

# SQL Programming

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## Topic 10: SQL Extensions to RA Select, Project and Join

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## Bank Branch Database

branch		
<u>sortcode</u>	bname	cash
56	'Wimbledon'	94340.45
34	'Goodge St'	8900.67
67	'Strand'	34005.00

movement			
<u>mid</u>	no	amount	tdate
1000	100	2300.00	5/1/1999
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1002	100	-223.45	8/1/1999
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1005	103	145.50	12/1/1999
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1008	101	1230.00	15/1/1999
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key branch(sortcode)

key branch(bname)

key movement(mid)

key account(no)

movement(no)  $\xRightarrow{fk}$  account(no)

account(sortcode)  $\xRightarrow{fk}$  branch(sortcode)

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List customers whose first initial is P, and have one more initial (ANSI SQL)

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FROM   account
WHERE  cname LIKE '%, P. _ . '
```

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List customers whose first initial is between A and L (Transact SQL)

```
SELECT DISTINCT cname
FROM   account
WHERE  cname LIKE '%, [A-L].%'
```

# SQL Functions to Process Data Results

## Modifications to data in ANSI SQL

Many functions proposed in ANSI SQL.

- Any processing of data to appear in a result set must be placed in the **SELECT** clause.
- Any processing of data to filter data must be placed in the **WHERE** clause.

### SQL general functions

function	semantics
<b>COALESCE</b> (val1,val2,...)	first non-NULL value from val1, val2, ...
<b>GREATEST</b> (val1,val2,...)	greatest value from val1, val2, ..., or null if one is <b>NULL</b>
<b>LEAST</b> (val1,val2,...)	least value from val1, val2, ..., or null if one is <b>NULL</b>
<b>CAST</b> (val AS type)	converts a value to specified datatype

### SQL functions

```
SELECT no,
       COALESCE(rate,0.00)
         AS current_rate,
       GREATEST(COALESCE(rate,0.00),5.30)
         AS new_rate
FROM   account
```



no	current_rate	new_rate
100	0.00	5.30
101	5.25	5.30
103	0.00	5.30
107	0.00	5.30
119	5.50	5.50
125	0.00	5.30



# SQL String Processing

function	SQL string functions	semantics
<code>CHAR_LENGTH(str)</code>		returns the number of characters in a string
<code>TRIM(LEADING pattern FROM str)</code>		Removes the leading characters in pattern from a string
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<code>TRIM(str)</code>		Removes leading and trailing spaces from a string
<code>POSITION(substr IN str)</code>		Finds the position (counting from 1) of the substr in the str
<code>SUBSTRING(str FROM start FOR no)</code>		Extract from str no characters, starting from position start
<code>str1    str2</code>		Concatenate two strings together
<code>UPPER(str)</code>		returns the string converted to all capitals
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## Non-ANSI SQL Functions

String functions tend to be an aspect of SQL implementations that is not ANSI SQL compliant, *e.g.* for ANSI `CHAR_LENGTH`

- Postgres: `LENGTH(str)`, but also supports `CHAR_LENGTH`
- TransactSQL: `LEN(str)`

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## Display accounts with just surnames and rounded rates (ANSI SQL)

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       ROUND(rate ,1) AS rate_1dp ,
       SUBSTRING(cname FROM 1 FOR POSITION( ',' IN cname)-1) AS surname
FROM   account
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FROM account
```

# SQL Maths Functions

## SQL maths functions

function	semantics
<b>SIN</b> (num)	the sine of angle num (measured in radians)
<b>ASIN</b> (num)	an angle measured in radians that has sine value num
<b>LN</b> (num)	the natural logarithm of num
<b>LOG10</b> (num)	log to base ten of num
<b>SQRT</b> (num)	square root of num
<b>POWER</b> (num,exp)	num raised to the power of exp
<b>EXP</b> (num)	num raised to the power $e$
<b>ABS</b> (num)	absolute value of num
<b>ROUND</b> (num,dp)	rounds num to dp decimal places

## Quiz 10.1: Transact SQL extensions to RA Select and Project

customer				
cname	phone	address	joined	salary
'McBrien, P.'	'02077651234'	'123 Strand, London WC1A'	1999-01-03	30000
'Boyd, M.'	'02077656666'	'33 Aldwych, London'	1999-01-05	NULL
'Poulovassilis, A.'	'02089474321'	'13 Haydons Rd, London SW19'	1999-01-05	40000
'Bailey, J.'	'02089461111'	'22 Queens Rd, London SW19'	1999-01-07	45000

```

SELECT  cname,
        SUBSTRING( address , CHARINDEX( ' ', address )+2, LEN( address ) ) AS area
FROM    customer
WHERE   phone LIKE '02089[4-7]%' ;

```

What is the result of the TransactSQL query?

