

SQL
(Structured Query Language)
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- Purpose and importance of SQL.
- How to retrieve data using SELECT.
- How to insert data using INSERT.
- How to update data using UPDATE.
- How to delete data using DELETE.
- How to create new tables using CREATE TABLE.
- About an alternative language, QBE.



- Main language for relational DBMSs.
- Main characteristics:
 - relatively easy to learn;
 - non-procedural you specify what information you require, rather than how to get it;
 - essentially free-format;
 - consists of standard English words like SELECT, INSERT, and UPDATE;
 - can be used by range of users.

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Importance of SQL

- First and, so far, only standard database language to gain widespread acceptance.
- Huge investment from both vendors and users.
 - It is used in many different types of DBMS such as MySQL, Oracle, DB2, Microsoft SQL Server, and Microsoft Access.
 - In this course, students will learn how to use SQL to retrieve, store or update data in MvSQL.

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- Ideally database language should let user:
 - create database and table structures.
 - perform basic tasks like insert, update, delete;
 - perform both simple and complex queries.
- Must perform these tasks with minimal user effort.
- Must be easy to learn.



- SQL is a database language with 2 major components:
 - a DDL for defining database structure;
 - a DML for retrieving and updating data.
- SQL can be used interactively or embedded in a high-level language (eg. C, C++).



- SQL statement consists of reserved words and user-defined words.
- Reserved words: fixed part of SQL and must be spelt exactly as required and cannot be split across lines.
- User-defined words: made up by user and represent names of various database objects such as tables, columns, views.



- Most components of an SQL statement are case insensitive, except for literal character data.
- More readable with indentation and lineation:
- Each clause should begin on a new line.
- Start of a clause should line up with start of other clauses

Literals

- Literals are constants used in SQL statements.
- All non-numeric literals must be enclosed in single quotes (eg. 'London').
- All numeric literals must not be enclosed in quotes (eg. 650.00).

SQL Identifiers

SQL identifiers are used to identify objects in the database such as table names, view names and columns. The following restrictions (syntax rules) are imposed on an identifier

SQL Syntax Rules

The most basic rules of SQL are:

- Identifiers (names of tables, columns, and other objects) should contain between 1 and 30 characters. The identifiers can be upper or lower case, but no embedded spaces are allowed.
- For example, WORK PHONE would have to be written as WORKPHONE or WORK_PHONE.

SQL Syntax Rules

- SQL is not case sensitive, although SQL keywords such as SELECT or FROM are usually capitalized.
- Keywords have predefined meanings and cannot be used as identifiers.



- SQL statements can take up more than one line (and there are no restrictions on the number of words per line or where to break a line). However, a new line is often started when a new clause in an SQL statement begins.
- Commands begin with the SQL element (e.g. CREATE or SELECT).

Semicolon after SQL Statements?

- Some database systems require a semicolon at the end of each SQL statement.
- Semicolon is the standard way to separate each SQL statement in database systems that allow more than one SQL statement to be executed in the same call to the server.
- When we are using for example MS Access and SQL Server 2000 we do not have to put a semicolon after each SQL statement, but some database programs force you to use it.

SQL Syntax Elements



DDL STATEMENTS

The following described keywords identify commonly used SQL DDL verbs:

 CREATE Creates a database, table, view, etc.

DROP Removes a database, table, view, etc.

ALTER Alters a database, table, etc.

SQL Syntax Elements

DML Statements

The following described keywords identify commonly used SQL DML verbs:

- SELECT Retrieves the specified records.
- UPDATE Changes values in the specified rows.
- INSERT Adds a new row.
- DELETE Removes the specified rows.



DCL Statements

The following described keywords identify commonly used SQL DCL verbs:

- GRANT Grants or gives privileges to users.
- REVOKE Revokes or takes away privileges that were granted to users with the GRANT statement.

