises

1. List all film titles with their actors' names.
2. List titles of films that are not in the inventory.
3. List *distinct* titles of all films returned on '2005-05-27'
  - a. I haven't showed you how to work with dates; there are many ways to deal with this – can you find one?
  - b. *Distinct* titles because maybe the same title was returned by different users.

# Union

- Combine the results of two or more SELECT statements.
- Each SELECT statement must have the same number of columns and the columns must:
  - have similar data types
  - be in the same order
- The UNION operator selects only distinct values by default.
- UNION ALL: to allow duplicate values.

# Union Syntax

```
SELECT column_name(s) FROM table1  
UNION (ALL)  
SELECT column_name(s) FROM table2;
```

- Examples: [https://www.w3schools.com/sql/sql\\_union.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/sql/sql_union.asp)

# Subqueries

- **IN / NOT IN**
  - (column\_list) IN (list)
  - Can be a list of values
  - Can be another select
  - You can actually check for tuples, like (first\_name, last\_name) in (select first\_name, last\_name from...)
- **EXISTS**
  - Will be true if at least one comparison satisfies the condition
  - Good for checking if something is on a list (correlated subquery)
- **ANY**
  - Can check for more than IN. Any comparison operator goes
  - IN is the same as =ANY
- **ALL**
  - Same as ANY, but will be true if the condition holds for all cases.
  - NOT IN is the same as <> ALL

# Subquery Example

```
SELECT
    SUM(Sales)
FROM
    Store_Information
WHERE
    Store_Name IN
    (
        SELECT Store_Name
        FROM Geography
        WHERE Region_Name = 'West'
    );
```

PostgreSQL executes the query that contains a subquery in the following sequence:

1. Executes the subquery.
2. Gets the result and passes it to the outer query.
3. Executes the outer query.

# Subquery Exercises

1. names of all customers who returned a rental on '2005-05-27'
2. names of customers who have made a payment
  - a. with a subquery
  - b. with a JOIN



# The WITH Clause

- Create temporary tables: available during query execution time only.
- Example: List all rented film titles with the customer names

```
WITH rentals AS (  
    SELECT c.first_name, c.last_name, r.rental_id, i.film_id  
    FROM customer c  
    JOIN rental r ON c.customer_id = r.customer_id  
    JOIN inventory i ON r.inventory_id = i.inventory_id  
)  
SELECT f.title, r.first_name, r.last_name  
FROM film f  
JOIN rentals r ON f.film_id = r.film_id  
ORDER BY title
```

- **Exercise:**

1. Re-do Subquery exercise 1) using WITH.

# Functions

Aggregate Functions

Window Functions

Date Functions

String Functions

Pattern Matching

Sampling

# SQL Functions Overview (1/2)

- Aggregate/Statistics
  - Compute a single result from a set of input values: : COUNT, SUM, AVG, MIN, MAX, STRING\_AGG.
- Window Functions
  - Perform calculations across sets of rows that are related to the current row: RANK, ROW\_NUMBER, NTILE.
- Date/time Functions
  - Manipulating and handling dates and timestamps: CURRENT\_DATE, DATE\_TRUNC, DATE\_PART.

# SQL Functions Overview (2/2)

- String Functions

- Manipulate values of types: character, character varying and text: CONCAT, LOWER, UPPER, TRIM, SUBSTRING.
- Pattern matching: LIKE and regular expressions.
- Conversions/formatting: TO\_CHAR, TO\_DATE, TO\_NUMBER.

- Others:

- Pivoting;
- Sampling;
- Conditional: CASE WHEN, COALESCE;
- Mathematical: ROUND, CEILING, FLOOR, LOG, SQRT, POWER;
- Sequence manipulation.

# Aggregate Functions

- Compute a single result from a set of input values.

- Perform calculation:

- COUNT()
- SUM()
- MIN()
- MAX()
- AVG()

```
SELECT COUNT(column_name)  
FROM table_name
```

- Over all rows, or per group:

- GROUP BY / HAVING

# GROUP BY Syntax

SELECT

COUNT(column\_name1),  
column\_name2

FROM

table\_name

GROUP BY

column\_name2

*< optional: WHERE column\_name = ... >*

# HAVING Syntax

```
SELECT
    COUNT(column_name1),
    column_name2
FROM
    table_name
GROUP BY
    column_name2
HAVING
    COUNT(column_name1) = ...
```

# Aggregate Example

Employees

DEPARTMENT_ID	SALARY
10	5500
20	15000
20	7000
30	12000
30	5100
30	4900
30	5800
30	5600
40	7500
40	8000
50	9000
50	8500
50	9500
50	8500
50	10500
50	10000
50	9500

5500

22000

33400

15500

65550

*Sum of  
Salary in  
Employees  
table for  
each  
department*

DEPARTMENT_ID	SUM(SALARY)
10	5500
20	22000
30	33400
40	15500
50	65550



# Aggregate Exercises

1. customers ordered by how much they've spent (`payment.amount`).
2. customers who have spent more than \$200.
3. the number of rentals for each category.
4. the number of rentals for each film with its category.

