Database Systems — CSci 4380 Midterm Exam #2 Answers

In this database, we will store information about a university offering all of its courses online. The database stores detailed information about the courses including which online sites are used as a resource for different components of courses. Additionally, it stores information about exam dates, office hours etc. For each attribute, example values are provided.

Note: Each class in the database may have zero to many of each of the following: instructors, sites for resources, office hours, class meetings, exams and students. Example date formatting: 2020/11/05.

```
-- All courses offered in the university
CREATE TABLE courses (
    classcode varchar(40) PRIMARY KEY -- ex: CSCI-4380
                   varchar(200) -- ex: Database Systems
    , coursename
    , credits
                               -- ex: 4
                   int
    , department varchar(40) -- ex: Computer Science
);
-- Classes are offerings of a specific course in a specific semester,
-- year and section. We will assume no cross listed courses for simplicity.
CREATE TABLE classes(
                   int PRIMARY KEY
    , crn
                    varchar(40)
    , classcode
                   varchar(10) -- ex: Fall, Spring, Summer I, Summer II
    , semester
    , year
                     int
                               -- ex: 2020, 2021
                    int
                                -- ex: 1,2
    , sectionno
    , FOREIGN KEY (classcode) REFERENCES courses (classcode)
    , UNIQUE (classcode, semester, year, sectionno)
);
-- All instructors in the university
CREATE TABLE instructors(
    , id
                 int PRIMARY KEY
    , name
                  varchar(40) -- ex: Sibel Adali
                   varchar(40) -- ex: adalis@rpi.edu
    , email
    , onlineroom varchar(40) -- ex: rensselaer.webex.com/meet/adalis
    , note
                   text
);
 -- Who teaches which course(s)
CREATE TABLE teaches(
                     int
    crn
                    int
    , instructorid
    , PRIMARY KEY (crn, instructorid)
    , FOREIGN KEY (crn) REFERENCES classes(crn)
      ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE
    , FOREIGN KEY (instructorid) REFERENCES instructors(id)
      ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE
);
-- When classes meet
CREATE TABLE classmeetings(
             int
    , dayofweek varchar(10) -- ex: Monday, Tuesday
                             -- ex: time '14:30'
    , starttime time
    , duration int
                              -- in minutes, ex: 150
                 text
    , PRIMARY KEY (crn, dayofweek, starttime)
    , FOREIGN KEY (crn) REFERENCES classes(crn) ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE
);
```

```
-- When classes have office hours
CREATE TABLE officehours(
               int
                 varchar(10) -- ex: Monday, Tuesday
    , dayofweek
                time
                           -- ex: time '18:00'
    , starttime
                             -- ex: time '19:30'
                  time
    , endtime
    , PRIMARY KEY (crn, dayofweek, starttime)
    , FOREIGN KEY (crn) REFERENCES classes(crn) ON DELETE CASCADE
);
-- When classes have exams
CREATE TABLE exams(
    crn
            int
    , examname varchar(40) -- ex: Exam 1, Exam 2, Final Exam
    , examdate date -- ex: date '2020/11/02'
    , pointvalue int
                            -- ex: 12, 20
    , starttime time
                            -- ex: time '14:30'
    , duration int
                            -- in minutes, ex: 130
    , note text
    , PRIMARY KEY (crn, examname)
    , FOREIGN KEY (crn) REFERENCES classes(crn) ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE
);
-- All sites that are used for different courses.
CREATE TABLE sites(
                  varchar(40) PRIMARY KEY --ex: slack, discord, teams, submitty
    , sitename
    , bestbrowser varchar(40) --ex: firefox, chrome
    , generalurl varchar(100) --ex: webex.com
);
-- Which sites are used for which courses, example resourcetypes are
-- discussions, hw, videos, exams, coursenotes, meetings, officehours
CREATE TABLE resourcesites(
    rid
                  int PRIMARY KEY
                   int
    , crn
    , resourcetype varchar(100) -- ex: see above.
                   varchar(40)
    , sitename
    , resourceurl varchar(100)
    , FOREIGN KEY (crn) REFERENCES classes(crn) ON DELETE CASCADE
    , FOREIGN KEY (sitename) REFERENCES sites(sitename) ON UPDATE CASCADE
);
-- All students in the database
CREATE TABLE students (
    studentid int PRIMARY KEY
                 varchar(100)
    , email
    , firstname varchar(100)
    , lastname varchar(100)
);
-- Who is enrolled in which class.
CREATE TABLE enrollment (
   crn
                 int
   , studentid
                  int
   , PRIMARY KEY (crn, studentid)
   , FOREIGN KEY (crn) REFERENCES classes(crn) ON DELETE CASCADE
   , FOREIGN KEY (studentid) REFERENCES students(studentid) ON DELETE CASCADE
);
```

