

MONASH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Week 7 Structured Query Language (SQL) –
Part 1

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Overview

Hour 1

- -SQL SELECT
 - Basics
 - Predicate
 - Math
 - •Refining the query results...

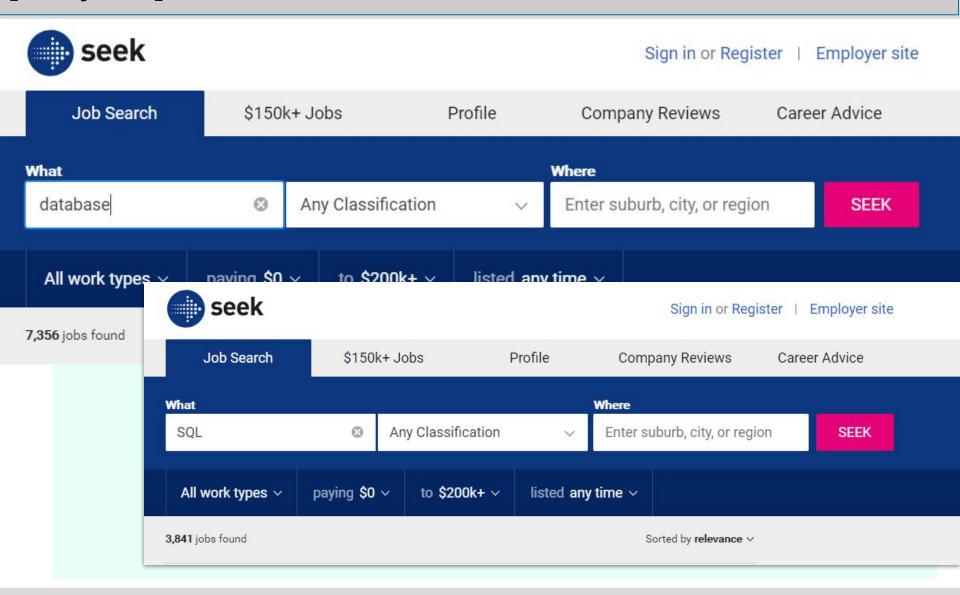
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Hour 2

- -SQL SELECT cont'd
 - Joining
 - Oracle Dates
- -Actual practice



[Clayton] Marc's anecdote





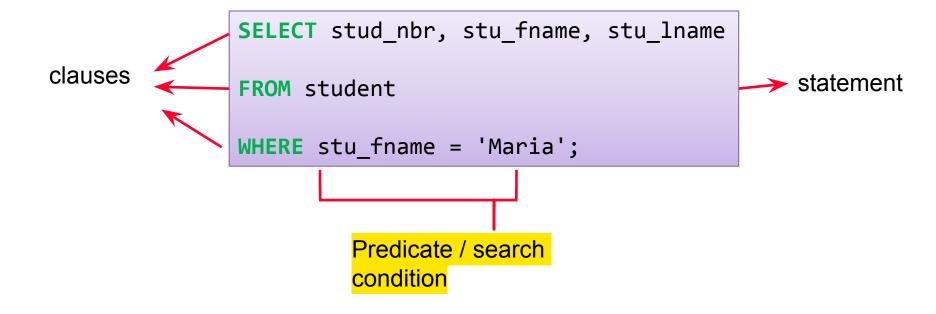
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SELECT... (the DQL part of SQL)

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Anatomy of an SQL SELECT Statement





SQL SELECT Statement - Usage

What column/s to display SELECT stud_nbr, stu_fname, stu lname What table(s) the data come from? FROM student WHERE stu fname = 'Maria'; What row/s to retrieve – the RESTRICTION on the select

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Remember: some of the SQL statement syntaxes in the unit are ORACLE SPECIFIC

These are transferable skills to other DBMS 'brands'...
... however code might not work 'out of the box' for other 'brands'.

Refer to Coronel & Morris for examples of how certain syntax differs from 'brand' to 'brand' e.g. Oracle vs MySQL



SQL Predicates or Search Conditions

 The search conditions are applied on each row, and the row is returned if the search conditions are evaluated to be TRUE for that row.

Comparison

- Compare the value of one expression to the value of another expression.
- Operators (note: = not the same as prog. lang.'s double ==)

Example: salary > 5000

Range

- Test whether the value of an expression falls within a specified range of values.
- Operators:
 - BETWEEN
- Example: salary BETWEEN 1000 AND 3000 (both are inclusive)



SQL Predicates or Search Conditions

Set Membership

- To test whether the value of expression equals one of a set of values.
- Operator:
 - IN
- Example: city IN ('Melbourne', 'Sydney')
- Pattern Match
 - To test whether a string (text) matches a specified pattern.
 - Operator:
 - LIKE
 - Patterns:
 - % character represents any sequence of zero or more character.
 - _ character represents any single character.
 - Example:
 - WHERE city LIKE 'M%'
 - WHERE unit_code LIKE 'FIT20___'

SQL Predicates or Search Conditions

- NULL

- To test whether a column has a NULL (unknown) value.
- Example: WHERE grade IS NULL
- Use in subquery (to be discussed in the future)

