Introduction to Database Systems: CS312
Advanced queries, joins and aggregates

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Joins: Bringing Data Together

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- The SQLite3 `join`-clause is used to combine records from two or more tables in a database.
- A **JOIN** is a means for combining fields from two tables by using values common to each.

Joins: Visual Definitions

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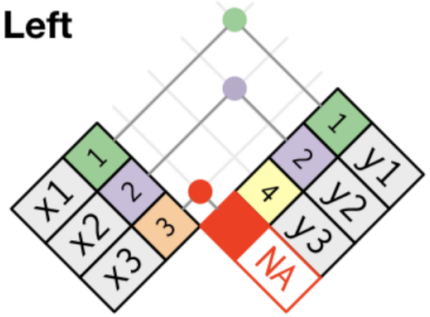

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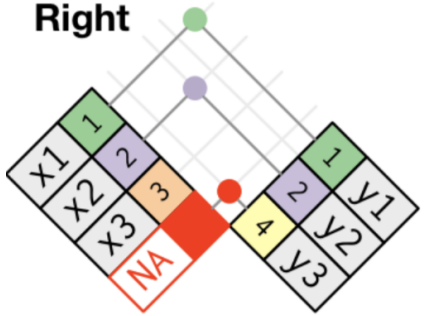
2	x2	y2
3	x3	NA

Right



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4	NA	y3

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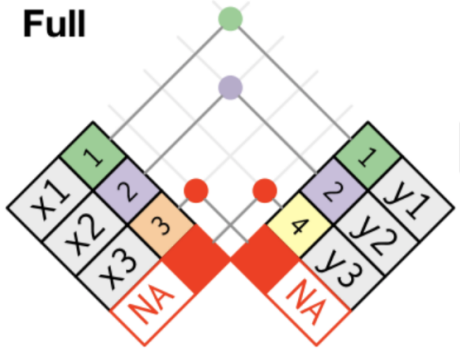

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SQL Code and Venn Diagrams

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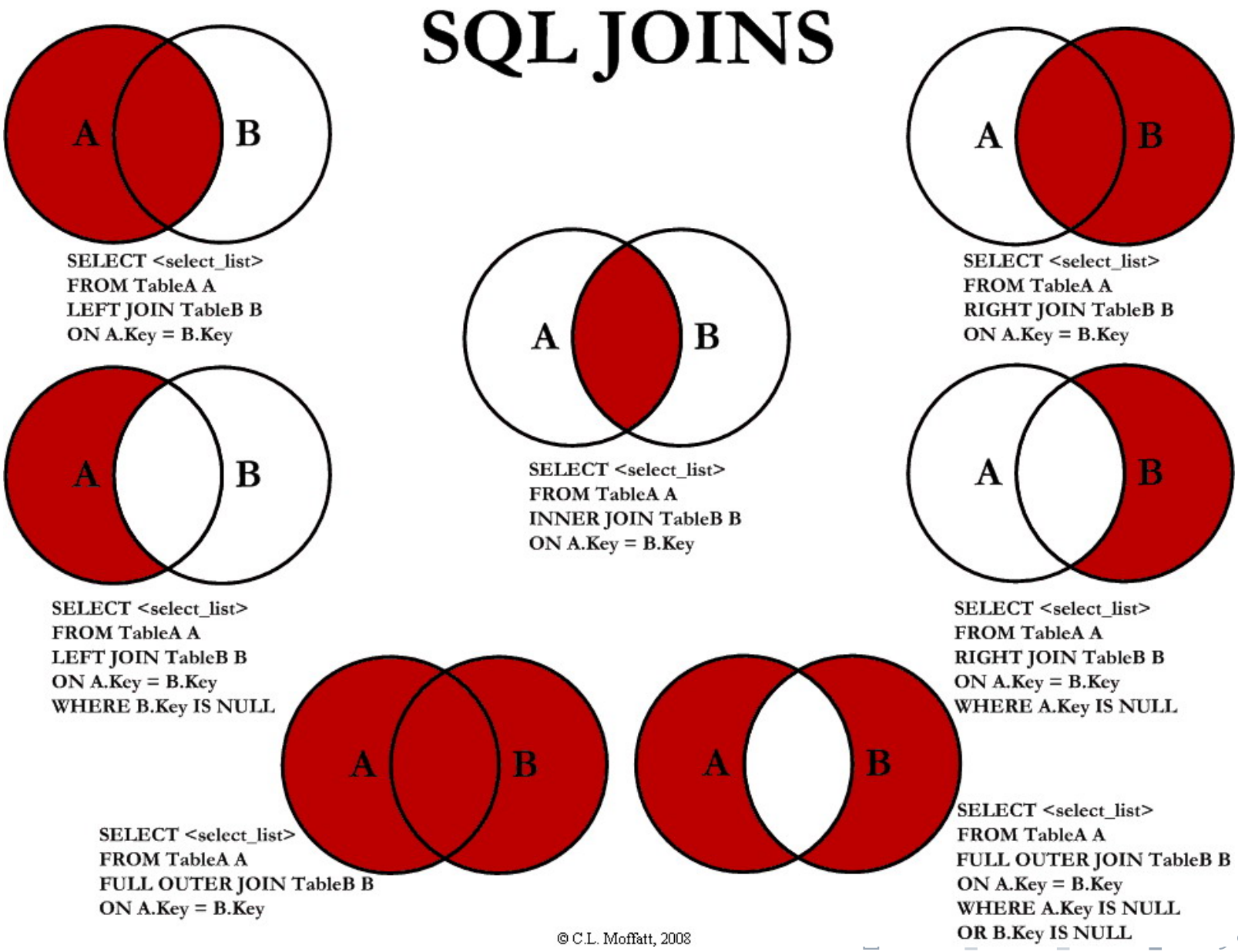