Here is a shorthand of the schema:

```
courses(classcode, coursename, credits, department)
classes(crn, classcode, semester, year, sectionno)
instructors(id, name, email, onlineroom, note)
teaches(crn, instructorid)
classmeetings(crn, dayofweek, starttime, duration, note)
officehours(crn, dayofweek, starttime, endtime)
exams(crn, examname, examdate, pointvalue, starttime, duration, note)
sites(sitename, bestbrowser, generalurl)
resourcesites(rid, crn, resourcetype, sitename, resourceurl)
students(studentid, email, firstname, lastname)
enrollment(crn, studentid)
```

Version 1 (v1).

Question 1 (10 points). Return the crn and coursename for all classes offered in Fall 2020 (semester, year) that have at least one class meeting on Tuesday (dayofweek) and at least one class meeting on Friday (dayofweek), and at least one set of office hours on Wednesday (dayofweek).

```
select DISTINCT
  cl.crn
   , c.coursename
from
  courses c
   , classes cl
   , classmeetings cm1
   , classmeetings cm2
   , officehours o
where
  c.classcode = cl.classcode
  and cl.crn = cm1.crn
  and cl.crn = cm2.crn
  and cl.crn = o.crn
  and cl.semester = 'Fall'
  and cl.vear = 2020
  and cm1.dayofweek = 'Tuesday'
  and cm2.dayofweek = 'Friday'
  and o.dayofweek = 'Wednesday';
```

Question 1 (10 points). Return the crn and coursename for all classes offered in Fall 2020 (semester, year) with at least one office hour on Monday (dayofweek) and at least one office hour on Wednesday (dayofweek) and uses Submitty (sitename) as a resource site.

Answer.

```
select DISTINCT
  cl.crn
   , c.coursename
from
  courses c
   , classes cl
   , officehours o1
   , officehours o2
  , resourcesites r
where
  c.classcode = cl.classcode
  and cl.crn = o1.crn
  and cl.crn = o2.crn
  and cl.crn = r.crn
  and cl.semester = 'Fall'
  and cl.year = 2020
  and o1.dayofweek = 'Monday'
  and o2.dayofweek = 'Wednesday'
  and r.sitename = 'Submitty';
```

Version 3 (v3).

Question 1 (10 points). Return the crn and coursename for all classes offered in Fall 2020 (semester, year) that use both Piazza and Submitty (sitename) as resources and have at least one class meeting on Tuesday (sitename).

```
select DISTINCT
  cl.crn
  , c.coursename
  courses c
  , classes cl
  , classmeetings cm
  , resourcesites r1
  , resourcesites r2
where
  c.classcode = cl.classcode
  and cl.crn = cm.crn
  and cl.crn = r1.crn
  and cl.crn = r2.crn
  and cl.semester = 'Fall'
  and cl.year = 2020
  and r1.sitename = 'Piazza'
  and r1.sitename = 'Submitty'
  and cm.dayofweek = 'Tuesday'; --typo in the first exam said sitename
```

Version 4 (v4).

