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`derafu/query` provides two complementary ways to build queries:

1. **Fluent API** (`SqlQueryBuilder`) — chainable method calls, useful in application code.
2. **Declarative Config** (`QueryConfig`) — array, YAML, or JSON definitions, useful for reusable templates and API-driven queries.

Both produce the same output: a `SqlQuery` with an SQL string and named-parameter array.

Setting Up SqlQueryBuilder

`SqlQueryBuilder` requires an engine and an expression parser:

```
use Derafu\Query\Builder\SqlQueryBuilder;
use Derafu\Query\Engine\PdoEngine;
use Derafu\Query\Filter\CompositeExpressionParser;
use Derafu\Query\Filter\ExpressionParser;
use Derafu\Query\Filter\FilterParser;
use Derafu\Query\Filter\PathParser;
use Derafu\Query\Operator\OperatorLoader;
use Derafu\Query\Operator\OperatorManager;

// 1. Set up the operator registry.
$loader = new OperatorLoader();
$manager = new OperatorManager(
    $loader->loadFromFile('vendor/derafu/query/resources/operators.yaml')
);

// 2. Build the expression parser.
$parser = new CompositeExpressionParser(
    new ExpressionParser(new PathParser(), new FilterParser($manager))
);

// 3. Create a database engine.
$pdo = new PDO('pgsql:host=localhost;dbname=mydb', $user, $pass);
```

```
$engine = new PDOEngine($pdo);

// 4. Instantiate the builder.
$qqb = new SqlQueryBuilder($engine, $parser);
```

For Doctrine DBAL use `DoctrineEngine` instead of `PdoEngine`. For framework-integrated setups, consider the [bridges](#) instead of `SqlQueryBuilder`.

Fluent API Reference

All mutating methods return `$this` (or a clone via `new()`) so they can be chained.

`table(string $table, ?string $alias = null): self`

Sets the `FROM` clause and resets the builder state via an internal `new()` clone. Call this first when starting a new query from a builder instance that may have prior state.

```
$qqb->table('products')->where('price?>1000')->execute();
$qqb->table('invoices', 'i')->select('i.id, i.total')->execute();
```

`from(string $table, ?string $alias = null): self`

Sets the `FROM` clause without resetting. Use `table()` for new queries; use `from()` internally or when you already have a fresh builder.

`select(string|array $columns, bool $sanitize = true): self`

Sets the `SELECT` columns. Accepts a comma-separated string or an array.

```
$qqb->select('id, name, price');
$qqb->select(['id', 'name', 'price']);
$qqb->select('c.name AS customer_name, i.total');
$qqb->select('COUNT(*) AS total');
$qqb->select('DISTINCT type'); // Use distinct() instead for the DISTINCT keyword
```

Pass `$sanitize = false` to skip identifier sanitization (use only for trusted, pre-validated expressions).

`distinct(bool $distinct = true): self`

Adds `DISTINCT` to the `SELECT` clause.

```
$qqb->table('customers')->select('type')->distinct()->execute();
```

```
// → SELECT DISTINCT type FROM customers
```

where(string|array|Condition|CompositeCondition \$condition): self

Sets the `WHERE` clause. Resets any previous `WHERE` conditions. All elements are AND-combined.

```
$qb->where('status?=active');
$qb->where(['status?=active', 'total?>1000']);
$qb->where('status?=active&&total?>1000'); // composite string
```

andWhere(string|array|Condition|CompositeCondition \$condition): self

Appends conditions to the existing `WHERE` with AND. If no `WHERE` exists yet, behaves like `where()`.

```
$qb->where('status?=active')->andWhere('total?>1000');
```

orWhere(string|array|Condition|CompositeCondition \$condition): self

Wraps the existing `WHERE` and the new condition in an OR composite.

```
// WHERE (status = 'electronics' OR category = 'hardware')
$qb->where('category?=electronics')->orWhere('category?=hardware');

// WHERE (category = 'software' OR (category = 'hardware' AND price > 200))
$qb->where('category?=software')->orWhere(['category?=hardware', 'price?>200']);

// Multiple OR groups:
// WHERE (status = 'cancelled' OR status = 'draft' OR (status = 'issued' AND total > 1000))
$qb->where('status?=cancelled')
    ->orWhere(['status?=draft', ['status?=issued', 'total?>1000']]);
```

andWhereOr(array|Condition|CompositeCondition \$conditions): self

Appends an OR composite to the existing AND `WHERE`. Each element of the array is one OR branch; arrays within the array become AND groups.

```
// WHERE status = 'active' AND (type = 'person' OR tax_id LIKE '78%')
$qb->where('status?=active')
    ->andWhereOr(['type?=person', 'tax_id?^78']);

// WHERE status = 'active' AND ((status = 'paid' AND total > 1000) OR (status = 'issued' AND date >= '2024-03-01'))
$qb->where('customer_id?in:1,2')
    ->andWhereOr([
        ['status?=paid', 'total?>1000'],
```

```
['status?=issued', 'date?>=2024-03-01'],
]);
```

join(string \$table, string \$condition, string \$type = 'INNER', ?string \$alias = null): self

