

# SQL Step by Step:

## An advanced tutorial for business users

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### Abstract

Some excellent papers have been presented at SUGI and NESUG giving reasons to use SQL (Hermansen), overviews of SQL (Winn), selected features of SQL (Pass & Dickson, Peters), or behind the scene details of joins (Kent). This paper aims to solidify your understanding of the power of SQL by presenting an integrated series of examples that progress from the straightforward to the intricate. The paper will focus on coding but will pay some attention to performance issues and use of SQL via pass-thru to other databases.

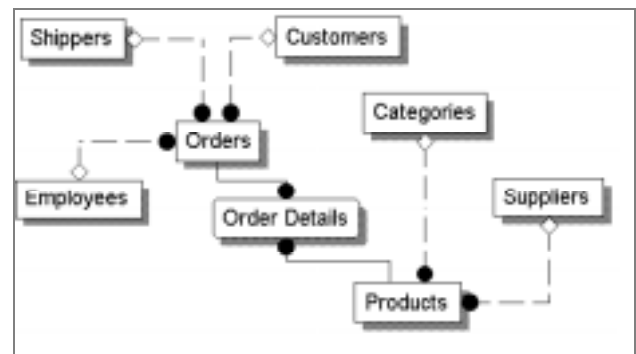
### Scope of this Paper

The purpose of this paper is to introduce advanced users of the SAS System to some of the more complicated tasks that can be accomplished using SQL. This is not intended to provide the reader with a blueprint of all the functionality found in SQL, but rather a focused exercise into the complexity of the language. Each of the examples is presented in order of common business questions that might have been asked.

The example we will be using throughout the paper will be data from the Northwinds Trading Company database that is distributed with Microsoft Access. The database is an order entry system for a company that sells a broad range of consumable/ food products. We selected this database for building our sample warehouse application for three reasons: (1) it is available to anyone who has MS-Access, (2) MS-Access is ODBC compliant and it was easy to get this data into SAS via SAS/ACCESS to ODBC, and (3) it provides a classic example of an operational system used in order processing that most of us have some familiarity with.

### Data Structure

Just as a programmer would have to know what data elements are available in their operational data store, we too must understand the type of data that we have in order to answer questions about that data. Figure 1 shows out main subject entity-relationship diagram (ERD) that tells us basically what tables we have in our database.



**Figure 1. Main subject Area ERD**

Note that this diagram shows the relationships between tables in our database. At the lowest level of detail we have information about specific orders that were placed at our fictitious company. For a detailed entity-relationship diagram, please refer to Appendix A.

From there, we can see the data in our system that support that level of detail, for example, we have information about our products, our customers, our employees in addition to having ancillary information about those things.

Now that we have at least a cursory understanding of our data, let's move forward and try to answer some basic business questions about this data. Let's turn our data into information.

## From Data to Information

This paper is organized into 14 increasingly complex business questions. Each question will be presented along with a SQL solution. A brief description will follow each solution.

### Q1 Manager asks, ingenuously, "What are sales for 1994?"

#### Concepts Introduced:

- PROC SQL
- Title statement
- Select (with as)
- Summary functions (down variables)
- Formating values
- From (Multiple datasets)
- Where (and)
- YEAR function

#### Solution

```
libname db "C:\WINDOWS\Nesug97\Sasdata";
proc sql;
title "Sales for 1994";
SELECT SUM(qty*unitprc) as sales format = dollar15.
FROM db.orddtls dtl,
     db.orders ord
WHERE dtl.ordid = ord.ordid
      and year(orddate) = 1994;
```

#### Results

```

Sales for 1994

                                SALES
                                -----
                                $339,885
```

### Q2 Manager says, "How do I know whether this is good or bad? Show me how it's changed since last year!"

#### Concepts Introduced:

- CASE here is used to create a BY or CLASS variable-type analysis
- Summary functions (down and across variables)
- Calculated keyword

