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1  /* ****
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
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8  SESSION #4 (2021/11/11): MANIPULATING DATA
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10 1. Using built-in functions for numeric values including aggregate functions
11 and `GROUP BY`
12 2. Using clauses `ORDER BY`, `CASE`, `WHERE` and operators
13 3. Sub-queries
14 ****
15
16 1. ``In mathematical sets, the null set, also called the empty set, is the set
17 that does not contain anything. It is symbolized  $\emptyset$  or { }. There is only
18 one null set. This is because there is logically only one way that a set
19 can contain nothing.
20 The null set makes it possible to explicitly define the results of
21 operations on certain sets that would otherwise not be explicitly
22 definable. The intersection of two disjoint sets (two sets that contain no
23 elements in common) is the null set. For example:
24 {1, 3, 5, 7, 9, ...}  $\cap$  {2, 4, 6, 8, 10, ...} =  $\emptyset$  [n = U+2229]
25 [ $\emptyset$  = U+2205]
26 The null set provides a foundation for building a formal theory of numbers.
27 In axiomatic mathematics, zero is defined as the cardinality of (that is,
28 the number of elements in) the null set. From this starting point,
29 mathematicians can build the set of natural numbers, and from there, the
30 sets of integers and rational numbers.``
31 http://whatis.techtarget.com/definition/null-set
32
33 As such, NULL refers to a memory allocation with no value -- not an empty
34 space since the latter has a value of `CHAR(32)`.
35
36 Note that concatenating any VARCHAR (ANSI-compliant accepting ASCII,
37 UTF-8) or NVARCHAR (Microsoft proprietary data type, not ANSI-compliant
38 accepting ASCII, UTF-8 and especially Unicode) field to a NULL (no value,
39 not a blank character) field using `+` instead of using the `CONCAT()`
40 function will return NULL.
41
42 In the example below, we lose data when concatenating `VendorAddress1`
43 and `VendorAddress2` in the `AP1.Vendors` table when using `+`.
44
45 ****
46 2. ``An aggregate function performs a calculation on a set of values, and
47 returns a single value. Except for COUNT, aggregate functions ignore null
48 values. Aggregate functions are often used with the GROUP BY clause of the
49 SELECT statement.``
50 https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/t-sql/functions/aggregate-functions-
51 transact-sql
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52      2.1. In the example below, we search for the count of records from table
53          `AP1.Vendors` where column `VendorState` has a value of `NY` and `NJ`.
54          Since a field (a single data allocation) cannot have two values at the
55          same time, the query returns no values.
56  ****
57
58 SELECT COUNT(VendorState) AS CountVendorState
59 FROM AP1.Vendors
60 WHERE VendorState = 'NJ'
61     AND VendorState = 'NY';                                -- returns 0 (zero)
62
63
64 /* ****
65      2.2. In the example below, we search for the count of records from table
66          `AP1.Vendors` where column `VendorState` has a value of `NY` or `NJ`.
67          In other words, the field can have either value.
68  ****
69
70 SELECT COUNT(VendorState) AS CountVendorState
71 FROM AP1.Vendors
72 WHERE VendorState = 'NJ'
73     OR VendorState = 'NY';                                -- returns 7 (4 `NJ` & 3 `NY`)
74
75
76 /* ****
77      2.3. In the example below, we search for the count of records from table
78          `AP1.Vendors` with `DISTINCT` values in column `VendorState` -- in
79          other words, the number of unique states.
80  ****
81
82 SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT VendorState) AS CountVendorState
83 FROM AP1.Vendors;                                         -- returns 22
84
85
86 /* ****
87      2.4. In the example below, we search for the count of records from table
88          `AP1.Vendors`. We can use `*` (read as ``all``) since we are looking
89          for the number of all values -- in other words, of all records.
90  ****
91
92 SELECT COUNT(*) AS CountOfRows
93 FROM AP1.Vendors;                                         -- returns 114
94
95
96 /* ****
97      2.5. In the examples below, we retrieve the sum of values in column
98          `InvoiceTotal` (`SUM(InvoiceTotal)`), average value of column
99          `InvoiceTotal` (`AVG(InvoiceTotal)`), maximum value of column
100         `InvoiceTotal` (`MAX(InvoiceTotal)`)) and minimum value of column
101         `InvoiceTotal` (`MIN(InvoiceTotal)`)) from table `AP1.Invoices`.
102
103 Note that these values do not have commas as dividers (1,000) or
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104      currency symbols. If you need to include dividers, you would need to
105      use the `FORMAT()` function.
106  ****
107
108  SELECT SUM(InvoiceTotal) AS InvoiceTotalSUM,      -- returns 214290.51
109      AVG(InvoiceTotal) AS InvoiceTotalAVG,        -- returns 1879.7413
110      MAX(InvoiceTotal) AS InvoiceTotalMAX,        -- returns 37966.19
111      MIN(InvoiceTotal) AS InvoiceTotalMIN        -- returns 6.00
112  FROM AP1.Invoices;
113
114
115 /* ****
116     2.6. In the examples below, we search for the sum, average, maximum and
117         minimum value of column `InvoiceTotal` from table `AP1.Invoices`
118         respectively as (nested queries) sub-queries.
119 ****/
120
121  SELECT InvoiceID,
122      VendorID,
123      InvoiceNumber,
124      InvoiceDate,
125      InvoiceTotal,
126      (
127          SELECT
128              MAX(InvoiceTotal)
129          FROM AP1.Invoices
130          ) AS InvoiceTotalMAX,
131
132      (
133          SELECT
134              MIN(InvoiceTotal)
135          FROM AP1.Invoices
136          ) AS InvoiceTotalMIN,
137
138
139  ROUND
140      (
141          (
142              (
143                  SELECT
144                      AVG(InvoiceTotal)
145
146                      FROM AP1.Invoices
147                  ),
148          2)
149
150
151      AS InvoiceTotalAVG,
152
153      PaymentTotal,
154      CreditTotal,
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156     TermsID,  
157     InvoiceDueDate,  
158     PaymentDate  
159 FROM AP1.Invoices  
160 ORDER BY VendorID,  
161     InvoiceTotal;  
162  
