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We will look at views in more detail soon, but the assignment for this unit is easier with a view. A view is a select query that is given a name and the view definition is stored in the database. You can then use the view as a data source in a From clause. For the assignment you can just think of the view as a table expression and you can

- select columns from the view
- use filters against the columns in the view
- join the view to base tables using the same syntax you always use

The view we will use in the assignment and also in the subqueries demo contains a join of several tables and the purpose of the view is to hide that complexity from the queries we want to run.

1. Creating a Simple View

Demo 01: This is a very simple view that just exposes three columns for the products table for some of the rows. Note that the view is defined within a database.

```
drop view if exists a_prd.Prod_HW_APL;

Create view a_prd.Prod_HW_APL as (
    Select
    prod_id , prod_name, prod_list_price
    From a_prd.products
    Where catg_id in ('APL', 'HW')
);
```

Demo 02: -- select data from the view

```
From a_prd.Prod_HW APL;
+----+
+----+
  1000 | Hand Mixer | 1070 | Iron |
                             125.00 |
                              25.50
  1071 | Iron
1072 | Iron
                              25.50
                              25.50 |
   1080 | Cornpopper
1090 | Gas grill
                              25.00 I
                              149.99 I
                              49.99 |
   1100 | Blender
   1110 | Pancake griddle |
                              49.99 |
   1120 | Washer
                              549.99 |
   1125 | Dryer
                              500.00 I
   1126 | WasherDryer
                              850.00 |
   1130 | Mini Freezer
                              149.99
   1160 | Mixer Deluxe
                              149.99 I
   4569 | Mini Dryer
                              349.95 |
                              49.95 |
   4575 | Electric can opener |
```

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Demo 03: -- -- select data from the view with a filter

```
Select *
From a_prd.Prod_HW_APL
Where prod_list_price > 100;
+-----+-----+
| prod_id | prod_name | prod_list_price |
+------+
| 1000 | Hand Mixer | 125.00 |
| 1090 | Gas grill | 149.99 |
| 1120 | Washer | 549.99 |
| 1125 | Dryer | 500.00 |
| 1126 | WasherDryer | 850.00 |
| 1130 | Mini Freezer | 149.99 |
| 1160 | Mixer Deluxe | 149.99 |
| 4569 | Mini Dryer | 349.95 |
```

Demo 04: --- select data from the view with a join to a base table

```
Select PR.prod_id, quantity_ordered * quoted_price as ExtPrice , ord_id
From a_prd.Prod_HW_APL PR
Join a_oe.order_details OD on PR.prod_id = OD.prod_id
Where ord_id between 110 and 115;
+-----+
| prod_id | ExtPrice | ord_id |
+-----+
| 1090 | 149.99 | 110 |
| 1130 | 149.99 | 110 |
| 1110 | 99.98 | 112 |
| 1080 | 22.50 | 113 |
| 1130 | 625.00 | 114 |
| 1000 | 200.00 | 115 |
| 1120 | 1900.00 | 115 |
| 1080 | 25.00 | 115 |
| 1100 | 180.00 | 115 |
```

3. A more complex view

The next view is more complex, includeing several joins and filters and renaming the column names

Demo 05: a more complex view

```
drop view if exists a_oe.cust_orders;

Create view a_oe.cust_orders as (
Select
OH.ord_id as Invoice
, OH.ord_date as OrderDate
, OH.cust_id as CustID
, PR.catg_id as Category
, OD.prod_id as ItemPurchased
From a_oe.order_headers OH
Join a_oe.order_details OD on OH.ord_id= OD.ord_id
```

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Demo 06: When you use the second view, refer to the column names defined in the view. Note that if an order has more than one detail line, the view returns more than one row

<pre>Select Invoice, ItemPurchase From a_oe.cust_orders Where month(OrderDate) = 6;</pre>			
#	!+		
Invoice	ItemPurchased		
301	1100 I		
1 302	1140		
302	1040		
1 303	1000		
306	1120		
306	1125		
307	1120		
307	1125		
312	1040		
312	1050		
312	1060		
312	1060		
313	1000		
324	4576		
378	1120		
378	1125		
390	1010		
395	1010		
1 540	1080		
1 540	1110		
540	1152		
+	++		

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