Structured Query Language

Data Definition Language

The SQL data-definition language (DDL) allows the specification of information about relations, including:

- The schema for each relation.
- The domain of values associated with each attribute.
- Integrity constraints
- And as we will see later, also other information such as
  - The set of indices to be maintained for each relations.
  - Security and authorization information for each relation.
  - The physical storage structure of each relation on disk.

Domain Types in SQL

- **char(n).** Fixed length character string, with user-specified length *n.*
- **varchar(n).** Variable length character strings, with user-specified maximum length *n.*
- **int.** Integer (a finite subset of the integers that is machine-dependent).
- **smallint.** Small integer (a machine-dependent subset of the integer domain type).
- **numeric(p,d).** Fixed point number, with user-specified precision of *p* digits, with *d* digits to the right of decimal point. (ex., **numeric**(3,1), allows 44.5 to be stores exactly, but not 444.5 or 0.32)
- **real, double precision.** Floating point and double-precision floating point numbers, with machine-dependent precision.
- **float(n).** Floating point number, with user-specified precision of at least *n* digits.

Create Table Construct

- An SQL relation is defined using the **create table** command:
- **create table** *r* (A_1 D_1, A_2 D_2, ..., A_n D_n,
  (integrity-constraint$_1$),
  ...,
  (integrity-constraint$_k$))
  - *r* is the name of the relation
  - each A_i is an attribute name in the schema of relation *r*
  - D_i is the data type of values in the domain of attribute A_i
- Example:
- **create table** *instructor* (
  ID **char**(5),
  name **varchar**(20),
  dept_name **varchar**(20),
  salary **numeric**(8,2))

Integrity Constraints in Create Table

- **not null**
- **primary key** (A_1, ..., A_n)
- **foreign key** (A_m, ..., A_n) **references** *r*

primary key declaration on an attribute automatically ensures **not null**

Example:

create table *instructor* (
ID **char**(5),
name **varchar**(20) **not null,**
dept_name **varchar**(20),
salary **numeric**(8,2),
primary key (*ID*),
foreign key *(dept_name*) **references** *department);*

And a Few More Relation Definitions

- **create table** *student* (
  ID **varchar**(5),
  name **varchar**(20) not null,
  dept_name **varchar**(20),
  tot_cred **numeric**(3,0),
  primary key *(ID),* **foreign key** *(dept_name)* **references** *department*);
- **create table** *course* (
  course_id **varchar**(8),
  title **varchar(**50),
  dept_name **varchar**(20),
  credits **numeric**(2,0),
  primary key *(course_id),* **foreign key** *(dept_name)* **references** *department*);

Updates to tables

- **Insert**
  - **insert into** *instructor* **values** (‘10211’, ’Smith’, ’Biology’, 66000);
- **Delete**
  - Remove all tuples from the *student* relation
    - **delete from** *student*
- **Drop Table**
  - **drop table** *r*
- **Alter**
  - **alter table** *r* **add** *A D*
    - where *A* is the name of the attribute to be added to relation *r* and *D* is the domain of *A.*
    - All exiting tuples in the relation are assigned *null* as the value for the new attribute.
  - **alter table** *r* **drop** *A*
    - where *A* is the name of an attribute of relation *r*
    - Dropping of attributes not supported by many databases.

Basic Query Structure

- A typical SQL query has the form:

select $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_n$
from $r_1, r_2, \ldots, r_m$
where P

  - A_i represents an attribute
  - R_i represents a relation
  - P is a predicate.
- The result of an SQL query is a relation.

The select Clause

- The **select** clause lists the attributes desired in the result of a query
- Example: find the names of all instructors:

  select *name*
  from *instructor*

- NOTE: SQL names are case insensitive (i.e., you may use upper- or lower-case letters.)
  - E.g., *Name* ≡ *NAME* ≡ *name*
  - Some people use upper case wherever we use bold font.

The select Clause (Cont.)

- SQL allows duplicates in relations as well as in query results.
- To force the elimination of duplicates, insert the keyword **distinct** after select**.**
- Find the department names of all instructors, and remove duplicates
- **select distinct** *dept_name*
  from *instructor*
- The keyword **all** specifies that duplicates should not be removed.
- **select all** *dept_name*
  from *instructor*

The select Clause (Cont.)

- The **select** clause can contain arithmetic expressions involving the operation, +, –, ⍰, and /, and operating on constants or attributes of tuples.
  - The query:

  select *ID, name, salary/12* **from** *instructor*
  - would return a relation that is the same as the *instructor* relation, except that the value of the attribute *salary* is divided by 12.
  - Can rename "*salary/12*" using the **as** clause:

  select *ID, name, salary/12* **as** *monthly_salary*

The where Clause

- The **where** clause specifies conditions that the result must satisfy
  - Corresponds to the selection predicate of the relational algebra.
- To find all instructors in Comp. Sci. dept
- **select** *name* **from** *instructor* **where** *dept_name = '*Comp. Sci.'
- Comparison results can be combined using the logical connectives **and, or,** and **not**
  - To find all instructors in Comp. Sci. dept with salary > 80000
  - **select** *name* **from** *instructor*
    where *dept_name = '*Comp. Sci.' **and** *salary* > 80000

- Comparisons can be applied to results of arithmetic expressions.