



Introduction to Databases





A database consists of tables

Census State_Fact

state	sex	age	pop2000	pop2008	name	abbreviation	type
New York	F	O	120355	122194	New York	NY	state
New York	F	1	118219	119661	Washington DC	DC	capitol
New York	F	2	119577	116413	Washington	WA	state



Table consist of columns and rows

Census

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Tables can be related

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New York	NY	state
Washington DC	DC	capitol
Washington	WA	state





Let's practice!





Connecting to a Database



Meet SQLAlchemy

- Two Main Pieces
 - Core (Relational Model focused)
 - ORM (User Data Model focused)



There are many types of databases

- SQLite
- PostgreSQL
- MySQL
- MS SQL
- Oracle
- Many more



Connecting to a database

```
In [1]: from sqlalchemy import create_engine
In [2]: engine = create_engine('sqlite:///census_nyc.sqlite')
In [3]: connection = engine.connect()
```

- Engine: common interface to the database from SQLAlchemy
- Connection string: All the details required to find the database (and login, if necessary)



A word on connection strings

'sqlite:///census_nyc.sqlite'

Driver+Dialect Filename



What's in your database?

 Before querying your database, you'll want to know what is in it: what the tables are, for example:

```
In [1]: from sqlalchemy import create_engine
In [2]: engine = create_engine('sqlite:///census_nyc.sqlite')
In [3]: print(engine.table_names())
Out[3]: ['census', 'state_fact']
```





Reflection

Reflection reads database and builds SQLAlchemy Table objects

```
In [1]: from sqlalchemy import MetaData, Table
In [2]: metadata = MetaData()
  [3]: census = Table('census', metadata, autoload=True,
autoload_with=engine)
In [4]: print(repr(census))
Out[4]:
Table('census', MetaData(bind=None), Column('state',
VARCHAR(length=30), table=<census>), Column('sex',
VARCHAR(length=1), table=<census>), Column('age', INTEGER(),
table=<census>), Column('pop2000', INTEGER(), table=<census>),
Column('pop2008', INTEGER(), table=<census>), schema=None)
```





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Introduction to SQL Queries



SQL Statements

- Select, Insert, Update & Delete data
- Create & Alter data



Basic SQL querying

- SELECT column_name FROM table_name
- SELECT pop2008 FROM People
- SELECT * FROM People



Basic SQL querying

```
In [1]: from sqlalchemy import create_engine
In [2]: engine = create_engine('sqlite:///census_nyc.sqlite')
In [3]: connection = engine.connect()
In [4]: stmt = 'SELECT * FROM people'
In [5]: result_proxy = connection.execute(stmt)
In [6] results = result_proxy.fetchall()
```



ResultProxy vs ResultSet

```
In [5]: result_proxy = connection.execute(stmt)
In [6]: results = result_proxy.fetchall()
```

- ResultProxy
- ResultSet



Handling ResultSets

```
In [1]: first_row = results[0]
In [2]: print(first_row)
Out[2]: ('Illinois', 'M', 0, 89600, 95012)
In [4]: print(first_row.keys())
Out[4]: ['state', 'sex', 'age', 'pop2000', 'pop2008']
In [6]: print(first_row.state)
Out[6]: 'Illinois'
```



SQLAlchemy to Build Queries

- Provides a Pythonic way to build SQL statements
- Hides differences between backend database types



SQLAlchemy querying

```
In [4]: from sqlalchemy import Table, MetaData
In [5]: metadata = MetaData()
In [6]: census = Table('census', metadata, autoload=True, autoload_with=engine)
In [7]: stmt = select([census])
In [8]: results = connection.execute(stmt).fetchall()
```



SQLAlchemy Select Statement

- Requires a list of one or more Tables or Columns
- Using a table will select all the columns in it

```
In [9]: stmt = select([census])
In [10]: print(stmt)
Out[10]: 'SELECT * from CENSUS'
```





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Congratulations!



You already

- Know about the relational model
- Can make basic SQL queries



Coming up next...

- Beef up your SQL querying skills
- Learn how to extract all types of useful information from your databases using SQLAlchemy
- Learn how to create and write to relational databases
- Deep dive into the US census dataset!





See you in the next chapter!