A

cname	area
Bailey, J.	London SW19
Poulovassilis, A.	London SW19

B

cname	area
Bailey, J.	22 Queens Rd
Poulovassilis, A.	13 Haydons Rd

C

cname	area
Poulovassilis, A.	London SW19

D

cname	area
Poulovassilis, A.	13 Haydons Rd

# Processing the result of project: CASE statements

account				
no	type	cname	rate?	sortcode
100	'current'	'McBrien, P.'	NULL	67
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A **CASE** statement may be used to return alternative values depending on condition. Two forms

**CASE** expr **WHEN** v1 **THEN** ... **WHEN** v2 **THEN** ... **END**

Chooses which statement to return based on value of expr

**CASE** **WHEN** cond1 **THEN** ... **WHEN** cond2 **THEN** ... **END**

Choose which statement to return based on which cond1, cond2 is first **TRUE**

```
SELECT no,
       COALESCE(rate,0.00) AS rate,
       CASE
         WHEN rate>0 AND rate<5.5
          THEN 'low rate'
         WHEN rate>=5.5
          THEN 'high rate'
         ELSE 'zero rate'
       END AS interest_class
FROM   account
```

no	rate	interest_class
100	0.00	zero rate
101	5.25	low rate
103	0.00	zero rate
107	0.00	zero rate
119	5.50	high rate
125	0.00	zero rate

## Need for yet another type of Join?

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movement			
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## Listing of movement mid for all customers with movements

```
SELECT cname ,
       mid
FROM   account NATURAL JOIN
       movement
```



cname	mid
McBrien, P.	1000
McBrien, P.	1001
McBrien, P.	1002
Poulovassilis, A.	1004
Boyd, M.	1005
McBrien, P.	1006
Poulovassilis, A.	1007
McBrien, P.	1008
Poulovassilis, A.	1009



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## Listing any movements for all customers

```
SELECT cname,
       mid
FROM   account NATURAL LEFT JOIN
       movement
```



cname	mid
McBrien, P.	1000
McBrien, P.	1001
McBrien, P.	1002
Poulovassilis, A.	1004
Boyd, M.	1005
McBrien, P.	1006
Poulovassilis, A.	1007
McBrien, P.	1008
Poulovassilis, A.	1009
Bailey, J.	NULL

## Left and Right Joins

### Left Join

A left join  $R \overset{L}{\bowtie} S$  returns every row in  $R$ , even if no rows in  $S$  match. In such cases where no row in  $S$  matches a row from  $R$ , the columns of  $S$  are filled with NULL values.

### Right Join

A right join  $R \overset{R}{\bowtie} S$  returns every row in  $S$ , even if no rows in  $R$  match. In such cases where no row in  $R$  matches a row from  $S$ , the columns of  $R$  are filled with NULL values.

### Outer Join

An outer join  $R \overset{O}{\bowtie} S$  returns every row in  $R$ , even if no rows in  $S$  match, and also returns every row in  $S$  even if no row in  $R$  matches.

$$R \overset{O}{\bowtie} S \equiv (R \overset{L}{\bowtie} S) \cup (R \overset{R}{\bowtie} S)$$

## RA equivalent of LEFT JOIN

```

SELECT A1, ..., An
FROM R1 LEFT JOIN R2 ON O1 AND ... AND Oi
WHERE P1
AND ...
AND Pk

```



$$\pi_{A_1, \dots, A_n} \sigma_{P_1 \wedge \dots \wedge P_k} (\sigma_{O_1 \wedge \dots \wedge O_i} (R_1 \times R_2) \cup (R_1 - \sigma_{O_1 \wedge \dots \wedge O_i} (R_1 \times R_2)) \times \omega(R_2))$$

- $\omega(R_2)$  returns a row of NULLs with the same number of columns as  $R_2$

## Quiz 10.2: SQL LEFT JOIN ... ON (1)

```

SELECT account.no,
       movement.amount
FROM   account LEFT JOIN movement
       ON   account.no=movement.no
       AND  movement.amount<0

```

What is the result of the above query?

A

no	amount
100	-223.45
107	-100.00

B

no	amount
100	-223.45
107	-100.00

C

no	amount
100	-223.45
101	NULL
103	NULL
107	-100.00
119	NULL
125	NULL

D

no	amount
100	-223.45
101	0.00
103	0.00
107	-100.00
119	0.00
125	0.00

## Quiz 10.3: SQL LEFT JOIN ... ON (2)

```

SELECT account.no ,
       movement.amount
FROM   account LEFT JOIN movement
       ON   account.no=movement.no
WHERE  movement.amount<0

```

What is the result of the above query?

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no	amount
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B

no	amount
100	-223.45
107	-100.00

C

no	amount
100	-223.45
101	NULL
103	NULL
107	-100.00
119	NULL
125	NULL

D

no	amount
100	-223.45
101	0.00
103	0.00
107	-100.00
119	0.00
125	0.00

## Worksheet: Left, Right and Outer Joins

bank\_branch\_null database

movement			
<u>mid</u>	no?	amount?	tdate?
0999	119	45.00	null
1000	100	2300.00	5/1/1999
1001	101	4000.00	5/1/1999
1002	100	-223.45	8/1/1999
1004	107	-100.00	11/1/1999
1005	103	145.50	12/1/1999
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1008	101	1230.00	15/1/1999
1009	119	5600.00	18/1/1999
1010	100	null	20/1/1999
1011	null	null	20/1/1999
1012	null	600.00	20/1/1999
1013	null	-46.00	20/1/1999

