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2      INTRODUCTION TO STRUCTURED QUERY LANGUAGE FOR DATA ANALYTICS
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4          https://folvera.commons.gc.cuny.edu/?cat=35
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7  SESSION #4 (2025/11/26): 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  ***** */
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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(                                    -- 2. replacing `() -` from the
31                                                     -- concatenation in #5
32                                                     -- instead of a CASE clause
33                                                     -- (logic block), which we
34                                                     -- will cover later
35     CONCAT (                                     -- 3. concatenating an opening
36         '(',                                     -- parenthesis, first three
37         LEFT(Vendors.VendorPhone, 3),          -- characters of
38         ') ',                                     -- `VendorPhone`, a closing
39         SUBSTRING(Vendors.VendorPhone, 4, 3),  -- parenthesis with a space,
40         '-',                                     -- the substring of
41         RIGHT(Vendors.VendorPhone, 4)         -- `VendorPhone` starting
42     ), '() -', '') AS VendorPhone              -- from the fourth character
43                                                     -- and taking 3, a hyphen
44                                                     -- and the last four
45                                                     -- characters of
46                                                     -- `VendorPhone`
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
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 (`AS`) for each table to make our
69     code tidier and to avoid repeating the database and schema before each

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70     table (`<database>.<schema>.<table>` or `<schema>.<table>`) throughout the
71     query.
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73         `v` for `AP1.Vendors`
74         `i` for `AP1.Invoices`
75     *****/
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77     SELECT DISTINCT v VendorID,
78         v VendorName,
79         v VendorAddress1,
80         v VendorAddress2,
81         v VendorCity,
82         v VendorState,
83         v VendorZipCode,
84     REPLACE (CONCAT (
85         '(',
86         LEFT (v VendorPhone, 3),
87         ') ',
88         SUBSTRING (v VendorPhone, 4, 3),
89         '-',
90         RIGHT (v VendorPhone, 4)
91     ), '() -', '') AS VendorPhone v VendorContactLName,
92     v VendorContactFName,
93     v DefaultTermsID,
94     v DefaultAccountNo,
95     i InvoiceID,
96     -- i VendorID AS Expr1,
97     i InvoiceNumber,
98     i InvoiceDate,
99     i InvoiceTotal,
100    i PaymentTotal,
101    i CreditTotal,
102    i TermsID,
103    i InvoiceDueDate,
104    i PaymentDate
105 FROM AP1.Vendors AS v
106 INNER JOIN AP1.Invoices AS i
107     ON v VendorID = i VendorID;
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110 /* *****
111 2. ``In mathematical sets, the null set, also called the empty set, is the set
112 that does not contain anything. It is symbolized  $\emptyset$  or  $\{ \}$ . There is only
113 one null set. This is because there is logically only one way that a set
114 can contain nothing.
115 The null set makes it possible to explicitly define the results of
116 operations on certain sets that would otherwise not be explicitly
117 definable. The intersection of two disjoint sets (two sets that contain no
118 elements in common) is the null set. For example:
119  $\{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, \dots\} \cap \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, \dots\} = \emptyset$  [n = U+2229]
120 [∅ = U+2205]
121 The null set provides a foundation for building a formal theory of numbers.
122 In axiomatic mathematics, zero is defined as the cardinality of (that is,
123 the number of elements in) the null set. From this starting point,
124 mathematicians can build the set of natural numbers, and from there, the
125 sets of integers and rational numbers.``
126 http://whatis.techtarget.com/definition/null-set
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128 As such, NULL refers to a memory allocation with no value -- not an empty
129 space since the latter has a value of `CHAR(32)`.
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131 Note that concatenating any VARCHAR (ANSI-complaint accepting ASCII,
132 UTF-8) or NVARCHAR (Microsoft proprietary data type, not ANSI-complaint
133 accepting ASCII, UTF-8 and especially Unicode) field to a NULL (no value,
134 not a blank character) field using `+` instead of using the `CONCAT()`
135 function will return NULL.
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137 In the example below, we lose data when concatenating `VendorAddress1`
138 and `VendorAddress2` in the `AP1.Vendors` table when using `+`.

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140 3. ``An aggregate function performs a calculation on a set of values, and
141 returns a single value. Except for COUNT, aggregate functions ignore null
142 values. Aggregate functions are often used with the GROUP BY clause of the
143 SELECT statement.``
144 https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/t-sql/functions/aggregate-functions-transact-sql
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146 3.01. In the example below, we search for the count of records from table
147 `AP1.Vendors` where column `VendorState` has a value of `NY` and
148 `NJ`. Since a field (a single data allocation) cannot have two
149 values at the same time, the query returns no values.
150 ***** */
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152 SELECT COUNT(VendorState) AS CountVendorState
153 FROM AP1.Vendors
154 WHERE VendorState = 'NJ'
155 AND VendorState = 'NY'; -- returns 0 (zero)
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158 /* *****
159 3.02. In the example below, we search for the count of records from table
160 `AP1.Vendors` where column `VendorState` has a value of `NY` or `NJ`.
161 In other words, the field can have either value.
162 ***** */
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164 SELECT COUNT(VendorState) AS CountVendorState
165 FROM AP1.Vendors
166 WHERE VendorState = 'NJ'
167 OR VendorState = 'NY'; -- returns 7 (4 `NJ` & 3 `NY`)
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171 3.03. In the example below, we search for the count of records from table
172 `AP1.Vendors` with `DISTINCT` values in column `VendorState` -- in
173 other words, the number of unique states.
174 ***** */
175
176 SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT VendorState) AS CountVendorState
177 FROM AP1.Vendors; -- returns 22
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181 3.04. In the example below, we search for the count of records from table
182 `AP1.Vendors`. We can use `*` (read as ``all``) since we are looking
183 for the number of all values -- in other words, of all records.
184 ***** */
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186 SELECT COUNT(*) AS CountOfRows
187 FROM AP1.Vendors; -- returns 114
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190 /* *****
191 3.05. In the examples below, we retrieve the sum of values in column
192 `InvoiceTotal` (`SUM(InvoiceTotal)`), average value of column
193 `InvoiceTotal` (`AVG(InvoiceTotal)`), maximum value of column
194 `InvoiceTotal` (`MAX(InvoiceTotal)`) and minimum value of column
195 `InvoiceTotal` (`MIN(InvoiceTotal)`) from table `AP1.Invoices`.
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197 Note that these values do not have commas as dividers (1,000) or
198 currency symbols. If you need to include dividers, you would need to
199 use the `FORMAT()` function.
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201 Also note that there is no need to use GROUP BY since all fields (in
202 this case the same field, `InvoiceTotal`) below are subject to
203 aggregate functions.
204 ***** */
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206 SELECT SUM(InvoiceTotal) AS InvoiceTotalSUM, -- 1. returns 214290.51
207 AVG(InvoiceTotal) AS InvoiceTotalAVG, -- 2. returns 1879.7413