Filtering and Targeting Data





Where Clauses

```
In [1]: stmt = select([census])
In [2]: stmt = stmt.where(census.columns.state ==
            'California')
In [3]: results = connection.execute(stmt).fetchall()
In [4]: for result in results:
            print(result.state, result.age)
Out[4]:
California 0
California 1
California 2
California 3
California 4
California 5
• • •
```



Where Clauses

- Restrict data returned by a query based on boolean conditions
- Compare a column against a value or another column
- Often used comparisons: '==', '<=', '>=', or '!='



Expressions

- Provide more complex conditions than simple operators
- Eg.in_(),like(),between()
- Many more in documentation
- Available as method on a Column



Expressions



Conjunctions

- Allow us to have multiple criteria in a where clause
- Eg.and_(),not_(), or_()





Conjunctions

```
In [1]: from sqlalchemy import or_
In [2]: stmt = select([census])
In [3]: stmt = stmt.where(
            or_(census.columns.state == 'California',
                census.columns.state == 'New York'
   ...:
In [4]: for result in connection.execute(stmt):
            print(result.state, result.sex)
Out[4]:
New York M
California F
```





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Ordering Query Results



Order by Clauses

- Allows us to control the order in which records are returned in the query results
- Available as a method on statements order_by()





Order by Ascending

```
In [1]: print(results[:10])
Out[1]: [('Illinois',), ...]

In [3]: stmt = select([census.columns.state])

In [4]: stmt = stmt.order_by(census.columns.state)

In [5]: results = connection.execute(stmt).fetchall()

In [6]: print(results[:10])
Out[6]: [('Alabama',), ...]
```



Order by Descending

Wrap the column with desc() in the order_by()
clause



Order by Multiple

- Just separate multiple columns with a comma
- Orders completely by the first column
- Then if there are duplicates in the first column, orders by the second column
- repeat until all columns are ordered





Order by Multiple

```
In [6]: print(results)
Out[6]: ('Alabama', 'M')
In [7]: stmt = select([census.columns.state,
       census.columns.sex])
In [8]: stmt = stmt.order_by(census.columns.state,
       census.columns.sex)
In [9]: results = connection.execute(stmt).first()
In [10]: print(results)
Out[10]:('Alabama', 'F')
('Alabama', 'F')
('Alabama', 'M')
```





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Counting, Summing and Grouping Data



SQL Functions

- E.g. Count, Sum
- from sqlalchemy import func
- More efficient than processing in Python
- Aggregate data



Sum Example

```
In [1]: from sqlalchemy import func
In [2]: stmt = select([func.sum(census.columns.pop2008)])
In [3]: results = connection.execute(stmt).scalar()
In [4]: print(results)
Out[4]: 302876613
```



Group by

Allows us to group row by common values



Group by



Group by

- Supports multiple columns to group by with a pattern similar to order_by ()
- Requires all selected columns to be grouped or aggregated by a function





Group by Multiple

```
In [1]: stmt = select([census.columns.sex,
       census.columns.age,
   ...: func.sum(census.columns.pop2008)
   ...: ])
In [2]: stmt = stmt.group_by(census.columns.sex,
   ...: census.columns.age)
In [2]: results = connection.execute(stmt).fetchall()
In [3]: print(results)
Out[3]:
[('F', 0, 2105442), ('F', 1, 2087705), ('F', 2, 2037280), ('F', 3,
2012742), ('F', 4, 2014825), ('F', 5, 1991082), ('F', 6, 1977923),
('F', 7, 2005470), ('F', 8, 1925725), ...
```



Handling ResultSets from Functions

- SQLAlchemy auto generates "column names" for functions in the ResultSet
- The column names are often func_# such as count_1
- Replace them with the label() method





Using label()

```
In [1]: print(results[0].keys())
Out[1]: ['sex', u'sum_1']
In [2]: stmt = select([census.columns.sex,
            func.sum(census.columns.pop2008).label(
                'pop2008_sum')
   ...: ])
In [3]: stmt = stmt.group_by(census.columns.sex)
In [4]: results = connection.execute(stmt).fetchall()
In [5]: print(results[0].keys())
Out[5]: ['sex', 'pop2008_sum']
```





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SQLAlchemy and Pandas for Visualization



