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Subject: Re: Using SQL Aggregate Functions  
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If you look inside the `_cm_getInitialData()` method of file `crs_student.class.inc` you will see that I use the following code:

```
$count = $this->getCount("SELECT max(student_id) FROM $this->tablename");  
$fieldarray['student_id'] = $count + 1;
```

I have also tried the following code with exactly the same result:

```
$this->sql_select = "MAX(student_id) AS last_id";  
$rows=$this->getdata_raw();  
$count = $rows[0]['last_id'];
```

I prefer the first method as it requires less code.

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