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# Topic 11: SQL OLAP

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# OLTP and OLAP

## OLTP

- online transactional processing
- reads and writes to a few rows
- 'standard' data processing

```
BEGIN TRANSACTION T1
UPDATE branch
SET    cash=cash -10000.00
WHERE  sortcode=56

UPDATE branch
SET    cash=cash +10000.00
WHERE  sortcode=34
COMMIT TRANSACTION T1
```

## OLAP

- online analytical processing
- reads many rows
- management information

```
BEGIN TRANSACTION T4
SELECT SUM(cash)
FROM    branch
COMMIT TRANSACTION T4
```



# SQL OLAP features: Ordering Rows

movement			
mid	no	amount	tdate
1000	100	2300.00	5/1/1999
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- **ORDER BY** presents data to a user in specified order, but data is not changed
- Default is **ASC**ending order
- Can specify **DESC**ending order
- To limit the number of rows returned, use **FETCH FIRST** or **FETCH NEXT**

```

SELECT  mid ,
        tdate ,
        amount
FROM    movement
ORDER BY mid
  
```

mid	tdate	amount
1000	1999-01-05	2300.00
1001	1999-01-05	4000.00
1002	1999-01-08	-223.45
1004	1999-01-11	-100.00
1005	1999-01-12	145.50
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```

SELECT mid ,
       tdate ,
       amount
FROM movement
ORDER BY amount DESC

```

mid	tdate	amount
1009	1999-01-18	5600.00
1001	1999-01-05	4000.00
1000	1999-01-05	2300.00
1008	1999-01-15	1230.00
1007	1999-01-15	345.56
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```

SELECT  mid ,
        tdate ,
        amount
FROM    movement
ORDER BY amount DESC
FETCH  FIRST 3 ROWS ONLY

```

mid	tdate	amount
1009	1999-01-18	5600.00
1001	1999-01-05	4000.00
1000	1999-01-05	2300.00

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```

SELECT  mid ,
        tdate ,
        amount
FROM    movement
ORDER BY amount DESC
OFFSET 3
FETCH  NEXT 4 ROWS ONLY

```

mid	tdate	amount
1008	1999-01-15	1230.00
1007	1999-01-15	345.56
1005	1999-01-12	145.50
1006	1999-01-15	10.23

## SQL OLAP features: GROUP BY

movement			
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```
FROM movement  
.  
.  
.  
GROUP BY no
```

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```

FROM movement
GROUP BY no

```



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## Aggregate Functions

Aggregate	Semantics
SUM	Sum the values of all rows in the group
COUNT	Count the number of non-NULL rows in the group
AVG	Average of the non-NULL values in the group
MIN	Minimum value in the group
MAX	Maximum value in the group
ANY_VALUE	A random non-NULL value from the group (new in SQL:2023)
ARRAY_AGG	Generate an array containing all the values of the group
STDDEV_POP	Calculated the population standard deviation

## GROUP BY rules

- Only one row output per group
- ANSI SQL says must apply aggregate function to non grouped columns*

## SQL OLAP features: GROUP BY

movement			
mid	no	amount	tdate
1000	100	2300.00	5/1/1999
1001	101	4000.00	5/1/1999
1002	100	-223.45	8/1/1999
1004	107	-100.00	11/1/1999
1005	103	145.50	12/1/1999
1006	100	10.23	15/1/1999
1007	107	345.56	15/1/1999
1008	101	1230.00	15/1/1999
1009	119	5600.00	18/1/1999



movement			
mid	no	amount	tdate
1000	100	2300.00	5/1/1999
1002	100	-223.45	8/1/1999
1006	100	10.23	15/1/1999
1001	101	4000.00	5/1/1999
1008	101	1230.00	15/1/1999
1004	107	-100.00	11/1/1999
1007	107	345.56	15/1/1999
1005	103	145.50	12/1/1999
1009	119	5600.00	18/1/1999

## Example of Aggregate Functions

```
SELECT no,
       SUM(amount) AS balance,
       COUNT(amount) AS trans
FROM movement
GROUP BY no
```

no	balance	trans
101	5230.00	2
103	145.50	1
119	5600.00	1
107	245.56	2
100	2086.78	3

## GROUP BY rules

- Only one row output per group
- ANSI SQL says must apply aggregate function to non grouped columns*

## Quiz 11.1: GROUP BY in ANSI SQL

account				
no	type	cname	rate?	sortcode
100	'current'	'McBrien, P.'	NULL	67
101	'deposit'	'McBrien, P.'	5.25	67
103	'current'	'Boyd, M.'	NULL	34
107	'current'	'Poulovassilis, A.'	NULL	56
119	'deposit'	'Poulovassilis, A.'	5.50	56
125	'current'	'Bailey, J.'	NULL	56

Which SQL query is not permitted in ANSI SQL?

A

```
SELECT  no,
        cname,
        AVG(rate)
FROM    account
GROUP BY no
```

B

```
SELECT  no,
        MIN(cname),
        AVG(rate)
FROM    account
GROUP BY no
```

C

