

Chapter 4-Derived Data

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What is Derived Data?

• A column whose value can be found be examining the values of other columns

Overheads of Derived Data

• Additional storage of extra attribute

• New calculation every time a value in the source field is changed

• Possibility of data becoming inconsistent

Aggregate Functions that can be used to Derive Data

- Count returns number of values in a column
- Sum returns the sum total of values of a column
- Avg returns the mean average of values in column
- Min returns the lowest value in a column
- Max returns the highest value in a column

Example of use of an advanced Aggregate Function

Select branchID, Count(staff_id)
From workers
Where branchType = 'Main'
Group by branchID
Having Count (staff_id) > 1
Order by branchID

• This counts the number of members of staff in main branches where there are more than 1 staff. It groups them by the branchID.

Use of Group by & Having Clauses

Group by Clause

This GROUP BY clause is used with an aggregate function and groups the results by some attribute

Having Clause

The HAVING clause is used in combination with the GROUP BY clause to restrict the groups of returned rows to only those whose the condition is TRUE.