

Advanced Usage of the SQLAlchemy ORM

Data Boot Camp

Lesson 10.2



Class Objectives

By the end of today's class, you will be able to:



Use the SQLAlchemy ORM to create classes that model tables.



Perform database CRUD operations by using the SQLAlchemy ORM.



Reflect existing databases.



Use the SQLAlchemy Inspector to view table names in the database.



Plot query results from the ORM.



Run a t-test to validate differences in means.





Queries



Welcome & SQLAlchemy Queries

To prove this point, we will work with more realistic datasets today. Our first database contains over 1,000 rows of data that can be searched through.

BaseballPlayers								
name_first	name_last	name_given	weight	height	bats	throws	debut	final_game
David	Aardsma	David Allan	220	75	R	R	2004-04-06	2015-08-23
Hank	Aaron	Henry Louis	180	72	R	R	1954-04-13	1976-10-03
Tommie	Aaron	Tommie Lee	190	75	R	R	1962-04-10	1971-09-26
Don	Aase	Donald William	190	75	R	R	1977-07-26	1990-10-03
Andy	Abad	Fausto Andres	184	73	L	L	2001-09-10	2006-04-13
Fernando	Abad	Fernando Antonio	220	73	L	L	2010-07-28	2015-10-03
John	Abadie	John W.	192	72	R	R	1875-04-26	1875-06-10
Ed	Abbaticchio	Edward James	170	70	R	R	1897-09-04	1910-09-15
Bert	Abbey	Bert Wood	175	71	R	R	1892-06-14	1896-09-23
Charlie	Abbey	Charles S.	169	68	L	L	1893-08-16	1897-08-19

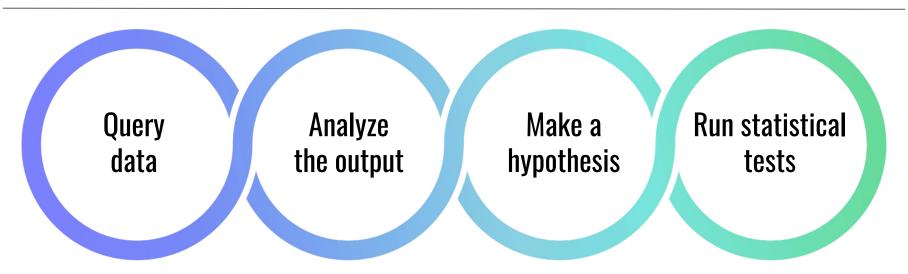
We will demonstrate how SQLAlchemy can be used in conjunction with SciPy to perform analysis on a dataset.







SQLAlchemy Queries in Action



For students who are pursuing a career in data science:

It's important to practice this workflow on your own.

For students who are not pursuing a career in data science:

This workflow demonstrates how SQLAlchemy can interface with another common Python library using queried objects.



Do you recall how to query a database using SQLAlchemy?

SQLAlchemy Queries in Action

There are two basic ways to query a database in SQLAlchemy:

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with SQL statements



with Python objects

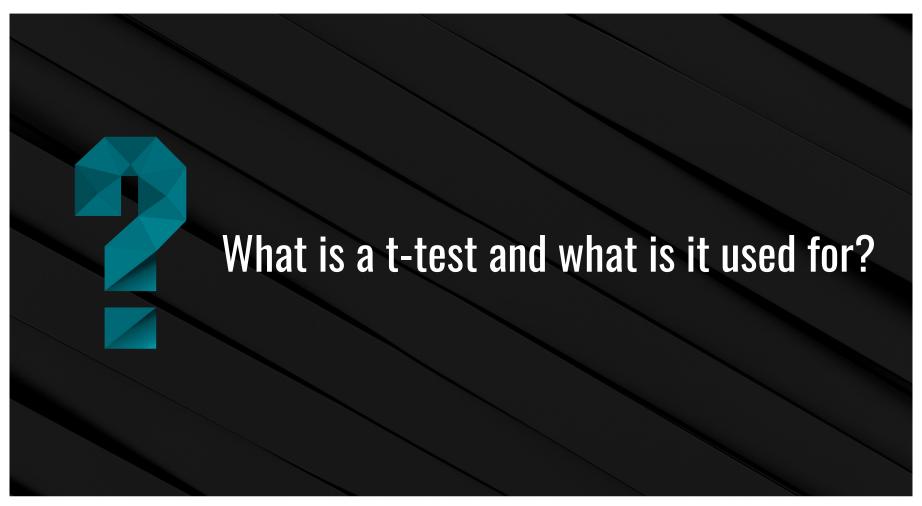


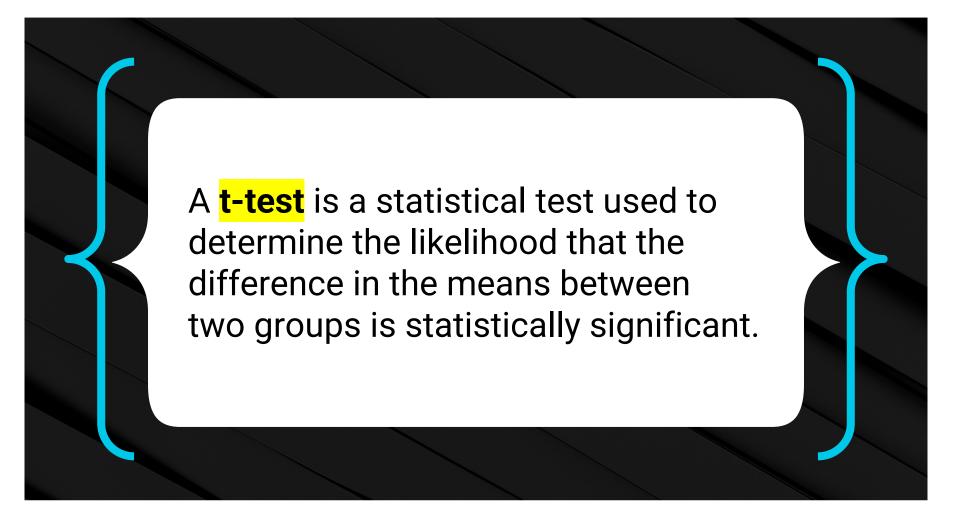
In the previous class, we discussed that Python objects are preferred for interacting with a database in SQLAlchemy.

SQLAlchemy Queries in Action

To query a database for all of the records in a specific table, use session.query() and pass through the SQLAlchemy class associated with the table as a parameter, as in the following code:

```
# Print all of the player names in the database
players = session.query(BaseballPlayer)
for player in players:
    print(player.name_given)
```





t-test

There are two types of (two-sample) t-tests:

Paired t-test

Compares the means of the **same group**.



Example:

Mean blood pressure in patients before and after medication.

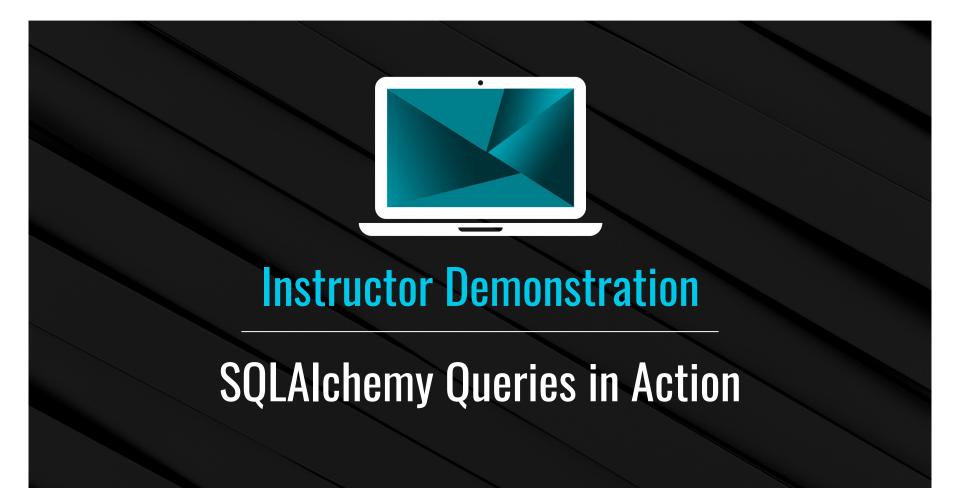
Unpaired t-test

Compares the means of two different groups.



Example:

The mean annual spending on dining out among Minnesotans versus Texans.