Adds an explicit JOIN clause. Valid types: `INNER`, `LEFT`, `RIGHT`, `CROSS`. Duplicates (same table+alias combination) are ignored.

```
$qb->join('customers', 'i.customer_id = c.id', 'INNER', 'c');
```

Convenience wrappers:

```
$qb->innerJoin('customers', 'i.customer_id = c.id', 'c');
$qb->leftJoin('payments', 'i.id = p.invoice_id', 'p');
$qb->rightJoin('invoices', 'c.id = i.customer_id', 'i');
$qb->crossJoin('currencies');
```

Note: When using path expressions in `where()`, joins are generated automatically from the path segments. Manual `join()` calls are only needed when you want explicit control, or when building the query without path expressions.

groupBy(string|array \$columns): self

Adds `GROUP BY` columns. Multiple calls accumulate.

```
$qb->groupBy('category');
$qb->groupBy(['c.id', 'c.name']);
```

having(string|array|Condition|CompositeCondition \$condition): self

Sets the `HAVING` clause. Accepts the same expression formats as `where()`.

```
$qb->groupBy('category')->having('AVG(price)?>500');
$qb->groupBy('status')->having('COUNT(*)?>1');
```

orderBy(string|array \$columns, string \$direction = 'ASC'): self

Sets `ORDER BY`. Accepts a column string, or an associative array of `column => direction`.

```
$qb->orderBy('price', 'DESC');
$qb->orderBy(['category' => 'ASC', 'price' => 'DESC']);
$qb->orderBy(['created_at', 'id']); // defaults to ASC
```

```
limit(int $limit): self / offset(int $offset): self
```

Set pagination. `OFFSET` is only appended when both `LIMIT` and `OFFSET` are set.

```
$qb->limit(20)->offset(40);
// → LIMIT 20 OFFSET 40
```

```
getQuery(): QueryInterface
```

Builds and returns the SQL without executing. Returns a `SqlQuery` that implements both `QueryInterface` and `ArrayAccess`:

```
$query = $qb->table('products')->where('price?>1000')->getQuery();

echo $query['sql'];           // SELECT * FROM products WHERE (price > :param_price_...)
echo $query['parameters'];    // ['param_price_...' => '1000']
```

```
execute(): array
```

Builds and executes the query, returning rows as an array of associative arrays.

```
$rows = $qb->table('products')->where('price?>1000')->execute();
```

Complete Query Examples

Simple Filters

```
// Active customers.
$qb->table('customers')->where('status?=active')->execute();

// Products in a price range.
$qb->table('products')->where('price?between:100,1000')->execute();

// Soft-deleted records.
$qb->table('users')->where('deleted_at?isnot:null')->execute();

// March 2024 invoices (SQLite).
$qb->table('invoices')->where('date?period:202403')->execute();
```

Composite Conditions

```
// AND: software products over $200.
```

```

$qb->table('products')
    ->where(['category?=software', 'price?>200'])
    ->execute();

// OR: electronics or hardware.
$qb->table('products')
    ->where('category?=electronics')
    ->orWhere('category?=hardware')
    ->execute();

// AND + OR: active customers who are persons OR whose tax_id starts with "78".
$qb->table('customers')
    ->where('status?=active')
    ->andWhereOr(['type?=person', 'tax_id?^78'])
    ->execute();

```

Path-Based Joins

```

// Auto-generated JOIN from path.
$qb->select('c.name AS customer_name, i.number, i.total')
    ->where('customers[alias:c]__invoices[on:id=customer_id,alias:i]__total?>1000')
    ->execute();
// → SELECT ... FROM customers AS c INNER JOIN invoices AS i ON c.id = i.customer_id
WHERE i.total > :p

// Multi-level join.
$qb->select('p.name, i.number, c.name AS customer')
    ->where([
        'products[alias:p]__category?=electronics',
        'products[alias:p]__invoice_details[on:id=product_id,alias:id]__invoices[on:invoice_id=id,alias:i]__status?=paid',
        'products[alias:p]__invoice_details[on:id=product_id,alias:id]__invoices[on:invoice_id=id,alias:i]__customers[on:customer_id=id,alias:c]__type?=company',
    ])
    ->execute();

```

Subquery / EXISTS

```

// Invoices with no payments.
$qb->table('invoices')
    ->where('___payments[on:id=invoice_id]?is:empty')
    ->execute();
// → SELECT * FROM invoices WHERE NOT EXISTS (SELECT 1 FROM payments WHERE invoices.id = payments.invoice_id)

// Invoices with at least one pending payment.
$qb->table('invoices')
    ->where('___payments[on:id=invoice_id]__status?=pending')
    ->execute();

```

```
// Invoices where total payments >= 1200.
$qb->table('invoices')
    ->where('__payments[on:id=invoice_id]__SUM(amount)?>=1200')
    ->execute();
```