```
SELECT  no,
        MIN(rate),
        MAX(rate)
FROM    account
GROUP BY no
```

D

```
SELECT AVG(rate)
FROM    account
```



# SQL OLAP features: Aggregate operators

Use **GROUP BY** on all non aggregated columns

```
SELECT no,  
       SUM(amount) AS balance,  
       COUNT(amount) AS trans  
FROM movement  
GROUP BY no
```



no	balance	trans
101	5230.00	2
103	145.50	1
119	5600.00	1
107	245.56	2
100	2086.78	3

## SQL OLAP features: Aggregate operators

Use **GROUP BY** on all non aggregated columns

```
SELECT no,
       SUM(amount) AS balance,
       COUNT(amount) AS trans
FROM movement
GROUP BY no
```

no	balance	trans
101	5230.00	2
103	145.50	1
119	5600.00	1
107	245.56	2
100	2086.78	3

Choose bag or set semantics for **COUNT**

```
SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT no)
       AS active_accounts,
       COUNT(no) AS no_movements
FROM movement
```

active_accounts	no_movements
5	9

## SQL OLAP features: Aggregate operators

Use **GROUP BY** on all non aggregated columns

```
SELECT no,
       SUM(amount) AS balance,
       COUNT(amount) AS trans
FROM movement
GROUP BY no
```

no	balance	trans
101	5230.00	2
103	145.50	1
119	5600.00	1
107	245.56	2
100	2086.78	3

Choose bag or set semantics for **COUNT**

```
SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT no)
       AS active_accounts,
       COUNT(no) AS no_movements
FROM movement
```

active_accounts	no_movements
5	9

**NULL** attributes don't count!

```
SELECT COUNT(rate) AS no_rates
FROM account
```

no_rates
2

## Quiz 11.2: GROUP BY over NULL values (1)

movement			
mid	no	amount	tdate
0999	119	45.00	NULL
1000	100	2300.00	5/1/1999
1001	101	4000.00	5/1/1999
1002	100	-223.45	8/1/1999
1006	100	10.23	15/1/1999
1008	101	1230.00	15/1/1999
1009	119	5600.00	18/1/1999
1010	100	NULL	20/1/1999
1011	NULL	NULL	20/1/1999
1012	NULL	600.00	20/1/1999
1013	NULL	-46.00	20/1/1999

account				
no	type	cname	rate	sortcode
100	'current'	'McBrien, P.'	NULL	67
101	'deposit'	'McBrien, P.'	5.25	67
119	'deposit'	'Poulouvassilis, A.'	5.50	56
125	'current'	'Bailey, J.'	NULL	56

```

SELECT movement.no,
       COUNT(movement.amount) AS no_trans,
       MIN(movement.amount) AS min_value
FROM   movement NATURAL JOIN account
GROUP BY movement.no

```

What is the result of the above query?

A

no	no_trans	min_value
101	2	1230.00
100	3	NULL
119	1	45.00

B

no	no_trans	min_value
101	2	1230.00
100	4	-223.45
119	2	45.00

C

no	no_trans	min_value
101	2	1230.00
100	4	NULL
119	2	45.00

D

no	no_trans	min_value
101	2	1230.00
100	3	-223.45
119	2	45.00

## Quiz 11.3: GROUP BY over NULL values (2)

movement			
mid	no	amount	tdate
0999	119	45.00	NULL
1000	100	2300.00	5/1/1999
1001	101	4000.00	5/1/1999
1002	100	-223.45	8/1/1999
1006	100	10.23	15/1/1999
1008	101	1230.00	15/1/1999
1009	119	5600.00	18/1/1999
1010	100	NULL	20/1/1999
1011	NULL	NULL	20/1/1999
1012	NULL	600.00	20/1/1999
1013	NULL	-46.00	20/1/1999

account				
no	type	cname	rate	sortcode
100	'current'	'McBrien, P.'	NULL	67
101	'deposit'	'McBrien, P.'	5.25	67
119	'deposit'	'Poulovassilis, A.'	5.50	56
125	'current'	'Bailey, J.'	NULL	56

```
SELECT movement.no,
       SUM(movement.amount) AS balance
FROM   movement
GROUP BY movement.no
```

What is the result of the above query?

A

no	balance
NULL	NULL
NULL	600.00
NULL	-46.00
119	5645.00
101	5230.00
100	2086.78

B

no	balance
NULL	600.00
NULL	-46.00
119	5645.00
101	5230.00
100	2086.78

C

no	balance
NULL	554.00
119	5645.00
101	5230.00
100	2086.78

D

no	balance
119	5645.00
101	5230.00
100	2086.78

## Selecting results from aggregates: HAVING

### GROUP BY in the RA

- An extension to the RA includes a group by operator
- In SQL, the **GROUP BY** operator is applied *outside* the  $\sigma_P(\dots \times \dots)$
- To execute a  $\sigma_P$  *outside* the **GROUP BY**, you must place the predicates  $P$  in a **HAVING** clause

### Transaction analysis of bank\_branch

