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2      INTRODUCTION TO STRUCTURED QUERY LANGUAGE FOR DATA ANALYTICS
3          WS23SQL1001, 2023/04/03 to 2023/05/03
4          https://folvera.common.gc.cuny.edu/?cat=33
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7  SESSION #4 (2023/04/12): MANIPULATING DATA
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9  1. Using built-in functions for numeric values including aggregate functions
10     and `GROUP BY`
11  2. Using clauses `ORDER BY`, `CASE`, `WHERE` and operators
12  3. Sub-queries
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15  1. LAB #2
16     Write a query without duplicate rows (`SELECT DISTINCT`)
17     1.01. to call all columns from `AP1.Vendors` and `AP1.Invoices`, shared
18           data only (`INNER JOIN`)
19     1.02. to present `VendorPhone` in `(123) 456-7890` structure.
20  ***** */
21
22  SELECT DISTINCT                                -- 1. to retrieve unique rows
23     AP1.Vendors.VendorID,
24     AP1.Vendors.VendorName,
25     AP1.Vendors.VendorAddress1,
26     AP1.Vendors.VendorAddress2,
27     AP1.Vendors.VendorCity,
28     AP1.Vendors.VendorState,
29     AP1.Vendors.VendorZipCode,
30     REPLACE(
31
32
33
34
35     CONCAT (
36         '(',
37         LEFT(Vendors.VendorPhone, 3),
38         ') ',
39         SUBSTRING(Vendors.VendorPhone, 4, 3),
40         '-',
41         RIGHT(Vendors.VendorPhone, 4)
42     ), '() -', '') AS VendorPhone
43
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46
47     AP1.Vendors.VendorContactLName,
48     AP1.Vendors.VendorContactFName,
49     AP1.Vendors.DefaultTermsID,
50     AP1.Vendors.DefaultAccountNo,
51     AP1.Invoices.InvoiceID,
52     -- AP1.Invoices.VendorID AS Expr1,      -- 4. commenting out duplicate

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53                                     -- field `VendorID`
54     AP1.Invoices.InvoiceNumber,
55     AP1.Invoices.InvoiceDate,
56     AP1.Invoices.InvoiceTotal,
57     AP1.Invoices.PaymentTotal,
58     AP1.Invoices.CreditTotal,
59     AP1.Invoices.TermsID,
60     AP1.Invoices.InvoiceDueDate,
61     AP1.Invoices.PaymentDate
62 FROM AP1.Vendors
63 INNER JOIN AP1.Invoices
64     ON AP1.Vendors.VendorID = AP1.Invoices.VendorID;
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67 /* *****
68     As an alternative, we can use an alias for table.
69
70         `v` for `AP1.Vendors`
71         `i` for `AP1.Invoices`
72 ***** */
73
74 SELECT DISTINCT v.VendorID,
75     v.VendorName,
76     v.VendorAddress1,
77     v.VendorAddress2,
78     v.VendorCity,
79     v.VendorState,
80     v.VendorZipCode,
81     REPLACE(CONCAT (
82         '(',
83         LEFT(v.VendorPhone, 3),
84         ') ',
85         SUBSTRING(v.VendorPhone, 4, 3),
86         '-',
87         RIGHT(v.VendorPhone, 4)
88     ), '() -', '') AS VendorPhone v.VendorContactLName,
89     v.VendorContactFName,
90     v.DefaultTermsID,
91     v.DefaultAccountNo,
92     i.InvoiceID,
93     -- i.VendorID AS Expr1,
94     i.InvoiceNumber,
95     i.InvoiceDate,
96     i.InvoiceTotal,
97     i.PaymentTotal,
98     i.CreditTotal,
99     i.TermsID,
100    i.InvoiceDueDate,
101    i.PaymentDate
102 FROM AP1.Vendors AS v
103 INNER JOIN AP1.Invoices AS i
104     ON v.VendorID = i.VendorID;