Privileges

Privileges are the actions that a user is permitted to carry out on a given base table or view. The privileges defined by the ISO standards are:

- SELECT Permits the user or object to SELECT data from the table or view.
- **INSERT** Permits the user or object to INSERT rows into the table or view.
- **UPDATE** Permits the user or object to UPDATE rows in the table or view, optionally restricted to specific columns.



- DELETE Permits the user or object to DELETE rows from the table or view.
- REFERENCES Permits the user or object to reference the specified column[s] of the table via a foreign key. If the primary or unique key referenced by the foreign key of the other table is composite then all columns of the key must be specified.

SELECT Statement

```
SELECT [DISTINCT | ALL]

{* | [columnExprn [AS newName]] [,...] }

FROM TableName [alias] [, ...]

[WHERE condition]

[GROUP BY columnList] [HAVING condition]

[ORDER BY columnList]
```

SELECT Statement

SELECT Specifies which columns are to

appear in output.

FROM Specifies table(s) to be used.

WHERE Filters rows.

GROUP BY Forms groups of rows with same

column value.

HAVING Filters groups subject to some

condition.

ORDER BY Specifies the order of the output.

SELECT Statement

- Order of the clauses cannot be changed.
- Only SELECT and FROM are mandatory.

SQL Operators

The following described basic operators specify conditions and perform logical and numeric functions:

AND Both conditions must be met

OR At least one condition must be met

NOT Exclude the condition following

LIKE Matches with a pattern

IN Matches with a list of values

BETWEEN Matches with a range of values

OPERATORS

- Equal to
- Not equal to
- Less than
- Second Second
- <= Less than or equal to</p>
- >= Greater than or equal to

OPERATORS

- + Addition
- Subtraction
- Division
- * Multiplication

Quotes Around Text Fields

- SQL uses single quotes around text values (most database systems will also accept double quotes).
- However, numeric values should not be enclosed in quotes.

For text values:

This is correct: SELECT * FROM Persons WHERE FirstName='Tove';

Quotes Around Text Fields

This is wrong: SELECT * FROM Persons WHERE FirstName=Tove;

For numeric values:

This is correct: SELECT * FROM Persons WHERE Year=1965;

This is wrong:

SELECT * FROM Persons WHERE Year='1965';

EXAMPLES: IMPLEMENTATION OF SQL

Creating A Database:

SYNTAX: CREATE DATABASE database_name

e.g: CREATE DATABASE Records;

Note: Read about SQL data types

EXAMPLES: IMPLEMENTATION OF SQL

CREATE TABLE

```
CREATE TABLE table_name

( field1 datatype [ NOT NULL ],
    field2 datatype [ NOT NULL ],
    field3 datatype [ NOT NULL ]...)

e.g

CREATE TABLE BILLS(
    NAME CHAR(30) NOT NULL,
    AMOUNT NUMBER,
    ACCOUNT_ID char(20) NOT NULL);
```

PRACTICE EXERCISES Basic Table Creation

```
CREATE TABLE Products
  prod_id
            CHAR(10)
                            NOT NULL,
  vend id
             CHAR(10)
                             NOT NULL,
               CHAR(254)
  prod_name
                             NOT NULL,
  prod_price
             DECIMAL(8,2)
                            NOT NULL,
  prod desc
              VARCHAR(1000)
```

PRACTICE EXERCISES Basic Table Creation

CREATE TABLE Vendors

```
vend id CHAR(10) NOT NULL,
  vend name CHAR(50) NOT NULL,
  vend address CHAR(50),
  vend city CHAR(50),
  vend_state CHAR(5),
  vend zip CHAR(10),
  vend_country CHAR(50)
);
```



INSERT values into a table

INSERT INTO TableName [(columnList)] VALUES (dataValueList)

- columnList is optional; if omitted, SQL assumes a list of all columns in their original CREATE TABLE order.
- Any columns omitted must have been declared as NULL or a DEFAULT was specified when table was created.



INSERT values into a table

- dataValueList must match columnList as follows:
 - number of items in each list must be same;
 - must be direct correspondence in position of items in two lists;
 - data type of each item in dataValueList must be compatible with data type of corresponding column.