163  
164 /* ****  
165     2.7. When using aggregate functions, we need to use `GROUP BY`. Otherwise  
166     we would get the following error.  
167  
168             ``Msg 8120, Level 16, State 1, Line 2  
169             Column `AP1.Invoices.InvoiceID` is invalid in the select  
170             list because it is not contained in either an aggregate  
171             function or the GROUP BY clause.``  
172  
173     When using `GROUP BY`, we need to list each column that we are calling  
174     (from `InvoiceID` to `PaymentDate`) not affected by the aggregate  
175     function.  
176  
177     Note that `AVG(InvoiceTotal)` returns the same value as `InvoiceTotal`  
178     since the average only affects a single value (`InvoiceTotal`) within  
179     a single row.  
180 *****/  
181  
182 SELECT InvoiceID,  
183     VendorID,  
184     InvoiceNumber,  
185     InvoiceDate,  
186     InvoiceTotal,  
187     AVG(InvoiceTotal) AS InvoiceTotalAVG,          -- aggregate function `AVG()`  
188                                         -- only affecting field  
189                                         -- `AP1.Invoices.InvoiceTotal`  
190     PaymentTotal,  
191     CreditTotal,  
192     TermsID,  
193     InvoiceDueDate,  
194     PaymentDate  
195 FROM AP1.Invoices  
196 GROUP BY  
197     InvoiceID,                                     -- must use `GROUP BY` because  
198     VendorID,                                     -- of the aggregate function;  
199     InvoiceNumber,                                -- no exceptions to this rule  
200     InvoiceDate,  
201     InvoiceTotal,  
202     PaymentTotal,  
203     CreditTotal,  
204     TermsID,  
205     InvoiceDueDate,  
206     PaymentDate  
207 ORDER BY VendorID,                            -- `ORDER BY` placed after
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260          --      ('``') to no space
261          --      ('`')
262      REPLACE(          -- 2.3. pass #3 of
263          --      `REPLACE()` to
264          --      change commas (`,`)
265          --      to no space ('`')
266      REPLACE(          -- 2.2. pass #2 of
267          --      `REPLACE()` to
268          --      change `&` to no
269          --      space ('`')
270          --      REPLACE(AP1.Vendors.VendorName,
271          --              ' ', ''),
272          --              '&', ''),
273          --              ',', ''),
274          --              '...', ''),
275          --              '.com'
276          )) AS ContactEmail,
277          AP1.Vendors.VendorName,
278          AP1.Vendors.VendorAddress1,
279          AP1.Vendors.VendorAddress2,
280          AP1.Vendors.VendorCity,
281          AP1.Vendors.VendorState,
282          AP1.Vendors.VendorZipCode,
283          AP1.Vendors.VendorPhone,
284          CONCAT (          -- 3. same as #1
285              AP1.Vendors.VendorContactFName,
286              ' ',
287              AP1.Vendors.VendorContactLName
288          ) AS VendorContactName,
289          LOWER(CONCAT (          -- 4. same as #2
290              LEFT(AP1.Vendors.VendorContactFName, 1),
291              AP1.Vendors.VendorContactLName,
292              '@',
293              REPLACE(
294                  REPLACE(
295                      REPLACE(AP1.Vendors.VendorName, ' ', ''),
296                      '&', ''),
297                      ',', ''),
298                      '.com'
299          )) AS VendorContactEmail,
300          AP1.Vendors.DefaultTermsID,
301          AP1.Vendors.DefaultAccountNo
302      FROM AP1.Vendors
303      LEFT JOIN AP1.ContactUpdates
304      ON AP1.Vendors.VendorID = AP1.ContactUpdates.VendorID;
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312 /* ****
313   3.3. to put together the first letter of `FirstName`, the complete
314         `LastName`, `@`, `VendorName` (removing empty spaces between words and
315         special characters like `&` and `,`) and `.com` as `ContactEmail`
316         presenting the output in lower case,
317
318         CONCAT (
319             AP1.Vendors.VendorContactFName,
320             ' ',
321             AP1.Vendors.VendorContactLName
322             ) AS VendorContactName,
323
324         LOWER(CONCAT (
325             LEFT(AP1.Vendors.VendorContactFName, 1),
326             AP1.Vendors.VendorContactLName,
327             '@',
328             REPLACE(
329                 REPLACE(
330                     REPLACE(AP1.Vendors.VendorName, ' ', ''),
331                     '&', ''),
332                     ',', ''),
333                     '.com'
334             )) AS VendorContactEmail
335
336   3.4. and to put together `VendorContactFName` and `VendorContactLName` with
337         aliases `VendorContactName` and `VendorContactEmail` (like #3.2).
338 **** */
339
340 SELECT AP1.ContactUpdates.VendorID,
341     CONCAT (
342         AP1.ContactUpdates.FirstName,           -- 1. concatenation of
343         ' ',                                -- `FirstName`, a space
344         AP1.ContactUpdates.LastName          -- and `LastName` with alias
345     ) AS ContactName,                      -- `ContactName`
346     LOWER(CONCAT (                         -- 2. lower case of
347         LEFT(AP1.ContactUpdates.FirstName, 1), -- concatenation of
348         -- REPLACE(AP1.ContactUpdates.LastName, -- 2.1. one character from
349         --     '''', ''),                    -- the left from
350         --                               -- `FirstName`
351         -- REPLACE(AP1.ContactUpdates.LastName, -- 2.2. replacing a single
352         --     CHAR(39), '''),                -- quote with an empty
353         --                               -- string (solution #1)
354         --                               -- commented out
355         -- REPLACE(AP1.ContactUpdates.LastName, -- 2.3. replacing CHAR(39)
356         --     CHAR(39), '''),                -- (single quote
357         --                               -- character) with an
358         --                               -- empty string
359         --                               -- (solution #2)
360         '@',                                -- 2.4. the at (`@`) sign
361         REPLACE(                            -- 2.5. replacing a comma
362             REPLACE(                        -- with an empty string
363                 REPLACE(                  -- 2.6. replacing an