Question 1 (10 points). Return the crn and coursename for all classes offered by the same professor both in Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 (semester, year).

```
select DISTINCT
  cl.crn
  , c.coursename
from
  courses c
  , classes cl1
  , classes cl2
  , teaches t1
  , teaches t2
where
  c.classcode = cl1.classcode
  and c.classcode = cl2.classcode
  and cl1.crn = t1.crn
  and cl2.crn = t2.crn
  and cl1.semester = 'Fall'
  and cl1.year = 2020
  and cl2.semester = 'Spring'
  and cl2.year = 2021
  and t1.instructorid = t2.instructorid;
```

Question 2 (12 points). Return the id and name of all instructors in the database who taught a class that has at least one class meeting on Tuesday (dayofweek) and have no office hours on Tuesday (dayofweek).

```
SELECT DISTINCT
   i.id
    , i.name
FROM
   instructors i
   , teaches t
   , classmeetings cm
WHERE
   i.id = t.instructorid
   and t.crn = cm.crn
   and cm.dayofweek = 'Tuesday'
   and cm.crn NOT IN (select crn from officehours where dayofweek = 'Tuesday');
SELECT DISTINCT
   i.id
   , i.name
FROM
   instructors i
   , teaches t
   , classmeetings cm
WHERE
   i.id = t.instructorid
   and t.crn = cm.crn
   and cm.dayofweek = 'Tuesday'
   and NOT EXISTS (SELECT * FROM officehours o
                  WHERE o.dayofweek = 'Tuesday' and cm.crn = o.crn);
SELECT DISTINCT
   i.id
    , i.name
FROM
   instructors i
     join teaches t on i.id = t.instructorid
     join classmeetings cm on t.crn = cm.crn and cm.dayofweek = 'Tuesday'
     left join officehours o on o.dayofweek = 'Tuesday' and cm.crn = o.crn
WHERE
   o.crn is null;
-- Be careful that using EXCEPT here may not work because the condition
-- is about the courses, not the instructors
```

Question 2 (12 points). Return the id and name of all instructors that are using Submitty (sitename) as a resourcesite in a class that has an exam on 2020/11/5 (examdate) and are not using Gradescope (sitename) for exams (resourcetype) for the same class.

```
SELECT DISTINCT
  i.id
  , i.name
FROM
  instructors i
   , teaches t
  , resourcesites s
  , exams e
WHERE
  i.id = t.instructorid
  and t.crn = s.crn
  and e.crn = t.crn
  and e.examdate = date '2020/11/5'
  and s.sitename = 'Submitty'
  and s.crn not in (SELECT crn
                  FROM resourcesites
                   WHERE sitename = 'Gradescope' and resourcetype='exams');
-- Be careful that using except here may not work because the condition
-- is about the courses, not the instructors
-- Solutions similar to v1 also exist for this version.
```

Question 3 (12 points). Return the crn and coursename for all classes offered in Fall or Spring (semester) of 2020 (year) that satisfy at least one of the following two conditions: either (1) the class is using at least three different sites as resourcesites, or (2) the class has exactly two instructors.

```
SELECT
  c1.crn
   , c.coursename
FROM
  courses c
   , classes cl
  , resourcesites r
WHERE
  c.classcode = cl.classcode
  and r.crn = cl.crn
  and cl.year = 2020
  and cl.semester in ('Spring', 'Fall')
GROUP BY
  cl.crn, c.coursename
HAVING
  count(distinct r.sitename) >= 3
UNION
SELECT
  c1.crn
  , c.coursename
FROM
  courses c
   , classes cl
  , teaches t
WHERE
  c.classcode = cl.classcode
  and t.crn = cl.crn
  and cl.year = 2020
  and cl.semester in ('Spring', 'Fall')
GROUP BY
  cl.crn, c.coursename
HAVING
  count(distinct t.instructorid) = 2;
SELECT
  c1.crn
   , c.coursename
FROM
  courses c
   join classes cl on c.classcode = cl.classcode
                  and cl.year = 2020 and cl.semester in ('Spring', 'Fall')
   left join resourcesites r on r.crn = cl.crn
   left join teaches t on t.crn = cl.crn
GROUP BY
  cl.crn, c.coursename
HAVING
  count(distinct r.sitename) >= 3
  or count(distinct t.instructorid) = 2;
-- Note: we need left join here because a course may not have any resource site
-- or instructors
```

