CSC 261/461 Introduction to Databases

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SQL has one basic statement for retrieving information from a database: the SELECT statement.

- ightharpoonup SELECT statement is *not* the same as the σ operation of relational algebra
- Note: SQL allows a table to have tuples that are identical in all their attribute values.
 - an SQL table is not a set of tuples, but a multiset (bag) of tuples.



▶ The basic form of the SELECT statement:

```
SELECT <attribute list>
FROM 
WHERE <condition>;
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- <attribute list> is a list of attribute names whose values are to be retrieved by the query.
- is a list of the relation names required to process the query.
- <condition> is a conditional expression that identifies the tuples to be retrieved by the query.



Query 0. Retrieve the *birth date* and *address* of the employee(s) whose name is 'John B. Smith'.

EMPLOYEE

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Fname	Minit	Lname	Ssn	Bdate	Address	Sex	Salary	Super_ssn	Dno
SELECT Bdate, Address									
FROM Employee									
WHERE Fname='lohn' AND Minit='B' AND Iname='Smith':									



SELECT Bdate, Address
FROM Employee
WHERE Fname='John' AND Minit='B' AND Lname='Smith';

EMPLOYEE

Fname	Minit	Lname	Ssn	Bdate	Address		Salary	Super_ssn	Dno
John	В	Smith	123456789	1965-01-09	731 Fondren, Houston, TX	М	30000	333445555	5
Franklin	Т	Wong	333445555	1955-12-08	638 Voss, Houston, TX	М	40000	888665555	5
Alicia	J	Zelaya	999887777	1968-01-19	3321 Castle, Spring, TX	F	25000	987654321	4
Jennifer	S	Wallace	987654321	1941-06-20	291 Berry, Bellaire, TX	F	43000	888665555	4
Ramesh	K	Narayan	666884444	1962-09-15	975 Fire Oak, Humble, TX	М	38000	333445555	5
Joyce	Α	English	453453453	1972-07-31	5631 Rice, Houston, TX	F	25000	333445555	5
Ahmad	V	Jabbar	987987987	1969-03-29	980 Dallas, Houston, TX	М	25000	987654321	4
James	Е	Borg	888665555	1937-11-10	450 Stone, Houston, TX	М	55000	NULL	1



Query 1. Retrieve the *name* and *address* of all employees who work for the 'Research' department.

EMPLOYEE

Fname Minit Lname <u>Ssn</u> Bdate Address Sex Salary	Super_ssn	Dno	
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DEPARTMENT

Dname <u>Dnum</u>	ber Mgr_ssn	Mgr_start_date
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SELECT Fname, Lname, Address
FROM Employee, Department
WHERE Dname='Research' AND Dnumber=Dno;



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DEPARTMENT

	Dname	Dnumber	Mgr_ssn	Mgr_start_date
	Research	5	333445555	1988-05-22
	Administration	4	987654321	1995-01-01
1	Headquarters	1	888665555	1981-06-19





Query 2. For every project located in 'Stafford', list the project number, the controlling department number, and the department manager's last name, address, and birth date.

EMPLOYEE Fname Minit Lname Ssn Bdate Address Sex Salary

DEPARTMENT Dname Dnumber Mgr_ssn Mgr_start_date

PROJECT

Pname <u>Pnumber</u> Plocation Dnum

SELECT Pnumber, Dnum, Lname, Address, Bdate FROM PROJECT, DEPARTMENT, EMPLOYEE WHERE Dnum=Dnumber

AND Mgr_ssn=Ssn AND Plocation='Stafford';



Super ssn

Dno

Ambiguities

Query 1. Retrieve the *name* and *address* of all employees who work for the 'Research' department.

EMPLOYEE

DEPARTMENT

Name Dnum	oer Mgr_ssn	Mgr_start_date
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Note: Suppose Dno and Lname attributes of the Employee relation were called Dnumber and Name, and the Dname attribute of Department was also called Name.

SELECT Fname, Name, Address FROM Employee, Department WHERE Name='Research' AND Dnumber=Dnumber;



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EMPLOYEE

Fname	Minit	Name	Ssn	Bdate	Address	Sex	Salary	Super_ssn	Dnumber
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DEPARTMENT

Name	Dnumber	Mgr_ssn	Mgr_start_date
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SELECT Fname, Employee.Name, Address
FROM Employee, Department
WHERE Department.Name='Research'
AND Department.Dnumber=Employee.Dnumber;



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DEPARTMENT

Name	Dnumber	Mgr_ssn	Mgr_start_date
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Note: Suppose Dno and Lname attributes of the Employee relation were called Dnumber and Name, and the Dname attribute of Department was also called Name.

SELECT Fname, Employee.Name, Address
FROM Employee, Department
WHERE Department.Name='Research'
AND Department.Dnumber=Employee.Dnumber;



No-where

Queries 4 and 5. Select all Employee Ssns (Q4) and all combinations of Employee Ssn and Department Dname (Q5) in the database.

