

SQL Queries

CS 377: Database Systems

SQL Outline

- Data definition
 - Database Creation
 - Table Creation
- Query (SELECT)
- Data update (INSERT, DELETE, UPDATE)
- View definition



SQL

Basic SQL Retrieval Query

- Basic form of SELECT statement is called a *mapping* or a *SELECT-FROM-WHERE block*

SELECT <attribute list>
FROM <table list>
WHERE <condition on the tables>

cartesian product of relations is formed



conditions of the form attr1 op constant/attr2



- Translated to relational algebra expression

$$\pi_{\langle \text{attribute list} \rangle} \sigma_{\langle \text{condition} \rangle} (R_1 \times R_2 \times \cdots \times R_n)$$

- Does not remove duplicates as SELECT in relational algebra

Example Query: Basic

- Retrieve the birthdate and address of the employee whose name is ‘John B. Smith’

```
SELECT bdate, address  
FROM employee  
WHERE fname='John' AND minit='B'  
AND lname='Smith';
```

- Similar to SELECT-PROJECT pair of relational algebra operations
- Result may contain duplicate tuples

Example Query (1)

List the SSN, last name, and department number of all employees

```
SELECT ssn, lname, dno  
FROM   employee;
```

← unspecified WHERE clause
indicates no condition

ssn	lname	dno
111-12-2345	Kirk	5
222-23-2222	McCoy	4
134-23-2345	Sulu	4
234-13-3840	Chapel	1
134-52-2340	Scott	5

Example Query (2)

List the department number and name of all departments

```
SELECT dnumber, dname  
FROM department;
```

dnumber	dname
5	Research
4	Administration
1	Headquarters

Example Query (3)

```
SELECT ssn, lname, dno, dnumber, dname
FROM   employee, department;
```

ssn	lname	dno	dnumber	dname
111-12-2345	Kirk	5	5	Research
111-12-2345	Kirk	5	4	Administration
111-12-2345	Kirk	5	1	Headquarters
222-23-2222	McCoy	4	5	Research
222-23-2222	McCoy	4	4	Administration
222-23-2222	McCoy	4	1	Headquarters
...
134-52-2340	Scott	5	5	Research
134-52-2340	Scott	5	4	Administration
134-52-2340	Scott	5	1	Headquarters

SQL: Join Operation

- Relational algebra expression

$$R_1 \bowtie_{\text{condition}} R_2 = \sigma_{\text{condition}}(R_1 \times R_2)$$

- Cartesian product followed by a selection operation
- SQL command
 - **FROM** clause specifies Cartesian product operation
 - **WHERE** clause specifies condition of the selection operation

Example Query: Join

```
SELECT ssn, lname, dno, dnumber, dname
FROM   employee, department
WHERE  dno = dnumber;
```

ssn	lname	dno	dnumber	dname
111-12-2345	Kirk	5	5	Research
222-23-2222	McCoy	4	4	Administration
134-23-2345	Sulu	4	4	Administration
234-13-3840	Chapel	1	1	Headquarters
134-52-2340	Scott	5	5	Research

Example Query (4)

Find the name and address of employees working in the 'Research' department

- Relational Algebra expression

$$RD = \sigma_{Dname='Research'}(DEPARTMENT)$$

$$RE = RD \bowtie_{Dnumber = Dno} EMPLOYEE$$

$$\text{Answer} = \pi_{fname, lname, Address}(RE)$$

- SQL expression

SELECT ssn, lname, dno, dnumber, dname

FROM employee, department

WHERE **dname='Research'** **AND** **dno = dnumber;**

selection condition

join condition

Example Query (5)

Find the name of employees in the 'Research' department who earn over \$30,000

Example Query (6)

Find the SSN of employees who work on the project 'ProductX'

Example Query (7)

Find the name of employees who work on the project 'ProductX'

Example Query (8)

For the projects located in 'Stafford', find the name of the project, the name of the controlling department, the last name of the department's manager, his address, and birthdate