EXTRA: films which have *film.rental\_rate* higher than the average *film.rental\_rate* between all films in the DB.

# Window Functions

- Perform calculations across sets of rows that are related to the current row.
  - ROW\_NUMBER *OVER (PARTITION BY ... ORDER BY ...)*  
⇒ Unique number to each row within its partition, counting from 1.
  - RANK *OVER (PARTITION BY ... ORDER BY ...)*  
⇒ Rank of current each row within its partition, with gaps.
  - DENSE\_RANK *OVER (PARTITION BY ... ORDER BY ...)*  
⇒ Rank of current each row within its partition, without gaps.
  - NTILE(num\_buckets) *OVER (PARTITION BY ... ORDER BY ...)*  
⇒ Distributes the rows in buckets of equal size, that is, percentiles (quartile = 4, decile = 10, ...)
- In blue the optional arguments, to apply in a group and a specific sort ordering.

# Window Example

```
SELECT
    payment.customer_id,
    customer.first_name,
    customer.last_name,
    payment_date,
    row_number() OVER (ORDER BY payment_date DESC ),
    rank() OVER (ORDER BY payment_date DESC ),
    dense_rank() OVER (ORDER BY payment_date DESC )
FROM
    payment
JOIN customer ON payment.customer_id = customer.customer_id
ORDER BY payment_date DESC
```

- **Exercises:**

1. Find the last returned film title - show customer name and return date.
2. Find the 10% most profitable customers (top 10%).
3. Find the most rented film for each category (start from aggregate exercise #4).

# Date Functions

- CURRENT\_DATE
- DATE\_TRUNC(field, timestamp\_column)
- DATE\_PART(field, timestamp\_column)
  - Allowed field values are: microseconds, milliseconds, second, minute, hour, day, week, month, quarter, year, decade, century, millennium
- Example:

```
SELECT
    DATE_PART('year', rental_date) year_of_rental,
    COUNT(customer_id) customers
FROM rental
GROUP BY 1
```

# String Functions

- LOWER(string), UPPER(string)
- CONCAT(string\_1, string\_2, ..., string\_n)
  - SELECT  
    CONCAT(first\_name, ' ', last\_name) AS full\_name  
FROM customer
- TRIM([leading | trailing | both] [characters] from string)
  - TRIM(both 'x' from 'xTomxx') => Tom
- SPLIT\_PART(string, delimiter, field)
  - SPLIT\_PART('dania@gmail.com', '@', 1) => 'dania'
- Pattern Matching: LIKE
  - string (NOT) LIKE pattern
    - An underscore (\_) matches any single character.
    - A percent sign (%) matches any sequence of zero or more characters.

'abc'	LIKE	'abc'	true
'abc'	LIKE	'a%'	true
'abc'	LIKE	'_b_'	true
'abc'	LIKE	'c'	false

# String Functions

- Regular expression functions, considering the example string:

```
'http://www.example.com/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=black-friday'
```

- SUBSTRING(string from pattern) - extract substring.
  - SUBSTRING(example\_str, 'utm\_campaign=(.\*)\$') => 'black-friday'
- REGEXP\_MATCHES(source, pattern, replacement [, flags ]) - extract pattern.
  - REGEXP\_MATCHES(example\_str, 'facebok') => '{facebook}'
- REGEXP\_REPLACE(source, pattern, replacement [, flags ]) - replace pattern.
  - REGEXP\_REPLACE(example\_str, '^http://(.\*)\.com', '') =>  
'/?utm\_source=facebook&utm\_medium=social&utm\_campaign=black-friday'
- regexp\_split\_to\_table(subject, pattern[, flags]) - returns the split string as a new table.
- regexp\_split\_to\_array(subject, pattern[, flags]) - returns the split string as an array of text.

# Other functions

- Pivoting and reshaping
  - [mySQL Example](#) (does not work for PostgreSQL...)
- Sampling
  - `SELECT ... ORDER BY random() LIMIT sample_size`
- Generating sequences on the fly
  - Use `generate_series()` to create a list of dates as a subquery, then outer join to your data and you get evenly distributed observations from sparse actual cases.
    - In this case, you will have to impute missing values.
- Conditional: CASE WHEN
  - The same as IF/ELSE statement in other programming languages.
- Conditional: COALESCE
  - Returns the first non-null argument. You can use it to substitute NULL by a default value.

# Tips & Tricks

Connecting to Python

EXTRA - User Segmentation with SQL

EXTRA - Database Index & When indexes don't matter

EXTRA - Optimization Examples



# Connecting to Python

- python library [psycopg](#) : pip install psycopg2

```
import psycopg2
import psycopg2.extras
```

```
def ResultIter(cursor, arraysize=1000):
    'An iterator that uses fetchmany to keep memory usage down'
    while True:
        results = cursor.fetchmany(arraysize)
        if not results:
            break
        for result in results:
            yield result
```

```
conn = psycopg2.connect("dbname=dvdrental user=dania host=192.168.2.174")
cur = conn.cursor(cursor_factory=psycopg2.extras.DictCursor)
cur.execute("select * from film")
for result in ResultIter(cur):
    print(result)
```

# Connecting to Python

- python library SQLAlchemy includes dialects for SQLite, Postgresql, MySQL, Oracle, MS-SQL, Firebird, Sybase and others.

