

# THE BLUNDER

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## Aggregation

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Beginner

Samantha was tasked with calculating the average monthly salaries for all employees in the **EMPLOYEES** table, but did not realize her keyboard's numerical **0** key was broken until after completing the calculation. She wants your help finding the difference between her miscalculation (using salaries with any zeros removed), and the actual average salary.

Write a query calculating the amount of error (i.e.: **actual - miscalculated** average monthly salaries), and round it up to the next integer.

## INPUT FORMAT

The **EMPLOYEES** table is described as follows:

COLUMN	TYPE
ID	Integer
Name	String
Salary	Integer

NOTE: Salary is per month

## CONSTRAINTS

$1000 < \text{Salary} < 10^5$

## SAMPLE INPUT

ID	NAME	SALARY
1	Kristeen	1420
2	Ashley	2006
3	Julia	2210
4	Maria	3000

Sample Output

2061

## EXPLANATION

The table below shows the salaries without zeros as they were entered by Samantha:

ID	NAME	SALARY
1	Kristeen	142
2	Ashley	26
3	Julia	221
4	Maria	3

Samantha computes an average salary of  $98.00$ . The actual average salary is  $2159.00$

The resulting error between the two calculations is  $2159.00 - 98.00 = 2061.00$ . Since it is equal to the integer  $2061$ , it does not get rounded up.

## CODE SOLUTION

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SELECT  
  
ROUND(AVG(SALARY) - AVG(REPLACE(SALARY, '0', '')),0)+1  
  
FROM EMPLOYEES
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## SOLUTION PROCESS

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- Replace function: Replicate error version of salary column to reflect Samantha's omission error by removing every zero
  - Average function: Calculate average of each version of salary inputs to calculate difference
  - Round function: Nest difference of averages to round to zero decimals, thus producing an integer. Add 1 to simulate rounding up to next integer
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## OUTPUT

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2253

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