```
SELECT  no ,
        SUM(amount) AS balance ,
        COUNT(amount) AS no_trans
FROM    movement
GROUP BY no
```



no	balance	no_trans
100	2086.78	3
101	5230.00	2
103	145.50	1
107	245.56	2
119	5600.00	1

## Selecting results from aggregates: HAVING

### GROUP BY in the RA

- An extension to the RA includes a group by operator
- In SQL, the **GROUP BY** operator is applied *outside* the  $\sigma_P(\dots \times \dots)$
- To execute a  $\sigma_P$  *outside* the **GROUP BY**, you must place the predicates  $P$  in a **HAVING** clause

### Transaction analysis of bank\_branch

```
SELECT  no ,
        SUM(amount) AS balance ,
        COUNT(amount) AS no_trans
FROM    movement
GROUP BY no
HAVING  SUM(amount) > 2000
```

no	balance	no_trans
100	2086.78	3
101	5230.00	2
119	5600.00	1



## Selecting results from aggregates: HAVING


### GROUP BY in the RA

- An extension to the RA includes a group by operator
- In SQL, the **GROUP BY** operator is applied *outside* the  $\sigma_P(\dots \times \dots)$
- To execute a  $\sigma_P$  *outside* the **GROUP BY**, you must place the predicates  $P$  in a **HAVING** clause

### Transaction analysis of bank\_branch

```
SELECT  no ,
        SUM(amount) AS balance ,
        COUNT(amount) AS no_trans
FROM    movement
GROUP BY no
HAVING  balance >2000
```

column **balance** does not exist



### Ordering of SQL clauses

- **HAVING** is executed after **GROUP BY**, but before **SELECT**
- Can be used to avoid divide by zero errors

```
SELECT  no ,
        MAX(amount)/MIN(amount) AS variance_ratio
FROM    movement
GROUP BY movement.no
HAVING  MIN(amount)<>0
```



## Quiz 11.4: HAVING

movement			
mid	no	amount	tdate
1000	100	2300.00	5/1/1999
1001	101	4000.00	5/1/1999
1002	100	-223.45	8/1/1999
1004	107	-100.00	11/1/1999
1005	103	145.50	12/1/1999
1006	100	10.23	15/1/1999
1007	107	345.56	15/1/1999
1008	101	1230.00	15/1/1999
1009	119	5600.00	18/1/1999

account				
no	type	cname	rate?	sortcode
100	'current'	'McBrien, P.'	NULL	67
101	'deposit'	'McBrien, P.'	5.25	67
103	'current'	'Boyd, M.'	NULL	34
107	'current'	'Poulovassilis, A.'	NULL	56
119	'deposit'	'Poulovassilis, A.'	5.50	56
125	'current'	'Bailey, J.'	NULL	56

```

SELECT      account.no ,
            account.cname ,
            SUM(movement.amount) AS balance
FROM        account NATURAL JOIN movement
WHERE       movement.amount > 200
GROUP BY   account.no ,
            account.cname
HAVING      COUNT(movement.no) > 1
AND         SUM(movement.amount) > 1000
  
```

What is the result of the above query?

A

no	cname	balance
101	McBrien, P.	5230.00

B

no	cname	balance
101	McBrien, P.	5230.00
119	Poulovassilis, A.	5600.00

C

no	cname	balance
100	McBrien, P.	2086.78
101	McBrien, P.	5230.00

D

no	cname	balance
100	McBrien, P.	2086.78
101	McBrien, P.	5230.00
119	Poulovassilis, A.	5600.00

## Quiz 11.5: Execution order of SQL clauses

SELECT  
FROM  
WHERE  
GROUP BY  
HAVING  
ORDER BY

What order are the SQL clauses executed in?

A

SELECT  
FROM  
WHERE  
GROUP BY  
HAVING  
ORDER BY

B

FROM  
WHERE  
SELECT  
GROUP BY  
HAVING  
ORDER BY

C

FROM  
WHERE  
GROUP BY  
HAVING  
SELECT  
ORDER BY

D

ORDER BY  
HAVING  
GROUP BY  
WHERE  
FROM  
SELECT

# Relationally Complete SQL

movement			
mid	no	amount	tdate
1000	100	2300.00	5/1/1999
1001	101	4000.00	5/1/1999
1002	100	-223.45	8/1/1999
1004	107	-100.00	11/1/1999
1005	103	145.50	12/1/1999
1006	100	10.23	15/1/1999
1007	107	345.56	15/1/1999
1008	101	1230.00	15/1/1999
1009	119	5600.00	18/1/1999

- relational completeness in SQL means being able to fully support the RA in SQL
- the five primitive operators of the RA can be fully supported by SQL
- SQL Aggregates require **relationally complete SQL**: allow **SELECT** statements in **FROM** clause

```

SELECT  no ,
        SUM(amount) AS balance ,
        ROUND(100*SUM(amount)/total,1) AS pc
FROM    movement,
        (SELECT SUM(amount) AS total
         FROM  movement) AS total_balance
GROUP BY no ,
         total
ORDER BY no
  
```

no	balance	pc
100	2086.78	15.7
101	5230.00	39.3
103	145.50	1.1
107	245.56	1.8
119	5600.00	42.1

## SQL OLAP features: Windows and PARTITION BY

movement			
mid	no	amount	tdate
1000	100	2300.00	5/1/1999
1001	101	4000.00	5/1/1999
1002	100	-223.45	8/1/1999
1004	107	-100.00	11/1/1999
1005	103	145.50	12/1/1999
1006	100	10.23	15/1/1999
1007	107	345.56	15/1/1999
1008	101	1230.00	15/1/1999
1009	119	5600.00	18/1/1999



