

Databases Design. Introduction to SQL

LECTURE 11

Queries

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- AS
- String Concatenation ||
- DISTINCT
- IS NULL & IS NOT NULL
- Range condition:
 - <, <=, >, >=
 - BETWEEN & NOT BETWEEN
- LIKE with % and _ characters
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Aggregate Functions

SQL provides the following aggregate functions that appear in `SELECT` statement:

- `Min()` selects the minimum value
- `Max()` selects the maximum value
- `Avg()` selects the average value
- `Sum()` selects the sum of occurrences
- `Count()` selects the number of occurrences

SQL aggregate functions return a single value, calculated from values in a column.

Aggregate Functions

- Example: Select the minimum, maximum and average gpa from the Students table.

```
SELECT min(gpa), max(gpa), avg(gpa)  
FROM Students;
```

Aggregate Functions

- Selecting `count(*)` or `count(expression)` returns the number of tuples that satisfy a selection condition.
- Example: Get number of students.
`SELECT count(*)`
`FROM Students;`

Aggregate Functions

- Example: Get number of students with `group_id = 1`. The column should be named `NumOfStud`.

```
SELECT count(*) AS NumOfStud  
FROM Students  
WHERE group_id=1;
```

Count example

Students table

<i>stud_id</i>	<i>fname</i>	<i>group_id</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>student1</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>student2</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>student3</i>	

Count (*)

<i>count</i>
<i>3</i>

Count (group_id)

<i>count</i>
<i>2</i>

GROUP BY

- The aggregate functions can also be applied to subsets of tables.
- In SQL, rows can be grouped together based on the value of some attribute(s) called **grouping attribute**.
- The **GROUP BY** clause is used to specify these groupings.
- The effect is to combine each set of rows having common values into one group row that represents all rows in the group. This is done to compute aggregates that apply to these groups.

GROUP BY: example

- Example: Select the group_id's that students study in and the number of students that study in those groups.

```
SELECT group_id, count(*)  
FROM Students  
GROUP BY group_id;
```
- Note: The group by attribute (group_id) should be part of the selected columns.

GROUP BY: example

Students table

<i>stud_id</i>	<i>fname</i>	<i>group_id</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>student1</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>student2</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>student3</i>	<i>2</i>

```
SELECT count(*)  
FROM Students;
```

<i>count</i>
<i>3</i>

GROUP BY: example

Students table

<i>stud_id</i>	<i>fname</i>	<i>group_id</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>student1</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>student2</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>student3</i>	<i>2</i>

```
SELECT group_id, count(*)  
FROM Students  
GROUP BY group_id;
```

<i>group_id</i>	<i>count</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>

HAVING

- The **HAVING** clause is used to filtering groups
- This is similar to a selection condition **WHERE** only the required rows are filtered out

HAVING: example

- Query the group_id's and number of students of each group.

```
SELECT group_id, count(*)  
FROM Students  
GROUP BY group_id;
```

- Now, query group_id's with more than 20 students.

```
SELECT group_id, count(*)  
FROM Students  
GROUP BY group_id  
HAVING count(*) > 20;
```

Example with join

```
SELECT g.name as group_name,  
count(*) as number_of_students  
FROM Students s, Groups g  
WHERE s.group_id=g.group_id  
GROUP BY g.name  
HAVING count(*) > 20;
```

<i>group_name</i>	<i>number_of_students</i>
<i>CSSE-131</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>CSSE-132</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>

ORDER BY

- The **ORDER BY** clause is used to set the ordering of the resultant table.
- Columns may be sorted in ASCending or DESCending order.
- Example: Query the first and last name of each student in ascending order of their last names
SELECT fname, lname
FROM Students
ORDER BY lname ASC;

Ordering Results in SQL: example

- The ordering of results may be mixed in query: one column may be sorted in ascending order while another column may be sorted in descending order.
- For the previous query, sort the results in ascending order of last names and descending order of first names:

```
SELECT fname, lname  
FROM Students  
ORDER BY lname ASC, fname DESC;
```


Example with join

```
SELECT g.name as group_name, count(*)  
as number_of_students  
FROM Students s, Groups g  
WHERE s.group_id=g.group_id  
GROUP BY g.name  
HAVING count(*) > 20  
ORDER BY g.name ASC;
```

<i>group_name</i>	<i>number_of_students</i>
<i>CSSE-131</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>CSSE-132</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>

SELECT Statement

- SQL allows us to query data using *select* statements. Syntax:

SELECT attribute(s)

FROM table(s)

WHERE selection condition(s);

Complete SELECT Statement

SELECT attribute(s)
FROM table(s)

[WHERE selection condition(s)]

[GROUP BY condition(s)]

[HAVING condition(s)]

[ORDER BY condition(s)]

Select Statement Summary

Clause	Input	Function
SELECT	Attribute list	Output columns of result table
FROM	Table list	Input tables
WHERE	Selection condition	Condition to filter out rows
GROUP BY	Grouping attribute	Grouping of rows with common column values
HAVING	Grouping condition	Condition to filter out groups
ORDER BY	{ASC DESC}	Ordering of rows in output

String Functions and Operators

Function	Description	Example	Result
<code>bit_length(string)</code>	Number of bits in string	<code>bit_length('jose')</code>	32
<code>length(string)</code> or <code>char_length(string)</code>	Number of characters in string	<code>length('jose')</code>	4
<code>lower(string)</code>	Convert string to lower case	<code>lower('TOM')</code>	tom
<code>upper(string)</code>	Convert string to upper case	<code>upper('tom')</code>	TOM
<code>substring(string [from int] [for int])</code>	Extract substring	<code>substring('Thomas' from 2 for 3)</code>	hom

String Functions and Operators

Function	Description	Example	Result
<code>left(str text, n int)</code>	Return first n characters in the string. When n is negative, return all but last n characters.	<code>left('abcde', 2)</code>	ab
<code>right(str text, n int)</code>	Return last n characters in the string. When n is negative, return all but first n characters.	<code>right('abcde', 2)</code>	de
<code>replace(string text, fromtext, to text)</code>	Replace all occurrences in string of substring from with substring to	<code>replace('abcdef abcdef', 'cd', 'XX')</code>	abXXefab XXef
<code>reverse(str)</code>	Return reversed string	<code>reverse('abcde')</code>	edcba

Date Functions

EXTRACT (*field* FROM *source*)

EXTRACT function retrieves subfield such as year or hour from date/time values.

Source must be a value expression of date type.

Field is an identifier or string that selects what field to extract from the source value.

Date Functions

`date_part ('field', source)`

Source must be a value expression of date type.

Field is an identifier or string that selects what field to extract from the source value.

Date Functions

Fields:

- century
- year
- month
- week
- day
- decade
- quarter
- dow (the day of the week) / isodow
- doy (day of the the year)
- hour
- minute
- second
- etc.

EXTRACT / date_part examples

```
SELECT EXTRACT(year FROM bdate)  
FROM Students;
```

```
SELECT date_part('year', bdate)  
FROM Students;
```

Date Functions

CURRENT_DATE
CURRENT_TIME
CURRENT_TIMESTAMP

Example:

```
SELECT CURRENT_DATE;
```

Books

- Connolly, Thomas M. Database Systems: A Practical Approach to Design, Implementation, and Management / Thomas M. Connolly, Carolyn E. Begg.- United States of America: Pearson Education
- Garcia-Molina, H. Database system: The Complete Book / Hector Garcia-Molina.- United States of America: Pearson Prentice Hall
- Sharma, N. Database Fundamentals: A book for the community by the community / Neeraj Sharma, Liviu Perniu.- Canada
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