The Marketer's Guide to SQL Queries

Introduction to SQL

Table Structure

A database is a collection of tables, and a table is like an excel spreadsheet.

In this example database, there are 8 tables you can see in the right hand column.



The most basic SQL command is "SELECT" which lets you tell the database what information you want it to show you.

SQL Statement:

Edit the SQL Statement, and click "Run SQL" to see the result.

SELECT * FROM products

Run SQL »

Result:

ProductID	ProductName	SupplierID	CategoryID	Unit	Price
1	Chais	1	1	10 boxes x 20 bags	18
2	Chang	1	1	24 - 12 oz bottles	19
3	Aniseed Syrup	1	2	12 - 550 ml bottles	10
4	Chef Anton's Cajun Seasoning	2	2	48 - 6 oz jars	22
5	Chef Anton's Gumbo Mix	2	2	36 boxes	21.35
6	Grandma's Boysenberry Spread	3	2	12 - 8 oz jars	25

SELECT * from products

What that did is SELECT(ed) everything (the *) from the table called "products"

From

The FROM statement tells SQL where to pull data from.

SELECT tells SQL what data to look at, FROM tells SQL where to find the data.

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Select + From

You can also select specific columns!

SELECT CustomerName from customers

will give you a list of all names in the Customers table.

Select + From

SQL Statement:	Edit the SQL Statement, and click "Run SQL" to see the result.
SELECT CustomerName from Customers	
Run SQL »	
Result:	
Number of Records: 91	
CustomerName	
Alfreds Futterkiste	
Ana Trujillo Emparedados y helados	
Antonio Moreno Taquería	
Around the Horn	
Berglunds snabbköp	
Blauer See Delikatessen	

Where

WHERE tells SQL how to access the right data.

SELECT tells SQL what data to look at, FROM tells SQL where to find the data, and WHERE tells SQL what data it should return.

Confusing, I know.

SELECT * from products where Price > 20

And you'll have all of the Products that cost more than 20 dollars. You can filter by any column on the table, using >, <, or =.

SQL Statement:

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SELECT * FROM products where price > 20

Run SQL »

Result:

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6	Grandma's Boysenberry Spread	3	2	12 - 8 oz jars	25
7	Uncle Bob's Organic Dried Pears	3	7	12 - 1 lb pkgs.	30
8	Northwoods Cranberry Sauce	3	2	12 - 12 oz jars	40
9	Mishi Kobe Niku	4	6	18 - 500 g pkgs.	97
10	Ikura	4	8	12 - 200 ml jars	31

Here's another example:

SELECT * from Customers where Country =
"Germany"

What do you think this will return?

SQL Statement:

Edit the SQL Statement, and click "Run SQL" to see the result.

select * from Customers where Country = "Germany"

Run SQL »

Result:

CustomerID	CustomerName	ContactName	Address	City	PostalCode	Country
1	Alfreds Futterkiste	Maria Anders	Obere Str. 57	Berlin	12209	Germany
6	Blauer See Delikatessen	Hanna Moos	Forsterstr. 57	Mannheim	68306	Germany
17	Drachenblut Delikatessend	Sven Ottlieb	Walserweg 21	Aachen	52066	Germany
25	Frankenversand	Peter Franken	Berliner Platz 43	München	80805	Germany
39	Königlich Essen	Philip Cramer	Maubelstr. 90	Brandenburg	14776	Germany
44	Lehmanns Marktstand	Renate Messner	Magazinweg 7	Frankfurt a.M.	60528	Germany
52	Morgenstern Gesundkost	Alexander Feuer	Heerstr. 22	Leipzig	04179	Germany
56	Ottilies Käseladen	Henriette Pfalzheim	Mehrheimerstr. 369	Köln	50739	Germany

Every customer from Germany!

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Answer this question: How many customers in the test database live in London?

Answer

SELECT * FROM Customers where city = "London"

Join

These are powerful, but **Select**, **From** and **Where** are limiting.

Join makes SQL a lot more useful, allowing you to temporarily join two tables together, to get their combined information in one chart.

Join statements have 3 parts:

- The data you want to Select, and thus print out
- The two tables you want to combine
- The column you want to use to match them up

Join

```
SELECT * from Customers
join orders on orders.customerid = customers.customerid
where Country = "Germany"
```

Join

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Run SQL »

Result:

CustomerID	CustomerName	ContactName	Address	City	PostalCode	Country	OrderID	EmployeeID	OrderDate	S
25	Frankenversand	Peter Franken	Berliner Platz 43	München	80805	Germany	10267	4	1996-07-29	1
63	QUICK-Stop	Horst Kloss	Taucherstraße	Cunewalde	01307	Germany	10273	3	1996-08-05	3
52	Morgenstern Gesundkost	Alexander Feuer	Heerstr. 22	Leipzig	04179	Germany	10277	2	1996-08-09	3
44	Lehmanns Marktstand	Renate Messner	Magazinweg 7	Frankfurt a.M.	60528	Germany	10279	8	1996-08-13	2

CHALLENGE

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Answer

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Sorting and Limiting

Group By - This statement tells SQL how to group your data when it returns a query result.

Group By

SQL Statement:

Edit the SQL Statement, and click "Run SQL" to see the result.