- Example:

```
from sqlalchemy import create_engine

eng = create_engine("postgresql://username@host/dbname")

with eng.connect() as con:
    rs = con.execute("SELECT film.title FROM film")
    data = rs.fetchone()[0]
    print "Data: %s" % data
```

- Tutorial with detailed steps: <http://zetcode.com/db/sqlalchemy/rawsql/>

# Connecting to Python

- python library [pandas](#) is well suited for working with tabular data with heterogeneously-typed columns, as in an SQL table.
- ***pandas.read\_sql*** - Read SQL query or database table into a DataFrame.

```
from sqlalchemy import create_engine

import pandas

eng = create_engine("postgres://user:pass@host/database")
data = pandas.read_sql("SELECT film.title FROM film", con=eng)
data
```

- Comparing SQL and pandas

# User Segmentation with SQL

- RFV Segmentation
  - R: recency - the last transaction
  - F: frequency - how many transactions
  - V: value - the total value of the transactions
  - Optional: for a determined period
    - e.g. year, quarter, month

# User Segmentation with SQL

SELECT

```
customer.first_name,  
customer.last_name,  
max(rental.rental_date)           AS last_rental_date,  
count(rental.rental_id)          AS total_transactions,  
sum(payment.amount)              AS total_amount,  
NTILE(2) OVER (ORDER BY max(rental.rental_date) DESC ) AS median_r,  
NTILE(2) OVER (ORDER BY count(rental.rental_id) DESC ) AS median_f,  
NTILE(2) OVER (ORDER BY sum(payment.amount) DESC )     AS median_v
```

FROM

```
rental  
JOIN payment ON rental.rental_id = payment.rental_id  
JOIN customer ON payment.customer_id = customer.customer_id
```

*WHERE date\_part('year', rental.rental\_date) = 2005*

GROUP BY 1, 2

ORDER BY 3 DESC, 4 DESC, 5 DESC

# Database Index

- An index is a data structure that improves the speed of the data retrieval in your database table.
- Indexes can be created by using one or more columns in a database table.
- Pro: allows for quick look up without having to search every row in a database every time the database table is accessed.
- It comes at a cost: there will be additional writes and additional storage space is needed to maintain the index data structure.

# When Indexes DON'T Matter

- HAVING Clause: Prevents the database from using any existing index.
  - Alternative: the WHERE clause
    - WHERE clause introduces a condition on individual rows
    - HAVING clause introduces a condition on aggregations or results
    - This is not about limiting the result set, rather about limiting the intermediate number of records within a query.
- The OR Operator
  - Alternative: replace it by a condition with IN
- The NOT Operator
  - Alternative: replacing NOT by comparison operators, such as >, <> or !>

# When Indexes DON'T Matter

- The ANY and ALL Operators
  - Alternatives: aggregation functions like MIN or MAX.
    - Be aware of the fact that all aggregation functions like SUM, AVG, MIN, MAX over many rows can result in a long-running query.
    - In such cases, you can try to either minimize the amount of rows to handle or pre-calculate these values.
- Column is used in a calculation or function
  - Alternative: isolate the specific column so that it no longer is a part of the calculation/function.
    - Instead of: `WHERE year + 10 = 1980;`  
Write: `WHERE year = 1970;`



# Optimization

- Garbage In, Garbage Out (GIGO) principle:
  - The one who formulates the query also holds the keys to the performance of your SQL queries.
- Common performance issues occur on:
  - The WHERE clause
  - Any INNER JOIN or LEFT JOIN
  - The HAVING clause

Based on:

<http://www.kdnuggets.com/2017/08/write-better-sql-queries-definitive-guide-part-1.html>

<http://www.kdnuggets.com/2017/08/write-better-sql-queries-definitive-guide-part-2.html>

*Tips & Tricks (Extra)*

# Bad Performance Example: JOIN

```
SELECT
    employees.employee_number,
    employees.name
FROM
    employees
    INNER JOIN
    (SELECT
        department,
        AVG(salary) AS department_average
    FROM employees
    GROUP BY department) AS temp
ON employees.department = temp.department
WHERE
    employees.salary > temp.department_average;
```

- A **correlated subquery** is a subquery that uses values from the outer query.
- Having a correlated subquery isn't always a good idea.

# Bad Performance Example: WHERE

```
SELECT
    employee_number,
    name
FROM
    employees AS emp
WHERE
    salary > (SELECT AVG(salary)
              FROM employees
              WHERE department = emp.department);
```

- This subquery is not correlated with the outer query, and is therefore executed only once, regardless of the number of employees.

# BEST Performance Example

```
WITH temp AS (  
    SELECT  
        department,  
        AVG(salary) AS department_average  
    FROM employees  
    GROUP BY department  
)  
SELECT  
    employees.employee_number,  
    employees.name  
FROM employees  
    INNER JOIN temp ON employees.department = temp.department  
WHERE employees.salary > temp.department_average;
```

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Questions ?

# Thank you!

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