SQLAlchemy and Pandas

- DataFrame can take a SQLAlchemy ResultSet
- Make sure to set the DataFrame columns to the ResultSet keys



DataFrame Example

```
In [1]: import pandas as pd
In [2]: df = pd.DataFrame(results)
In [3]: df.columns = results[0].keys()
In [4]: print(df)
Out[4]:
         pop2008_sum
    sex
             2105442
             2087705
             2037280
             2012742
             2014825
             1991082
```



Graphing

• We can graph just like we would normally

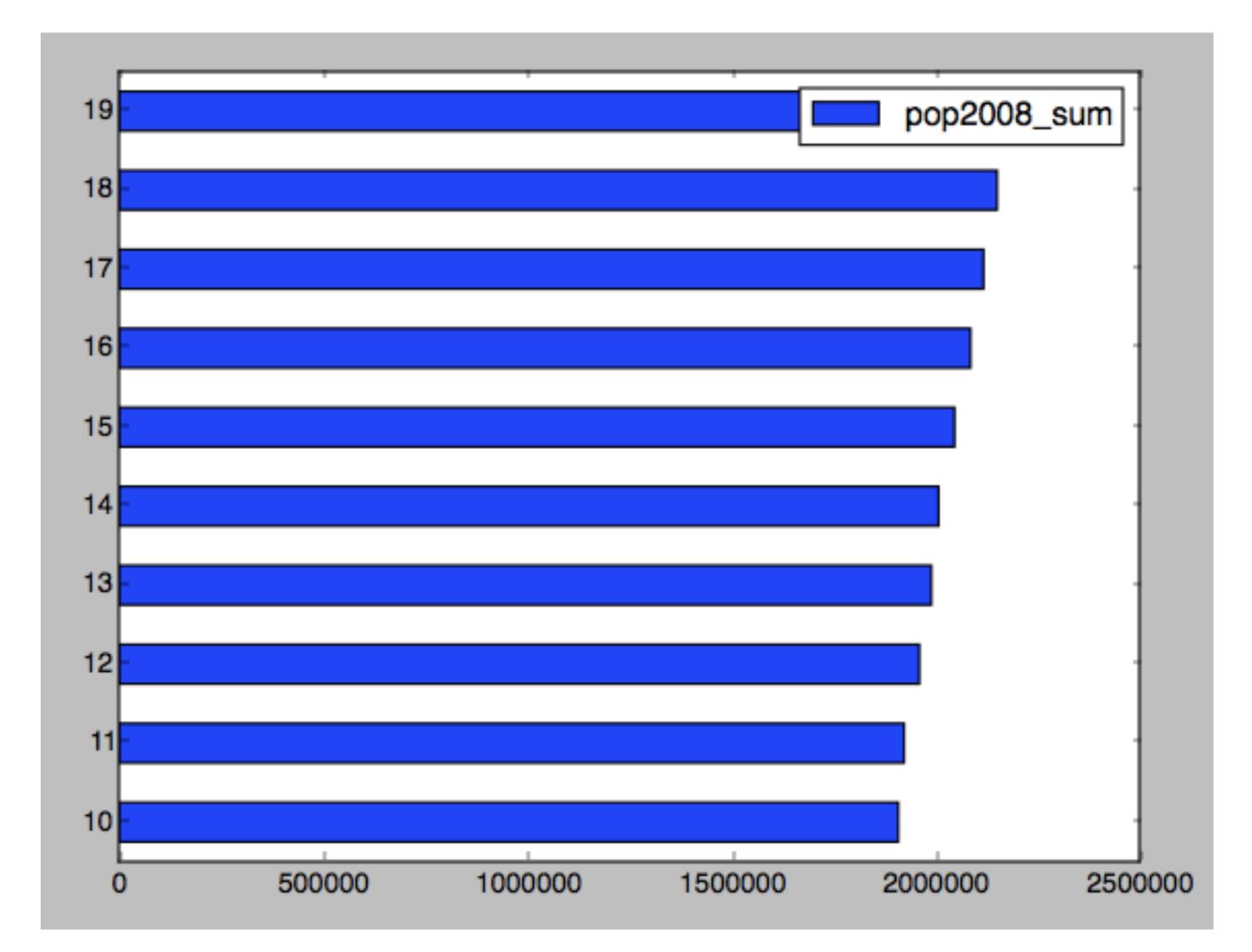


Graphing Example

```
In [1]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
In [2]: df[10:20].plot.barh()
In [3]: plt.show()
```



