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Task 1 Report for VDM1

**Executive Summary**

Our imaginary DVD Rental Company has done impressive business in recent times. There were 16,044 DVD rentals[[1]](#footnote-1) of the 4,581 DVDs[[2]](#footnote-2) in our stores’ inventory during the 9-month period[[3]](#footnote-3) reflected in our current dvdrental database, which produced a total of $61,321.04 in sales.[[4]](#footnote-4) And while these aggregate figures sound impressive, in reality they are not very useful in providing us with specific and actionable business intelligence that we can use to better satisfy our customers and increase profits.

Therefore, in this report we will investigate which film categories (e.g., Action, Animation, Children, etc.) were responsible for the greatest dollar-value of rental sales on weekends during the 9 months of rental sales data available in dvdrental. This specific line of inquiry will guide our future DVD purchases for our inventory, because it will tell us about the best-selling film categories that people want to watch on weekends.

For our purposes, we define “the weekend” as from Friday 5 p.m. until Sunday 11:59 p.m. The rental.rental\_date and payment.payment\_date columns in our Company’s dvdrental database are stored in UTC time (+00, or no time zone), so we will need to transform these timestamps into local timestamps based on each customer’s city and country on file. To obtain the UTC offset information, a Python program written by myself was used to produce a supplementary PostgreSQL table named utc\_offsets\_for\_cities that was loaded into the dvdrental database and used in some of the queries.

Please note that four additional separate files were also submitted with this report:  
• **load-Tim-Stewart-functions-procedures-table.sql** — All the SQL code I wrote for this project  
• **tz.py** — The Python program I wrote to look up time zones for the cities in the city table  
• **cities\_countries.txt** — The query results I used as input to my Python program  
• **Tim Stewart, id 001476583, VDM1.pdf** — This report as a PDF in case the fonts break in the .docx

**Introduction**

The well-known sample database dvdrental[[5]](#footnote-5) was analyzed using SQL queries and procedures to produce a report of how much money was made per film category from rental sales on weekends using all available rental transaction data. The weekend was defined as starting at Friday 5 p.m. (i.e., 17:00) in each customer’s local time zone and continuing through all day Saturday and all day Sunday. Since the dvdrental database stores the timestamp of rental transactions without any time zone (i.e., in UTC time, or +00 time), a transformation needed to be applied to convert each rental timestamp into the local time zone of the customer’s city.

**A. 1–3. Data Sources and Data Product**

The data that this report is based on was provided in the form of the dvdrental sample database which was pre-installed for my use in an online virtual lab environment. More specifically, I used the following tables from the dvdrental database: rental, inventory, film, film\_category, category, customer, address, city, and country. Although many fields from these tables were accessed by queries and procedures to produce the detailed section of this report, please note that the summary table shows just the category.name and aggregated payment.amount fields.

The raw data was aggregated and partly transformed to produce a summary report of the amount of weekend (in local time) rental sales broken out by film category.

**A. 4. Transformation of Transaction Timestamps to Local Time Zones**

The payment.payment\_date and rental.rental\_date columns of the dvdrental database were created using PostgreSQL’s data type timestamp without time zone not null.[[6]](#footnote-6) Not using time zones for timestamps stored in the database is an excellent design choice. The possible alternative of storing timestamps with a local time zone creates the risk of corrupt data analysis if timestamps are improperly converted when they are compared, or if timestamps aren’t converted at all and analysts unwittingly compare them anyway.

But while it’s wise to store the rental transaction timestamps without time zones, that means that any analysis involving the customer’s purchasing habits in local time will require a transformation of the timestamps into ones that express the customer’s local time.

Therefore, a transformation function will be applied to the payment.payment\_date field to convert these timestamp values into the customer’s local time zone so that rental sales only during each customer’s local weekend timeframe will be aggregated. Since time zone and UTC offset information are not provided in the dvdrental database, I wrote a Python program (see Appendix A) that accepts the list of cities and countries from dvdrental’s city and country tables as input and looks up the latitude and longitude coordinates for each city and then looks up the UTC offsets for the latitude and longitude coordinates using the Python packages geopy.geocoders[[7]](#footnote-7) and timezonefinders.[[8]](#footnote-8) The resulting UTC offsets were put into a SQL file (see Appendix B) which was loaded into the dvdrental database in my virtual lab environment prior to running my queries and procedures.