Grouping, Having, Ordering, Pagination

```
// Category stats.
$qb->table('products')
    ->select('category, AVG(price) AS avg_price')
    ->groupBy('category')
    ->having('AVG(price)?>500')
    ->orderBy('avg_price', 'DESC')
    ->limit(10)
    ->execute();

// Paginated customer list.
$qb->table('customers')
    ->orderBy(['name' => 'ASC'])
    ->limit(25)
    ->offset(50)
    ->execute();
```

Explicit Joins

```
// Manual JOIN for a complex ON clause.
$qb->table('invoices', 'i')
    ->select('i.id, i.number, i.total, c.name AS customer_name')
    ->innerJoin('customers', 'i.customer_id = c.id', 'c')
    ->where('i.status?=paid')
    ->execute();

// LEFT JOIN with GROUP BY.
$qb->table('customers', 'c')
    ->select('c.name, COUNT(i.id) AS invoice_count')
    ->leftJoin('invoices', 'c.id = i.customer_id', 'i')
    ->groupBy(['c.id', 'c.name'])
    ->execute();
```

Declarative Query Configuration

`QueryConfig` provides an array-based way to describe a query. It is particularly useful for storing query templates in files and for API-driven queries.

Basic Usage

```
use Derafu\Query\Config\QueryConfig;

$config = new QueryConfig([
    'table'    => 'products',
    'select'   => 'id, name, price',
    'where'    => 'category?=electronics',
    'orderBy'  => ['price' => 'DESC'],
    'limit'    => 10,
]);

$result = $config->applyTo($qb)->execute();
```

`applyTo()` calls the corresponding builder methods in order and returns the modified builder, so you can chain additional calls after:

```
$builder = $config->applyTo($qb);
if ($extraFilter) {
    $builder->andWhere('status?=active');
}
$rows = $builder->execute();
```

Loading from Files

```
// YAML file.
$config = QueryConfig::fromYamlFile('/path/to/queries/product_report.yaml');

// JSON file.
$config = QueryConfig::fromJsonFile('/path/to/queries/sales.json');

// Auto-detect by extension (.yaml, .yml, .json).
$config = QueryConfig::fromFile('/path/to/query.yaml');

// From strings.
$config = QueryConfig::fromYamlString($yamlString);
$config = QueryConfig::fromJsonString($jsonString);
```

YAML Template Example

```
# recent_products.yaml
table: products
select: id, name, price, created_at
where: deleted_at?is:null
orderBy:
    created_at: DESC
limit: 20
```

```

$config = QueryConfig::fromYamlFile('queries/recent_products.yaml');
$builder = $config->applyTo($qb);

// Add extra filter at runtime.
if ($category) {
    $builder->andWhere('category?=' . $category);
}

$rows = $builder->execute();

```

Complete Configuration Reference

All QueryConfig keys and their equivalent builder calls:

Key	Builder Method	Value Type
table	table()	string
alias	table(\$t, \$alias)	string
select	select()	string or array
distinct	distinct(true)	boolean
where	where()	string, array, or nested
andWhere	andWhere()	string or array
orWhere	orWhere()	string or array
andWhereOr	andWhereOr()	array of arrays
innerJoin	innerJoin()	{table, condition, alias?}
leftJoin	leftJoin()	{table, condition, alias?}
rightJoin	rightJoin()	{table, condition, alias?}
crossJoin	crossJoin()	{table, alias?}
groupBy	groupBy()	string or array
having	having()	string or array
orderBy	orderBy()	{column: direction}
limit	limit()	integer
offset	offset()	integer

```

$config = new QueryConfig([
    'table'    => 'invoices',
    'alias'    => 'i',
    'select'   => 'i.id, i.number, c.name AS customer_name',
]);

```

```

    'distinct' => true,

    'where'      => 'i.status?=paid',
    'andWhere'   => 'i.total?>1000',
    'orWhere'    => 'i.date?period:202403',
    'andWhereOr' => [
        ['i.category?=service', 'i.total?>500'],
        ['i.category?=product', 'i.total?>1000'],
    ],

    'innerJoin' => ['table' => 'customers', 'alias' => 'c', 'condition' =>
        'i.customer_id = c.id'],

    'groupBy' => ['i.status'],
    'having'   => 'COUNT(*)?>1',
    'orderBy' => ['i.created_at' => 'DESC'],
    'limit'    => 20,
    'offset'   => 40,
]);

```

API-Driven Queries

QueryConfig is well-suited for accepting query parameters from an API:

```

$requestData = $request->getJsonBody();

$config = new QueryConfig([
    'table'    => 'products',
    'where'    => $requestData['filters'] ?? [],
    'orderBy'  => $requestData['sort'] ?? ['id' => 'ASC'],
    'limit'    => min($requestData['limit'] ?? 20, 100),
    'offset'   => max($requestData['offset'] ?? 0, 0),
]);

$rows = $config->applyTo($qb)->execute();

```

Ensure the `where` filters are either pre-validated strings that only allow known column names, or use the full path syntax so that only correctly-structured expressions reach the parser.

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