Graphing Output







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Calculating Values in a Query



Math Operators

- addition +
- subtraction -
- multiplication *
- division /
- modulus %
- Work differently on different data types





Calculating Difference

```
In [1]: stmt = select([census.columns.age,
            (census.columns.pop2008-
            census.columns.pop2000).label('pop_change')
   ...: ])
In [2]: stmt = stmt.group_by(census.columns.age)
In [3]: stmt = stmt.order_by(desc('pop_change'))
In [4]: stmt = stmt.limit(5)
In [5]: results = connection.execute(stmt).fetchall()
In [6]: print(results)
Out[6]: [(61, 52672), (85, 51901), (54, 50808), (58, 45575), (60,
44915)]
```



Case Statement

- Used to treat data differently based on a condition
- Accepts a list of conditions to match and a column to return if the condition matches
- The list of conditions ends with an else clause to determine what to do when a record doesn't match any prior conditions



Case Example

```
In [1]: from sqlalchemy import case
In [2]: stmt = select([
           func.sum(
               case([
                   (census.columns.state == 'New York',
                   census.columns.pop2008)
       ], else_=0))])
In [3]: results = connection.execute(stmt).fetchall()
In [4]: print(results)
Out[4]:[(19465159,)]
```



Cast Statement

- Converts data to another type
- Useful for converting
 - integers to floats for division
 - strings to dates and times
- Accepts a column or expression and the target Type



Percentage Example

```
In [1]: from sqlalchemy import case, cast, Float
In [2]: stmt = select([
            (func.sum(
               case([
                    (census.columns.state == 'New York',
                    census.columns.pop2008)
       ], else_=0)) /
   ...: cast(func.sum(census.columns.pop2008),
                 Float) * 100).label('ny_percent')])
   • • • •
In [3]: results = connection.execute(stmt).fetchall()
In [4]: print(results)
Out[4]: [(Decimal('6.4267619765'),)]
```





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SQL Relationships



Relationships

- Allow us to avoid duplicate data
- Make it easy to change things in one place
- Useful to break out information from a table we don't need very often





Relationships

Census

state	sex	age	pop2000	pop2008
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New York	F	1	118219	119661
New York	F	2	119577	116413

State_Fact

name	abbreviation	type
New York	NY	state
Washington DC	DC	capitol
Washington	WA	state





Automatic Joins

```
In [1]: stmt = select([census.columns.pop2008,
   ...: state_fact.columns.abbreviation])
In [2]: results = connection.execute(stmt).fetchall()
In [3]: print(results)
Out[3]: [(95012, u'IL'),
 (95012, u'NJ'),
 (95012, u'ND'),
 (95012, u'OR'),
 (95012, u'DC'),
 (95012, u'WI'),
```



Join

- Accepts a Table and an optional expression that explains how the two tables are related
- The expression is not needed if the relationship is predefined and available via reflection
- Comes immediately after the select() clause and prior to any where (), order_by or group_by() clauses



Select_from

- Used to replace the default, derived FROM clause with a join
- Wraps the join() clause



Select_from Example



Joining Tables without Predefined Relationship

- Join accepts a Table and an optional expression that explains how the two tables are related
- Will only join on data that match between the two columns
- Avoid joining on columns of different types





Select_from Example

```
In [1]: stmt = select([func.sum(census.columns.pop2000)])
In [2]: stmt = stmt.select_from(
   ...: census.join(state_fact, census.columns.state
   ...: == state_fact.columns.name))
In [3]: stmt = stmt.where(
   ...: state_fact.columns.census_division_name ==
   'East South Central')
In [4]: result = connection.execute(stmt).scalar()
In [5]: print(result)
Out[5]: 16982311
```





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Working with Hierarchical Tables



Hierarchical Tables

- Contain a relationship with themselves
- Commonly found in:
 - Organizational
 - Geographic
 - Network
 - Graph





Hierarchical Tables - Example

Employees

id	name	job	manager
1	Johnson	Admin	6
2	Harding	Manager	9
3	Taft	Sales I	2
4	Hoover	Sales I	2