**A. 5. Business Uses of the Detailed and Summary Reports**

The detailed\_table is an intermediate step between the raw data that we start with and the summary\_table which is the end goal of this report. In that sense, the main purpose of the detailed\_table is to support the computation of the resulting summary\_table. However, the detailed\_table is also an excellent starting point for almost any data analysis that involves the film categories and local date and time of the rental transactions. For example, the data in the detailed\_table could be used to explore which film categories are popular at different times of the week. By contrast, the summary\_table very narrowly answers just the question of which film categories made the most money in rentals during the weekend timeframe. The advantage of the summary\_table data is that it has a focus for a very specific business question, without any other columns or transformations that might serve as a distraction.

Another advantage of separating out the detailed\_table from the summary\_table is that the queries that populate the two tables could possibly be run on two different computer servers or at two different times of day because the SQL code that populates the detailed\_table is much more intensive and demanding than the code that populates the summary\_table. The detailed\_table executes a query across six JOINed tables and then performs a complex timestamp transformation function on each row of the raw data it collects. By comparison, the summary\_table performs a simple SUM() of amounts by film category and sorts 16 categories in DESCending ORDER. The imaginary DVD Rental Company might take advantage of the difference in computing power needed for these two tables by, for example, calculating the data for the detailed\_table at night when the database servers are unused and available for giant queries and jobs. Or the data for the detailed\_table might be calculated using a powerful cloud-based server so that the queries can be calculated faster. By comparison, the data for the summary\_table could be easily calculated on a less-powerful server or perhaps even on the database user’s own workstation.

**A. 6. Frequency of Refreshing the Reports**

Since this report analyzes weekend sales data, the natural conclusion would be that the detailed and summary reports should be refreshed on a weekly basis in order to capture the most recent weekend’s worth of rental sales data. In practical terms, it is my recommendation that the detailed and summary reports be refreshed weekly on Tuesdays so that there is a short amount of time for the store locations to enter their weekend rental sales data into the database but so that there is still most of the week left for the refreshed reports to support business decisions that need to be made by the end of the week.

**B. Creating the Tables for the Reports**

The SQL code below is responsible for creating the detailed\_table and summary\_table that are used to create the business reports. The detailed\_table will contain raw data extracted from the tables category, rental, and payment. As noted earlier in part A section 4, the rental.rental\_date UTC timestamps in the raw data will be transformed by the function get\_local\_timestamp() into timestamps that are localized to the customer’s city.

/\*

Create `detailed\_table`

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CREATE TABLE detailed\_table (

detailed\_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,

category TEXT NOT NULL,

rental\_date\_local TIMESTAMP WITHOUT TIME ZONE NOT NULL,

rental\_id INTEGER UNIQUE NOT NULL,

amount NUMERIC(8,2)

);

ALTER TABLE ONLY public.detailed\_table

ADD CONSTRAINT detailed\_table\_rental\_id\_fkey

FOREIGN KEY (rental\_id)

REFERENCES public.rental(rental\_id)

ON UPDATE CASCADE

ON DELETE RESTRICT;

/\*

Create `summary\_table`

\*/

CREATE TABLE summary\_table (

category TEXT PRIMARY KEY NOT NULL,

rental\_sales numeric(8,2) NOT NULL

);

**C. SQL Code for Extraction from dvdrental and Loading into detailed\_table**

The SQL code below extracts raw data from the dvdrental database and performs a transformation on the rental.rental\_date values so they reflect the local time of the rental customer’s city.

/\*

Extract raw data from `dvdrental` to `detailed\_table`, using the

"ON CONFLICT ... DO NOTHING" technique to avoid duplicating rows

\*/

INSERT INTO detailed\_table (category, rental\_date\_local, rental\_id, amount)

(SELECT

category.name AS "Category",

get\_local\_timestamp(rental.rental\_id) AS "Rental Date (Local)",

rental.rental\_id AS "Rental ID",

payment.amount AS "Amount"

FROM payment

JOIN rental USING (rental\_id)

JOIN inventory USING (inventory\_id)

JOIN film USING (film\_id)

JOIN film\_category USING (film\_id)

JOIN category USING (category\_id)

) ON CONFLICT (rental\_id) DO NOTHING;

The extraction code shown above uses the ON CONFLICT ... DO NOTHING qualifier to avoid duplicating rows in detailed\_table. In other words, if detailed\_table already contains a row with the same rental\_id as a relation in the raw data, it won’t be INSERTed again.