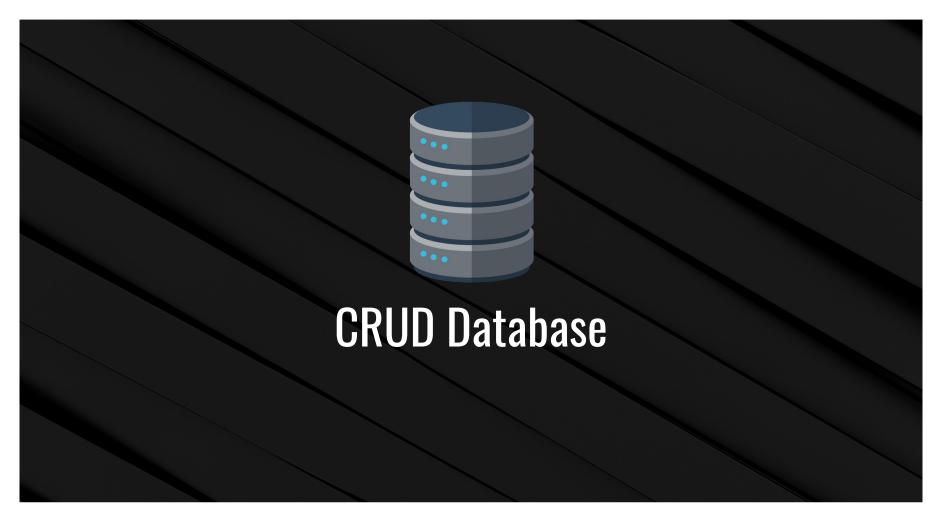
Activity: Sunny Hours Search

In this activity, you will create a Python script that can search through the provided SQL file of data on hours of sunshine in cities throughout the world.

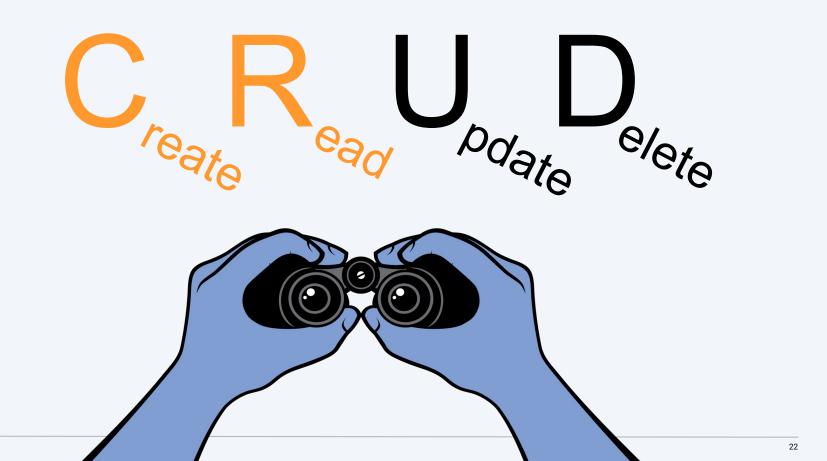
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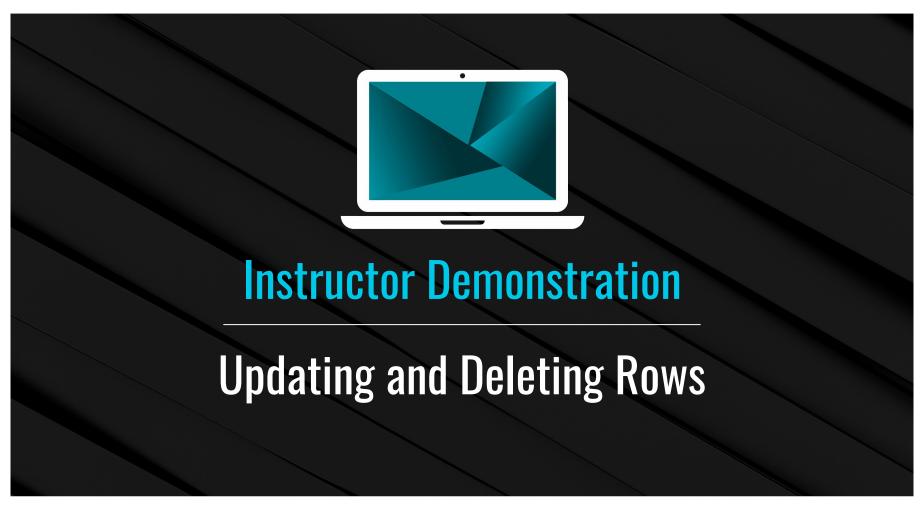