Question 3 (12 points). Return the id of all students who satisfy at least one of the following two conditions: either (1) the student is taking at least 3 classes with prefix CSCI- (coursename) in Fall 2020 (semester, year), or (2) the student's courses in Fall 2020 use at least 5 different sitenames in resourcesites.

```
SELECT
  e.studentid
FROM
  courses c
   , classes cl
  , enrollment e
WHERE
  c.classcode = cl.classcode
  and c.crn = cl.crn
  and c.crn = e.crn
  and cl.year = 2020
  and cl.semester = 'Fall'
  and c.classcode like 'CSCI-%' -- also accept c.classname
GROUP BY
  e.studentid
HAVING
  count(distinct c.crn) >= 3
UNION
SELECT
  e.studentid
FROM
  courses c
  , classes cl
  , enrollment e
  , resourcesites r
WHERE
  c.classcode = cl.classcode
  and c.crn = cl.crn
  and c.crn = e.crn
  and c.crn = r.crn
  and cl.year = 2020
  and cl.semester = 'Fall'
GROUP BY
  e.studentid
HAVING
  count(distinct r.sitename) >= 5 ;
-- Similar solution to v1 may exist here as well., but is likely
-- more complex than v1 solution. Two different versions of class may need
-- to be left joined, one for CSCI- prefix and one for sites.
```

Question 4 (10 points). For each professor in the database who is teaching at least one class, return the id and name of the professor, the number of courses they are teaching and the number of different sites they are using for discussions (resources.resourcetype).

```
SELECT
  i.id
   , i.name
   , count(distinct t.crn)
  , count(distinct r.sitename)
FROM
  instructors i
    join teaches t on i.id = t.instructorid
    left join resourcesites r
        on t.crn = r.crn and r.resourcestype = 'discussions'
GROUP BY
  i.id
   , i.name --- i.name is optional if grouped by i.id,
          --- this is needed if grouping by t.instructorid
--- Note using regular join would not return zero values which this
--- query allows.
SELECT
  i.id
   , i.name
   , count(distinct t.crn)
   , (SELECT count(distinct r.sitename)
     FROM resourcesites r, teaches t
     WHERE r.crn = t.crn
           AND t.instructorid = i.id
           AND r.resourcestype = 'discussions')
FROM
  instructors i
    join teaches t on i.id = t.instructorid
GROUP BY
  i.id
   , i.name --- i.name is optional if grouped by i.id,
          --- this is needed if grouping by t.instructorid
```

Question 4 (10 points). For each student in the database who is enrolled in at least one class, return their id, name and the total number of exams they are taking in November 2020 (examdate) and the total number of days on which they have exams (examdate).

```
-- Two interpretations for number of days: all days they have exams, or
-- or days they have exams in November. We will solve both.
-- All days they have exam in November:
SELECT
  s.studentid
   , s.name
  , count(ex.crn)
  , count(distinct ex.examdate)
FROM
  students s
  join enrollment e on e.studentid = s.studentid
  left join exams ex on ex.crn = s.crn
                   and s.examdate >= date '2020/1/11'
                   and s.examdate \geq date '2020/31/11'
GROUP BY
  s.studentid
-- All days they have exam in November:
SELECT
  s.studentid
  , s.name
   , count(ex.crn)
   , (select count(distinct ex2.examdate) from enrollment e2, exams ex2
     where ex2.crn = e2.crn and e2.studentid = s.studentid)
FROM
  students s
  join enrollment e on e.studentid = s.studentid
  left join exams ex on ex.crn = s.crn
                   and s.examdate >= date '2020/1/11'
                   and s.examdate >= date '2020/31/11'
GROUP BY
  s.studentid
```

Question 5 (10 points). Return the crn, dayofweek and starttime of all office hours for a class with only one exam.

```
SELECT
   crn
    , dayofweek
    , startime
FROM
   officehours
WHERE
   1 = (SELECT count(*)
        FROM exams
        WHERE exams.crn = officehours.crn) ;
---- OR -----
SELECT
   o.crn
   , o.dayofweek
    , o.startime
FROM
   officehours o
   , exams e
WHERE
   e.crn = o.crn
GROUP BY
   o.crn
    , o.dayofweek
    , o.startime
HAVING
   count(*) = 1;
-- Ok to have/not have Limit 1 here.
```