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364      -- ampersand (`&`) with
365      -- an empty string
366      REPLACE(AP1.Vendors.VendorName,
367      ' ', ''),
368      -- 2.7. replacing a space
369      -- with an empty string
370      '&', ''),
371      ', ', ''),
372      '.com'
373
374      )) AS ContactEmail,
375      -- AP1.Vendors.VendorID AS Expr1,
376
377      AP1.Vendors.VendorName,
378      AP1.Vendors.VendorAddress1,
379      AP1.Vendors.VendorAddress2,
380      AP1.Vendors.VendorCity,
381      AP1.Vendors.VendorState,
382      AP1.Vendors.VendorZipCode,
383      AP1.Vendors.VendorPhone,
384      CONCAT (
385          AP1.Vendors.VendorContactFName,
386          ' ',
387          AP1.Vendors.VendorContactLName
388      ) AS VendorContactName,
389
390
391      LOWER(CONCAT (
392
393          LEFT(AP1.Vendors.VendorContactFName, 1),
394
395          AP1.Vendors.VendorContactLName,
396          '@',
397          REPLACE(
398
399              REPLACE(
400
401                  REPLACE(
402
403
404                  REPLACE(AP1.Vendors.VendorName,
405                  ' ', ''),
406
407                  '&', ''),
408                  ', ', ''),
409                  '.com'
410
411      )) AS VendorContactEmail,
412
413      AP1.Vendors.DefaultTermsID,
414      AP1.Vendors.DefaultAccountNo