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108 2. ``In mathematical sets, the null set, also called the empty set, is the set
109 that does not contain anything. It is symbolized  $\emptyset$  or  $\{ \}$ . There is only
110 one null set. This is because there is logically only one way that a set
111 can contain nothing.
112 The null set makes it possible to explicitly define the results of
113 operations on certain sets that would otherwise not be explicitly
114 definable. The intersection of two disjoint sets (two sets that contain no
115 elements in common) is the null set. For example:
116  $\{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, \dots\} \cap \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, \dots\} = \emptyset$            [n = U+2229]
117                                                                                   [ $\emptyset$  = U+2205]
118 The null set provides a foundation for building a formal theory of numbers.
119 In axiomatic mathematics, zero is defined as the cardinality of (that is,
120 the number of elements in) the null set. From this starting point,
121 mathematicians can build the set of natural numbers, and from there, the
122 sets of integers and rational numbers.``
123 http://whatis.techtarget.com/definition/null-set
124
125 As such, NULL refers to a memory allocation with no value -- not an empty
126 space since the latter has a value of `CHAR(32)`.
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128 Note that concatenating any VARCHAR (ANSI-complaint accepting ASCII,
129 UTF-8) or NVARCHAR (Microsoft proprietary data type, not ANSI-complaint
130 accepting ASCII, UTF-8 and especially Unicode) field to a NULL (no value,
131 not a blank character) field using `+` instead of using the `CONCAT()`
132 function will return NULL.
133
134 In the example below, we lose data when concatenating `VendorAddress1`
135 and `VendorAddress2` in the `AP1.Vendors` table when using `+`.
136
137 3. ``An aggregate function performs a calculation on a set of values, and
138 returns a single value. Except for COUNT, aggregate functions ignore null
139 values. Aggregate functions are often used with the GROUP BY clause of the
140 SELECT statement.``
141 https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/t-sql/functions/aggregate-functions- ↗
142   transact-sql
143
144 3.01. In the example below, we search for the count of records from table
145 `AP1.Vendors` where column `VendorState` has a value of `NY` and
146 `NJ`. Since a field (a single data allocation) cannot have two
147 values at the same time, the query returns no values.
148 ***** */
149 SELECT COUNT(VendorState) AS CountVendorState
150 FROM AP1.Vendors
151 WHERE VendorState = 'NJ'
152        AND VendorState = 'NY';           -- returns 0 (zero)
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156 3.02. In the example below, we search for the count of records from table
 157 `AP1.Vendors` where column `VendorState` has a value of `NY` or `NJ`.
 158 In other words, the field can have either value.

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161 SELECT COUNT(VendorState) AS CountVendorState
162 FROM AP1.Vendors
163 WHERE VendorState = 'NJ'
164 OR VendorState = 'NY'; -- returns 7 (4 `NJ` & 3 `NY`)
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167 /* ***** */
 168 3.03. In the example below, we search for the count of records from table
 169 `AP1.Vendors` with `DISTINCT` values in column `VendorState` -- in
 170 other words, the number of unique states.

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173 SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT VendorState) AS CountVendorState
174 FROM AP1.Vendors; -- returns 22
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177 /* ***** */
 178 3.04. In the example below, we search for the count of records from table
 179 `AP1.Vendors`. We can use `*` (read as `all`) since we are looking
 180 for the number of all values -- in other words, of all records.

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183 SELECT COUNT(*) AS CountOfRows
184 FROM AP1.Vendors; -- returns 114
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187 /* ***** */
 188 3.05. In the examples below, we retrieve the sum of values in column
 189 `InvoiceTotal` (`SUM(InvoiceTotal)`), average value of column
 190 `InvoiceTotal` (`AVG(InvoiceTotal)`), maximum value of column
 191 `InvoiceTotal` (`MAX(InvoiceTotal)`) and minimum value of column
 192 `InvoiceTotal` (`MIN(InvoiceTotal)`) from table `AP1.Invoices`.

193
 194 Note that these values do not have commas as dividers (1,000) or
 195 currency symbols. If you need to include dividers, you would need to
 196 use the `FORMAT()` function.

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 198 Also note that there is no need to use GROUP BY since all fields (in
 199 this case the same field, `InvoiceTotal`) below are subject to
 200 aggregate functions.

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203 SELECT SUM(InvoiceTotal) AS InvoiceTotalSUM, -- 1. returns 214290.51
204 AVG(InvoiceTotal) AS InvoiceTotalAVG, -- 2. returns 1879.7413
205 MAX(InvoiceTotal) AS InvoiceTotalMAX, -- 3. returns 37966.19
206 MIN(InvoiceTotal) AS InvoiceTotalMIN -- 4. returns 6.00
207 FROM AP1.Invoices;
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208 -- 5. no need for `GROUP BY`
209 -- since all fields are
210 -- affected by aggregate
211 -- functions
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214 /* *****
215      If we need to use the `FORMAT()` function, we have to this after the
216      aggregate function since the value is still numeric at this point.
217      Once we format the number, the value is converted to a string, which
218      can no longer be used for any math operation.
219      ***** */
220
221 SELECT FORMAT(SUM(InvoiceTotal), 'c', 'en-us') -- 1. value formatted as
222        AS InvoiceTotalSUM, -- currency (`c`) with
223 -- culture `en-us`
224 -- (English-US); returns
225 -- $214,290.51
226     FORMAT(AVG(InvoiceTotal), 'c', 'en-us') -- 2. value formatted as
227        AS InvoiceTotalAVG, -- currency (`c`) with
228 -- culture `en-us`
229 -- (English-US); returns
230 -- $1,879.7413
231     FORMAT(MAX(InvoiceTotal), 'c', 'en-us') -- 3. value formatted as
232        AS InvoiceTotalMAX, -- currency (`c`) with
233 -- culture `en-us`
234 -- (English-US); returns
235 -- $37,966.19
236     FORMAT(MIN(InvoiceTotal), 'c', 'en-us') -- 4. value formatted as
237        AS InvoiceTotalMIN -- currency (`c`) with
238 -- culture `en-us`
239 -- (English-US); returns
240 -- $6.00
241 FROM AP1.Invoices;
242
243 -- 5. no need for `GROUP BY`
244 -- since all fields are
245 -- affected by aggregate
246 -- functions
247
248 /* *****
249      3.06. In the examples below, we search for the sum, average, maximum and
250      minimum value of column `InvoiceTotal` from table `AP1.Invoices`
251      respectively as (nested queries) sub-queries.
252      ***** */
253
254 SELECT InvoiceID,
255        VendorID,
256        InvoiceNumber,
257        InvoiceDate,
258        InvoiceTotal,
259        ( -- 1. beginning of nested query