3.19 INSERT values into a table

Insert a row into the Video table.

```
INSERT INTO Video VALUES ('207132', 'Die Another Day', 'Action' 5.00, 21.99, 'D1001');
```

Table name

Attribute names



PName	Price	Category	Manufacturer
Gizmo	19.99	Gadgets	GizmoWorks
Powergizmo	29.99	Gadgets	GizmoWorks
SingleTouch	149.99	Photography	Canon
MultiTouch	203.99	Household	Hitachi

Tuples or rows

Table Explained

The *schema* of a table is the table name and its attributes:

Product(PName, Price, Category, Manfacturer)

A key is an attribute whose values are unique;
 we underline a key

Product(<u>PName</u>, Price, Category, Manfacturer)

SQL Query

Basic form: (plus many more bells and whistles)

```
SELECT <attributes>
FROM <one or more relations>
WHERE <conditions>
```



Simple SQL Query

Product

PName	Price	Category	Manufacturer
Gizmo	\$19.99	Gadgets	GizmoWorks
Powergizmo	\$29.99	Gadgets	GizmoWorks
SingleTouch	\$149.99	Photography	Canon
MultiTouch	\$203.99	Household	Hitachi

SELECT *

FROM Product

WHERE category='Gadgets'



"selection"

PName	Price	Category	Manufacturer
Gizmo	\$19.99	Gadgets	GizmoWorks
Powergizmo	\$29.99	Gadgets	GizmoWorks



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SELECT PName, Price, Manufacturer

FROM Product

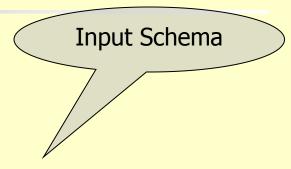
WHERE Price > 100



"selection" and "projection"

PName	Price	Manufacturer
SingleTouch	\$149.99	Canon
MultiTouch	\$203.99	Hitachi





Product(PName, Price, Category, Manfacturer

SELECT PName, Price, Manufacturer

FROM Product

WHERE Price > 100;



Answer(PName, Price, Manfacturer)

Output Schema



3.1 All Columns, All Rows

List full details of all videos.

SELECT catalogNo, title, category, dailyRental, price, directorNo FROM Video;

Can use * as an abbreviation for 'all columns':

SELECT * FROM Video;

3.1 All Columns, All Rows

Table 3.1 Result table for Query 3.1.

catalogNo	title	category	dailyRental	price	directorNo
207132	Die Another Day	Action	5.00	21.99	D1001
902355	Harry Potter	Children	4.50	14.50	D7834
330553	Lord of the Rings	Fantasy	5.00	31.99	D4576
781132	Shrek	Children	4.00	18.50	D0078
445624	Men in Black II	Action	4.00	29.99	D5743
634817	Independence Day	Sci-Fi	4.50	32.99	D3765



3.2 Specific Columns, All Rows

List the catalog number, title and daily rental rate of all videos.

SELECT catalogNo, title, dailyRental FROM Video;

3.2 Specific Columns, All Rows

Table 3.2 Result table for Query 3.2.

catalogNo	title	dailyRental
207132	Die Another Day	5.00
902355	Harry Potter	4.50
330553	Lord of the Rings	5.00
781132	Shrek	4.00
445624	Men in Black II	4.00
634817	Independence Day	4.50



3.3 Use of DISTINCT

List all video categories.