Hierarchical Tables - alias()

- Requires a way to view the table via multiple names
- Creates a unique reference that we can use



Querying Hierarchical Data

```
In [1]: managers = employees.alias()
In [2]: stmt = select(
           [managers.columns.name.label('manager'),
   employees.columns.name.label('employee')])
In [3]: stmt = stmt.select_from(employees.join()
   ...: managers, managers.columns.id ==
   ...: employees.columns.manager)
In [4]: stmt = stmt.order_by(managers.columns.name)
In [5]: print(connection.execute(stmt).fetchall())
Out[5]: [(u'FILLMORE', u'GRANT'),
 (u'FILLMORE', u'ADAMS'),
 (u'HARDING', u'TAFT'), ...
```



Group_by and Func

- It's important to target group_by() at the right alias
- Be careful with what you perform functions on
- If you don't find yourself using both the alias and the table name for a query, don't create the alias at all



Querying Hierarchical Data

```
In [1]: managers = employees.alias()
In [2]: stmt = select([managers.columns.name,
        func.sum(employees.columns.sal)])
In [3]: stmt = stmt.select_from(employees.join(
   ...: managers, managers.columns.id ==
   ...: employees.columns.manager)
In [4]: stmt = stmt.group_by(managers.columns.name)
In [5]: print(connection.execute(stmt).fetchall())
Out[5]: [(u'FILLMORE', Decimal('96000.00')),
 (u'GARFIELD', Decimal('83500.00')),
 (u'HARDING', Decimal('52000.00')),
 (u'JACKSON', Decimal('197000.00'))]
```





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Handling Large ResultSets



Dealing with Large ResultSets

- fetchmany() lets us specify how many rows we want to act upon
- We can loop over fetchmany()
- It returns an empty list when there are no more records
- We have to close the ResultProxy afterwards





Fetching Many Rows





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Creating Databases and Tables



Creating Databases

- Varies by the database type
- Databases like PostgreSQL and MySQL have command line tools to initialize the database
- With SQLite, the create_engine() statement will create the database and file is they do not already exist





Building a Table

```
In [1]: from sqlalchemy import (Table, Column, String,
       Integer, Decimal, Boolean)
In [2]: employees = Table('employees', metadata,
       Column('id', Integer()),
   ...: Column('name', String(255)),
   ...: Column('salary', Decimal()),
       Column('active', Boolean()))
In [3]: metadata.create_all(engine)
In [4]: engine.table_names()
Out[4]: [u'employees']
```



Creating Tables

- Still uses the Table object like we did for reflection
- Replaces the autoload keyword arguments with Column objects
- Creates the tables in the actual database by using the create_all() method on the MetaData instance
- You need to use other tools to handle database table updates, such as Alembic or raw SQL



Creating Tables - Additional Column Options

- unique forces all values for the data in a column to be unique
- nullable determines if a column can be empty in a row
- default sets a default value if one isn't supplied.



Building a Table with Additional Options

```
In [1]: employees = Table('employees', metadata,
        Column('id', Integer()),
  ...: Column('name', String(255), unique=True,
                  nullable=False),
  ...: Column('salary', Float(), default=100.00),
          Column('active', Boolean(), default=True))
  • • • •
In [2]: employees.constraints
Out[2]: {CheckConstraint(...
Column('name', String(length=255), table=<employees>,
       nullable=False),
Column('salary', Float(), table=<employees>,
       default=ColumnDefault(100.0)),
Column('active', Boolean(), table=<employees>,
       default=ColumnDefault(True)) ...
UniqueConstraint(Column('name', String(length=255),
                 table=<employees>, nullable=False))}
```





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Inserting Data into a Table



Adding Data to a Table

- Done with the insert() statement
- Insert() takes the table we are loading data into as the argument
- We add all the values we want to insert in with the values clause as column=value pairs
- Doesn't return any rows, so no need for a fetch method



Inserting One Row



Inserting Multiple Rows

- Build an insert statement without any values
- Build a list of dictionaries that represent all the values clauses for the rows you want to insert
- Pass both the stmt and the values list to the execute method on connection