```

.
.
.
OVER (PARTITION BY no)
FROM movement
.
.
.

```



movement			
mid	no	amount	tdate
1000	100	2300.00	5/1/1999
1002	100	-223.45	8/1/1999
1006	100	10.23	15/1/1999
1001	101	4000.00	5/1/1999
1008	101	1230.00	15/1/1999
1004	107	-100.00	11/1/1999
1007	107	345.56	15/1/1999
1005	103	145.50	12/1/1999
1009	119	5600.00	18/1/1999

## SQL OLAP features: Windows and PARTITION BY

movement			
mid	no	amount	tdate
1000	100	2300.00	5/1/1999
1001	101	4000.00	5/1/1999
1002	100	-223.45	8/1/1999
1004	107	-100.00	11/1/1999
1005	103	145.50	12/1/1999
1006	100	10.23	15/1/1999
1007	107	345.56	15/1/1999
1008	101	1230.00	15/1/1999
1009	119	5600.00	18/1/1999

..  
 ..  
 ..  
 ..  
 ..  
 ..  
 ..  
 ..

OVER (PARTITION BY no)  
 FROM movement

movement			
mid	no	amount	tdate
1000	100	2300.00	5/1/1999
1002	100	-223.45	8/1/1999
1006	100	10.23	15/1/1999
1001	101	4000.00	5/1/1999
1008	101	1230.00	15/1/1999
1004	107	-100.00	11/1/1999
1007	107	345.56	15/1/1999
1005	103	145.50	12/1/1999
1009	119	5600.00	18/1/1999

```
SELECT mid,
       no,
       amount,
       SUM(amount) OVER (PARTITION BY no) AS balance
FROM movement
```

mid	no	amount	balance
1000	100	2300.00	2086.78
1002	100	-223.45	2086.78
1006	100	10.23	2086.78
1001	101	4000.00	5230.00
1008	101	1230.00	5230.00
1004	107	-100.00	245.56
1007	107	345.56	245.56
1005	103	145.50	145.50
1009	119	5600.00	5600.00

## PARTITION BY

- One row output per input row
- Aggregates apply to window defined by PARTITION BY

# Window Functions Replacing Subquery in FROM clause

movement			
mid	no	amount	tdate
1000	100	2300.00	5/1/1999
1001	101	4000.00	5/1/1999
1002	100	-223.45	8/1/1999
1004	107	-100.00	11/1/1999
1005	103	145.50	12/1/1999
1006	100	10.23	15/1/1999
1007	107	345.56	15/1/1999
1008	101	1230.00	15/1/1999
1009	119	5600.00	18/1/1999

- some cases using subqueries in FROM clause may be replaced by window queries

```

SELECT  DISTINCT no ,
        SUM(amount) OVER (PARTITION BY no) AS balance ,
        ROUND(100*SUM(amount) OVER (PARTITION BY no)/
              SUM(amount) OVER (PARTITION BY no),1) AS pc
FROM    movement
ORDER BY no
  
```

no	balance	pc
100	2086.78	15.7
101	5230.00	39.3
103	145.50	1.1
107	245.56	1.8
119	5600.00	42.1

# SQL OLAP features: Window Functions

## OVER

The SQL **OVER** operator produces a **window** which may have an **ORDER BY** applied to each window.

By default (without **PARTITION BY**), entire dataset in window

### SQL functions dealing with **ORDER BY B**

function	semantics
<b>LEAD(A)</b>	The next value of column <b>A</b> in the window when data ordered by column <b>B</b>
<b>LAG(A)</b>	The previous value of column <b>A</b> in the window when data ordered by column <b>B</b>
<b>RANK()</b>	The rank position of the row in the window when data ordered by column <b>B</b> , tied value receive same rank, and next rank value skipped
<b>DENSE_RANK()</b>	The dense rank position of the row in the window when data order by column <b>B</b> (like rank, but no numbers are skipped)
<b>ROW_NUMBER()</b>	The position of row when ordered by <b>B</b> , numbering rows sequentially (with tied rows given different numbers)
<b>FIRST_VALUE(A)</b>	The first value of <b>A</b> in the window when data ordered by column <b>B</b>
<b>LAST_VALUE(A)</b>	The first value of <b>A</b> in the window when data ordered by column <b>B</b>

# SQL OLAP features: Ranking Rows

movement			
mid	no	amount	tdate
1000	100	2300.00	5/1/1999
1001	101	4000.00	5/1/1999
1002	100	-223.45	8/1/1999
1004	107	-100.00	11/1/1999
1005	103	145.50	12/1/1999
1006	100	10.23	15/1/1999
1007	107	345.56	15/1/1999
1008	101	1230.00	15/1/1999
1009	119	5600.00	18/1/1999

