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2      DATABASE ADMINISTRATION FUNDAMENTALS:
3      INTRODUCTION TO STRUCTURED QUERY LANGUAGE
4      SF21SQL1001, 2021/11/02 - 2021/12/09
5      https://folvera.commons.gc.cuny.edu/?cat=29
6  *****
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8  SESSION #3 (2021/11/09): MANIPULATING DATA
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10 1. Using built-in functions for strings
11 2. Querying two or more datasets (tables or views) using `INNER JOIN`,
12   `[OUTER] LEFT JOIN` and `[OUTER] RIGHT JOIN`
13 *****
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15 1. A function, in any programming environment, lets you encapsulate reusable
16   logic and build software that is ``composable``, i.e. built of pieces that
17   can be reused and put together in a number of different ways to meet the
18   needs of the users. Functions hide the steps and the complexity from other
19   code.
20   https://www.simple-talk.com/sql/t-sql-programming/sql-server-functions-the- ↗
21   basics/
22
23 1.1. Go to https://techonthenet.com/sql_server/functions/index_alpha.php
24   for a detailed list of functions.
25
26 1.1.1. As we mentioned before, so functions affect strings.
27
28   CONCAT() allows you to concatenate strings together ↗
29           https://techonthenet.com/sql_server/functions/
30           concat.php
31           https://techonthenet.com/sql_server/functions/ ↗
32           concat2.php
33   LEFT() allows you to extract a substring from a string,
34   starting from the left-most character ↗
35           https://techonthenet.com/sql_server/functions/
36           left.php
37   LTRIM() removes all space characters from the left-hand side
38   of a string ↗
39           https://techonthenet.com/sql_server/functions/
40           ltrim.php
41   LOWER() converts all letters in the specified string to
42   lowercase ↗
43           https://techonthenet.com/sql_server/functions/
44           lower.php
45   REPLACE() replaces a sequence of characters in a string with
46   another set of characters, not case-sensitive ↗
47           https://techonthenet.com/sql_server/functions/
48           replace.php
49   RIGHT() allows you to extract a substring from a string,
50   starting from the right-most character ↗
51           https://techonthenet.com/sql_server/functions/
52           right.php

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45 RTRIM() removes all space characters from the right-hand  
46 side of a string  
47 [https://techonthenet.com/sql\\_server/functions/  
rtrim.php](https://techonthenet.com/sql_server/functions/rtrim.php) ↗

48 SUBSTRING() allows you to extract a substring from a string  
49 [https://techonthenet.com/sql\\_server/functions/  
substring.php](https://techonthenet.com/sql_server/functions/substring.php) ↗

50 UPPER() converts all letters in the specified string to  
51 uppercase  
52 [https://techonthenet.com/sql\\_server/functions/  
upper.php](https://techonthenet.com/sql_server/functions/upper.php) ↗

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54 1.1.2. We also have functions that affect numeric values.

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56 AVG() returns the average value of an expression  
57 [https://techonthenet.com/sql\\_server/functions/avg.php](https://techonthenet.com/sql_server/functions/avg.php)

58 CEILING() returns the smallest integer value that is greater  
59 than or equal to a number  
60 [https://techonthenet.com/sql\\_server/functions/  
ceiling.php](https://techonthenet.com/sql_server/functions/ceiling.php) ↗

61 COUNT() returns the count of an expression  
62 [https://techonthenet.com/sql\\_server/functions/  
count.php](https://techonthenet.com/sql_server/functions/count.php) ↗

63 FLOOR() returns the largest integer value that is equal to  
64 or less than a number  
65 [https://techonthenet.com/sql\\_server/functions/  
floor.php](https://techonthenet.com/sql_server/functions/floor.php) ↗

66 LEN() returns the length of the specified string... does  
67 not include trailing space characters at the end the  
68 string when calculating the length  
69 [https://techonthenet.com/sql\\_server/functions/len.php](https://techonthenet.com/sql_server/functions/len.php)

70 MAX() returns the maximum value of an expression  
71 [https://techonthenet.com/sql\\_server/functions/max.php](https://techonthenet.com/sql_server/functions/max.php)

72 MIN() returns the minimum value of an expression  
73 [https://techonthenet.com/sql\\_server/functions/min.php](https://techonthenet.com/sql_server/functions/min.php)