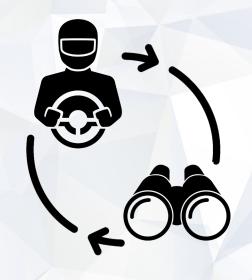


We have only looked at one-half of CRUD!









Pair Programming Activity:

CRUD Database

In this activity, you will be tasked with creating a new SQLite database for travel destinations.

You will need to create a table, add rows into the table, update values in rows, and, finally, delete a row from the database.

Suggested Time:



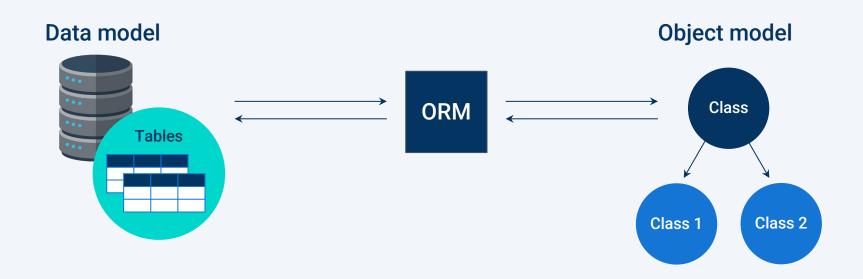






Reflecting on SQL

SQLAlchemy provides tools to create ORM classes for an existing database!





Reflections

Reflecting an existing database is a simple four-step process:



Import automap_base from the SQLAlchemy library.

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Create an engine against the existing database that should be reflected.

03

Create a Base by calling Base = automap_base().

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Call Base.prepare with the engine from Step 2, and reflect=True as its parameters.





Activity: Reflecting on SQL

In this activity, you will practice how to reflect existing databases using SQLAlchemy and a SQLite table with demographic data.

Suggested Time:







The inspector tool allows SQLAlchemy developers to look through a connected database and explore its contents.

SQLAIchemy Exploration

The inspector is primarily used to look up:



Tables



Columns

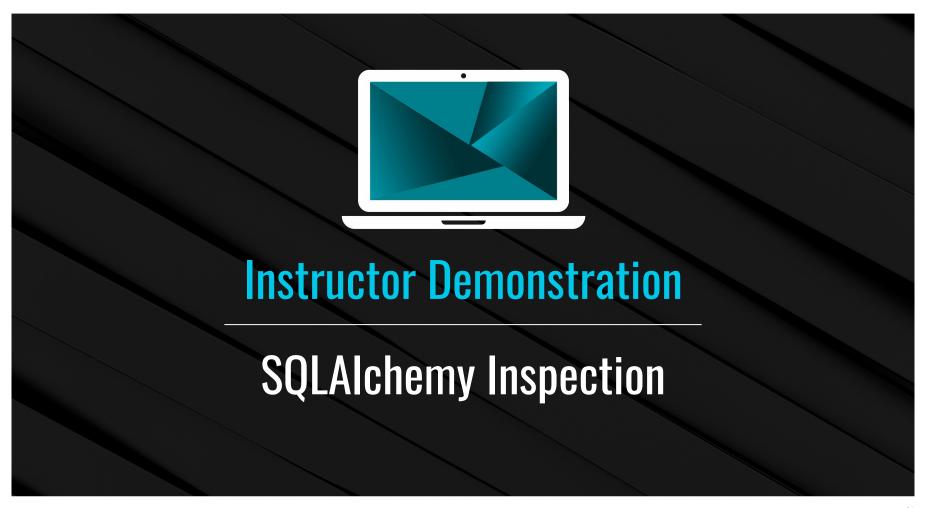


Data types



To look up specific values stored in a table, queries should be used.







Activity: Salary Exploration

In this activity, you will create an inspector and search through a SQLite database of San Francisco salaries.

Suggested Time:



