

LEARN SQL:

THE 'BIG 6' OF SQL QUERYING

SELECT

SELECT

customer_id,
rental_id,
rental_date

FROM rental

This is your **SELECT** list, which is where you specify which columns you want returned in your result set. Columns are separated by commas.

You'll pair your **SELECT** list with a **FROM** clause, which is where you will specify which table to pull the data from.

FROM

WHERE

SELECT

customer_id,
rental_id,
rental_date

FROM rental

WHERE customer_id <= 100

Adding a **WHERE** condition filters your results. Now we're limiting the results to just those where **customer_id** is less than or equal to 100

GROUP BY

SELECT

customer_id,
COUNT(rental_id) AS rentals

FROM rental

WHERE customer_id <= 100

GROUP BY customer_id

The aggregate
function, COUNT()

Here we've added a **GROUP BY**, which creates segments in our data. Now, instead of a list of customer rental data, we're summarizing that data for each customer, counting how many rentals they have.

HAVING

SELECT

customer_id,
COUNT(rental_id) AS rentals

FROM rental

WHERE customer_id <= 100

GROUP BY customer_id

HAVING COUNT(rental_id) > 5

HAVING serves as a filter which operates on your **GROUP**-level data. We've added this **HAVING** clause to the previous query to limit our result set to customers who have more than 5 total rentals.

ORDER BY

SELECT

customer_id,
COUNT(rental_id) AS rentals

FROM rental

WHERE customer_id <= 100

GROUP BY customer_id

HAVING COUNT(rental_id) > 5

ORDER BY COUNT(rental_id) DESC

ORDER BY lets us specify how we wanted our result set sorted. We've applied **DESC** here, so our results will be displayed in descending order, with customers having the most rentals displayed first. Without **DESC**, the smallest values display first.