University of Central Florida CGS 2545 Database Concepts

Structured Query Language (SQL)

• SQL

- is a language to operate databases
- it includes database creation, deletion, fetching rows, modifying rows, etc...
- is an ANSI (American National Standards Institute)
 standard language
- there are many different versions of the SQL language

- What is SQL?
 - SQL is Structured Query Language, which is a computer language for storing, manipulating and retrieving data stored in a relational database.
 - SQL is the standard language for Relational Database System.
 - All RDMS like MySQL, MS Access, Oracle, Sybase, Informix, Postgres and SQL Server use SQL as their standard database language
 - They are using different dialects, such as
 - MS SQL Server using T-SQL
 - Oracle using PL/SQL
 - MS Access version of SQL is called JET SQL (native format) etc...

Why SQL?

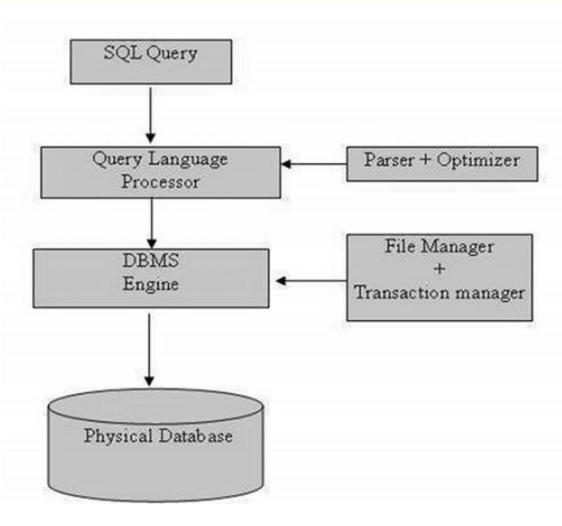
- SQL is widely popular because it offers the following advantages
 - Allows users to access data in the relational database management systems.
 - Allows users to describe the data.
 - Allows users to define the data in a database and manipulate that data.
 - Allows to embed within other languages using SQL modules, libraries & pre-compilers.
 - Allows users to create and drop databases and tables.
 - Allows users to create view, stored procedure, functions in a database.
 - Allows users to set permissions on tables, procedures and views

- A Brief History of SQL
 - 1970 Dr. Edgar F. "Ted" Codd of IBM is known as the father of relational databases. He described a relational model for databases.
 - 1974 Structured Query Language appeared.
 - 1978 IBM worked to develop Codd's ideas and released a product named System/R.
 - 1986 IBM developed the first prototype of relational database and standardized by ANSI. The first relational database was released by Relational Software which later came to be known as Oracle.

SQL Process

- When executing an SQL command for any RDBMS, the system determines the best way to carry out the request and SQL engine figures out how to interpret the task.
- There are various components included in this process.
- These components are
 - Query Dispatcher
 - Optimization Engines
 - Classic Query Engine
 - SQL Query Engine, etc.
- A classic query engine handles all the non-SQL queries, but a SQL query engine won't handle logical files.

This diagram
 displays the SQL
 Architecture



- SQL Commands
 - The standard SQL commands to interact with relational databases are
 - CREATE
 - SELECT
 - INSERT
 - UPDATE
 - DELETE
 - DROP

- SQL Commands
 - The standard SQL commands can be classified into the following groups based on their nature
 - Data Definition Language (DDL)
 - Data Manipulation Language (DML)
 - Data Control Language (DCL)

SQL Commands

- DDL

CREATE

 Creates a new table, a view of a table, or other object in the database.

ALTER

Modifies an existing database object, such as a table.

DROP

 Deletes an entire table, a view of a table or other objects in the database.

- SQL Commands
 - DML
 - SELECT
 - Retrieves certain records from one or more tables.
 - INSERT
 - Creates a record.
 - UPDATE
 - Modifies records.
 - DELETE
 - Deletes records.

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