74 RAND() returns a random number or a random number within a  
75 range  
76 [https://techonthenet.com/sql\\_server/functions/  
rand.php](https://techonthenet.com/sql_server/functions/rand.php) ↗

77 ROUND() returns a number rounded to a certain number of  
78 decimal places  
79 [https://techonthenet.com/sql\\_server/functions/  
round.php](https://techonthenet.com/sql_server/functions/round.php) ↗

80 SUM() returns the summed value of an expression  
81 [https://techonthenet.com/sql\\_server/functions/sum.php](https://techonthenet.com/sql_server/functions/sum.php)

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83 1.2. Note that every time you have a function, you need parenthesis. Go to  
84 [https://techonthenet.com/sql\\_server/functions/index\\_alpha.php](https://techonthenet.com/sql_server/functions/index_alpha.php) for a  
85 complete list of built-in functions.

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87 1.3. As you might have noticed, some built-in functions manipulate strings.  
88 When working with numerical values, first we would have to convert

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89     them into strings as we will see later in the course.
90
91     1.4. Some other built-in functions ``return a single value, calculated from
92     values in a column``. These are referred to as aggregate functions
93     (https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms173454.aspx).
94
95     2. Understanding the concepts above, we can now use them.
96
97     2.1. In the example below, we concatenate (put strings together) columns
98     `FirstName` and `LastName` from table `AP1.ContactUpdates`.
99     ***** */
100
101     SELECT CONCAT (
102         FirstName,
103         ', ',
104         LastName
105     ) AS NAME
106 FROM AP1.ContactUpdates;
107
108
109 /* *****
110     2.2. In the example below, we concatenate (put strings together) columns
111     `WE `, `ARE `, `LEARNING `, `SQL!`.
112     ***** */
113
114     SELECT
115         CONCAT('WE ', 'ARE ', 'LEARNING ', 'SQL!'); -- returns `WE ARE LEARNING
116                                                     --          SQL!`
117
118
119 /* *****
120     2.3. In the example below, we concatenate (put strings together) columns
121     `FirstName` and `LastName` from table `AP1.ContactUpdates`, just like
122     the previous example.
123
124     2.3.1. We also use `LTRIM()` and `RTRIM()` to remove leading and
125     trailing spaces from `FirstName` with `LTRIM(RTRIM(FirstName))`
126     and `LastName` with `LTRIM(RTRIM(LastName))`.
127     ***** */
128
129     SELECT CONCAT (
130         LTRIM(RTRIM(LastName)),
131         ', ',
132         LTRIM(RTRIM(FirstName))
133     ) AS NAME
134 FROM AP1.ContactUpdates;
135
136
137 /* *****
138     2.4. In the examples below, we use `UPPER()` to change a string to upper
139     case.
140     ***** */
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141
142 SELECT UPPER('this string is in upper case'); -- returns `THIS STRING SHOULD
143 -- IN UPPER CASE`
144
145
146 /* *****
147 2.5. In the examples below, we use `LOWER()` to change a string to lower
148 case.
149 ***** */
150
151 SELECT LOWER('BUT THIS STRING IS IN LOWER CASE.');
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-- returns `but this string is  
-- in lower case.`