## Solution

```
SELECT SUM(CASE WHEN year(orddate)=1994 then qty*unitprc
                ELSE 0
                END) as sales94 format dollar15.,
       SUM(CASE WHEN year(orddate)=1993 then qty*unitprc
                ELSE 0
                END) as sales93 format dollar15.,
       CALCULATED sales94/CALCULATED sales93 -1 as pctchg
format=percent8.2
FROM db.orddtls dtl,
     db.orders ord
WHERE dtl.ordid=ord.ordid
      and year(orddate) between 1993 and 1994;
```

#### Results

##### Sales for 1994

SALES94	SALES93	PCTCHG
\$339,885	\$716,569	(52.57%)

### Q3 Manager says, "Why are sales down so much from last year! Show me results by quarter!"

#### Concepts Introduced:

- Macro variables
- Macro programming

#### Solution

```
%macro calc(year,pct);
%do quarter = 1 %to 4;
  sum(case when year(orddate)=&year and
              month(orddate) between %eval(&quarter-1)*3+1 and
              %eval(&quarter-1)*3+3
        then (qty*unitprc)
        else 0
        end) as s&quarter&year format= dollar15.,
%end;
%do quarter=1 %to 4;
%if "&pct"="y" %then %do;
  %let lastyear=%eval(&year-1);
  (calculated s&quarter&year/calculated s&quarter&lastyear) -1
  as p&quarter&year format=percent15.2
%end;
%if "&year" = "1994" and "&quarter" ne "4" %then , ;
%end;
%mend;
proc sql;
title "Sales Growth 1993 to 1994 by Quarter";
SELECT %calc(1993,n)
       %calc(1994,y)
FROM db.orddtls dtl,
     db.orders ord
WHERE dtl.ordid=ord.ordid;
```

#### Results

Sales Growth 1993 to 1994 by Quarter

S11993	S21993	S31993	S41993
S11994	S21994	S31994	S41994
P11994	P21994	P31994	P41994
-----			
\$142,983	\$145,644	\$183,036	\$244,905
\$339,885	\$0	\$0	\$0
137.71%	( 100.00%)	( 100.00%)	( 100.00%)

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ANATR	Growing
ANTON	Growing
AROUT	Growing
.	
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WHITC	Growing
WOLZA	Growing
CENTC	Lost
ALFKI	New
ARANR	New
LACOR	New
LETSS	New
THECR	New
TRAIH	New
WILMK	New
BLONP	Shrinking
COMMI	Shrinking
CONSH	Shrinking
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.	
WANDK	Shrinking
WARTH	Shrinking

**Q4** Manager says, “Oh, that’s right, we’re only 1 quarter into 1994. Silly me. Show me the latest year vs the previous 12 months. And let’s look at whether we’ve been able to add customers to our base. And check whether we’ve lost any customers. In fact, show me whether customers are increasing their sales or decreasing their sales.”

Concepts Introduced:

- Coalesce
- Full Join
- Group by
- Order
- Subquery
- CASE logic to create a new variable (flag)

**Solution**

```
TITLE "Customer Growth Analysis";
SELECT COALESCE(list93.custid, list94.custid) as custid,
       case when sales94 > sales93 and sales93 > 0 then "Growing"
            when sales94 > sales93 and sales93 <=0 then "New"
            when sales94 < sales93 and sales94 > 0 then
"Shrinking"
            when sales94 <= 0 then "Lost"
            else "Not Known"
       end as type label="Customer Growth Category"
FROM (SELECT custid, SUM(qty*unitprc) as sales93
      FROM db.orders ord, db.orddtls dtl
      WHERE ord.ordid=dtl.ordid
            and ((year(orddate)=1993 and qtr(orddate) =1)
                 or (year(orddate)=1992 and qtr(orddate) gt 1))
      GROUP BY custid) as list93
FULL JOIN
(SELECT custid, SUM(qty*unitprc) as sales94
 FROM db.orders ord, db.orddtls dtl
 WHERE ord.ordid=dtl.ordid
       and ((year(orddate)=1994 and qtr(orddate) =1)
            or (year(orddate)=1993 and qtr(orddate) gt 1))
 GROUP BY custid) as list94
ON list93.custid = list94.custid
ORDER BY type, custid
;
```

**Results**

Customer Growth Analysis	
CUSTID	Customer Growth Category
ANATR	Growing
ANTON	Growing
AROUT	Growing

**Q5** Manager says, “What are these ids? I need the company name.”

Concepts Introduced:

- Multi-table outer join (full join ON var=var, table)

**Solution**

```
SELECT COALESCE(list93.custid, list94.custid) as custid,
       company label='Company Name',
       case when sales94 > sales93 and sales93 > 0 then "Growing"
            when sales94 > sales93 and sales93 <=0 then "New"
            when sales94 < sales93 and sales94 > 0 then
"Shrinking"
            when sales94 <= 0 then "Lost"
            else "Not Known"
       end as type label="Customer Growth Category"
FROM (SELECT custid, SUM(qty*unitprc) as sales93
      FROM db.orders ord, db.orddtls dtl
      WHERE ord.ordid=dtl.ordid
            and ((year(orddate)=1993 and qtr(orddate) =1)
                 or (year(orddate)=1992 and qtr(orddate) gt 1))
      GROUP BY custid) as list93
FULL JOIN
(SELECT custid, SUM(qty*unitprc) as sales94
 FROM db.orders ord, db.orddtls dtl
 WHERE ord.ordid=dtl.ordid
       and ((year(orddate)=1994 and qtr(orddate) =1)
            or (year(orddate)=1993 and qtr(orddate) gt 1))
 GROUP BY custid) as list94
ON list93.custid = list94.custid,
db.custs cust
WHERE CALCULATED custid = cust.custid
ORDER BY type, custid
;
```

**Results**

Customer Growth Analysis		
CUSTID	Company Name	Customer Growth Category
ANATR	Ana Trujillo Emparedados y helados	Growing
ANTON	Antonio Moreno Taquería	Growing
AROUT	Around the Horn	Growing

WHITC	White Clover Markets	Growing
WOLZA	Wolski Zajazd	Growing
CENTC	Centro comercial Moctezuma	Lost
ALFKI	Alfreds Futterkiste	New
FRANR	France restauration	New
LACOR	La corne d'abondance	New
LETSS	Let's Stop N Shop	New
THECR	The Cracker Box	New
TRAIH	Trail's Head Gourmet Provisioners	New
WILMK	Wilman Kala	New
BLONP	Blondel père et fils	Shrinking
COMMI	Comércio Mineiro	Shrinking
CONSH	Consolidated Holdings	Shrinking
WANDK	Die Wandernde Kuh	Shrinking
WARTH	Wartian Herkku	Shrinking

WHITC	White Clover Markets	USA	Growing
WOLZA	Wolski Zajazd	Poland	Growing
CENTC	Centro comercial Moctezuma	Mexico	Lost
ALFKI	Alfreds Futterkiste	Germany	New
FRANR	France restauration	France	New
LACOR	La corne d'abondance	France	New
LETSS	Let's Stop N Shop	USA	New
THECR	The Cracker Box	USA	New
TRAIH	Trail's Head Gourmet Provisioners	USA	New
WILMK	Wilman Kala	Finland	New
BLONP	Blondel père et fils	France	Shrinking
COMMI	Comércio Mineiro	Brazil	Shrinking
CONSH	Consolidated Holdings	UK	Shrinking
WANDK	Die Wandernde Kuh	Germany	Shrinking
WARTH	Wartian Herkku	Finland	Shrinking

**Q6** Manager says, "I can't tell anything from this list. Show me where the companies are located."

Concepts Introduced:

- Reset flow

## Solution

```

RESET FLOW;
SELECT COALESCE(list93.custid, list94.custid) as custid,
       company label='Company Name',
       country label='Company Location',
       case when sales94 > sales93 and sales93 > 0 then "Growing"
            when sales94 > sales93 and sales93 <=0 then "New"
            when sales94 < sales93 and sales94 > 0 then
"Shrinking"
            when sales94 <= 0 then "Lost"
            else "Not Known"
       end as type label="Customer Growth Category"
FROM (SELECT custid, SUM(qty*unitprc) as sales93
      FROM db.orders ord, db.orddtls dtl
      WHERE ord.ordid=dtl.ordid
            and ((year(orddate)=1993 and qtr(orddate)=1)
                 or (year(orddate)=1992 and qtr(orddate) gt 1))
      GROUP BY custid) as list93
FULL JOIN
(SELECT custid, SUM(qty*unitprc) as sales94
 FROM db.orders ord, db.orddtls dtl
 WHERE ord.ordid=dtl.ordid
            and ((year(orddate)=1994 and qtr(orddate)=1)
                 or (year(orddate)=1993 and qtr(orddate) gt 1))
      GROUP BY custid) as list94
ON list93.custid = list94.custid,
   db.custs cust
WHERE CALCULATED custid = cust.custid
ORDER BY type, custid
;
    
```

## Results

Customer Growth Analysis

Customer	Company Name	Company Location	Growth Category
ANATR	Ana Trujillo Emparedados y helados	Mexico	Growing
ANTON	Antonio Moreno Taquería	Mexico	Growing
AROUT	Around the Horn	UK	Growing

**Q7** Manager says, "Well this list is too long to really tell what's going on. Just show me how many are in each growth category by country."

Concepts Introduced:

- Create view
- Subqueries (instead of view?)

## Solution

```

RESET FLOW ;
create view growth as
SELECT COALESCE(list93.custid, list94.custid) as custid,
       company label='Company Name',
       country label='Company Location',
       case when sales94 > sales93 and sales93 > 0 then "Growing"
            when sales94 > sales93 and sales93 <=0 then "New"
            when sales94 < sales93 and sales94 > 0 then
"Shrinking"
            when sales94 <= 0 then "Lost"
            else "Not Known"
       end as type label="Customer Growth Category"
FROM (SELECT custid, SUM(qty*unitprc) as sales93
      FROM db.orders ord, db.orddtls dtl
      WHERE ord.ordid=dtl.ordid
            and ((year(orddate)=1993 and qtr(orddate)=1)
                 or (year(orddate)=1992 and qtr(orddate) gt 1))
      GROUP BY custid) as list93
FULL JOIN
(SELECT custid, SUM(qty*unitprc) as sales94
 FROM db.orders ord, db.orddtls dtl
 WHERE ord.ordid=dtl.ordid
            and ((year(orddate)=1994 and qtr(orddate)=1)
                 or (year(orddate)=1993 and qtr(orddate) gt 1))
      GROUP BY custid) as list94
ON list93.custid = list94.custid,
   db.custs cust
WHERE CALCULATED custid = cust.custid
ORDER BY type, country
;

select count(*) as cos label='Companies', country, type
from growth
group by country, type
order by country
;
    
```

## Results

Customer Growth Analysis

Companies	Company Location	Customer Growth Category
3	Argentina	Growing
1	Austria	Growing
1	Austria	Shrinking
1	Belgium	Growing
1	Belgium	Shrinking
7	Brazil	Growing
2	Brazil	Shrinking
1	Canada	Growing
2	Canada	Shrinking
1	Denmark	Growing
1	Denmark	Shrinking
1	Finland	New
1	Finland	Shrinking
5	France	Growing
2	France	New
3	France	Shrinking
8	Germany	Growing
1	Germany	New
2	Germany	Shrinking
1	Ireland	Growing
3	Italy	Growing
2	Mexico	Growing
1	Mexico	Lost
2	Mexico	Shrinking
1	Norway	Growing
1	Poland	Growing
1	Portugal	Growing
1	Portugal	Shrinking
2	Spain	Growing
2	Spain	Shrinking
2	Sweden	Growing
2	Switzerland	Growing
4	UK	Growing
3	UK	Shrinking
8	USA	Growing
3	USA	New
2	USA	Shrinking
2	Venezuela	Growing

```

GROUP BY country) as list93
FULL JOIN
(SELECT country, SUM(qty*unitprc) as sales94
FROM db.orders ord, db.orddtls dt1, db.custs cust
WHERE ord.ordid=dt1.ordid
and ((year(orddate)=1994 and qtr(orddate) =1)
or (year(orddate)=1993 and qtr(orddate) gt 1))
and cust.custid = ord.custid
GROUP BY country) as list94
ON list93.country = list94.country

ORDER BY pctchg desc
;

```

## Results

Geographic Growth Analysis

Company Location	1 Year Previous	Most Recent 4 Quarters	Percent Change
Argentina	\$988	\$7,131	621.69%
Poland	\$459	\$3,073	569.49%
Norway	\$1,258	\$4,477	255.75%
Spain	\$4,645	\$15,993	244.34%
Sweden	\$17,051	\$47,115	176.32%
Switzerland	\$9,173	\$24,066	162.36%
Italy	\$5,371	\$13,011	142.25%
Germany	\$75,215	\$174,479	131.97%
Brazil	\$36,685	\$79,421	116.50%
Ireland	\$19,574	\$40,344	106.11%
USA	\$93,541	\$188,567	101.59%
Austria	\$50,436	\$89,061	76.58%
Venezuela	\$22,712	\$39,567	74.21%
UK	\$23,848	\$40,595	70.23%
Finland	\$8,724	\$11,055	26.72%
France	\$38,776	\$48,815	25.89%
Belgium	\$17,471	\$21,375	22.35%
Denmark	\$17,014	\$17,768	4.43%
Portugal	\$6,159	\$6,310	2.46%
Mexico	\$13,137	\$12,289	( 6.46%)
Canada	\$32,125	\$28,958	( 9.86%)

**Q8** Manager says, “I can’t take any action on this! I want to know which countries have increased sales and which have lost sales in the last 12 months! And show it to me in some kind of order so I know which countries are the best and which are the worst!”

Concepts Introduced:

- summary statistics (across variables)
- DESC on GROUP BY

## Solution

```

TITLE "Geographic Growth Analysis";
SELECT COALESCE(list93.country, list94.country) as country
      label='Company Location',
      sales93 format=dollar15. label='1 Year Previous',
      sales94 format=dollar15. label='Most Recent 4 Quarters',
      sales94/sales93 -1 as pctchg label='Percent Change'
format=percent15.2
FROM (SELECT country, SUM(qty*unitprc) as sales93
FROM db.orders ord, db.orddtls dt1, db.custs cust
WHERE ord.ordid=dt1.ordid
and ((year(orddate)=1993 and qtr(orddate) =1)
or (year(orddate)=1992 and qtr(orddate) gt 1))
and ord.custid = cust.custid

```

**Q9** Manager says, “Well how can I tell what’s going on if I don’t know what’s selling? Maybe the countries doing more business like some of our product categories better than others. Show me the growth in business by product category, and index the percent change to the total company growth rate so I can see which ones are driving our growth!”

Concepts Introduced:

- Reset noprint
- How to fill a macro variable from SQL
- Putting grand total on subtotal lines

## Solution

```

libname db "C:\WINDOWS\Nesug97\Sasdata";
proc sql;
reset flow;
reset noprint;
TITLE "Growth in Product Categories Compared to Overall Growth";
SELECT SUM(CASE WHEN year(orddate)=1994
or (year(orddate)=1993 and qtr(orddate) gt 1)
then qty*unitprc
ELSE 0
END) into :tot94
FROM db.orddtls dt1,
db.orders ord
WHERE dt1.ordid=ord.ordid
and year(orddate) between 1993 and 1994 ;
SELECT
SUM(CASE WHEN (year(orddate)=1993 and qtr(orddate)=1) or
(year(orddate)=1992 and qtr(orddate) gt 1)