An explanation of terms

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- SQL defines three major types of joins
  - The **CROSS JOIN**: Matches every row of the first table with every row of the second table. If the input tables have x and y columns, respectively, the resulting table will have $x * y$ columns.
  - The **INNER JOIN**: Creates a new result table by combining column values of two tables (table1 and table2) based upon the join-predicate. The query compares each row of table1 with each row of table2 to find all pairs of rows which satisfy the join-predicate.

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Cross joins

- Cross join: *SELECT ... FROM table1 CROSS JOIN table2 ...*
- Automatically testing for equality between the values of every column that exists in both tables

A practical example: Build a matrix of cards

```
 CREATE TABLE ranks (
    rank TEXT NOT NULL
);

CREATE TABLE suits (
    suit TEXT NOT NULL
);

INSERT INTO ranks(rank)
VALUES('2'),('3'),('4'),('5'),('6'),('7'),('8'),('9'),('10'),('J'),('Q'),('K'),('A');

INSERT INTO suits(suit) VALUES('Clubs'),('Diamonds'),('Hearts'),('Spades');

SELECT rank, suit
  FROM ranks
       CROSS JOIN
       suits
ORDER BY suit;
```

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Inner join

A

m	f
a1	1
a2	2
a3	3

```
SELECT m, A.f, B.f, n
FROM A
INNER JOIN B ON B.f = A.f
```

n	f
b1	1
b2	3
b3	5

B

m	A.f	B.f	n
a1	1	1	b1
a3	3	3	b2

Joins
join Code

- Inner join: *SELECT ... FROM table1 [INNER] JOIN table2 ON conditional_expression ...*
- Combines column values of two tables (table1 and table2) based upon the join-predicate

Create TableA and TableB

```
drop table tableA;
create table tableA (
 num VARCHAR,
 letter VARCHAR);

drop table tableB;
create table tableB (
 num VARCHAR,
 letter VARCHAR);
```

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Populate your TableA and TableB

```
INSERT INTO tableA VALUES (1,"a");
INSERT INTO tableA VALUES (2,"b");
INSERT INTO tableA VALUES (4,"d");
INSERT INTO tableA VALUES (6,"f");

INSERT INTO tableB VALUES (1,"a");
INSERT INTO tableB VALUES (2,"b");
INSERT INTO tableB VALUES (3,"c");
INSERT INTO tableB VALUES (5,"e");
INSERT INTO tableB VALUES (6,"f");
INSERT INTO tableB VALUES (7,"g");
INSERT INTO tableB VALUES (8,"h");
INSERT INTO tableB VALUES (9,"i");
INSERT INTO tableB VALUES (1,"a");
```

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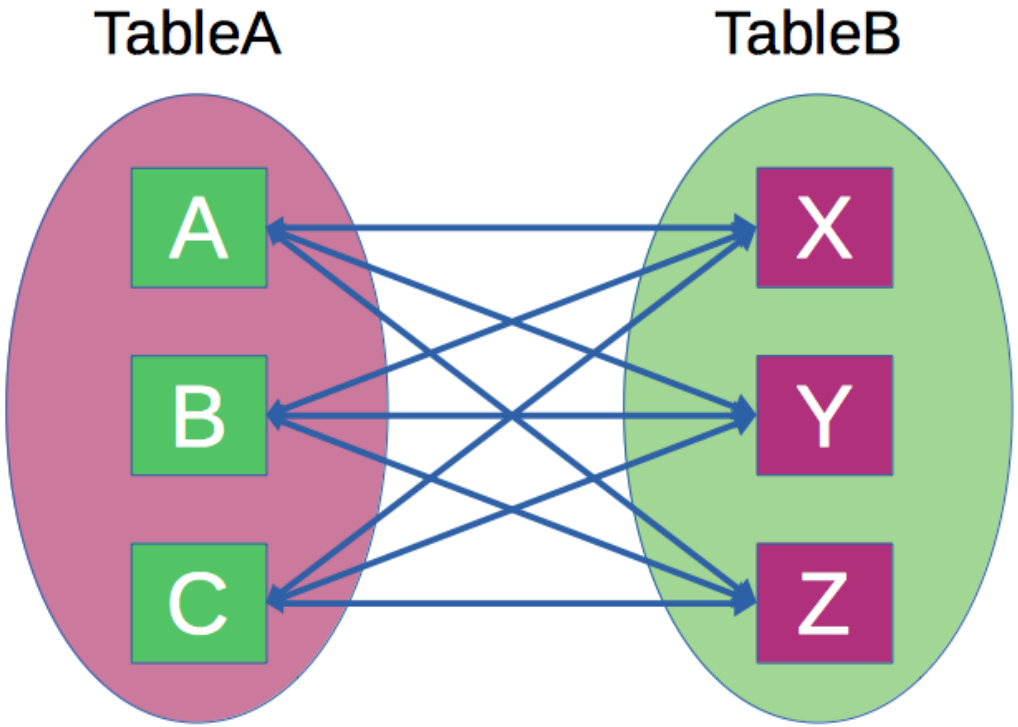

SELECT * FROM tableA CROSS JOIN tableB

```
select * from TableA CROSS Join TableB;
select * from tableA, TableB;
```

Inner Joins

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Left

```
/* inner (left) join */
SELECT tableA.num
FROM tableB
LEFT JOIN tableA
ON tableA.num == tableB.num;
```

Right

```
/* inner (right) join */
SELECT tableB.num
FROM tableA
LEFT JOIN tableB
ON tableA.num == tableB.num;
```

- How many spaces did you count from each query?
- What do the spaces tell you?

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(A New Database!)