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-- 2.7. replacing a space  
-- with an empty string  
-- in field  
`VendorName`  
\* closing #2.6  
\* closing #2.5  
-- 2.8. `.com` to complete  
email  
-- 3. with alias `ContactEmail`  
-- 4. duplicate column  
-- commented out (excluded)

-- 5. concatenation of  
`VendorContactFName`, an  
empty space (` `),  
`VendorContactLName`  
from table `AP1.Vendors`  
with alias  
`VendorContactName`  
-- 6. lower case of  
concatenation of  
6.1. one character from  
the left from  
`VendorContactFName`,  
6.2 `VendorContactLName`  
6.3. the at (`@`) sign  
6.4. replacing a comma  
with an empty string  
(``)  
6.5. replacing an  
ampersand (`&`) with  
an empty string  
-- 6.6. replacing a space  
with an empty string  
(`` in field  
`VendorName`  
\* closing #6.5  
\* closing #6.4  
-- 6.7. `.web` to complete  
email  
-- 7. with alias  
`VendorContactName`

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416 FROM AP1.Vendors                                -- 8. from table `AP1.Vendors`  

417 LEFT JOIN AP1.ContactUpdates                  -- left-joined to table  

418                                         -- `AP1.ContactUpdates`  

419 ON AP1.Vendors.VendorID = AP1.ContactUpdates.VendorID;  

420                                         -- on shared data from  

421                                         -- `VendorID` in tables  

422                                         -- `AP1.ContactUpdate`  

423                                         -- and `AP1.Vendors`  

424  

425  

426 /* ****  

427    3.5. We can avoid getting a NULL when concatenating with the `+` sign using  

428          a `CASE` clause (a logic block).  