The project requirements state that the SQL code should “verify the data’s accuracy.” To meet this requirement, I have made sure that my SELECT query uses six JOINed tables. How does JOINing help verify the data’s accuracy? Five of these six tables have foreign key constraints (i.e., FK CONSTRAINT), which require the data values of category\_id, film\_id, inventory\_id, rental\_id, and payment\_id to be valid references. If by some accident an erroneous integer is used in place of any valid id numbers during the query, the query will automatically fail due to a foreign key constraint violation, giving the database user or database administrator an opportunity to investigate and correct the problem.

**D. SQL Code for Transforming UTC Timestamps to Local Time Zones**

As noted earlier in part A section 4, storing timestamps in the database without time zones is a best practice that prevents a wide variety of time zone conversion errors and problems. But this also means that when we want to analyze customer rental habits in the context of the customer’s local time zone, we have to perform a transformation.

There were two options available for coding this transformation. We could use the time zone for the city that is linked to the store’s address, or we could use the time zone for the city that is linked to the customer’s address. Since the imaginary DVD Rental Company wants to be as customer-focused as possible, I decided to obtain the local time zone information based on the customer’s address.

The function shown below queries a table named utc\_offsets\_for\_cities, which was not provided in the pre-installed dvdrental database in the online lab environment. As noted earlier in part A section 4, I created this table and added it to my instance of the dvdrental database in order to complete this project accurately using the local time zone of each customer. I wrote a Python program (see Appendix A) that looked up the time zones of each city listed in dvdrental’s city table and then looked up the numeric offset from UTC time that was associated with each time zone. I made sure that the Python program outputted the results in a format that made it easy to create a PostgreSQL table. Finally I added the new table to my instance of the dvdrental database. More information about my process of obtaining the time zones and UTC offset information can be found in Appendix A.

/\*

Function: get\_local\_timestamp(the\_rental\_id INTEGER)

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CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION get\_local\_timestamp(the\_rental\_id INTEGER)

RETURNS TIMESTAMP AS $$

DECLARE

the\_customer\_city\_id INTEGER;

the\_utc\_offset\_in\_hours REAL;

the\_utc\_offset\_in\_seconds INTEGER;

the\_rental\_timestamp TIMESTAMP;

the\_local\_timestamp TIMESTAMP;

BEGIN

the\_customer\_city\_id :=

(SELECT address.city\_id

FROM rental

JOIN customer USING (customer\_id)

JOIN address USING (address\_id)

WHERE rental.rental\_id = the\_rental\_id);

the\_utc\_offset\_in\_hours :=

(SELECT utc\_offset

FROM utc\_offsets\_for\_cities

WHERE city\_id = the\_customer\_city\_id);

the\_utc\_offset\_in\_seconds :=

(SELECT CAST(the\_utc\_offset\_in\_hours \* 3600 AS INTEGER));

the\_rental\_timestamp :=

(SELECT rental.rental\_date

FROM rental

WHERE rental.rental\_id = the\_rental\_id); ***/\* continued on next page \*/***

the\_local\_timestamp :=

(SELECT (the\_rental\_timestamp + (INTERVAL '1 sec' \* the\_utc\_offset\_in\_seconds)));

RETURN the\_local\_timestamp;

END; $$ LANGUAGE 'plpgsql';

**E. Creating a Trigger on the detailed\_table Which Updates the summary\_table**

The code for this SQL trigger updates the data in summary\_table whenever an INSERT statement occurs on detailed\_table. Note that it would of course also be possible to create additional TRIGGERs that update the data in summary\_table whenever rows in detailed\_table are DELETEd or UPDATEd, in case deletions and updates at some point become a routine activity on detailed\_table.

/\*

Update `summary\_table`

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CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION summary\_table\_update()

RETURNS trigger AS $$

BEGIN

DELETE FROM summary\_table;

INSERT INTO summary\_table (category, rental\_sales)

SELECT

category,

SUM(amount)

FROM

detailed\_table

WHERE

is\_weekend(rental\_date\_local) = true

GROUP BY category

ORDER BY SUM(amount) DESC;

RETURN NEW;

END;

$$ LANGUAGE 'plpgsql';

CREATE TRIGGER update\_summary\_table

AFTER INSERT ON detailed\_table

FOR EACH STATEMENT

EXECUTE PROCEDURE summary\_table\_update();

For the sake of completeness, what follows is the PostgreSQL code I wrote for the is\_weekend() function that was used in the WHERE clause of the summary\_table\_update() function shown immediately above. This is\_weekend() function encodes the business logic about the definition of weekend discussed earlier in the Executive Summary and in the Introduction. As a courtesy reminder, for the purposes of our data analysis “the weekend” is defined as “Friday after 5 p.m. and all day Saturday and all day Sunday, all in the customer’s local time.” Note that in is\_weekend(), timestamps for Fridays are cast to the time data type for direct comparison to the time value '17:00:00' (i.e., 5 p.m.).

CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION is\_weekend(the\_ts TIMESTAMP)

RETURNS BOOLEAN AS $$

BEGIN

IF

(day\_of\_week(the\_ts) = 5 AND the\_ts::time >= '17:00:00'::time)

OR day\_of\_week(the\_ts) = 6

OR day\_of\_week(the\_ts) = 0

THEN

RETURN true;

ELSE

RETURN false; ***/\* continued on next page \*/***

END IF;  
END; $$ LANGUAGE 'plpgsql';

Likewise for the sake of completeness, here is the code for the day\_of\_week() function I wrote as a utility function for use in the IF clause of the preceding is\_weekend() function.

CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION day\_of\_week(the\_ts TIMESTAMP)

RETURNS INTEGER AS $$

DECLARE

the\_dow INTEGER;

BEGIN

SELECT EXTRACT(DOW FROM the\_ts) INTO the\_dow;

RETURN the\_dow;

END;

$$ LANGUAGE 'plpgsql';

**F. Using a Scheduled Procedure to Refresh the Detailed and Summary Tables**

The data in the detailed and summary reports is only as good as it is fresh, meaning that if the data has become stale then it becomes less useful as a guide to which film categories customers are currently interested in renting on the weekends. As noted earlier in part A section 6, it makes sense for the weekend rental sales data to be updated weekly, whenever there is a new weekend’s worth of data to incorporate into our analysis. The following SQL code refreshes the detailed and summary tables by executing the Extraction, Loading, and Transformation (ETL) activities described in parts C and D above.

CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE refresh\_detailed\_and\_summary\_tables()

/\*

Procedure: `refresh\_detailed\_and\_summary\_tables()`

Purpose: Refresh the detailed\_table and summary\_table to include recent

weekend rental sales

Author: Tim Stewart

Frequency: call this procedure weekly on Tuesday mornings

\*/

LANGUAGE 'plpgsql' AS $$

BEGIN

/\* Clear contents of `detailed\_table` \*/

DELETE FROM detailed\_table;

/\* Clear contents of `summary\_table` \*/

DELETE FROM summary\_table;

/\* Load raw data into `detailed\_table`. Note that because we already have a

trigger installed on `detailed\_table`, we don't have to explicitly refresh

the `summary\_table`. The `INSERT INTO detailed\_table` statement will

automatically invoke the trigger `update\_summary\_table` that is shown in

Part E of the report.

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INSERT INTO detailed\_table (category, rental\_date\_local, rental\_id, amount)

(SELECT

category.name AS "Category",

get\_local\_timestamp(rental.rental\_id) AS "Rental Date (Local)",

rental.rental\_id AS "Rental ID",

payment.amount AS "Amount"

FROM payment

JOIN rental USING (rental\_id)

JOIN inventory USING (inventory\_id)

JOIN film USING (film\_id)

JOIN film\_category USING (film\_id)

JOIN category USING (category\_id)

) ON CONFLICT (rental\_id) DO NOTHING;

END; $$;

To ensure data freshness, the refresh\_detailed\_and\_summary\_tables() procedure should be called regularly. As noted earlier in part A section 6, my recommendation is for the imaginary DVD Rental Company to refresh the weekend rental sales data on a weekly basis, preferably as early in the week as possible. To provide some buffer time for the raw weekend rental sales figures to be loaded into the database, I recommend for a stored procedure such as this one to be run on Tuesday morning at the beginning of the business day.