New Database

Schema: Red boxes are the tables of today's database study

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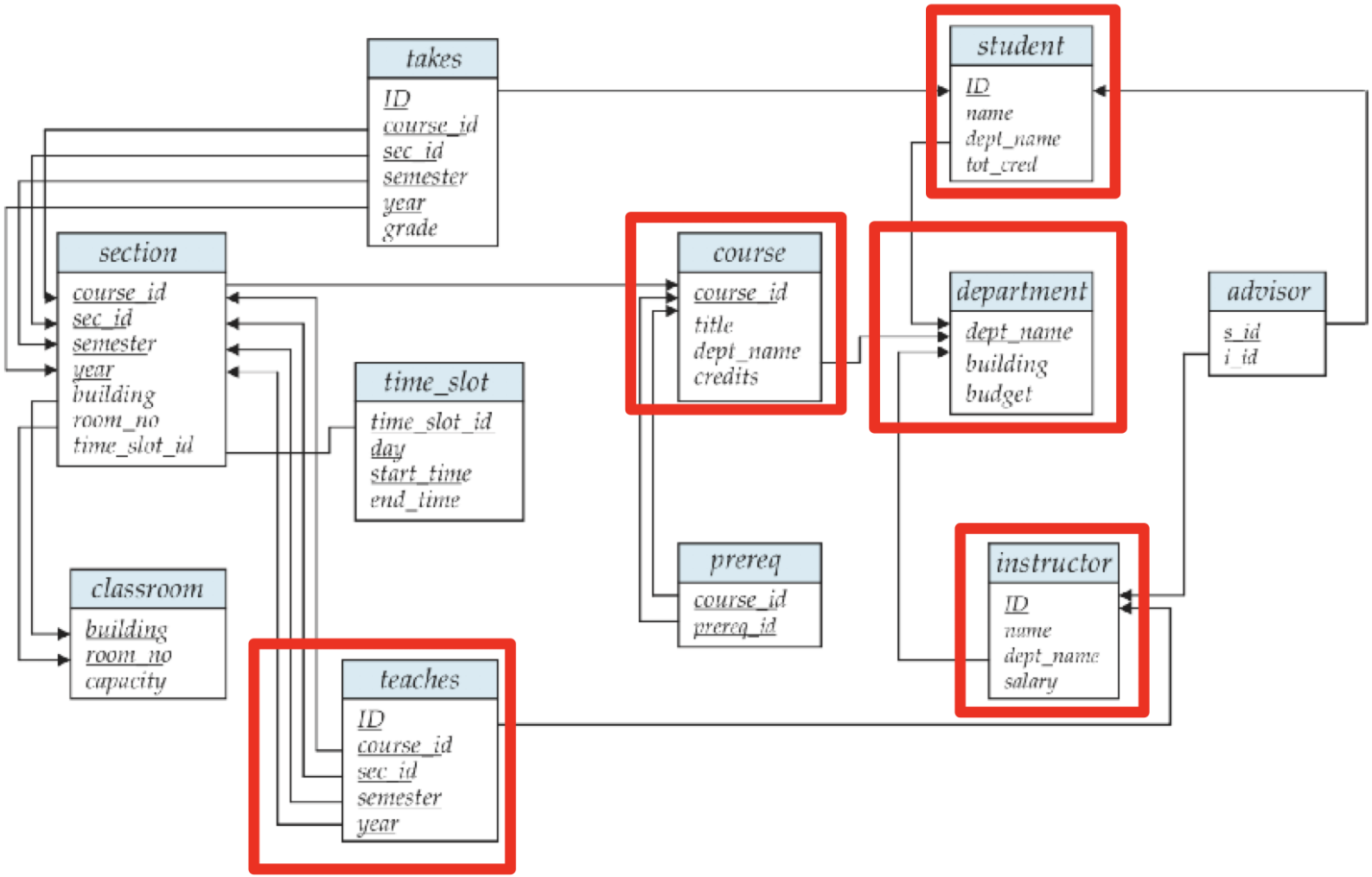

Figure 2.8 Schema diagram for the university database.

