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== SubQueries Documentation ==
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What is a Subquery?
- A subquery is a SQL query nested inside another query (outer query).
- SQL first runs the inner query → gets a result → then uses that result in the outer query.
  - Subqueries help you filter, calculate, and validate data before returning results.

Types of Subqueries:
- Scalar Subquery: Returns a single value (e.g., AVG, MAX, MIN).
  Example: score > (SELECT AVG(score) FROM customers)
- IN / NOT IN Subquery: Returns multiple values for filtering.
  Example: id IN (SELECT customer_id FROM orders)
- EXISTS Subquery: Checks if at least one row exists.
  Example: WHERE EXISTS (SELECT 1 FROM orders WHERE orders.customer_id = customers.id)
- Subquery in SELECT: Adds a calculated value per row.
  Example: SELECT first_name, (SELECT AVG(score) FROM customers) AS avg_score
- Subquery in FROM / Derived Table: Used as a temporary table for aggregation.
  Example: SELECT AVG(total_sales) FROM (SELECT SUM(sales) AS total_sales FROM orders GROUP BY customer_id) AS temp
- Nested Subquery: A subquery inside another subquery.
  Example: score > (SELECT AVG(score) FROM customers WHERE id IN (SELECT customer_id FROM orders))

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Why use Subqueries?

- Filtering based on aggregate calculations.
- Data validation (existence / non-existence of records).
- Comparing data across tables.
- Preparing intermediate results for ETL pipelines.
- Simplifying complex queries without writing multiple joins.

Common Mistakes:

- Forgetting parentheses around subqueries.
- Using IN with a subquery that returns NULL (can give unexpected results).
- Scalar subquery returning multiple rows (use LIMIT or aggregation to fix).
- Not using EXISTS when checking for row existence (may return duplicates with IN).

ETL / Data Engineering Use Cases:

- Identify customers who never made a purchase.
- Filter records based on aggregated metrics.
- Detect missing or duplicate data before loading.
- Create summary tables from transactional data.

Quick Visual Guide:

Subquery Type	Returns	Use Case Example
Scalar	Single Value	Compare score > AVG(score)
IN / NOT IN	Multiple	Find customers with orders
EXISTS	Boolean	Check if orders exist for customer
SELECT	Value per row	Add avg_score column
FROM / Derived	Table	Aggregate sales per customer
Nested	Depends	Avg of customers who made orders

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USE MyDatabase;  
  
-- Find customers whose score is greater than average score  
SELECT first_name, score  
FROM customers  
WHERE score > (  
    SELECT AVG(score)          -- Inner query calculates average score  
    FROM customers  
);  
  
-- Find customers who placed orders  
SELECT first_name  
FROM customers  
WHERE id IN (  
    SELECT customer_id  
    FROM orders  
);  
  
-- Find customers who never placed any order  
SELECT first_name  
FROM customers  
WHERE id NOT IN (  
    SELECT customer_id  
    FROM orders  
);  
  
-- Find customers who have orders  
SELECT first_name  
FROM customers c  
WHERE EXISTS (  
    SELECT 1  
    FROM orders o  
    WHERE o.customer_id = c.id  
);  
  
-- Show customers with their score AND the average score  
SELECT  
    first_name,  
    score,  
    (SELECT AVG(score) FROM customers) AS avg_score  
FROM customers;  
  
-- Find average sales per customer  
SELECT AVG(total_sales)  
FROM (  
    SELECT SUM(sales) AS total_sales  
    FROM orders  
    GROUP BY customer_id  
) AS temp;
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-- Find customers whose score is higher than the average score of customers who placed orders
SELECT first_name, score
FROM customers
WHERE score > (
    SELECT AVG(score)
    FROM customers
    WHERE id IN (
        SELECT customer_id
        FROM orders
    )
);
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-- Find customers whose score is higher than the maximum sales value
SELECT first_name, score
FROM customers
WHERE score > (
    SELECT MAX(sales)
    FROM orders
);
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--- Extra Practice Queries
--- 1. Customers whose score is lower than minimum sales
SELECT first_name, score
FROM customers
WHERE score < (
    SELECT MIN(sales)
    FROM orders
);
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--- 2. Customers whose score is equal to their total sales
SELECT first_name, score
FROM customers
WHERE score = (
    SELECT SUM(sales)
    FROM orders
    WHERE orders.customer_id = customers.id
);
;

--- 3. Customers whose score is higher than the average score of German customers
SELECT first_name, score
FROM customers
WHERE score > (
    SELECT AVG(score)
    FROM customers
    WHERE country = 'Germany'
);
;
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