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152
153
154
155
156 /* *****
157 2.6. In the examples below, we use `RIGHT()` to extract characters from the
158 right.
159 ***** */
160
161 SELECT RIGHT('apple', 2); -- returns `le`
162
163
164 /* *****
165 2.7. In the examples below, we use `LEFT()` to extract characters from the
166 left.
167 ***** */
168
169 SELECT LEFT('apple', 2); -- returns `ap`
170
171
172 /* *****
173 2.8. In the examples below, we use `SUBSTRING()` to extract characters from
174 the middle -- same as built-in function `MID()` in other database
175 management systems like Oracle.
176 ***** */
177
178 SELECT SUBSTRING('apple tree #5', 6, 10); -- returns ` tree #5`
179
180
181 /* *****
182 2.9. In the example below, we use `LEN()` to retrieve the length of a
183 string.
184 ***** */
185
186 SELECT LEN('tree #5'); -- returns 12
187
188
189 /* *****
190 2.10. In the examples below, we use `LTRIM()` and `RTRIM()` to remove any
191 leading and/or trailing spaces from the strings in single quotes.
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244 ); -- 5. concatenating all
245 -- previous sections;
246 -- returns `Hello`
247
248
249 /* *****
250 2.13. In the example below, we use `REPLACE()` to change pattern ` ` (two
251 spaces, `CHAR(32)+CHAR(32)`) with ` ` (a single space, `CHAR(32)`).
252
253 SELECT REPLACE('tree #5', ' ', ' ');
254
255 2.12.1. Since string `tree #5` has more than two spaces, we need
256 run several passes of `REPLACE()`.
257
258 2.12.2. The statement runs from the inside out (3, 2, 1, 2, 3).
259
260 function 3 -- 3. beginning of function #3:
261 -- * receiving value of
262 -- function #2
263 function 2 -- 2. beginning of function #2:
264 -- * receiving value of
265 -- function #1
266 function 1 -- 1. function #1:
267 -- * receiving original
268 -- value #0
269 -- * returning new value #1
270 function 2 -- 2. end function of #2:
271 -- * returning new value #2
272 function 3 -- 3. end function of #3:
273 -- * returning new value #3
274 -- (final value)
275 ***** */
276
277
278 SELECT
279 REPLACE(
280 -- 3. pass #3 to replace
281 -- `CHAR(32)+CHAR(32)` for
282 -- `CHAR(32)`
283 -- * returns `tree #5` with
284 -- 1 space
285 REPLACE(
286 -- 2. pass #2 to replace
287 -- `CHAR(32)+CHAR(32)` for
288 -- `CHAR(32)`
289 -- * returns `tree #5` with
290 -- 2 space, which feeds
291 -- pass #3
292 REPLACE('tree #5',
293 -- 1. pass #1 to replace
294 -- `CHAR(32)+CHAR(32)` for
295 -- `CHAR(32)`
296 -- * returns `tree #5`
297 -- with 3 spaces, which
298 -- feeds pass #2
299 ' ', ' '),

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296      ' ', ' '),
297      ' ', ' ');
298
299
300 /* *****
301      2.13. In the example below, we use `REPLACE()` to replace pattern `tree`
302          for `fruit`.
303
304          2.13.1. Since pattern `tree` exists in `      tree      ` with
305                  leading and trailing spaces around `tree`, `REPLACE()`
306                  returns `      fruit      ` with leading and trailing
307                  spaces around word `fruit`.
308
309          2.13.2. We also use `RTRIM()` and `LTRIM()` to remove trailing and
310                  leading spaces respectively to get `fruit` without leading
311                  and trailing spaces.
312 ***** */
313
314 SELECT RTRIM(LTRIM(REPLACE('      tree      ', 'tree', 'fruit')));
315
316
317 /* *****
318      2.14. In the example below, we use `REPLACE()` to replace pattern `Box` for
319          `PO Box`.
320
321          2.14.1. The first pass (inner) of `REPLACE()` changes some fields to
322                  `PO PO Box`.
323
324          2.14.2. The second pass (outer) of `REPLACE()` changes the previous
325                  error (`PO PO Box`) to `PO Box`.
326 ***** */
327
328 SELECT AP1.Vendors.VendorID,
329        AP1.Vendors.VendorName,
330        REPLACE(
331
332
333        REPLACE(AP1.Vendors.VendorAddress1,
334        'Box', 'PO Box'),
335        'PO PO Box', 'PO Box') AS VendorAddress1,
336        AP1.Vendors.VendorAddress2,
337        AP1.Vendors.VendorCity,
338        AP1.Vendors.VendorState,
339        AP1.Vendors.VendorZipCode,
340        AP1.Vendors.VendorPhone,
341        AP1.Vendors.VendorContactLName,
342        AP1.Vendors.VendorContactFName,
343        AP1.Vendors.DefaultTermsID,
344        AP1.Vendors.DefaultAccountNo,
345        AP1.Terms.TermsID,
346        AP1.Terms.TermsDescription,
347        AP1.Terms.TermsDueDays

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-- 2. end of pass #2  
-- 3. end of pass #3

2.13.1. Since pattern `tree` exists in ` tree ` with leading and trailing spaces around `tree`, `REPLACE()` returns ` fruit ` with leading and trailing spaces around word `fruit`.

2.13.2. We also use `RTRIM()` and `LTRIM()` to remove trailing and leading spaces respectively to get `fruit` without leading and trailing spaces.