```

```

        then dtl.qty*dtl.unitprc
        ELSE 0
      END) into :tot93
FROM db.orddtls dtl,
     db.orders ord
WHERE dtl.ordid=ord.ordid
      and year(orddate) between 1992 and 1993;
reset print;
SELECT cat.catname format=$15, label='Product Category',
       SUM(CASE WHEN year(orddate)=1994
                  or (year(orddate)=1993 and qtr(orddate) gt 1)
                  then dtl.qty*dtl.unitprc
                  ELSE 0
              END) as sales94 format dollar10, label='Sales Q2 93-Q1
94',
       SUM(CASE WHEN (year(orddate)=1993 and qtr(orddate)=1) or
                    (year(orddate)=1992 and qtr(orddate) gt 1)
                    then dtl.qty*dtl.unitprc
                    ELSE 0
              END) as sales93 format dollar10, label='Sales Q2 92-Q1
93',
       CALCULATED sales94/CALCULATED sales93 -1 as catchg
format=percent8.1
       label='Category Percent Change',
       &tot94/&tot93 -1 as pctchg format=percent8.1
       label='Company Percent Change',
       CALCULATED catchg/CALCULATED pctchg * 100 as index
format=8.1
       label='Category Change Index to Company'

FROM db.orddtls dtl,
     db.orders ord,
     db.cats cat,
     db.products prod

WHERE dtl.ordid=ord.ordid
      and dtl.prodid=prod.prodid
      and prod.catid=cat.catid
      and year(orddate) between 1992 and 1994
GROUP BY cat.catname
;

```

## Results

Growth in Product Categories Compared to Overall Growth

Product Category	Sales Q2 93-Q1 94	Sales Q2 92-Q1 93	Category Percent Change	Company Percent Change	Category Change Index to Company
Beverages	\$184,024	\$113,172	62.6%	84.8%	73.8
Condiments	\$73,010	\$44,832	62.9%	84.8%	74.1
Confections	\$112,087	\$70,615	58.7%	84.8%	69.3
Dairy Products	\$173,979	\$86,711	100.6%	84.8%	118.7
Grains/Cereals	\$70,250	\$34,110	106.0%	84.8%	125.0
Meat/Poultry	\$120,137	\$72,652	65.4%	84.8%	77.1
Produce	\$74,727	\$31,212	139.4%	84.8%	164.4
Seafood	\$105,255	\$41,056	156.4%	84.8%	184.4

**Q11** Manager says, “We have to market our product categories more aggressively. Let’s hire a consultant to do some real analysis. You provide the consultant with a table showing which products are ordered together. Then we can come up with some upselling guidelines.”

Concepts Introduced:

- Reset outobs=50
- create table
- reflexive join (table with itself)

## Solution

```

libname db "C:\WINDOWS\Nesug97\Sasdata";
proc sql;
CREATE table db.pairs as
SELECT a.prod1 as prod1,
       b.prod1 as prod2,
       c.custid
FROM   db.orddtls a,
       db.orddtls b,
       db.orders c
WHERE  a.ordid=b.ordid
      and a.ordid=c.ordid
      and a.prod1 < b.prod1
ORDER BY custid
;

reset outobs=50;
select * from db.pairs;
run;

```

## Results

OBS	PROD1	PROD2	CUSTID
1	51	55	ALFKI
2	5	51	ALFKI
3	5	55	ALFKI
4	28	39	ALFKI
5	28	46	ALFKI
6	59	77	ALFKI
7	39	46	ALFKI
8	3	76	ALFKI
9	58	71	ALFKI
10	6	28	ALFKI
11	11	13	ANATR
12	11	19	ANATR
13	11	72	ANATR
14	13	72	ANATR
15	19	72	ANATR
16	13	19	ANATR
17	69	70	ANATR
18	14	42	ANATR
19	42	60	ANATR
20	14	60	ANATR
21	11	40	ANTON
22	17	53	ANTON
23	11	59	ANTON
24	43	48	ANTON
25	57	59	ANTON
26	40	59	ANTON
27	17	34	ANTON
28	34	53	ANTON
29	40	57	ANTON
30	11	57	ANTON
31	33	66	ANTON

## Q10

Manager says, “I can’t wait for that consultant to finish his analysis. Just show me the things that are ordered together most often.”

Concepts Introduced:

- summary functions
- embedded use of summary statistics to select records
- subquery to put grand total stats on subtotal records

## Solution

```

libname db "C:\WINDOWS\Nesug97\Sasdata";

```

```
proc sql;
create table combos as
SELECT count(*) as occurs, prod1, prod2
FROM db.pairs
GROUP BY prod1,prod2;

SELECT b.proddesc as proda label='Product 1'
, c.proddesc as prodc label='Product 2'
, occurs label='Times Ordered Together'
FROM combos a,
db.products b,
db.products c
WHERE a.prod1=b.prodid
and a.prod2=c.prodid
and occurs >
(SELECT mean(occurs) + std(occurs) *3
FROM combos)
ORDER BY occurs desc
;
```

## Results

Product 1 Product 2	Ordered Together
Sir Rodney's Scones Maple Syrup	8
Pavlova Meringue Dessert Gorgonzola Telino	7
Pavlova Meringue Dessert Pierrot Camembert	7
Pavlova Meringue Dessert Rhönbräu Beer	7
Sir Rodney's Scones Manjimup Dried Apples	6
Pavlova Meringue Dessert Sugar Pie	6
Gorgonzola Telino Giovanni's Mozzarella	6
Pierrot Camembert Fløtemys Cream Cheese	6
Thüringer Sausage Courdavault Raclette Cheese	6
Tibetan Barley Beer Pavlova Meringue Dessert	6
Nord-Ost White Herring Pork Pie	6

Manager says, “I went to a Marketing conference and got this great idea. Let’s categorize Customers based on the products they order. Customers who buy mostly Beverages, Condiments, and Confections are junk food addicts. But we’ll call them miscellaneous. Customers who order mostly Dairy Products and Produce are farmers at heart. Customers who like Grains/Cereals and Produce are vegan. And customers who order mostly Meat/Poultry and Seafood are protein heads. How many customers do we have who fit these definitions?”

### Concepts Introduced:

- between
- in
- putting subtotals on detail records

## Solution

```
libname db "C:\WINDOWS\Nesug97\Sasdata";
proc sql;
title "Customer Groups by Preferred Category of Product";
CREATE VIEW custgrps as
SELECT gtot.custid,
custtot,
sum(case when catid between 1 and 3 then qty*dtl.unitprc
else 0 end) as misc,
sum(case when catid in (4,7) then qty*dtl.unitprc
else 0 end) as farm,
sum(case when catid in (5,7) then qty*dtl.unitprc
else 0 end) as vegan,
sum(case when catid in (6,8) then qty*dtl.unitprc
else 0 end) as protein
FROM (SELECT custid,
sum(qty*unitprc) as custtot
FROM db.orders ord,
db.orddtls dtl
WHERE ord.ordid=dtl.ordid
GROUP BY custid) as gtot,
db.orders ord,
db.orddtls dtl,
db.products prod
WHERE gtot.custid=ord.custid
and ord.ordid=dtl.ordid
and dtl.prodid=prod.prodid
GROUP BY gtot.custid;

SELECT count(*) as compns,
custgrp
FROM (SELECT custid,
case when misc/custtot > .5 then "Misc "
when farm/custtot > .5 then "Farm "
when vegan/custtot > .5 then "Vegan "
when protein/custtot > .5 then "Protein"
else "Omni"
end as custgrp
FROM custgrps)
GROUP BY custgrp;
```

## Results

Customer Groups by Preferred Category of Product

	COMPNS	CUSTGRP
	4	Farm
	30	Misc
47		Omni
7		Protein
2		Vegan

Manager says “I’ll look at this later [since it obviously didn’t work]. But right now we’ve got real problems. I just found out that one of our confounded warehouses had a problem with a freezer case in January. We’ve got to find all the customers who got any pies since the first of the year so we can recall the



product, send them an apology and all that. First tell me what kinds of pies we sell.”

Concepts Introduced:

- like %
- UPCASE

## Solution 1

```
select prod.proddesc
from db.products prod
where upcase(prod.proddesc) like "%PIE%"
;
```

## Results 1

```
PRODESC
-----
Perth Meat Pies
Pork Pie
Shepard's Pie
Pierrot Camembert
Sugar Pie
```

Note: The Pierrot Camembert shouldn't be selected. Have to use the leading space on "% PIE%"

## Solution 2

```
select prod.proddesc
from db.products prod
where upcase(prod.proddesc) like "% PIE%"
;
```

## Results 2

```
PRODESC
-----
Perth Meat Pies
Pork Pie
Shepard's Pie
Sugar Pie
```

Manager say, “Now give me a nice list of all the customers who got any of these pies since January 1. Make sure you give me addresses, phone numbers, contact names, the works.”

Concepts Introduced:

- PROC FORMS. SAS programmers shouldn't forget their roots in other PROCs

## Solution

```
proc sql;
title 'Customers Who Received Pies after Jan. 1, 1994';
create view piecusts as
select distinct cust.*
from db.orders ord,
     db.orddtls dtl,
     db.products prod,
     db.custs cust
where ord.ordid=dtl.ordid
     and dtl.prodid=prod.prodid
     and ord.custid=cust.custid
     and upcase(prod.proddesc) like "% PIE%"
     and year(ord.shipdate) = 1994
;
quit;

proc forms data=piecusts lines=6 nacross=2 width=40;
line 1 company;
line 2 contact;
line 3 conttitl;
line 4 address;
line 5 city region zip country / pack;
line 6 phone;

run;
```

## Results

```
Customers Who Received Pies after Jan. 1, 1994

Bon app'                               Bottom-Dollar Markets
Laurence Lebihan                       Elizabeth Lincoln
Owner                                   Accounting Manager
12, rue des Bouchers                   23 Tsawassen Blvd.
Marseille 13008 France                 Tsawassen BC T2F 8M4 Canada
91.24.45.40                             (604) 555-4729

Chop-suey Chinese                      Eastern Connection
Yang Wang                               Ann Devon
Owner                                   Sales Agent
Hauptstr. 29                           35 King George
Bern 3012 Switzerland                 London WX3 6FW UK
0452-076545                             (71) 555-0297

Ernst Handel                           Folk och fä HB
Roland Mendel                          Maria Larsson
Sales Manager                           Owner
Kirchgasse 6                           Åkergatan 24
Graz 8010 Austria                     Bräcke S-844 67 Sweden
7675-3425                               0695-34 67 21

Godos Cocina Típica                    Island Trading
José Pedro Freyre                      Helen Bennett
Sales Manager                           Marketing Manager
C/ Romero, 33                          Garden House Crowther Way
Sevilla 41101 Spain                   Hedge End Lancashire LA9 PX8 UK
(95) 555 82 82                         (24) 555-8888

Königlich Essen                        Lonesome Pine Restaurant
Philip Cramer                           Fran Wilson
Sales Associate                          Sales Manager

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Chiaroscuro Rd.
Brandenburg 14776 Germany              Portland
OR 97219 USA
0555-09876
555-9573                                (503)

QUICK-Stop
Rattlesnake Canyon Grocery
Paula Wilson
Assistant Sales Rep
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Richter Supermarkt                     Save-a-lot Markets
Michael Holz                             Jose Pavarotti
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## Conclusion

The goal of this paper was to provide the reader with a practical guide to using SQL for answering some common business questions. The advanced nature of this paper allowed us to show how SQL can be used to perform some fairly complex analysis with fairly straightforward code. Our hope is that when you read this paper, it will provoke some thought on your part on how you might use SQL for more than just joins and simple queries.

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## Appendix

### Entity-Relationship Diagram for the Northwinds Trading Company Database.