New database

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- Find the database maker file, *campusDB_build.txt*, in your sandbox directory

```
cat campusDB_build.txt | sqlite3 myCampusDB.sqlite3
```

Set operations

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- Find all deptNames common to both the Instructor and Course

- `select deptName from Instructor UNION select deptName from course;`
- `select distinct(deptName) from Instructor;`

- Find all deptNames common to both the Instructor and Course

- `select deptName from Instructor INTERSECT select deptName from Course;`
- `select distinct(Instructor.deptName) from Instructor, Course where Instructor.deptName == Course.deptName;`

Set operations

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- The EXCEPT operator compares the result sets of two queries and returns distinct rows from the left query that are not in the output by the right query.
- Find all deptNames different to both the *Instructor* and *Course*
- Check these two queries below. Why is the output different?

```
select deptName from Instructor EXCEPT select deptName from Course;
```

```
select deptName from Course EXCEPT select deptName from Instructor;
```

Renaming an attribute

Section 3.4, page 75 in your textbook

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- The **as** clause is used to rename relations; useful for reducing necessary code in queries
- Ex: *For all instructors in the university who have taught some course, find their names and the course ID of all their taught courses*
  - Select I.name, T.courseID
    FROM `Instructor` AS I , `Teaches` AS T
    WHERE I.ID= T.ID;
- On the second line:
  - the `Instructor` table is renamed to `I`
  - the `Teaches` table is renamed to `T`.

Renaming an attribute

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- Another reason to rename a relation is a case where we wish to compare tuples in the same relation.
- We then need to take the Cartesian product of a relation with itself and, without renaming, it becomes impossible to distinguish one tuple from the other.
- Suppose that we want to write the query, *Find the names of all instructors whose salary is greater than at least one instructor in the Math department.*
  - SELECT DISTINCT T.name
    FROM Instructor as T ,
    Instructor AS S
    WHERE T.salary> S.salary and S.deptName == “Math”

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Silly Example

- `select distinct(Instructor.name) as newName from Instructor, teaches where Instructor.ID = teaches.ID and newName == "Thompson";`

- Find the names of all Instructors whose salary is greater than at least one Instructor in the Math department.
- `select distinct(T.name) from Instructor as T, Instructor as S where T.salary > S.salary and S.deptName == "Math";`
- `select distinct T.name, T.salary from Instructor as T, Instructor as S where T.salary > S.salary and S.deptName == "Math";`
- Reference: `select * from Instructor;`

Regular Expression-ish

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- Textual *wildcards* to recover information from partial knowledge.
- Finding substrings using the % and _ operators.

- `select name from Instructor where name like "%ille%";`
  - Selects *Miller* from a substring
- `select name from Instructor where name like "%son";`
  - Selects all names followed by "son" substring
- Compare to: *Select * from Instructor;*
- `select name from Instructor where name like "__ll__";`
- `select name from Instructor where name like "__ll___";`
  - Selects "Miller" or "William" from the number of spaces after the "ll";.

Regular Expression-ish

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- Find special pattern characters (i.e., "%" and "_") in strings
- SQL even allows the specification of an escape character.

- **like** 'ab\%cd%' **escape** '\' matches all strings beginning with "ab%cd".
- **like** 'ab\\cd%' **escape** '\' matches all strings beginning with "ab\cd".

Ordering results

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- SQL allows for sorting the output.
- Output is sorted alphabetically

- `select name from Instructor order by name;`
- `select name,salary from Instructor order by salary;`
  - Provides numerical values in an interval

Greater than, less than, Averages

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- `select * from Instructor group by deptName HAVING salary < 100000;`
- `select deptName, avg(salary) from Instructor group by deptName;`
  - Aggregates deptName attributes by department names
- `select deptName, salary from Instructor group by deptName HAVING salary < 100000 and salary > 97000 ;`

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Use avg to query

- `select deptName, avg(salary) as avgSalary from Instructor group by deptName;`
  - Report average salaries for departments
- `select deptName, avgSalary from (select deptName, avg(salary) as avgSalary from Instructor group by deptName) where avgSalary > 97000;`
  - Report average salaries larger than $97k. This query is similar to one using the **HAVING** clause. Here we use the **FROM** clause.