Question 5 (10 points). Return the crn, examdate of all exams for a class with exactly one block of office hours (i.e. single tuple).

```
SELECT
   {\tt crn}
    , examdate
FROM
   exams
WHERE
   1 >= (SELECT count(*)
         FROM officehours
         WHERE exams.crn = officehours.crn) ;
---- OR -----
SELECT
   e.crn
    , e.examdate
FROM
   exams e
   , officehours o
WHERE
   e.crn = o.crn
GROUP BY
   e.crn
    , e.examdate
HAVING
   count(*)= 1;
-- Ok to have/not have LIMIT 1
```

Question 6 (14 points). Find the dayofweek and starttime in Fall 2020 (semester, year) that has the highest number of students on Webex (sitename) at the same time in a class meeting (assuming all enrolled students join at the start time of their respective classes). Return the dayofweek, starttime and the total number of students.

It is possible to solve this question with a single SQL query (including subqueries). However, you can break this problem into a multi-step code, using multiple SQL queries, creating temporary tables and dropping them if you wish.

```
WITH webexcounts AS(
SELECT
  cm.dayofweek
  , cm.time
  , count(*) as numstudents
FROM
   classmeetings cm
   , resourcesites rs
   , enrollment e
   , classes c
WHERE
   cm.crn = rs.crn
   and rs.crn = e.crn
   and c.crn = cm.crn
   and c.semester = 'Fall'
   and c.year = 2020
   and rs.resourcetype = 'meetings'
   and rs.sitename = 'webex'
GROUP BY
   cm.dayofweek
   , cm.time
SELECT
FROM
   webexcounts w
WHERE
   w.numstudents = (SELECT max(numstudents) FROM webexcounts);
-- limit 1 solution does not work for this question because
-- there can be multiple dayofweek/time with the max students.
```

Question 6 (14 points). Find students who are fortunate enough to use the smallest number of distinct sitenames in the resourcesites table for their courses in Fall 2020 (semester, year). Return the studentid, name of the students and the number of distinct sitenames they use.

It is possible to solve this question with a single SQL query (including subqueries). However, you can break this problem into a multi-step code, using multiple SQL queries, creating temporary tables and dropping them if you wish.

```
WITH ssites AS (
SELECT
  s.id
   , s.name
  , count(DISTINCT r.sitename) as numsites
FROM
  students s
  , enrollment e
  , resourcesites r
  , classes c
WHERE
  s.studentid = e.studentid
  and e.crn = r.crn
  and e.crn = c.crn
  and e.semester = 'Fall'
  and e.year = 2020
GROUP BY
  s.id
)
SELECT
FROM
  ssites
WHERE
  numsites = (select min(numsites) FROM ssites) ;
-- same in v1, limit 1 does not work.
```

Question 7 (10 points). Enroll Baby Yoda (firstname='Baby' and lastname='Yoda') in section 1 (sectionno) of all classes in Spring 2021 (semester, year) that are using Signal (sitename) as a resourcesite.

Answer.

```
insert into enrollment
select distinct
  c.crn
   , s.studentid
from
  classes c
   , resourcesites r
  , students s
where
  c.semester = 'Spring'
  and c.year = 2021
  and c.crn = r.crn
  and c.section = 1
  and r.sitename = 'Signal'
  and s.firstname = 'Baby'
  and s.lastname = 'Yoda';
```

Version 2 (v2).

Question 7 (10 points). For all courses Baby Yoda (firstname='Baby' and lastname='Yoda') is taking in Spring 2021 (semester, year), update the resourcesites table to change the sitename value for any discussion resourcetype to Signal.

```
UPDATE resourcesites
SET sitename = 'Signal'
WHERE
  resourcetype = 'discussion'
  AND crn IN (SELECT e.crn
             FROM enrollment e, classes c, student s
              WHERE e.studentid = s.studentid
                   and c.crn = e.crn
              and c.semester='Spring'
                   and c.year = 2021
          and s.firstname = 'Baby'
                   and s.lastname = 'Yoda');
UPDATE resourcesites
SET sitename = 'Signal'
WHERE
  resourcetype = 'discussion'
  AND EXISTS (SELECT *
             FROM enrollment e, classes c, student s
             WHERE e.studentid = s.studentid
                   and c.crn = e.crn
              and c.semester='Spring'
                   and c.year = 2021
          and s.firstname = 'Baby'
                   and s.lastname = 'Yoda'
                   and e.crn = resourcesite.crn);
```

Question 8 (12 points). Write a single transaction block (BEGIN;/COMMIT;) to reprimand professors for using TikTok (sitename) as a resourcesite in their classes.

