

→ Write Complex Queries

↳ Subqueries

• Subqueries allow us to use the result of one query as the input to another query. In other words, we can use the output of one query as a filter condition or a join condition in another query.

• Subqueries can be used in various clauses such as where, from, having and select.

Examples

```
1) SELECT *  
FROM customers  
WHERE customer_id IN (  
    SELECT customer_id  
    FROM orders  
    WHERE order_date >= '2022-01-01');
```

In this example, the subquery returns a list of customers who have placed an order after Jan 1, 2022.

```
2) SELECT product-name, unit-price,  
    (SELECT AVG(unit-price) FROM products)  
    AS avg-price  
FROM product;
```

In this example, the subquery returns the avg of 'unit-price', the result of this subquery is selected in the new column 'avg-price'.

↳ The IN Operator

- The IN operator is commonly used in subqueries to specify a list of values for comparison.
- The IN operator is used in the where clause of a query to filter the result based on a list of values return by a subquery

Example:

```
SELECT *  
FROM customers  
WHERE customer-id IN (  
    SELECT customer-id  
    FROM orders  
    WHERE order-total > 100);
```

In this example, the subquery return a list of customers who have placed an order with a total greater than 100.

- The IN operator can also be used to compare a single value against a list of values returned by a subquery

Example:

```
SELECT *  
FROM products  
WHERE category-id IN (  
    SELECT category-id  
    FROM categories  
    WHERE category-name = 'Electronics');
```

In this example, the subquery return a list of category with a name 'Electronics' so the outer query return all product that are Electronics.

↳ The ALL Keyword

- The ALL keyword in SQL is used to compare a single value to all the values returned by a subquery. The subquery should return a list of values that can be compared with the single value.
- The comparison operator used with ALL is usually '>', '<', '>=', '<=', '=', or '<>'.

Example 1

```
SELECT *  
FROM product  
WHERE unit-price >= ALL (  
    SELECT unit price  
    FROM products  
    WHERE category-id = 1 ) ;
```

In this example, the subquery return a list of unit price values for all products that belong to category one.

- The ALL keyword is often used with aggregate function such as 'SUM', 'AVG', 'MAX', and 'MIN' to compare a single value with the result of the aggregate function.

↳ The ANY Keyword

• The any keyword is another way to compare a single value with a list of values returned by a subquery

• ANY keyword is equivalent to the IN operator

Example:

-- using ANY

select *

from products

where unit-price > ANY (

select unit-price

from products

where category-id = 1);

-- using IN

select *

from products

where unit-price IN (

select unit-price

from products

where category-id = 1);

Both queries turn the same result set, because they are filtering the rows where 'unit-price' is in the list of 'unit-price' values returned by the subquery.

↳ Correlated Subqueries

- A correlated subquery is a type of subquery that uses a value from the outer query in the WHERE clause of the subquery.
- The subquery is executed for each row of the outer query, and the value from the outer query is used to filter the results of the subquery.

Example:

```
SELECT *  
FROM orders o  
WHERE order_date = (  
    SELECT MAX (order_date)  
    FROM orders  
    WHERE customer_id = o.customer_id);
```

In this ex, the subquery returns the max order date for a particular customer.

The subquery uses the 'customer-id' value from the outer query to filter results.

The outer query select all rows from orders where the order_date matches the max order_date for each customer.