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208     MAX(InvoiceTotal) AS InvoiceTotalMAX,           -- 3. returns 37966.19
209     MIN(InvoiceTotal) AS InvoiceTotalMIN           -- 4. returns 6.00
210 FROM AP1.Invoices;
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217 /* *****
218     If we need to use the `FORMAT()` function, we have to this after the
219     aggregate function since the value is still numeric at this point.
220     Once we format the number, the value is converted to a string, which
221     can no longer be used for any math operation.
222     ***** */
223
224 SELECT FORMAT(SUM(InvoiceTotal), 'c', 'en-us') -- 1. value formatted as
225     AS InvoiceTotalSUM,                          -- currency (`c`) with
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229     FORMAT(AVG(InvoiceTotal), 'c', 'en-us') -- 2. value formatted as
230     AS InvoiceTotalAVG,                          -- currency (`c`) with
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234     FORMAT(MAX(InvoiceTotal), 'c', 'en-us') -- 3. value formatted as
235     AS InvoiceTotalMAX,                          -- currency (`c`) with
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239     FORMAT(MIN(InvoiceTotal), 'c', 'en-us') -- 4. value formatted as
240     AS InvoiceTotalMIN                          -- currency (`c`) with
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244 FROM AP1.Invoices;
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251 /* *****
252     3.06. In the examples below, we search for the sum, average, maximum and
253     minimum value of column `InvoiceTotal` from table `AP1.Invoices`
254     respectively as (nested queries) sub-queries.
255     ***** */
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257 SELECT InvoiceID,
258     VendorID,
259     InvoiceNumber,
260     InvoiceDate,
261     InvoiceTotal,
262     (
263         SELECT
264             MAX(InvoiceTotal)
265         FROM AP1.Invoices
266         ) AS InvoiceTotalMAX,
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269     (
270         SELECT
271             MIN(InvoiceTotal)
272         FROM AP1.Invoices
273         ) AS InvoiceTotalMIN,
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279     SELECT
280         AVG(InvoiceTotal)
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282     FROM AP1.Invoices
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287 AS InvoiceTotalAVG,
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289 PaymentTotal,
290 CreditTotal,
291 TermsID,
292 InvoiceDueDate,
293 PaymentDate
294 FROM AP1.Invoices
295 ORDER BY VendorID,
296 InvoiceTotal;
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300 /* *****
301     3.07. When using aggregate functions, we need to use `GROUP BY`. Otherwise
302         we would get the following error.
303
304         ``Msg 8120, Level 16, State 1, Line 2
305         Column `AP1.Invoices.InvoiceID` is invalid in the select
306         list because it is not contained in either an aggregate
307         function or the GROUP BY clause.``
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309         When using `GROUP BY`, we need to list each column that we are
310         calling (from `InvoiceID` to `PaymentDate`) not affected by the
311         aggregate function.
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313         Note that `AVG(InvoiceTotal)` returns the same value as
314         `InvoiceTotal` since the average only affects a single value
315         (`InvoiceTotal`) within a single row.
316     ***** */
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318 SELECT InvoiceID,
319 VendorID,
320 InvoiceNumber,
321 InvoiceDate,
322 InvoiceTotal,
323 AVG(InvoiceTotal) AS InvoiceTotalAVG,
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325 PaymentTotal,
326 CreditTotal,
327 TermsID,
328 InvoiceDueDate,
329 PaymentDate
330 FROM AP1.Invoices
331 GROUP BY
332 InvoiceID,
333 VendorID,
334 InvoiceNumber,
335 InvoiceDate,
336 InvoiceTotal,
337 PaymentTotal,
338 CreditTotal,
339 TermsID,
340 InvoiceDueDate,
341 PaymentDate
342 ORDER BY VendorID,

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-- query to 2 decimal spaces  
-- 3.1. beginning of nested query between parenthesis to get `AVG(InvoiceTotal)` from table `AP1.Invoices`  
-- 3.2. rounding the value the nested query to 2 decimal spaces  
-- 4. with alias `InvoiceTotalAVG` for nested query & `ROUND()`

-- 1. aggregate function  
-- `AVG()` only affecting field `InvoiceTotal` and returning the average of the value per line

-- 2. must use `GROUP BY` because of the aggregate function; all fields not affected by any aggregate function to be listed; no exceptions to this rule

-- 3. `ORDER BY` placed after

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346 InvoiceTotal; -- `GROUP BY`; no exceptions
347 -- to this rule
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350 /* *****
351 https://folvera.commons.gc.cuny.edu/?p=1345
352 ***** */
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