A process or plan is only as strong as its weakest link, so executing this stored procedure on a weekly basis shouldn’t be in the hands of a particular employee or department to always remember to manually run it. A much more reliable business process is automating the procedure so it happens at the same time and in the same way every week without human error. All the major operating systems have the functionality to regularly execute a command on a schedule. On Linux and other Unix-like systems, the cron utility is a well-known and reliable means of automating recurring tasks. For example, a crontab line for running this stored procedure every Tuesday at 9 a.m. might look as follows:

0 9 \* \* TUE /usr/bin/psql -U postgres -d dvdrental -c "call refresh\_detailed\_and\_summary\_tables();"

The Microsoft Windows operating system provides a similar functionality to run specified commands at certain times on certain days via its built-in Task Scheduler application.

**G. Panopto Video Recording**

A personal video presentation forms part G of this report. It can be accessed using the link that was submitted with this report.

**Conclusion**

In this report we have seen how the raw data in dvdrental can be extracted, loaded, and transformed in order to answer a narrowly defined business question such as which film categories produce the most sales rentals on the weekends in customers’ local time zones. Producing the summary data entailed the use of several JOINed tables and a complex transformation. Additionally I chose to write a Python program to generate a supplementary table of UTC offsets of customers’ local time zones.

See below for the final output of the summary\_table (as shown in two columns). Our imaginary DVD Rental Company should stock up on Sports and Sci-Fi DVDs and stay away from Travel and Music DVDs if they want to give the customers what they want and boost those future weekend rental sales!

dvdrental=# select \* from summary\_table;

category | rental\_sales

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Sports | 1692.36

Sci-Fi | 1459.65

Drama | 1392.63

Animation | 1353.69

Action | 1339.65

Family | 1338.49

New | 1335.22

Games | 1301.27

Documentary | 1224.97

Foreign | 1220.05

Comedy | 1218.46

Classics | 1164.06

Children | 1146.09

Horror | 1076.51

Travel | 1049.54

Music | 971.65

(16 rows)

**Appendix A. Python Program to Look Up Local Time Zones for Customers’ Cities**

I had to think outside the box to figure out how to find the UTC offsets for the 600 cities[[9]](#footnote-9) in dvdrental’s city table. Since PostgreSQL does not have a built-in function for looking up UTC offsets or time zones for geographic locations, I had to make use of an accessory program in the form of a Python program I wrote expressly for this project that used the two well-known Python packages geopy and timezonefinder.

My first step was to get the list of cities and countries from dvdrental. Using a simple query,[[10]](#footnote-10) I obtained a text file with all the cities and their corresponding countries. The first 10 and last 10 lines of the resulting text file are shown below. (Note that I later on deleted the column headers, which I have highlighted in yellow here, so it would be simpler for Python to parse just the rows of actual data.)

city\_id | city | country\_id | country

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1 | A Corua (La Corua) | 87 | Spain

2 | Abha | 82 | Saudi Arabia

3 | Abu Dhabi | 101 | United Arab Emirates

4 | Acua | 60 | Mexico

5 | Adana | 97 | Turkey

6 | Addis Abeba | 31 | Ethiopia

7 | Aden | 107 | Yemen

8 | Adoni | 44 | India

9 | Ahmadnagar | 44 | India

10 | Akishima | 50 | Japan

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590 | Yuncheng | 23 | China

591 | Yuzhou | 23 | China

592 | Zalantun | 23 | China

593 | Zanzibar | 93 | Tanzania

594 | Zaoyang | 23 | China

595 | Zapopan | 60 | Mexico

596 | Zaria | 69 | Nigeria

597 | Zeleznogorsk | 80 | Russian Federation

598 | Zhezqazghan | 51 | Kazakstan

599 | Zhoushan | 23 | China

600 | Ziguinchor | 83 | Senegal

(600 rows)

On the next page the complete listing of my Python program is given. For ease of reading, the code is displayed using colorful syntax highlighting which makes the variables, punctuation, and Python keywords easier to distinguish.

from geopy.geocoders import Nominatim

import datetime

import pytz

import timezonefinder

def pretty\_print\_offset(utc\_offset\_str):

    if utc\_offset\_str[0] == '-':

        sign = -1.0

    else:

        sign = 1.0

    hours = float(utc\_offset\_str[1:3])

    if utc\_offset\_str[-2:] == '30':

        half = 0.5

    else:

        half = 0.0

    if half == 0.5:

        return float(sign \* (hours + half))

    else:

        return int(sign \* hours)

if \_\_name\_\_ == "\_\_main\_\_":

    with open("cities\_countries.txt", mode="r", encoding="utf-8") as f:

        cities\_countries = f.read().splitlines()

