

Lecture 2



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Outline

- More SQL
- Constraints
- SQL Embedding

Reading:
R&G: Ch5



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Last Time



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Basic Single-Table Queries



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- Simplest version is straightforward
 - ✓ Produce all tuples in the table that satisfy the predicate
 - ✓ Output the expressions in the SELECT list
 - ✓ Expression can be a column reference, or an arithmetic expression over column refs

```
SELECT [DISTINCT] <column expression list>
FROM <single table>
[WHERE <predicate>]
[GROUP BY <column list>
[HAVING <predicate>] ]
[ORDER BY <column list>] ;
```


Nested Queries (1)



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- EXISTS checks if the set is empty
- Names of sailors who've reserved boat #102:

```
SELECT S.name
FROM Sailors S
WHERE S.sid IN (SELECT R.sid
                 FROM Reserves R
                 WHERE R.bid = 102);
```

```
SELECT S.name
FROM Sailors S
WHERE EXISTS (SELECT *
               FROM Reserves R
               WHERE R.bid = 102 AND S.sid = R.sid);
```

Subquery must be recomputed
for each Sailors tuple.

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Set Comparison



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- Find sailors whose rating is greater than that of some sailor called "Fred":

```
SELECT S.name
FROM Sailors S
WHERE S.rating > ANY (SELECT S2.rating
                       FROM Sailors S2
                       WHERE S2.sname = 'Fred')
;
```

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Nested Queries (2)



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- Names of sailors who've not reserved boat #103:

```
SELECT S.name
FROM Sailors S
WHERE S.sid NOT IN (SELECT R.sid
                     FROM Reserves R
                     WHERE R.bid = 103)
;
```

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ARGMAX



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- The sailor with the highest rating

```
SELECT S.name
FROM Sailors S
WHERE S.rating >= ALL (SELECT S2.rating
                       FROM Sailors S2)
;
```

```
SELECT S.name
FROM Sailors S
WHERE S.rating = (SELECT MAX(S2.rating)
                  FROM Sailors S2)
;
```

```
SELECT S.name
FROM Sailors S
ORDER BY S.rating DESC
LIMIT 1
;
```

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Subqueries in FROM



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Use subqueries:

```
SELECT bname, ncount
FROM Boats B,
     (SELECT B.bid, COUNT(*) AS ncount
      FROM Boats B, Reserves R
      WHERE R.bid = B.bid AND B.color = 'red'
      GROUP BY B.bid
    ) AS Red_reserves(bid, ncount)
WHERE Red_reserves.bid = B.bid AND ncount < 10;
```

Use Views:

```
CREATE VIEW Red_reserves
AS
  SELECT B.bid, COUNT(*) AS ncount
  FROM Boats B, Reserves R
  WHERE R.bid = B.bid AND B.color = 'red'
  GROUP BY B.bid
;
SELECT bname, ncount
FROM Red_reserves R, boats B
WHERE R.bid = B.bid
AND ncount < 10
;
```



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WITH



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- WITH clause allows you to give a sub-query block a name
 - ✓ sub-query refactoring
 - ✓ can be referenced in several places *within the main SQL query*
 - ✓ temporary

```
WITH Red_reserves(bid, ncount) AS
  (SELECT B.bid, COUNT(*) AS ncount
   FROM Boats B, Reserves R
   WHERE R.bid = B.bid AND B.color = 'red'
   GROUP BY B.bid
  )
SELECT bname, ncount
FROM Boats B, Red_reserves
WHERE Red_reserves.bid = B.bid AND ncount < 10;
```

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Discretionary Access Control



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- Object can be a Table or a View
- Privileges can be:

```
GRANT <privileges> ON <object> TO <users>
[WITH GRANT OPTION]
```

 - ✓ Select / Insert / Delete
 - ✓ References (cols) – allow to create a foreign key that references the specified column(s)

```
GRANT SELECT ON EMPLOYEE TO THY;
```
 - ✓ All
- Can later be changed using REVOKE
- Users can be single users or groups

Reading:
R&G: Ch17



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JOIN



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Where Do ICs Come From



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- Semantics of the real world !