To accomplish this, update the note attribute for the instructor to string 'inappropriate resource: TikTok' and cancel any classes using TikTok by removing all tuples for these classes from any table in the database.

You do not need to create any temporary tables to achieve this, but if you wish, you can create such a table to aid you in this query. Drop the table at the end of your transaction block.

```
BEGIN ;
UPDATE instructor
SET note = 'inappropriate resource use: tiktok'
WHERE id IN (SELECT t.instructorid
           FROM teaches t, resourcesites r
       WHERE t.crn = r.crn and r.sitename = 'TikTok') ;
DELETE FROM classes
WHERE crn IN (SELECT crn FROM resourcesites
            WHERE sitename = 'TikTok') ;
COMMIT;
UPDATE instructor
SET note = 'inappropriate resource use: tiktok'
WHERE EXISTS (SELECT *
           FROM teaches t, resourcesites r
       WHERE t.crn = r.crn and r.sitename = 'TikTok'
                 AND t.instructorid = instructor.id );
DELETE FROM classes
WHERE EXISTS (SELECT * FROM resourcesites r
        WHERE r.sitename = 'TikTok' and r.crn = classes.crn) ;
COMMIT;
```

Question 8 (12 points). Write a single transaction block (BEGIN; /COMMIT;) for the following.

First, enroll all students taking a class from a professor Boba Fett (name) in Fall 2020 (semester, year) in the class with crn=10302020 (already in the database).

Then, cancel any classes taught by Boba Fett in Fall 2020 by removing all tuples for these classes from any table in the database.

You do not need to create any temporary tables to achieve this, but if you wish, you can create such a table to aid you in this query. Drop the table at the end of your transaction block.

Question 9 (10 points). You are given the following two tables with no tuples initially.

```
CREATE TABLE a(val INT) ;
CREATE TABLE b(val INT);
CREATE FUNCTION atrgf () RETURNS trigger AS $$
   BEGIN
       IF NEW.val > 3 THEN
           INSERT INTO b SELECT sum(val) FROM a;
  END IF ;
       RETURN NEW;
   END;
$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
CREATE TRIGGER atrg BEFORE INSERT ON a
   FOR EACH ROW EXECUTE FUNCTION atrgf();
CREATE FUNCTION btrgf () RETURNS trigger AS $$
       IF NEW.val - OLD.val > 5 THEN
          INSERT INTO a VALUES(NEW.val);
  END IF ;
       RETURN NEW;
   END;
$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
CREATE TRIGGER btrg AFTER UPDATE ON b
   FOR EACH ROW EXECUTE FUNCTION btrgf();
Check all tuples in the database after the following transaction executes:
BEGIN ;
INSERT INTO a VALUES(4) ;
INSERT INTO a VALUES(2) ;
INSERT INTO a VALUES(5) ;
UPDATE b SET val = 14 WHERE val = 4 ;
INSERT INTO a VALUES(8);
UPDATE b SET val = val*10 WHERE val < 10 ;</pre>
COMMIT;
Table a (4)
Table a (2)
Table a (5)
Table a (8)
Table a (0)
Table a (40)
Table a (20)
Table a (60)
Table a (80)
Table a (110)
Table b (0)
Table b (NULL)
Table b (4)
Table b (2)
Table b (6)
Table b (11)
Table b (19)
Table b (20)
Table b (60)
```

```
Table b (79)
Table b (80)
Table b (110)
```

```
Table a (4)
Table a (2)
Table a (5)
Table a (8)
Table a (60)
Table b (NULL)
Table b (11)
Table b (19)
Table b (60)
```