    cities\_countries\_tuples = []

    for each\_c\_c in cities\_countries:

        cities\_countries\_tuples.append([datum.strip() for datum in each\_c\_c.split("|")])

    geolocator = Nominatim(user\_agent="Tim Stewart")

    tf = timezonefinder.TimezoneFinder()

    for x in cities\_countries\_tuples:

        geo\_location = ""

        try:

            geo\_location = geolocator.geocode(f"{x[1]}, {x[3]}")

        except Exception as e:

            print(f"Error: {e}")

        if geo\_location:

            tz\_name = tf.timezone\_at(lng=geo\_location.longitude, lat=geo\_location.latitude)

            utc\_offset = datetime.datetime.now(pytz.timezone(tz\_name)).strftime('%z')

            if x[0] == 600:

                punc = ";"

            else:

                punc = ","

            print(f"({x[0]}, '{x[1]}', {pretty\_print\_offset(utc\_offset)}){punc}")

        else:

            print(f"geo\_location couldn't be found for city with city\_id = {x[0]}")

    exit()

But when I executed the program, I noticed a problem! I discovered that dozens of city names in the city table in the dvdrental database are missing their special characters. Apparently at some point in the past, the database files for the dvdrental database were saved with an incorrect text encoding that caused all characters with special accent marks to disappear from the names of the cities. For example, the true name of the city called 'A Corua (La Corua)' in the city table is actually supposed to be 'A Coruña (La Coruña)'. Likewise the city 'Acua' is actually supposed to be named 'Acuña'. And the city 'Balaiha' is actually supposed to be named 'Balašiha'. As I investigated deeper into this problem, I discovered that a wide variety of special characters, including *á, â, ç, é, İ, í, ñ, ó, ö,* and *š*, had vanished from the names of these international cities, resulting in corrupted city names for 65 of the 600 cities in the table. Furthermore, this encoding corruption didn’t just happen in the dvdrental database: Even the official Sakila database that is available for download from mysql.com[[11]](#footnote-11) had the same text encoding corruption in the city names. In the end I did have to do some manual research using Wikipedia and online atlases to track down the correct names and time zones for those 65 cities that appear in misspelled and corrupted form in dvdrental’s city table, since my Python program wasn’t able to process the misspelled and corrupted city names. On another positive note, I and a friend of mine filed a bug report with the MySQL company, and they told us they will have these corrupted city names fixed in an upcoming version of the Sakila sample database.[[12]](#footnote-12)

Shown below are the first 10 and last 10 lines of the output of the Python program when I was finally able to obtain time zones and offsets for all the cities (even the ones that were missing characters!).

(1, 'A Corua (La Corua)', 2),

(2, 'Abha', 3),

(3, 'Abu Dhabi', 4),

(4, 'Acua', -5),

(5, 'Adana', 3),

(6, 'Addis Abeba', 3),

(7, 'Aden', 3),

(8, 'Adoni', 5.5),

(9, 'Ahmadnagar', 5.5),

(10, 'Akishima', 9),

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(590, 'Yuncheng', 8),

(591, 'Yuzhou', 8),

(592, 'Zalantun', 8),

(593, 'Zanzibar', 3),

(594, 'Zaoyang', 8),

(595, 'Zapopan', -5),

(596, 'Zaria', 1),

(597, 'Zeleznogorsk', 7),

(598, 'Zhezqazghan', 6),

(599, 'Zhoushan', 8),

(600, 'Ziguinchor', 0);

At this point it was a simple matter to add CREATE TABLE and INSERT INTO statements before the list of cities and their UTC offsets and execute the combined code while I was in the dvdrental database in my virtual lab environment to create the utc\_offsets\_for\_cities table I needed for my queries. For the complete code listing of the CREATE TABLE, INSERT INTO, and VALUES statements that I used to create the special utc\_offsets\_for\_cities table, please see Appendix B.

