Understanding SQL Clauses

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What is a Clause in SQL?

- In SQL, a clause is a fundamental component that defines the action or condition within a query.
- They help in structuring and refining data operations.

- Here are some key SQL clauses:
- 1. Select: Specifies the columns to retrieve.

SELECT name, age FROM employees;

2.From:

Indicates the table(s) to query data from

SELECT * FROM orders;

3. Where:

 It is used to extract only those records that fulfill a specified condition.

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SELECT * FROM sales WHERE amount > 500;
```

4. Group by:

- The GROUP BY statement groups rows that have the same values into summary rows
- The GROUP BY statement is often used with aggregate functions (COUNT(), MAX(), MIN(), SUM(), AVG()) to group the result-set by one or more columns.

SELECT department, COUNT(*) FROM employees GROUP BY department;

5. Order by:

 ORDER is used to sort the result-set in ascending or descending order.

SELECT name, salary FROM employees ORDER BY salary DESC;

6. Having:

- Filters groups after aggregation.
- The HAVING clause was added to SQL because the WHERE keyword cannot be used with aggregate functions.

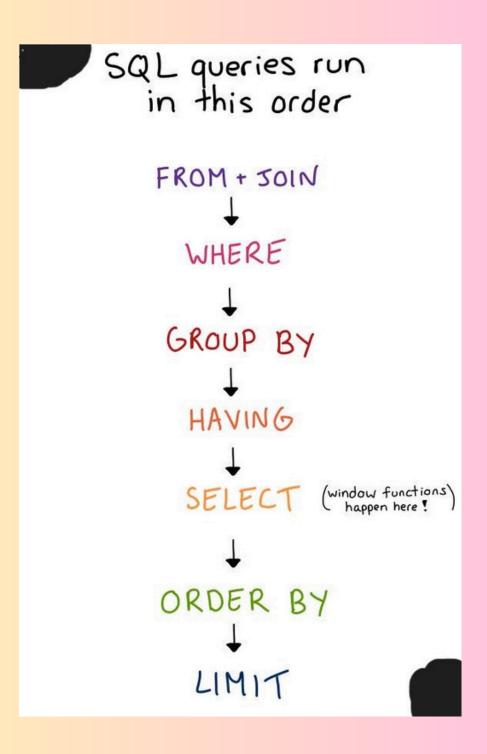
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SELECT session, AVG(salary)
FROM employees
GROUP BY session
HAVING AVG(salary) > 7000;
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6. Limit:

In SQL, the LIMIT clause is a powerful tool that allows you to control the number of rows returned by a query

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SELECT *
FROM products
LIMIT 10;
```

Order of Exceution



Interview Questions

- What is the purpose of the SELECT clause in SQL?
- How would you use SELECT to retrieve distinct values from a column?
- What is a subquery in the FROM clause, and how is it used?
- Explain the role of the FROM clause in an SQL query.
- What is the purpose of the WHERE clause in SQL?
- How would you use the WHERE clause with multiple conditions?

- Explain the function of the GROUP BY clause in SQL.
- Can you give an example of using GROUP BY with an aggregate function?
- How would you sort results in ascending and descending order using ORDER BY?
- Can you order by multiple columns in SQL? How?
- What is the purpose of the HAVING clause in SQL?
- How is the HAVING clause different from the WHERE clause?

- Provide an example of using the HAVING clause with a GROUP BY query.
- What does the LIMIT clause do in a SQL query?
- Provide an example of a query using the LIMIT clause to fetch the top N records.
- What is the use of the SELECT DISTINCT clause, and how does it differ from a regular SELECT?

Thank You

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