SELECT category FROM Video;

Table 3.3(a) Result table for Query 3.3 with duplicates.

category

Action

Children

Fantasy

Children

Action

Sci-Fi

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3.3 Use of DISTINCT

Use DISTINCT to eliminate duplicates:
 SELECT DISTINCT category
 FROM Video;

Table 3.3(b) Result table for Query 3.3 with duplicates eliminated.

category

Action

Children

Fantasy

Sci-Fi



3.4 Calculated Fields

List rate for renting videos for 3 days. SELECT catalogNo, title, dailyRental*3 FROM Video;

Table 3.4 Res	sult table of Query 3.4.	
catalogNo	title	col3
207132	Die Another Day	15.00
902355	Harry Potter	13.50
330553	Lord of the Rings	15.00
781132	Shrek	12.00
445624	Men in Black II	12.00
634817	Independence Day	13.50

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3.4 Calculated Fields

To name column, use AS clause:

SELECT catalogNo, title, dailyRental*3 AS threeDayRate FROM Video;

3.5 Comparison Search Condition

List all staff with a salary greater than \$10,000.

SELECT staffNo, name, position, salary FROM Staff WHERE salary > 10000;

Table 3.5	Result	table	for (Query	3.5.
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staffNo	name	position	salary
S1500	Tom Daniels	Manager	46000
S0010	Mary Martinez	Manager	50000
S2250	Sally Stern	Manager	48000
S0415	Art Peters	Manager	41000



3.6 Range Search Condition

List all staff with a salary between \$45,000 and \$50,000.

SELECT staffNo, name, position, salary FROM Staff WHERE salary BETWEEN 45000 AND 50000;

 BETWEEN test includes the endpoints of range.



3.6 Range Search Condition

Table 3.6 Result table for Query 3.6.

staffNo	name	position	salary
S1500	Tom Daniels	Manager	46000
S0010	Mary Martinez	Manager	50000
S2250	Sally Stern	Manager	48000



3.6 Range Search Condition

- Also a negated version NOT BETWEEN.
- BETWEEN does not add much to SQL's expressive power. Could also write:

SELECT staffNo, name, position, salary FROM Staff
WHERE salary >= 45000 AND salary <= 50000;

Useful, though, for a range of values.

3.7 Set Membership

List all videos in the Action and Children categories.

SELECT catalogNo, title, category FROM Video WHERE category IN ('Action', 'Children');

Table 3.7	Result table for	Query 3.7.
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catalogNo	title	category
207132	Die Another Day	Action
902355	Harry Potter	Children
781132	Shrek	Children
445624	Men In Black II	Action

3.7 Set Membership

- There is a negated version (NOT IN).
- IN does not add much to SQL's expressive power. Could have expressed this as:

SELECT catalogNo, title, category FROM Video WHERE category ='Action' OR category ='Children'

IN is more efficient when set contains many values.



3.8 Pattern Matching

List all staff whose first name is Sally.

SELECT staffNo, name, position, salary
FROM Staff
WHERE name LIKE 'Sally%';

Table 3.8	Result table of Q	uery 3.8.	
staffNo	name	position	salary
S0003	Sally Adams	Assistant	30000
S2250	Sally Stern	Manager	48000



3.8 Pattern Matching

- SQL has two special pattern matching symbols:
 - *: sequence of zero or more characters;
 - _ (underscore): any single character.
- LIKE 'Sally%' means the first 5 characters must be Sally followed by anything.



3.9 NULL Search Condition

List the video rentals that have not yet been returned.

Have to test for null explicitly using special keyword IS NULL:

SELECT dateOut, memberNo, videoNo FROM RentalAgreement WHERE dateReturn IS NULL;



3.9 NULL Search Condition

Table 3.9 Result table for Query 3.9.

dateOut	memberNo	videoNo
2-Feb-03	M115656	178643

 Negated version (IS NOT NULL) can test for non-null values.



3.10 Single Column Ordering

List all videos in descending order of price.

SELECT *
FROM Video
ORDER BY price DESC;



3.10 Single Column Ordering

Table 3.10 Result table for Query 3.10.

catalogNo	title	category	dailyRental	price	directorNo
634817	Independence Day	Sci-Fi	4.50	32.99	D3765
330553	Lord of the Rings	Fantasy	5.00	31.99	D4576
445624	Men In Black II	Action	4.00	29.99	D5743
207132	Die Another Day	Action	5.00	21.99	D1001
781132	Shrek	Children	4.00	18.50	D0078
902355	Harry Potter	Children	4.50	14.50	D7834



ISO SQL defines five aggregate functions:
 COUNT returns number of values in specified column.