```
SELECT Ssn
FROM Employee;
SELECT Ssn, Dname
FROM Employee, Department;
```



All Attributes

```
SELECT *
FROM Employee
WHERE Dno=5
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SELECT *
FROM Employee, Department
WHERE Dname='Research' AND Dno=Dnumber

SELECT *
FROM Employee, Department



Sets and Multisets

- SQL usually treats a table not as a set
- duplicate tuples can appear more than once in a table, and in the result of a query.
- SQL keeps duplicate tuples. Why?
 - Duplicate elimination is an expensive operation. One way to implement it is to sort the tuples first and then eliminate duplicates.
 - The user may want to see duplicate tuples in the result of a query.
 - ► When an aggregate function is applied to tuples, in most cases we do not want to eliminate duplicates.



No duplicates

- ► An SQL table with a key is restricted to being a set
 - ▶ the key value must be distinct in each tuple.
- to get rid of duplicates use DISTINCT in the SELECT clause,
 - only distinct tuples should remain in the result.
- ► SELECT ALL is equivalent to SELECT



No duplicates

► Q11 retrieves the salary of every employee SELECT ALL Salary FROM Employee; SELECT DISTINCT Salary FROM EMPLOYEE;



Structured Query Language

EMPLOYEE

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SELECT ALL Salary FROM Employee;

SELECT DISTINCT Salary FROM EMPLOYEE;

1)	Salary
	30000
	40000
	25000
	43000
	38000
	25000
	25000
	55000

Salary
30000
40000
25000
43000
38000
55000



(b)

Structured Query Language

Query 12: Make a list of all project numbers for projects that involve an employee whose last name is 'Smith', either as a worker or as a manager of the department that controls the project.

```
( SELECT DISTINCT Pnumber
FROM PROJECT, DEPARTMENT, EMPLOYEE
WHERE Dnum=Dnumber AND Mgr_ssn=Ssn
    AND Lname='Smith')
UNION
( SELECT DISTINCT Pnumber
FROM PROJECT, WORKS_ON, EMPLOYEE
WHERE Pnumber=Pno AND Essn=Ssn
AND Lname='Smith');
```



Arithmetic Operators

- Standard arithmetic operators can be applied to numeric values
 - ▶ addition (+)
 - ▶ subtraction (-)
 - multiplication (*)
 - division (/)

Query. Show the resulting salaries if every employee working on the 'ProductX' project is given a 10 percent raise.

```
SELECT E.Fname, E.Lname, 1.1 * E.Salary AS Increased_sal FROM EMPLOYEE AS E, WORKS_ON AS W, PROJECT AS P WHERE E.Ssn=W.Essn AND W.Pno=P.Pnumber AND P.Pname='ProductX';
```



Structured Query Language

► Another comparison operator is BETWEEN.

Query. Retrieve all employees in department 5 whose salary is between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

SELECT *
FROM EMPLOYEE
WHERE (Salary BETWEEN 30000 AND 40000) AND Dno = 5;

► The condition (Salary BETWEEN 30000 AND 40000) is equivalent to ((Salary \$>=\$ 30000) AND (Salary \$<=\$ 40000))



Structured Query Language

- ► In SQL you can order tuples in the result by the values of one or more of the attributes that appear in the query result, with ORDER BY.
- Query. Retrieve a list of employees and the projects they are working on, ordered by department and, within each department, ordered alphabetically by last name, then first name.

```
SELECT D.Dname, E.Lname, E.Fname, P.Pname
FROM DEPARTMENT D, EMPLOYEE E, WORKS_ON W, PROJECT P
WHERE D.Dnumber= E.Dno AND E.Ssn= W.Essn AND W.Pno= P.Pnumber
ORDER BY D.Dname, E.Lname, E.Fname;
```

 To change order ORDER BY D.Dname DESC, E.Lname ASC, E.Fname ASC