2.14.1. The first pass (inner) of `REPLACE()` changes some fields to `PO PO Box`.

2.14.2. The second pass (outer) of `REPLACE()` changes the previous error (`PO PO Box`) to `PO Box`.

-- 1. fields using format  
-- `schema.table.field`  
-- 2. second pass of  
-- `REPLACE()` working from  
-- inside out  
-- 3. first pass of `REPLACE()`  
-- working from inside out





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400 -- case; returns `dc`
401 -- (row 2)
402 VendorZipCode,
403 SUBSTRING(VendorPhone, 4, 3) AS VendorPhone, -- 6. retrieving three (3)
404 -- characters starting from
405 -- the character four (4)
406 -- of each string value in
407 -- column `VendorName`;
408 -- returns `555` (row 1) and
409 -- `255` (row 73)
410 REPLACE(VendorContactLName, 'en', 'XX') -- 7. replacing pattern `en` in
411 AS VendorContactLName, -- each string value in
412 -- column
413 -- `VendorContactLName` with
414 -- pattern `XX` when found;
415 -- returns `MaegXX` (row 7)
416 -- and `AileXX` (row 16)
417 VendorContactFName,
418 LEN(VendorContactFName) -- 8. retrieving the length as
419 AS VendorContactFNameLEN, -- an integer of each string
420 -- value in column
421 -- `VendorContactFName`;
422 -- returns 9 (row 1)
423 DefaultTermsID,
424 DefaultAccountNo
425 FROM AP1.Vendors;
426
427
428 /* *****
429 2.14. In the example below, we write a query (`SELECT` statement) calling
430 all shared data (`INNER JOIN`) from tables `AP1.Vendors`,
431 `AP1.Invoices` and `AP1.InvoiceLineItems` using the following syntax.
432
433 SELECT table1.field1,
434 table1.field2 ...
435 table2.field1,
436 table2.field2 ...
437 table3.field1,
438 table3.field2 ...
439 FROM table1
440 INNER JOIN table2
441 ON table1.common_field1(id1) = table2.common_field1(id1)
442 INNER JOIN table3
443 ON table1.common_field2(id2) = table3.common_field2(id2);
444
445 Then we can delete or rename using an alias the duplicate name of the
446 columns.
447 ***** */
448
449 SELECT AP1.Vendors.VendorID,
450 AP1.Vendors.VendorName,
451 AP1.Vendors.VendorAddress1,

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452 AP1.Vendors.VendorAddress2,
453 AP1.Vendors.VendorCity,
454 AP1.Vendors.VendorState,
455 AP1.Vendors.VendorZipCode,
456 AP1.Vendors.VendorPhone,
457 AP1.Vendors.VendorContactLName,
458 AP1.Vendors.VendorContactFName,
459 AP1.Vendors.DefaultTermsID,
460 AP1.Vendors.DefaultAccountNo,
461 AP1.Invoices.InvoiceID,
462 -- AP1.Invoices.VendorID, -- 1. duplicate column name
463 -- ('VendorID`), which can --
464 -- be removed (commented --
465 -- out, in this case) --
466 -- without affecting the --
467 -- query output; could also --
468 -- be renamed
469 AP1.Invoices.InvoiceNumber,
470 AP1.Invoices.InvoiceDate,
471 AP1.Invoices.InvoiceTotal,
472 AP1.Invoices.PaymentTotal,
473 AP1.Invoices.CreditTotal,
474 AP1.Invoices.TermsID,
475 AP1.Invoices.InvoiceDueDate,
476 AP1.Invoices.PaymentDate,
477 -- AP1.InvoiceLineItems.InvoiceID, -- 2. duplicate column name
478 -- ('InvoiceID`), which can --
479 -- be removed (commented --
480 -- out, in this case) --
481 -- without affecting the --
482 -- query output; could also --
483 -- be renamed
484 AP1.InvoiceLineItems.InvoiceSequence,
485 AP1.InvoiceLineItems.AccountNo,
486 AP1.InvoiceLineItems.InvoiceLineItemAmount,
487 AP1.InvoiceLineItems.InvoiceLineItemDescription
488 FROM AP1.Vendors -- 3. from table `AP1.Vendors`
489 INNER JOIN AP1.Invoices -- 4. `INNER JOIN` to retrieve
490 -- data in the first (left)
491 -- table (`AP1.Vendors`)
492 -- that is also in the
493 -- second (right) table
494 -- (`AP1.Invoices`)
495 ON AP1.Vendors.VendorID = AP1.Invoices.VendorID
496 -- 5. `ON` two fields with the
497 -- same values/data and the
498 -- same name (`VendorID`);
499 -- specifying the relation
500 -- between tables
501 -- `AP1.Vendors` and
502 -- `AP1.Invoices`
503 INNER JOIN AP1.InvoiceLineItems -- 6. `INNER JOIN` to retrieve