**Appendix B. Code Listing to Create and Populate the Supplementary Table utc\_offsets\_for\_cities**

\connect dvdrental

CREATE TABLE utc\_offsets\_for\_cities (

city\_id SMALLINT PRIMARY KEY NOT NULL,

city\_name TEXT NOT NULL,

utc\_offset REAL NOT NULL

);

INSERT INTO utc\_offsets\_for\_cities VALUES

(1, 'A Corua (La Corua)', 2),

(2, 'Abha', 3),

(3, 'Abu Dhabi', 4),

(4, 'Acua', -5),

(5, 'Adana', 3),

(6, 'Addis Abeba', 3),

(7, 'Aden', 3),

(8, 'Adoni', 5.5),

(9, 'Ahmadnagar', 5.5),

(10, 'Akishima', 9),

(11, 'Akron', -4),

(12, 'al-Ayn', 4),

(13, 'al-Hawiya', 3),

(14, 'al-Manama', 3),

(15, 'al-Qadarif', 2),

(16, 'al-Qatif', 3),

(17, 'Alessandria', 2),

(18, 'Allappuzha (Alleppey)', 5.5),

(19, 'Allende', -5),

(20, 'Almirante Brown', -3),

(21, 'Alvorada', -3),

(22, 'Ambattur', 5.5),

(23, 'Amersfoort', 2),

(24, 'Amroha', 5.5),

(25, 'Angra dos Reis', -3),

(26, 'Anpolis', -3),

(27, 'Antofagasta', -4),

(28, 'Aparecida de Goinia', -3),

(29, 'Apeldoorn', 2),

(30, 'Araatuba', -3),

(31, 'Arak', 4.5),

(32, 'Arecibo', -4),

(33, 'Arlington', -5),

(34, 'Ashdod', 3),

(35, 'Ashgabat', 5),

(36, 'Ashqelon', 3),

(37, 'Asuncin', -4),

(38, 'Athenai', 3),

(39, 'Atinsk', 7),

(40, 'Atlixco', -5),

(41, 'Augusta-Richmond County', -4),

(42, 'Aurora', -5),

(43, 'Avellaneda', -3),

(44, 'Bag', -3),

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1. SELECT count(\*) FROM rental; [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. SELECT DISTINCT COUNT(\*) FROM inventory; [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Or 8 months 20 days, to be exact: SELECT AGE( (SELECT rental\_date FROM rental ORDER BY rental\_date DESC LIMIT 1), (SELECT rental\_date FROM rental ORDER BY rental\_date ASC LIMIT 1) ); [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. SELECT SUM(amount) FROM payment; [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. The dvdrental sample database is sometimes also known by the name Pagila in the PostgreSQL world and by the name Sakila in the MySQL world. The Sakila database is the original version of the database, and it was published by the MySQL company in March 2006 (see <https://dev.mysql.com/doc/sakila/en/sakila-history.html>, accessed April 28, 2022). Pagila is an adaptation of the Sakila database schema and data to the PostgreSQL idiom that was published in 2006 shortly after Sakila’s release (see <https://wiki.postgresql.org/wiki/Sample_Databases>, accessed April 28, 2022). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. I confirmed this by examining the output of the commands pg\_dump.exe -st rental dvdrental and pg\_dump.exe -st payment dvdrental, which I executed from the virtual lab’s PowerShell prompt. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. <https://github.com/geopy/geopy>, accessed April 28, 2022. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. <https://github.com/jannikmi/timezonefinder>, accessed April 28, 2022. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. SELECT COUNT(\*) FROM city; [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. SELECT ci.city\_id, ci.city, co.country\_id, co.country FROM city AS ci JOIN country AS co USING (country\_id); [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. <https://dev.mysql.com/doc/index-other.html>, accessed April 29, 2022. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. With the help of my friend Vladislav Sokol, we filed a bug report with the actual MySQL company about the text encoding corruption that occurred in the Sakila database that the dvdrental database is based on. One of MySQL’s software developers, Philip Olson, confirmed to us that this is the first time anybody has reported this issue to them and that they will fix it in an upcoming release of the Sakila sample database. You can see my and Vladislav’s actual bug report here, including MySQL’s responses: <https://bugs.mysql.com/bug.php?id=106951>, accessed April 25, 2022. To add to the excitement over finding a bug in a widely used database, the corrupted city names bug is just one of *two* bugs I discovered while working on this dvdrental project. The second bug, which was also swiftly filed with the MySQL company, was regarding some payment rows that are missing rental\_id foreign keys, resulting in $9.95 worth of transactions that are not associated with any rental. This bug report can also be found online: <https://bugs.mysql.com/bug.php?id=107158>, accessed April 29, 2022. It gives me a warm feeling to help our wider database community by contributing bug reports to improve the quality of the software and learning tools we use. Hopefully future students who use dvdrental will have an improve database to use! [↑](#footnote-ref-12)