

Module 2 - Lecture 1

Introduction to Databases



Programs Don't Run Forever

Even infinite loops stop at some point.

A **database** is an organized collection of data that can be accessed, managed, and updated.



Who uses these things?



PostgreSQL



A **relational database** is a set of formally described tables from which data can be accessed or reassembled in many different ways without having to reorganize the database tables



- Each **table** is an entity. (Patient)
- **Columns** are called attributes (PatientId, Name, ...)
- **Rows** represent individual records. (134, Jeff, ...)

Patient Id	Name	D.o.B	Phone	Doctor Id
134	Jeff	4-Jul-1993	7876453	01
178	David	8-Feb-1987	8635467	02
198	Lisa	18-Dec-1979	7498735	01
210	Frank	29-Apr-1983	7943521	01
258	Rachel	8-Feb-1987	8367242	02



(R)DBMS software is designed to help manage a database. Its four basic functions are (1) data definition, (2) data storage, (3) data retrieval, and (4) administration



PostgreSQL



Let's Code!

SQL

SQL stands for structured query language and is a *declarative programming language* to retrieve and update records from a database.

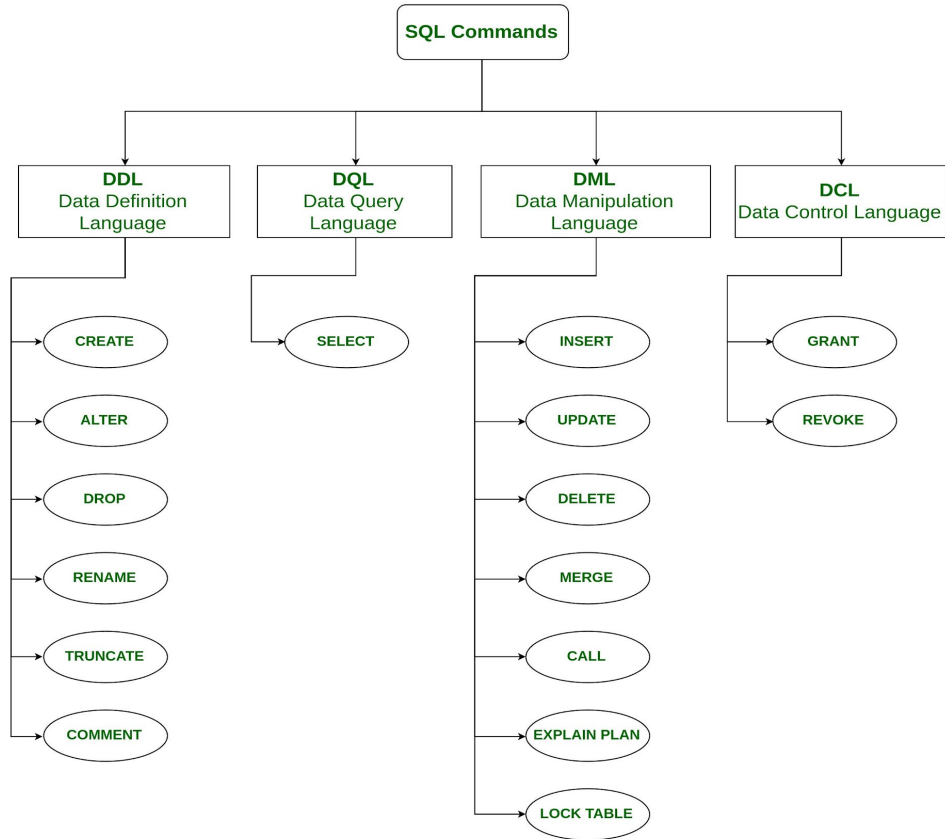


SQL consists of:

- *data definition language* to define the data structures
- *data manipulation language* to query and modify the data in a database
- *data control language* to define access to a particular database



Types of SQL Commands



Let's focus on...

SELECT



The **SELECT clause** indicates what columns that you want to get from a database table.

The **FROM clause** indicates which table(s) to retrieve the data from.

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SELECT column1, ... , [column-n] FROM table;
```



The **DISTINCT clause** indicates that duplicate values should not be included.

The **AS clause** establishes an alias for a particular column name

```
SELECT DISTINCT column AS blah FROM table;
```



The **WHERE clause** is used to filter the result set using one or more criteria rules.

- Conditional clauses in the WHERE clause can include
 - =, <>, !=, >, >=, <, <=
 - IN(values), NOT IN(values)
 - BETWEEN value AND value
 - IS NULL, IS NOT NULL
 - LIKE (with wildcard characters)
- Multiple conditions use AND and OR



QUESTIONS?