SQL: DISTINCT

- SQL outputs duplicate values by default
 - Each relation is a multi-set (bag) of tuples as opposed to a set of tuples
 - Favored for database efficiency
- **DISTINCT** keyword in **SELECT** clause removes duplicate values
- Downside: requires sorting of the tuples (heavy duty processing)

Example Query: DISTINCT

- **SELECT name
FROM dependent;**

name
James
Spock
Uhura
James
Hikaru

- **SELECT DISTINCT name
FROM dependent;**

name
James
Spock
Uhura
Hikaru

SQL: * SELECTOR

- Selects all the values of the selected tuples for *all the attributes*

- Example:

```
SELECT *  
FROM department  
WHERE dname = 'Research';
```

dnumber	dname	mgrSsn	mgrStartDate
5	Research	333-44-5555	1978-05-10

SQL: Qualifying Attribute Names

- Ambiguous attribute names: the same name for two (or more) attributes in *different* relations
Example:
Project(essn, pno, hours);
Dependent(essn, name, sex, bdate, relationship)
- Ambiguous attributed names that appear in the same query need to be made explicit (otherwise cannot tell which relation it is from)
- Qualify (prefix) the attribute name with the source relation name

Example Query: Qualifying Attribute Names

Find project numbers of projects worked on by employees who have a daughter named 'Alice'

```
SELECT  pno
FROM    works_on, dependent
WHERE    works_on.essn = dependent.essn
          AND    name = 'Alice';
```

SQL: Aliasing

- Sometimes, there is a need to use the same relation multiple times in a **SELECT** command
Example: List each employees first name, last name, and their manager's first name and last name
- Every attribute name of that relation will be ambiguous
- Use an alias or identifier that follows a relation name in the **FROM** clause of a **SELECT** command
 - No comma between alias and relation name!
 - Refer to the relation using the given alias in other parts of query

Example Query: Aliasing

List each employees first name, last name, and their manager's first name and last name

```
SELECT e.fname, e.lname, m.fname, m.lname  
FROM   employee e, employee m  
WHERE  e.superssn = m.ssn;
```

e and m are called aliases or tuple variables
for employee relation

SQL: Arithmetic Operations

- Any arithmetic expression (that makes sense) can be used in the **SELECT** clause
- Example: Show the effect of giving all employees who work on the 'ProductX' project a 10% raise

```
SELECT   fname, lname, 1.1*salary
FROM     employee, works_on, project
WHERE    ssn = essn
           AND    pno = pnumber
           AND    pname = 'ProductX'
```

SQL: Set Operations

Not all set operations have been incorporated into SQL

- **UNION**: in most implementations because it's very easy to merge 2 result sets ($O(n)$ running time)
- **INTERSECT**: in few implementations because it's hard to intersect 2 sets ($O(N \log N)$ running time)
- **MINUS**: almost no implement provides this (just as expensive as **INTERSECT**)
- **CARTESIAN PRODUCT**: built into SELECT command

SQL: Set Operations (2)

- Resulting relations of set operations are sets of tuples
—> duplicate tuples are eliminated from the result
- Set operations apply only to union compatible relations:
two relations must have the same attributes and
attributes must be in the same order
- Set division is not part of the SQL standard
- MySQL only implements the UNION operator

Example Query: UNION

Find the name of projects that are worked on by 'Smith' or 'Borg'

```
(SELECT pname
FROM   project, works_on, employee
WHERE  pnumber = pno
       AND essn = ssn
       AND lname = 'Smith')
UNION
(SELECT pname
FROM   project, works_on, employee
WHERE  pnumber = pno
       AND essn = ssn
       AND lname = 'Borg')
```

Example Query: UNION (2)

List all project names that involve an employee whose last name is 'Smith' either as a worker or manager of the department that controls the project

```
(SELECT pname
FROM   project, department, employee
WHERE  dnum = dnumber AND mgrssn = ssn
      AND lname = 'Smith')
```

UNION

```
(SELECT pname
FROM   project, works_on, employee
WHERE  pnumber = pno AND essn = ssn
      AND lname = 'Smith')
```

SQL: What can be used in WHERE?

