DML -Data Manipulation Language

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Data Manipulation Language

- Data Manipulation Language are languages and commands that deal with manipulating data in the database.
- It's used to retrieve, add, update, and delete records in a table in a database.
- In sql, these commands are SELECT, UPDATE, INSERT, and DELETE.

SELECT

- Retrieve a result set of records from one or more tables. Through the use of clauses, this data can be filtered or customized as desired.
- The most frequently used statement in SQL
- Format:
 - SELECT DISTINCT columns

FROM table

JOIN table2

WHERE [condition]

GROUP BY column

HAVING [condition2]

ORDER BY column [ASC/DESC]

LIMIT count

- Example:
 - SELECT id, name FROM customer, WHERE id < 10

Logical Order of Operations

- FROM Determines the working table(s)
- 2. JOIN Used to combine tables together
- 3. WHERE Applies constraint to individual rows and discards any that don't mean them
- 4. GROUP BY Groups together rows based on common values
- 5. HAVING Discards grouped row (if applicable) if they do not meet the constraints
 - a. Must have GROUP BY in query in order to use HAVING
- 6. SELECT Get rows that are produced by above clauses
- 7. DISTINCT Discards any rows with duplicate values
- 8. ORDER BY Sort the data in either ascending / descending order by the specified data
- 9. LIMIT Discards any rows past a certain amount
- 10. OFFSET Skips the first number of offset rows in the set
 - a. Slow and does not exist in the version we use

UPDATE

• UPDATE Modifies existing records in a table in database

Update Query Format

UPDATE table_name
 SET column1 = value1, column2 = value2, columnN = valueN
 WHERE [condition];

Example

UPDATE CUSTOMERS
 SET ADDRESS = 'New York', SALARY = 10000.00;

Update needs a Where clause, otherwise every column would be updated.

INSERT

• Used to add new records to tables in database.

Insert Query Format

- INSERT INTO table_name (column_1, column_2, column_3, ... columnN)
 VALUES (value1, value2, value3, ... valueN);
- If adding all the values, you do not need to specify the columns, but the values need to be in the same order as the columns of the table.
- INSERT INTO TABLE NAME VALUES (value1, value2, value3, ... valueN);
 - Example
- INSERT INTO CUSTOMERS (ID,NAME,AGE,ADDRESS,SALARY)
 VALUES (1, 'John', 32, 'Smith', 2000.00);

DELETE

- Removes existing records from table in database.
- Delete Query Format
 DELETE FROM table_name
 WHERE [condition];
- Example
 DELETE FROM CUSTOMERS
 WHERE ID = 6;

 To delete all records from table, the command is DELETE FROM table_name;
 So be careful to put conditions

Performance

Performance or time to execute sql queries is based on how many calculations DBMS will perform.

- More Records, more time to execute query
- Joins that increase the number of records
- Aggregations require more computation
- Avoid using GROUP BY, ORDER BY, and DISTINCT to reduce time