Databases Design. Introduction to SQL

LECTURE 11

Queries

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- AS
- String Concatenation ||
- DISTINCT
- IS NULL & IS NOT NULL
- Range condition:

- LIKE with % and _ characters
- CAST & ::

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.

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

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

 Selecting count(*) or count(expression) returns the number of tuples that satisfy a selection condition.

Example: Get number of students.
 SELECT count(*)
 FROM Students;

 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

stud_id	fname	group_id
1	student1	2
2	student2	2
3	student3	

Count (*)

Count (group_id)

count 3

count 2

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.

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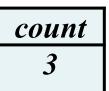
 Note: The group by attribute (group_id) should be part of the selected columns.

GROUP BY: example

Students table

stud_id	fname	group_id
1	student1	1
2	student2	1
3	student3	2

SELECT count(*) FROM Students;



GROUP BY: example

Students table

stud_id	fname	group_id
1	student1	1
2	student2	1
3	student3	2

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

group_id	count
1	2
2	1

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.

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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;

group_name	number_of_students
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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, Iname
 FROM Students

ORDER BY Iname 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, Iname FROM Students ORDER BY Iname 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;

group_name	number_of_students
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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
bit_length(string)	Number of bits in string	bit_length('jose')	32
length(string) or char_length(string)	Number of characters in string	length('jose')	4
lower(string)	Convert string to lower case	lower('TOM')	tom
upper(string)	Convert string to upper case	upper('tom')	ТОМ
substring(string [from i nt] [for int])	Extract substring	substring('Thomas' from 2 for 3)	hom

String Functions and Operators

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

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_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.

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;

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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