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260     SELECT -- between parenthesis to
261         MAX(InvoiceTotal) -- get `MAX(InvoiceTotal)`
262     FROM AP1.Invoices -- from table `AP1.Invoices`
263     ) AS InvoiceTotalMAX, -- with alias
264 -- `InvoiceTotalMAX` for
265 -- nested query
266 ( -- 2. beginning of nested query
267     SELECT -- between parenthesis to
268         MIN(InvoiceTotal) -- get `MIN(InvoiceTotal)`
269     FROM AP1.Invoices -- from table `AP1.Invoices`
270     ) AS InvoiceTotalMIN, -- with alias
271 -- `InvoiceTotalMIN` for
272 -- nested query
273 ROUND -- 3. rounding value of the sub
274 ( -- query to 2 decimal spaces
275     ( -- 3.1. beginning of nested
276         SELECT -- query between
277             AVG(InvoiceTotal) -- parenthesis to get
278 -- `AVG(InvoiceTotal)`
279         FROM AP1.Invoices -- from table
280     ), -- `AP1.Invoices`
281     2) -- 3.2. rounding the value
282 -- the nested query to
283 -- 2 decimal spaces
284 AS InvoiceTotalAVG, -- 4. with alias
285 -- `InvoiceTotalAVG` for
286 -- nested query & `ROUND()`
287     PaymentTotal,
288     CreditTotal,
289     TermsID,
290     InvoiceDueDate,
291     PaymentDate
292 FROM AP1.Invoices
293 ORDER BY VendorID,
294     InvoiceTotal;
295
296
297 /* *****
298     3.07. When using aggregate functions, we need to use `GROUP BY`. Otherwise
299     we would get the following error.
300
301         ``Msg 8120, Level 16, State 1, Line 2
302         Column `AP1.Invoices.InvoiceID` is invalid in the select
303         list because it is not contained in either an aggregate
304         function or the GROUP BY clause.``
305
306     When using `GROUP BY`, we need to list each column that we are
307     calling (from `InvoiceID` to `PaymentDate`) not affected by the
308     aggregate function.
309
310     Note that `AVG(InvoiceTotal)` returns the same value as
311     `InvoiceTotal` since the average only affects a single value

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312      (`InvoiceTotal`) within a single row.
313      ***** */
314
315  SELECT InvoiceID,
316         VendorID,
317         InvoiceNumber,
318         InvoiceDate,
319         InvoiceTotal,
320         AVG(InvoiceTotal) AS InvoiceTotalAVG,           -- 1. aggregate function
321                                                         -- `AVG()` only affecting
322                                                         -- field `InvoiceTotal` and
323                                                         -- returning the average of
324                                                         -- the value per line
325         PaymentTotal,
326         CreditTotal,
327         TermsID,
328         InvoiceDueDate,
329         PaymentDate
330  FROM AP1.Invoices
331  GROUP BY                                           -- 2. must use `GROUP BY`
332         InvoiceID,                                   -- because of the aggregate
333         VendorID,                                   -- function; all fields not
334         InvoiceNumber,                               -- affected by any aggregate
335         InvoiceDate,                                 -- function to be listed;
336         InvoiceTotal,                               -- no exceptions to this
337         PaymentTotal,                               -- rule
338         CreditTotal,
339         TermsID,
340         InvoiceDueDate,
341         PaymentDate
342  ORDER BY VendorID,                                -- 3. `ORDER BY` placed after
343         InvoiceTotal;                               -- `GROUP BY`; no exceptions
344                                                         -- to this rule
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347  /* *****
348  https://folvera.commons.gc.cuny.edu/?p=1219
349  ***** */

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