SUM returns sum of values in specified column.

AVG returns average of values in specified column.

MIN returns smallest value in specified column.

MAX returns largest value in specified column.



- Each operates on a single column of a table and returns a single value.
- COUNT, MIN, and MAX apply to numeric and non-numeric fields, but SUM and AVG only for numeric fields.
- Apart from COUNT(*), each function eliminates nulls first and operates only on remaining non-null values.



- COUNT(*) counts all rows of a table, regardless of whether nulls or duplicate values occur.
- Can use DISTINCT before column name to eliminate duplicates.
- DISTINCT has no effect with MIN/MAX, but may have with SUM/AVG.



- Aggregate functions can be used only in SELECT list and in HAVING clause.
- If SELECT list includes an aggregate function and there is no GROUP BY clause, SELECT list cannot reference a column out with an aggregate function.
- For example, following is illegal: SELECT staffNo, COUNT(salary) FROM Staff;



3.11 Use of COUNT and SUM

List total number of staff with salary greater than \$40,000 and the sum of their salaries.

SELECT COUNT(staffNo) AS totalStaff, SUM(salary) as totalSalary

FROM Staff

WHERE salary > 40000;



3.11 Use of COUNT and SUM

Table	3.11	Result	table	of	Query	3.11.

totalStaff	totalSalary	
4	185000	



3.12 Use of MIN, MAX and AVG

List the minimum, maximum, and average staff salary.

SELECT MIN(salary) AS minSalary, MAX(salary) AS maxSalary, AVG(salary) AS avgSalary FROM Staff;

Table 3.12	Result table of	of Query 3.12.
minSalary	maxSalary	avgSalary
30000	50000	41166.67

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SELECT Statement - Grouping

- Use GROUP BY clause to get sub-totals.
- SELECT and GROUP BY closely integrated: each item in SELECT list must be singlevalued per group, and SELECT clause may only contain:
 - column names
 - aggregate functions
 - constants
 - expression with combination of above.
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- All column names in SELECT list must appear in GROUP BY clause unless used only in an aggregate function.
- If used, WHERE is applied first, then groups are formed from remaining rows satisfying predicate.
- ISO considers two nulls to be equal for purposes of GROUP BY.

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3.13 Use of GROUP BY

Find number of staff in each branch and sum of their salaries.

SELECT branchNo, COUNT(staffNo) AS totalStaff, SUM(salary) AS totalSalary

FROM Staff
GROUP BY branchNo
ORDER BY branchNo;



3.13 Use of GROUP BY

Table 3.13 Result table for Query 3.13.

branchNo	totalStaff	totalSalary
B001	2	76000
B002	2	82000
B003	1	41000
B004	1	48000



Restricted Groupings - HAVING clause

- HAVING clause designed for use with GROUP BY to restrict groups that appear in final result table.
- Similar to WHERE, but WHERE filters individual rows whereas HAVING filters groups.
- Column names in HAVING clause must also appear in the GROUP BY list or be contained within an aggregate function.

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3.14 Use of HAVING

For each branch with more than 1 member of staff, find number of staff in each branch and sum of their salaries.

SELECT branchNo,

COUNT(staffNo) AS totalStaff,

SUM(salary) AS totalSalary

FROM Staff

GROUP BY branchNo

HAVING COUNT(staffNo) > 1

ORDER BY branchNo;

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3.14 Use of HAVING

Table 3.14 Result table of Query 3.14.

branchNo	totalStaff	totalSalary
B001	2	76000
B002	2	82000



Subqueries

- Some SQL statements can have a SELECT embedded within them.
- A subselect can be used in WHERE and HAVING clauses of an outer SELECT, where it is called a subquery or nested query.
- Subselects may also appear in INSERT, UPDATE, and DELETE statements.