SELECT * FROM [Orders] group by customerid

Run SQL »

Result:

OrderID	CustomerID	EmployeeID	OrderDate	ShipperID
10308	2	7	1996-09-18	3
10365	3	3	1996-11-27	2
10383	4	8	1996-12-16	3
10384	5	3	1996-12-16	3
10436	7	3	1997-02-05	2
10326	8	4	1996-10-10	2
10362	9	3	1996-11-25	1
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10278	5	8	1996-08-12	2
10280	5	2	1996-08-14	1
10384	5	3	1996-12-16	3
10265	7	2	1996-07-25	1

Sorting and Limiting

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Limit - Tells SQL how many results to return.

Limit

SQL Statement:

Edit the SQL Statement, and click "Run SQL" to see the result.

SELECT * FROM [Orders] order by customerid limit 5

Run SQL »

Result:

OrderID	CustomerID	EmployeeID	OrderDate	ShipperID
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10365	3	3	1996-11-27	2
10355	4	6	1996-11-15	1
10383	4	8	1996-12-16	3
10278	5	8	1996-08-12	2

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Answer

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Count

Count() - Returns the number of rows that match a specific criteria.

Count

SQL Statement:

Edit the SQL Statement, and click "Run SQL" to see the result.

Select orders customerid, customers customername, count(orders customerid) from orders join customers on customers customerid = orders customerid group by (orders customerid)

Run SQL »

Result:

CustomerID	CustomerName	count(orders.customerid)
2	Ana Trujillo Emparedados y helados	1
3	Antonio Moreno Taquería	1
4	Around the Horn	2
5	Berglunds snabbköp	3
7	Blondel père et fils	4
8	Bólido Comidas preparadas	1
9	Bon app'	3

Average

Avg() - Returns the average value of a numeric column.

First() - Returns the first value in a column or row.

Last() - Returns the last value in a column or row.

Min() - Returns the smallest value in a column or row.

Max() - Returns the largest value in a column or row.

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Answer

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Let's Pull it All Together!

Try to answer the following questions yourself before getting the answer.

Write a query that tells you how many orders each customer has placed.

What customer has placed the 3rd highest number of orders?

```
select orders.customerid,
customers.customername,
count(orders.customerid)
from orders
join customers on customers.customerid =
orders.customerid
group by orders.customerid
order by count(orders.customerid) desc
```

SQL Statement:

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select orders.customerid, customers.customername, count(orders.customerid)
from orders
join customers on customers.customerid = orders.customerid
group by orders.customerid
order by count(orders.customerid) desc

Run SQL »

Result:

Number of Records: 74

CustomerID	CustomerName	count(orders.customerid)		
20	Ernst Handel	10		
63	QUICK-Stop	7		
65	Rattlesnake Canyon Grocery	7		
87	Wartian Herkku	7		
37	Hungry Owl All-Night Grocers	6		
75	Split Rail Beer & Ale	6		
41	La maison d'Asie	5		

Let's say you want to know what country most of your customers are from.

What country has customer with the most orders?

```
select orders.customerid,
customers.customername,
count(orders.customerid), customers.country
from orders
join customers on customers.customerid =
orders.customerid
group by customers.country
order by count(orders.customerid) desc
```

SQL Statement:

Edit the SQL Statement, and click "Run SQL" to see the result.

select orders.customerid, customers.customername, count(orders.customerid), customers.country from orders join customers on customers.customerid = orders.customerid group by customers.country

Run SQL »

Result:

Number of Records: 21

order by count(orders.customerid) desc

CustomerID	CustomerName	count(orders.customerid)	Country
55	Old World Delicatessen	29	USA
79	Toms Spezialitäten	25	Germany
31	Gourmet Lanchonetes	19	Brazil
7	Blondel père et fils	18	France
20	Ernst Handel	13	Austria
16	Consolidated Holdings	12	UK
51	Mère Paillarde	9	Canada

Now, switch to SQL Pro

Using our World.sql database, find the most popular language in the world and how many people speak it.

```
select country.region, country.population, countrylanguage.countrycode, country.code, countrylanguage.language from Country
join `CountryLanguage` on countrylanguage.countrycode = country.code group by population desc
```

```
select country.region, country.population, countrylanguage.countrycode, country.code, countrylanguage.language
from Country
join `CountryLanguage` on countrylanguage.countrycode = country.code
group by population desc
```

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region	population	countrycode	code	language
Eastern Asia	1277558000	CHN	CHN	Chinese
Southern and Central Asia	1013662000	IND	IND	Asami
North America	278357000	USA	USA	Chinese
Southeast Asia	212107000	IDN	IDN	Bali
South America	170115000	BRA	BRA	German
Southern and Central Asia	156483000	PAK	PAK	Balochi
Eastern Europe	146934000	RUS	RUS	Avarian
Southern and Central Asia	129155000	BGD	BGD	Bengali

Using our World.sql database, find the most populated cities in the world along with the country and region those cities exist in.

```
select country.region,
country.population, city.countrycode,
country.code, city.population, city.name
from Country
join `City` on city.countrycode =
country.code
group by city.population desc
```

```
select country.region, country.population, city.countrycode, country.code, city.population, city.name
    from Country
   join `City` on city.countrycode = country.code
    group by city.population desd
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