```
SELECT mid ,
       tdate ,
       amount ,
       RANK() OVER
         (ORDER BY tdate) ,
       DENSE_RANK() OVER
         (ORDER BY tdate) ,
       ROW_NUMBER() OVER
         (ORDER BY tdate)
FROM   movement
```

mid	tdate	amount	rank	dense_rank	row_number
1000	1999-01-05	2300.00	1	1	1
1001	1999-01-05	4000.00	1	1	2
1002	1999-01-08	-223.45	3	2	3
1004	1999-01-11	-100.00	4	3	4
1005	1999-01-12	145.50	5	4	5
1006	1999-01-15	10.23	6	5	6
1007	1999-01-15	345.56	6	5	7
1008	1999-01-15	1230.00	6	5	8
1009	1999-01-18	5600.00	9	6	9



# SQL OLAP features: Looking at rows in the window

movement			
mid	no	amount	tdate
1000	100	2300.00	5/1/1999
1001	101	4000.00	5/1/1999
1002	100	-223.45	8/1/1999
1004	107	-100.00	11/1/1999
1005	103	145.50	12/1/1999
1006	100	10.23	15/1/1999
1007	107	345.56	15/1/1999
1008	101	1230.00	15/1/1999
1009	119	5600.00	18/1/1999

mid	amount	next	previous	trend
1002	-223.45	NULL	-100.00	-161.73
1004	-100.00	-223.45	10.23	-104.41
1006	10.23	-100.00	145.50	18.58
1005	145.50	10.23	345.56	167.10
1007	345.56	145.50	1230.00	573.69
1008	1230.00	345.56	2300.00	1291.85
1000	2300.00	1230.00	4000.00	2510.00
1001	4000.00	2300.00	5600.00	3966.67
1009	5600.00	4000.00	NULL	4800.00

```

SELECT mid ,
       amount ,
       LEAD(amount) OVER
         (ORDER BY amount DESC) AS next ,
       LAG(amount) OVER
         (ORDER BY amount DESC) AS previous ,
       ROUND(AVG(amount) OVER
         (ORDER BY amount ROWS BETWEEN 1 PRECEDING AND 1 FOLLOWING),2) AS trend
FROM   movement
  
```

# OLAP: Pivot

## Pivoting tabular data

- for presentation purposes, useful to change layout of table
- information spread over rows is instead spread over columns
- we can pivot the value of one or more columns on the values of one or more other columns

```
SELECT  branch.sortcode ,
        branch.bname ,
        account.type ,
        COUNT(no) AS qty
FROM    account JOIN branch
        ON account.sortcode=
           branch.sortcode
GROUP BY branch.sortcode ,
         branch.bname ,
         account.type
ORDER BY branch.sortcode ,
         branch.bname
```



sortcode	bname	type	qty
34	Goodge St	current	1
56	Wimbledon	current	2
56	Wimbledon	deposit	1
67	Strand	current	1
67	Strand	deposit	1

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```
SELECT  branch.sortcode ,
        branch.bname ,
        account.type ,
        COUNT(no) AS qty
FROM    account JOIN branch
ON      account.sortcode=
        branch.sortcode
GROUP BY branch.sortcode ,
        branch.bname ,
        account.type
ORDER BY branch.sortcode ,
        branch.bname
```

sortcode	bname	type	qty
34	Goodge St	current	1
56	Wimbledon	current	2
56	Wimbledon	deposit	1
67	Strand	current	1
67	Strand	deposit	1

pivot qty on type

sortcode	bname	type	qty
34	Goodge St	current	1
56	Wimbledon	current	2
56	Wimbledon	deposit	1
67	Strand	current	1
67	Strand	deposit	1

## OLAP: Pivot

## Pivoting tabular data

- for presentation purposes, useful to change layout of table
- information spread over rows is instead spread over columns
- we can pivot the value of one or more columns on the values of one or more other columns

```

SELECT  branch.sortcode ,
        branch.bname ,
        account.type ,
        COUNT(no) AS qty
FROM    account JOIN branch
ON      account.sortcode=
        branch.sortcode
GROUP BY branch.sortcode ,
        branch.bname ,
        account.type
ORDER BY branch.sortcode ,
        branch.bname
  
```

sortcode	bname	type	qty
34	Goodge St	current	1
56	Wimbledon	current	2
56	Wimbledon	deposit	1
67	Strand	current	1
67	Strand	deposit	1

pivot qty on type

sortcode	bname	type	qty
34	Goodge St	current	1
56	Wimbledon	current	2
56	Wimbledon	deposit	1
67	Strand	current	1
67	Strand	deposit	1

sortcode	bname	current	deposit
34	Goodge St	1	
56	Wimbledon	2	1
67	Strand	1	1

SQL OLAP: Pivot using **FILTER** statements

```

SELECT  branch.sortcode ,
        branch.bname ,
        COUNT(no) FILTER (WHERE type='current') AS current ,
        COUNT(no) FILTER (WHERE type='deposit') AS deposit ,
        COUNT(no) FILTER (WHERE (type IN ('current','deposit')) IS NOT TRUE) AS other
FROM    account JOIN branch ON account.sortcode=branch.sortcode
GROUP BY branch.sortcode , branch.bname
ORDER BY branch.sortcode , branch.bname