429  

430          CASE  

431              WHEN condition1  

432                  THEN action1  

433              WHEN condition2  

434                  THEN action2  

435              ELSE escape_action  

436          END  

437 **** */  

438  

439 SELECT AP1.Vendors.VendorID,  

440       AP1.Vendors.VendorName,  

441       CASE  

442           WHEN AP1.Vendors.VendorAddress2 IS NOT NULL -- 1. start of `CASE` clause  

443               THEN AP1.Vendors.VendorAddress1 -- 2. condition #1 for clause  

444               + AP1.Vendors.VendorAddress2 -- 3. action to take if  

445           ELSE AP1.Vendors.VendorAddress1 -- 4. escape action when  

446  

447       END AS VendorAddress, -- 5. end of `CASE` clause with  

448                                         -- alias `VendorAddress`  

449       AP1.Vendors.VendorCity,  

450       AP1.Vendors.VendorState,  

451       CASE  

452           WHEN AP1.Vendors.VendorZipCode IS NOT NULL -- 6. beginning of `CASE`  

453               THEN AP1.Vendors.VendorZipCode -- 7. condition #1 for clause  

454               + '-0001' -- 8. action to take if  

455           ELSE '' -- 9. escape action when  

456  

457       END AS VendorZipCodePlus4, -- 10. end of `CASE` clause  

458                                         -- with alias  

459                                         -- `VendorZipCodePlus4`  

460       AP1.Vendors.VendorPhone,  

461       AP1.Vendors.VendorContactLName  

462       + ',',  

463       + AP1.Vendors.VendorContactFName AS VendorContactFName,  

464       AP1.Vendors.VendorContactFName  

465       + AP1.Vendors.VendorContactLName AS VendorContactFName,  

466       AP1.Vendors.VendorContactFName  

467       + AP1.Vendors.VendorContactLName

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468      + '@example.com' AS VendorContactEmail,
469      AP1.Vendors.DefaultTermsID,
470      AP1.Vendors.DefaultAccountNo,
471      AP1.ContactUpdates.VendorID AS 'Vendor Check',
472      AP1.ContactUpdates.LastName,
473      AP1.ContactUpdates.FirstName,
474      'New Column' AS NewColumn
475  FROM AP1.Vendors
476  LEFT JOIN AP1.ContactUpdates
477    ON AP1.Vendors.VendorID = AP1.ContactUpdates.VendorID;
478
479
480 /* *****
481   3.5. Therefore, we should use the `CONCAT()` function to avoid losing data.
482 *****/
483
484 SELECT AP1.Vendors.VendorID,
485        AP1.Vendors.VendorName,
486        CONCAT (
487          AP1.Vendors.VendorAddress1,
488          ',',
489          AP1.Vendors.VendorAddress2
490        ) AS VendorAddress,
491
492
493        AP1.Vendors.VendorCity,
494        AP1.Vendors.VendorState,
495        CONCAT (
496          AP1.Vendors.VendorZipCode,
497          '-0001'
498        ) AS VendorZipCodePlus4,
499        AP1.Vendors.VendorPhone,
500        CONCAT (
501          AP1.Vendors.VendorContactLName,
502          ',',
503          AP1.Vendors.VendorContactFName
504        ) AS VendorContactFName,
505        CONCAT (
506          AP1.Vendors.VendorContactFName,
507          ',',
508          AP1.Vendors.VendorContactLName
509        ) AS VendorContactFName,
510        CONCAT (
511          AP1.Vendors.VendorContactFName,
512          AP1.Vendors.VendorContactLName,
513          '@example.com'
514        ) AS VendorContactEmail,
515        AP1.Vendors.DefaultTermsID,
516        AP1.Vendors.DefaultAccountNo,
517        AP1.ContactUpdates.VendorID AS 'Vendor Check',
518        AP1.ContactUpdates.LastName,
519        AP1.ContactUpdates.FirstName,
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520   'New Column' AS NewColumn          -- 2. value not in table, added
521                               -- in the query
522 FROM AP1.Vendors
523 LEFT JOIN AP1.ContactUpdates
524   ON AP1.Vendors.VendorID = AP1.ContactUpdates.VendorID;
525                               -- 3. relation between the two
526                               -- tables on shared field
527                               -- `VendorID`
528
529 /* ****
530 https://folvera.commons.gc.cuny.edu/?p=1005
531 **** */
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