- ✓ We can check IC violation in a DB instance
- ✓ We can NEVER infer that an IC is true by looking at an instance.
- ✓ An IC is a statement about all possible instances!
 - ▶ For example, we know name is not a key, but the assertion that sid is a key is given to us.

- Key and foreign key ICs are the most common

- ✓ More general ICs supported, too

Primary Key (1)



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- A set of fields is a superkey if
 - ✓ No two distinct tuples can have same values in all key fields
- A set of fields is a key for a relation if it is a minimal superkey
 - ✓ It is a superkey
 - ✓ No subset of the fields is a superkey

R1	sid	bid	day
22	101	10/10/96	
58	103	11/12/96	

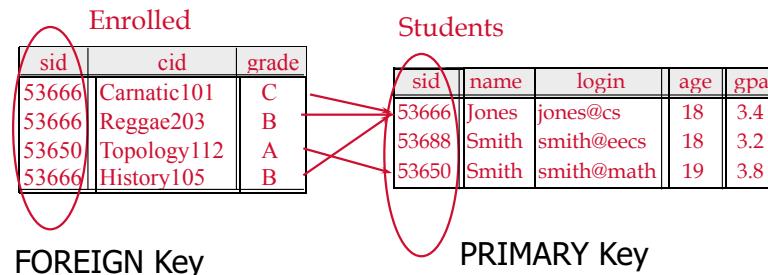
bid	bname	color
101	Interlake	blue
102	Interlake	red
103	Clipper	green
104	Marine	red

Key



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- Key is a way to associate tuples in different relations
- Key is one form of IC



Primary Key (2)



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- What if >1 key for a relation?
 - ✓ One of the keys is chosen (by DBA) to be the primary key
 - ✓ Other keys are called candidate keys
- E.g.
 - ✓ sid is a key for Students
 - ✓ What about name?
 - ✓ The set {sid, gpa} is a superkey

Primary vs. Candidate Keys

- Possibly many candidate keys (specified using UNIQUE), one of which is chosen as the primary key
- Keys must be used carefully!
 - ✓ (1) "For a given student and course, there is a single grade."
 - ✓ (2) "Students can take only one course, and no two students in a course receive the same grade."

```
CREATE TABLE Enrolled1 (
    sid CHAR(20),
    cid CHAR(20),
    grade CHAR(2),
    PRIMARY KEY (sid),
    PRIMARY KEY (sid, cid));
CREATE TABLE Enrolled2 (
    sid CHAR(20),
    cid CHAR(20),
    grade CHAR(2),
    PRIMARY KEY (sid),
    UNIQUE (cid,grade));
```

Foreign Key

- Foreign key: a "logical pointer"
 - ✓ Set of fields in a tuple in one relation that 'refer' to a tuple in another relation
 - ✓ Reference to the (primary) key of the other relation
- All foreign key constraints enforced?
 - ✓ referential integrity! (RI)
 - ✓ i.e., no dangling references

Foreign Key

- Ex: Only students listed in the Students relation should be allowed to enroll for courses.

```
CREATE TABLE Enrolled1 (
    sid CHAR(20),
    cid CHAR(20),
    grade CHAR(2),
    PRIMARY KEY (sid, cid),
    FOREIGN KEY (sid) REFERENCES Students);
```

Enrolled			Students				
sid	cid	grade	sid	name	login	age	gpa
53666	Carnatic101	C	53666	Jones	jones@cs	18	3.4
53666	Reggae203	B	53688	Smith	smith@eecs	18	3.2
53650	Topology112	A	53650	Smith	smith@math	19	3.8
53666	History105	B					
11111	English102	A					

Enforcing RI (1)

- sid in Enrolled: foreign key referencing Students
- Scenarios:
 - ✓ Insert Enrolled tuple with non-existent student id?
 - ✓ Delete a Students tuple?

Enforcing RI (2)



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- Scenarios:

- ✓ Delete a Students tuple?
 - ▶ Also delete Enrolled tuples that refer to it? (CASCADE)
 - ▶ Disallow if referred to? (NO ACTION)
 - ▶ Set sid in referring Enrolled tuples to a default value? (SET DEFAULT)
 - ▶ Set sid in referring Enrolled tuples to null, denoting 'unknown' or 'inapplicable' (SET NULL)

- Similar issues arise if the primary key of Students tuple is updated.