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504 -- data in the first (left)
505 -- table (`AP1.Invoices`)
506 -- that is also in the
507 -- second (right) table
508 -- (`AP1.InvoiceLineItems`)
509 ON AP1.Invoices.InvoiceID = AP1.InvoiceLineItems.InvoiceID;
510 -- 7. `ON` two fields with the
511 -- same values/data and the
512 -- same name (`InvoiceID`);
513 -- specifying the relation
514 -- between tables
515 -- `AP1.Invoices` and
516 -- `AP1.InvoiceLineItems`
517
518
519 /* *****
520 4. LAB #2
521 Write a query without duplicate rows (`SELECT DISTINCT`)
522 4.1. to call all columns from `AP1.Vendors` and `AP1.Invoices`, shared data
523 only (`INNER JOIN`)
524 4.2. to present `VendorPhone` in `(123) 456-7890` structure, making sure to
525 avoid NULLs and logical errors (`() -`).
526 ***** */
527
528 SELECT DISTINCT -- 1. to retrieve unique rows
529 AP1.Vendors.VendorID,
530 AP1.Vendors.VendorName,
531 AP1.Vendors.VendorAddress1,
532 AP1.Vendors.VendorAddress2,
533 AP1.Vendors.VendorCity,
534 AP1.Vendors.VendorState,
535 AP1.Vendors.VendorZipCode,
536 CASE -- 2. start of `CASE` clause
537 WHEN AP1.Vendors.VendorPhone IS NOT NULL -- 3. condition #1: when field
538 -- has a value
539 THEN CONCAT ( -- 4. what action to take:
540 '(', -- 4.1. concatenation of a
541 -- opening parenthesis
542 LEFT(AP1.Vendors.VendorPhone, 3), -- 4.2. three (3) characters
543 -- from the left of
544 -- `VendorPhone`
545 ') ', -- 4.3. closing parenthesis
546 SUBSTRING(AP1.Vendors.VendorPhone,4,3), -- 4.4. substring from
547 -- character four (4)
548 -- taking three (3)
549 -- characters of
550 -- `VendorPhone`
551 '- ', -- 4.5. a hyphen between
552 -- branch and
553 -- subscriber number
554 RIGHT(AP1.Vendors.VendorPhone, 4) -- 4.6. four (4) characters
555 -- from the right of

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556                                     --      `VendorPhone`
557     )                                     -- 5. end of `CONCAT` function
558     ELSE ''                               -- 6. escape condition in case
559                                     -- previous conditions fail;
560                                     -- returning an empty string
561     END AS VendorPhone,                 -- 7. end of `CASE` clause with
562                                     -- alias `VendorPhone`
563     AP1.Vendors.VendorContactLName,
564     AP1.Vendors.VendorContactFName,
565     AP1.Vendors.DefaultTermsID,
566     AP1.Vendors.DefaultAccountNo,
567     AP1.Invoices.InvoiceID,
568     -- AP1.Invoices.VendorID AS Expr1,   -- 8. duplicate field
569                                     -- `VendorID` commented out
570     AP1.Invoices.InvoiceNumber,
571     AP1.Invoices.InvoiceDate,
572     AP1.Invoices.InvoiceTotal,
573     AP1.Invoices.PaymentTotal,
574     AP1.Invoices.CreditTotal,
575     AP1.Invoices.TermsID,
576     AP1.Invoices.InvoiceDueDate,
577     AP1.Invoices.PaymentDate
578 FROM AP1.Vendors
579 INNER JOIN AP1.Invoices
580     ON AP1.Vendors.VendorID = AP1.Invoices.VendorID;
581
582 /* *****
583 https://folvera.commons.gc.cuny.edu/?p=997
584 ***** */

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