3.15 Subquery with Equality

Find staff who work in branch at '8 Jefferson Way'.

SELECT staffNo, name, position

FROM Staff

WHERE branchNo =

(SELECT branchNo

FROM Branch

WHERE street='8 Jefferson Way');

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3.15 Subquery with Equality

- Inner SELECT finds branch number for branch at '8 Jefferson Way' ('B001').
- Outer SELECT then retrieves details of all staff who work at this branch.
- Outer SELECT then becomes:

SELECT staffNo, name, position FROM Staff
WHERE branchNo = 'B001';



3.15 Subquery with Equality

Table 3.15	Result	table of	Query	3.1	15.
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staffNo	name	position
S1500	Tom Daniels	Manager
S0003	Sally Adams	Assistant



3.16 Subquery with Aggregate

List all staff whose salary is greater than the average salary.

```
SELECT staffNo, name, position
FROM Staff
WHERE salary >
(SELECT AVG(salary)
FROM Staff);
```



3.16 Subquery with Aggregate

- Cannot write 'WHERE salary > AVG(salary)'
- Instead, use subquery to find average salary (41166.67), and then use outer SELECT to find those staff with salary greater than this:

SELECT staffNo, name, position FROM Staff
WHERE salary > 41166.67;



3.16 Subquery with Aggregate

Table	3.16	Result	table	of	Query	3.16.
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staffNo	name	position
S1500	Tom Daniels	Manager
S0010	Mary Martinez	Manager
S2250	Sally Stern	Manager

UPDATE

UPDATE TableName
SET columnName1 = dataValue1
 [, columnName2 = dataValue2...]
[WHERE searchCondition]

- TableName can be name of a base table or an updatable view.
- SET clause specifies names of one or more columns that are to be updated.

UPDATE

- WHERE clause is optional:
 - if omitted, named columns are updated for all rows in table;
 - if specified, only those rows that satisfy searchCondition are updated.
- New dataValue(s) must be compatible with data type for corresponding column.



3.20 UPDATE Rows in a Table

Modify the daily rental rate of videos in the 'Thriller' category by 10%.

UPDATE Video
SET dailyRental = dailyRental*1.1
WHERE category = 'Thriller';



DELETE FROM TableName [WHERE searchCondition]

- TableName can be name of a base table or an updatable view.
- searchCondition is optional; if omitted, all rows are deleted from table. This does not delete table. If searchCondition specified, only those rows that satisfy condition are deleted.
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3.21 DELETE Specific Rows

Delete rental videos for catalog number 634817.

DELETE FROM VideoForRent WHERE catalogNo = '634817';



Data Definition

- Two main SQL DDL statements:
 - CREATE TABLE to create a new table.
 - CREATE VIEW to create a new view.

Defining a column

columnName dataType [NOT NULL] [UNIQUE] [DEFAULT defaultOption]

Supported data types of SQL are:

Table 3.19 ISO SQL data types.					
Data type	Declarations				
boolean	BOOLEAN				
character	CHAR,	VARCHAR			
bit	BIT,	BIT VARYING			
exact numeric	NUMERIC,	DECIMAL,	INTEGER,	SMALLINT	
approximate numeric	FLOAT,	REAL,	DOUBLE PRECISION		
datetime	DATE,	TIME,	TIMESTAMP		
interval	INTERVAL				
large objects	CHARACTER L	ARGE OBJECT	BINARY LARGE OBJEC	Τ	



PRIMARY KEY and entity integrity

- Entity integrity supported by PRIMARY KEY clause.
- For example: CONSTRAINT pk PRIMARY KEY (catalogNo) CONSTRAINT pk1 PRIMARY KEY (catalogNo, actorNo)



FOREIGN KEY and ref. integrity

- Use FOREIGN KEY clause to define any foreign keys in the table.
- SQL rejects any INSERT or UPDATE that attempts to create a FK value in child table without matching CK value in parent table.