Inserting Multiple Rows

```
In [1]: stmt = insert(employees)
In [2]: values_list = [
            {'id': 2, 'name': 'Rebecca', 'salary': 2.00,
             'active': True},
            {'id': 3, 'name': 'Bob', 'salary': 0.00,
             'active': False}
In [3]: result_proxy = connection.execute(stmt,
            values_list)
In [4]: print(result_proxy.rowcount)
Out[4]: 2
```





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Updating Data in a Table



Updating Data in a Table

- Done with the update statement
- Similar to the insert statement but includes a where clause to determine what record will be updated
- We add all the values we want to update with the values clause as column=value pairs



Updating One Row

```
In [1]: from sqlalchemy import update
In [2]: stmt = update(employees)
In [3]: stmt = stmt.where(employees.columns.id == 3)
In [4]: stmt = stmt.values(active=True)
In [5]: result_proxy = connection.execute(stmt)
In [6]: print(result_proxy.rowcount)
Out[6]: 1
```



Updating Multiple Rows

 Build a where clause that will select all the records you want to update





Inserting Multiple Rows

```
In [1]: stmt = update(employees)
In [2]: stmt = stmt.where(
             employees.columns.active == True
In [3]: stmt = stmt.values(active=False, salary=0.00)
In [4]: result_proxy = connection.execute(stmt)
In [5]: print(result_proxy.rowcount)
Out[5]: 3
```



Correlated Updates

```
In [1]: new_salary = select([employees.columns.salary])
In [2]: new_salary = new_salary.order_by(desc(
  ...: employees.columns.salary)
In [3]: new_salary = new_salary.limit(1)
In [4]: stmt = update(employees)
In [5]: stmt = stmt.values(salary=new_salary)
In [6]: result_proxy = connection.execute(stmt)
In [7]: print(result_proxy.rowcount)
Out[7]: 3
```



Correlated Updates

- Uses a select() statement to find the value for the column we are updating
- Commonly used to update records to a maximum value or change a string to match an abbreviation from another table





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Introduction to Databases in Python

Deleting Data from a Database



Deleting Data from a Table

- Done with the delete() statement
- delete() takes the table we are loading data into as the argument
- A where () clause is used to choose which rows to delete
- Hard to undo so BE CAREFUL!!!





Deleting all Data from a Table

```
In [1]: from sqlalchemy import delete
In [2]: stmt = select([
            func.count(extra_employees.columns.id)])
In [3]: connection.execute(stmt).scalar()
Out[3]: 3
In [4]: delete_stmt = delete(extra_employees)
In [5]: result_proxy = connection.execute(delete_stmt)
In [6]: result_proxy.rowcount
Out[6]: 3
```



Deleting Specific Rows

 Build a where clause that will select all the records you want to delete



Deleting Specific Rows



Dropping a Table Completely

- Uses the drop method on the table
- Accepts the engine as an argument so it knows where to remove the table from
- Won't remove it from metadata until the python process is restarted



Dropping a table

```
In [1]: extra_employees.drop(engine)
In [2]: print(extra_employees.exists(engine))
Out[2]: False
```



Dropping all the Tables

Uses the drop_all() method on MetaData



Dropping all the Tables

```
In [1]: metadata.drop_all(engine)
In [2]: engine.table_names()
Out[2]: []
```





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Census Case Study



Census Case Study

- Preparing SQLAlchemy and the Database
- Loading Data into the Database
- Solving Data Science Problems with Queries



Part 1: Preparing SQLAlchemy and the Database

Create an Engine and MetaData object

```
In [1]: from sqlalchemy import create_engine, MetaData
In [2]: engine = create_engine('sqlite:///census_nyc.sqlite')
In [3]: metadata = MetaData()
```



Part 1: Preparing SQLAlchemy and the Database

Create and save the census table





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Populating the Database



Part 2: Populating the Database

Load a CSV file into a values list



Part 2: Populating the Database

• Insert the values list into the census table





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Querying the Database



Part 3: Answering Data Science Questions with Queries

• Determine Average Age for Males and Females



Part 3: Answering Data Science Questions with Queries

Determine the percentage of Females for each state



Part 3: Answering Data Science Questions with Queries

• Determine the top 5 states by population change from 2000 to 2008





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Congratulations!