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SQL Embedded in Other Languages

Writing Applications with SQL

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- SQL is not a general purpose programming language
 - ✓ Tailored for data retrieval and manipulation
 - ✓ Relatively easy to optimize and parallelize
 - ✓ Can't write entire apps in SQL alone
- Options:
 - ✓ Make the query language "Turing complete" — makes "simple" relational language complex
 - ✓ Allow SQL to be embedded in regular programming languages. Q: What needs to be solved?



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Using SQL in Apps

- The mismatch between DBMS and programming languages can be solved in several ways
 - ✓ SQL embedding
 - ✓ Cursor
 - ✓ Dynamic SQL
 - ✓ Database API

Cursors (1)



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- Can declare a cursor on a relation or query
 - ✓ open a cursor
 - ✓ repeatedly fetch a tuple (moving the cursor)
 - ✓ Special return value when all tuples have been retrieved
- Akin to the concept of “iterator” !!!!
 - ✓ row-by-row actions

Database APIs (1)



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- A library with database calls (API)
 - ✓ special objects/methods
 - ✓ passes SQL strings from language, presents result sets in a language-friendly way
 - ✓ ODBC: a C/C++ standard started on Windows
 - ✓ JDBC: a Java equivalent
- Most scripting languages have similar things
 - ✓ E.g. in Ruby there's the “pg” gem for Postgres

Cursors (2)



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- ORDER BY allows control over the order tuples are returned
 - ✓ Fields in ORDER BY clause must also appear in SELECT clause
- LIMIT controls the number of rows returned (good fit w/ ORDER BY)
- Can also modify/delete tuple pointed to by a cursor
 - ✓ A “non-relational” way to get a handle to a particular tuple

Database APIs (2)



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- ODBC/JDBC try to be DBMS-neutral
 - ✓ at least try to hide distinctions across different DBMSs
- Object-Relational Mappings (ORMs)
 - ✓ Ruby on Rails, Django, Spring, BackboneORM, etc.
 - ✓ Automagically map database rows into programming objects
 - ✓ Magic can be great; magic can bite you

Summary



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- Relational model has well-defined query semantics
- SQL provides functionality close to basic relational model
 - ✓ some differences in duplicate handling, null values, set operators, ...
- Typically, many ways to write a query
 - ✓ DBMS figures out a fast way to execute a query, regardless of how it is written



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End of Lecture

Review Questions (1)



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- Please provide the difference between “UNION” and “UNION ALL”.
- What is a SQL view? Provide possible pros of using views.
- Describe the concept of NULL. How can you check if a field is NULL in SQL?
- What are integrity constraints (ICs)? Please also provide at least three types of ICs.



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Review Questions (2)

- Write a SQL query for the following using the provided schema.

✓ Find sid's of sailors who've reserved a red or a green boat

✓ Find sid's of sailors who've reserved a red and a green boat

✓ Find sid's of sailors who have not reserved a boat

✓ The sailor with the highest rating

✓ Find sailors whose rating is greater than that of some sailor called “Fred”

✓ Names of sailors who've not reserved boat #103

sid	sname	rating	age
1	Fred	7	22
2	Jim	2	39
3	Nancy	8	27

Boats		
bid	bname	color
101	Nina	red
102	Pinta	blue
103	Santa Maria	red

Reservation		
sid	bid	day
1	102	9/12
2	102	9/13

Review Questions (3)



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- Consider the following two relations. Provide the SQL queries and the query result for the following:

✓ INNER JOIN of Sailors on Reserves.

✓ NATURAL JOIN of Sailors on Reserves.

✓ LEFT JOIN of Sailors on Reserves.

✓ RIGHT JOIN of Sailors on Reserves.

✓ FULL OUTER JOIN of Sailors on Reserves.

Sailors Reserves

sid	sname	rating	age	sid	bid	day
22	Dustin	7	45.0	22	101	10/10/96
31	Lubber	8	55.5	95	103	11/12/96
95	Bob	3	63.5			

Review Questions (4)

- Define the following: (1) Super Key (2) Key (3) Primary Key (4) Candidate Key (5) Search Key (6) Index (7) Foreign key
- Describe at least two basic ways to access databases from applications.
- Explain the how the cursors work.