- Attribute names of the relation(s) used in the **FROM** clause
- Comparison operators: =, <>, <, >, <=, >=
- Arithmetic operations: +, -, *, /
- Logical operators to combine conditions: **AND, OR, NOT**
- Operations on strings (e.g., concatenation)
- Membership test
- Pattern matching

SQL: IN Operator

- Tests whether a value is contained in a set
 - True if attribute value is a member of the set of values
 - False otherwise
- Syntax:
attr IN (set of values)

Example Query: IN

- Find the name of employees whose SSN is 123456789 or 333445555

```
SELECT fname, lname  
FROM employee  
WHERE ssn IN ('123456789', '333445555');
```

- Find the name of employees whose DNO is 4 or 5 and are male

```
SELECT fname, lname  
FROM employee  
WHERE (dno, sex) IN ((4, 'M'), (5, 'M'));
```

SQL: LIKE Operator

- Substring comparison for partial strings (wildcard string comparison)
- Special wildcard characters:
 - Underscore (`_`) matches exactly one character (equivalent to `?` in the UNIX shell)
 - Percent (`%`) matches 0 or more characters (equivalent to `*` in the UNIX shell)
- Only used with the **LIKE** operator

Example Query: LIKE

- Find names of employees whose last name start with 'S'

```
SELECT fname, lname  
FROM employee  
WHERE lname LIKE 'S%';
```

- Find the names of employees who live in Houston

```
SELECT fname, lname  
FROM employee  
WHERE address LIKE '%Houston%';
```

SQL: IS NULL

- Test if an attribute contains the NULL value
- Syntax:
attr IS NULL
- Example: Find employees that have NULL value in the salary attribute

```
SELECT *  
FROM employee  
WHERE salary IS NULL
```


SQL: NOT IN and IS NOT NULL

- Tests whether a value is not contained in a set or not a null value respectively
- Syntax looks similar to the IN and IS NULL operators:
attr NOT IN (set of values)
attr IS NOT NULL

SQL: Three-Value Logic

AND

	TRUE	FALSE	UNKNOWN
TRUE	TRUE	FALSE	UNKNOWN
FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	FALSE	UNKNOWN

OR

	TRUE	FALSE	UNKNOWN
TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN	TRUE	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN

NOT

TRUE	FALSE	UNKNOWN
FALSE	TRUE	UNKNOWN

SQL: ORDER BY

- Sort the tuples in a query based on the values of some attributes
- Default order is in ascending order of the values (ASC)
 - Specify descending order using keyword DESC

- Syntax:

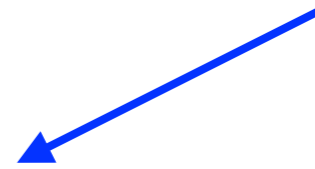
SELECT <attribute list>

FROM <table list>

WHERE <condition on the tables>

ORDER BY <attribute-list> **ASC | DESC;**

sorting by multiple
columns is just
separated with a comma



Example Query: ORDER BY

- Sort employees by their salary value in descending order

```
SELECT    fname, lname, salary  
FROM      employee  
ORDER BY salary DESC;
```

- Sort employees by their salary figures and within the same salary figure, by their last name

```
SELECT    fname, lname, salary  
FROM      employee  
ORDER BY salary, lname;
```

SQL: LIMIT

- Limit the output to be only the specified number of tuples
 - Useful if your table has many relations and you just want to sanity check your work
 - Can be used with ORDER BY to get a maximum or minimum value
- Syntax:
SELECT <attribute list>
FROM <table list>
WHERE <condition on the tables>
LIMIT <number of tuples>;

MySQL Workbench

- Open source, integrated development environment for MySQL database system
 - SQL Editor
 - Data modeling
 - Data administration + performance monitoring
- Works on Windows, Linux, Mac OS X
- <https://www.mysql.com/products/workbench/>

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SQL Queries: Recap

- Basic Query Form
 - Qualifying and Aliasing
 - * SELECTOR
 - UNION
 - DISTINCT
 - IN and LIKE
 - ORDER BY
 - LIMIT