```



sortcode	bname	current	deposit	other
34	Goodge St	1	0	0
56	Wimbledon	2	1	0
67	Strand	1	1	0

- use **FILTER** statements to filter values from column being pivoted
- generally one **FILTER** (**WHERE A=v**) for each value **v** that appears in column **A**
- can have a default case for unexpected values

## Worksheet: OLAP Queries in SQL

movement			
<u>mid</u>	no	amount	tdate
1000	100	2300.00	5/1/1999
1001	101	4000.00	5/1/1999
1002	100	-223.45	8/1/1999
1004	107	-100.00	11/1/1999
1005	103	145.50	12/1/1999
1006	100	10.23	15/1/1999
1007	107	345.56	15/1/1999
1008	101	1230.00	15/1/1999
1009	119	5600.00	18/1/1999

account				
<u>no</u>	type	cname	rate	sortcode
100	'current'	'McBrien, P.'	NULL	67
101	'deposit'	'McBrien, P.'	5.25	67
103	'current'	'Boyd, M.'	NULL	34
107	'current'	'Poulovassilis, A.'	NULL	56
119	'deposit'	'Poulovassilis, A.'	5.50	56
125	'current'	'Bailey, J.'	NULL	56

movement.no  $\xRightarrow{fk}$  account.no

## Worksheet: OLAP Queries Questions 3 &amp; 4

- 3 Write an SQL query returning the scheme (cname,current\_balance,deposit\_balance) that lists one row for each customer (i.e. each distinct cname), with a column for the net balance of all current accounts held by the customer, and a column for the net balance of all deposit accounts held by the customer.
- 4 Write an SQL query returning the scheme (no,cname,type,pc\_cust\_funds,pc\_type\_funds) that lists one row for each account, and for each account, lists the no, cname and type of the account, and in pc\_cust\_funds the percentage of the customer funds held in the account, and in pc\_type\_funds the percentage of the total funds in this particular type of account. For the current data this should result in:

no	cname	type	pc_cust_funds	pc_type_funds
100	McBrien, P.	current	28.52	84.22
101	McBrien, P.	deposit	71.48	48.29
103	Boyd, M.	current	100.00	5.87
107	Poulovassilis, A.	current	4.20	9.91
119	Poulovassilis, A.	deposit	95.80	51.71
125	Bailey, J.	current	NULL	0.00

## Worksheet: OLAP Queries in SQL (3)

```
SELECT  account.cname ,
        COALESCE(SUM(amount) FILTER (WHERE type='current' ),0.0)
          AS current_balance ,
        COALESCE(SUM(amount) FILTER (WHERE type='deposit' ),0.0)
          AS deposit_balance
FROM    account LEFT JOIN movement ON account.no=movement.no
GROUP BY account.cname
```



## Worksheet: OLAP Queries in SQL (4)

```
SELECT DISTINCT account.no ,
               account.cname ,
               account.type ,
               ROUND(COALESCE(100.0*SUM(movement.amount) OVER (PARTITION BY account.no) ,0.0)/
                    SUM(movement.amount) OVER (PARTITION BY account.cname) ,2)
               AS pc_cust_funds ,
               ROUND(COALESCE(100.0*SUM(movement.amount) OVER (PARTITION BY account.no) ,0.0)/
                    SUM(movement.amount) OVER (PARTITION BY account.type) ,2)
               AS pc_type_funds
FROM account LEFT JOIN movement ON account.no=movement.no
```

## SQL OLAP: Un-pivot using UNION statements

Un-pivot the `account` table to triple format

```

SELECT no,
       'cname' AS col,
       cname AS value
FROM account
UNION
SELECT no,
       'type',
       type
FROM account
UNION
SELECT no,
       'rate',
       CAST(rate AS VARCHAR)
FROM account
WHERE rate IS NOT NULL
UNION
SELECT no,
       'sortcode',
       CAST(sortcode AS VARCHAR)
FROM account

```



no	col	value
100	cname	McBrien, P.
100	sortcode	67
100	type	current
101	cname	McBrien, P.
101	rate	5.25
101	sortcode	67
101	type	deposit
103	cname	Boyd, M.
103	sortcode	34
103	type	current
107	cname	Poulovassilis, A.
107	sortcode	56
107	type	current
119	cname	Poulovassilis, A.
119	rate	5.50
119	sortcode	56
119	type	deposit
125	cname	Bailey, J.
125	sortcode	56
125	type	current

# Triple Stores

## Criticism of RDBMS: row format

Some say that

- Sometimes get tables with many (hundreds) of columns, many of which are null
- Adding/removing a column (with **ALTER TABLE**) is a relatively slow operation, and can break (badly written) queries.

## Solutions

Triple format involves presenting data as **key, property, value triples**

- Adopt triple format in RDBMS: performance can be poor due to multiple joins
- Adopt **column store** RDBMS such as SAP **Hana**
- Adopt a Graph/RDF model database such as **StarDog** or **GraphDB**
- ...