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- ANY, ALL (... subquery ...)
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- EXISTS (... subquery ...)
```



What row will be retrieved?

- Predicate evaluation is done using three-valued logic.
 - TRUE, FALSE and UNKNOWN
- DBMS will evaluate the predicate against each row.
- Row that is evaluated to be TRUE will be retrieved.
- NULL is considered to be UNKNOWN.



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	♦ STU_NBR ♦ UNIT_CODE	⊕ ENROL_YEAR ⊕ ENROL_SEMESTER	⊕ ENROL_MARK	♦ ENROL_GRADE
1	11111111 FIT1001	2012 1	78	D
2	11111111 FIT1002	2013 1	(null)	(null)
3	11111111 FIT1004	2013 1	(null)	(null)
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Q1. Consider the predicate "enrol_mark >= 50", what row(s) will be selected for this predicate by the DBMS?

- 1, 4 and 6 a.
- b. All rows
- c. 1 and 6
- All rows except row 4 d.



Combining Predicates

- Logical operators
 - AND, OR, NOT
- Rules:
 - An expression is evaluated LEFT to RIGHT.
 - Sub-expression in brackets are evaluated first.
 - NOTs are evaluated before AND and OR
 - ANDs are evaluated before OR.
 - NB: similar to many prog. languages.



Truth Table

- AND is evaluated to be TRUE if and only if both conditions are TRUE
- OR is evaluated to be TRUE if and only if at least one of the conditions is TRUE

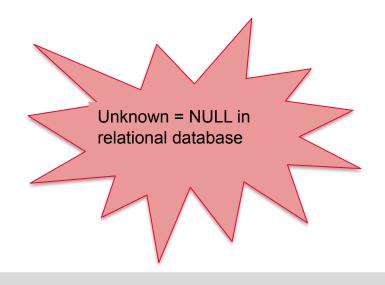
AND

AB	Т	U	F
Т	Т	U	F
U	U	U	F
F	F	F	F

OR

A	Т	U	F
Т	Т	T	T
U	Т	U	U
F	T	U	F

T = TRUE F = FALSE U = Unknown





Q2. What row will be retrieved when the WHERE clause predicate is written as

	V_CODE
1	21344
2	20001
3	24288
4	20001
5	24288

1,3,5 a.

b.

c. 3,5

d. No rows will be retrieved

Q3. What row will be retrieved when the WHERE clause predicate is written as

V_CODE <> 21344 OR V_CODE <> 24288

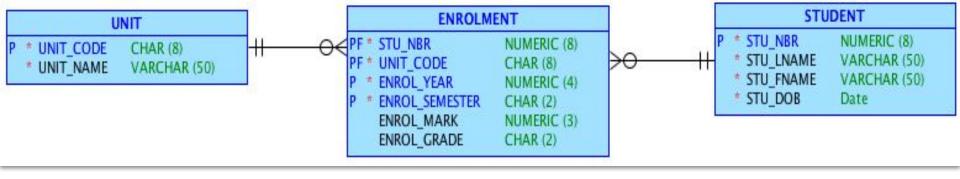
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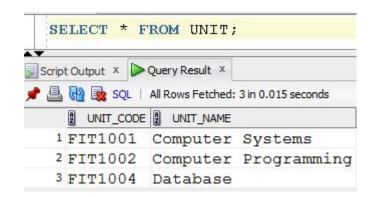
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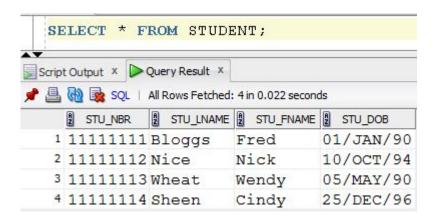
b. 2,4

c. 3,5

d. 1,2,3,4,5







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	STU_NBR	UNIT_CODE 2	ENROL_YEAR	A	ENROL_SEMESTER	A	ENROL_MARK	ENROL_GRADE
1	11111111	FIT1001	2012	1			78	D
2	11111111	FIT1002	2013	1			(null)	(null)
3	11111111	FIT1004	2013	1			(null)	(null)
4	11111112	FIT1001	2012	1			35	N
5	11111112	FIT1001	2013	1			(null)	(null)
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Q4. What is the correct SQL predicate to retrieve those students who have passed and also those students who have not been awarded any mark?

- a. enrol_mark >= 50 AND enrol_mark IS NULL
- b. enrol_mark >= 50 OR enrol_mark IS NULL
- c. enrol_mark >= 50 AND enrol_mark IS NOT NULL
- d. enrol_ mark >= 50 OR enrol_mark IS NOT NULL
- e. None of the above



Arithmetic Operations

- Can be performed in SQL.
- For example:

```
SELECT stu_nbr, enrol_mark/10
FROM enrolment;
```

	STU_NBR	ENROL_MARK/10
1	11111111	7.8
2	11111111	(null)
3	11111111	(null)
4	11111112	3.5
5	11111112	(null)
6	11111113	6.5
7	11111113	(null)
8	11111114	(null)



Oracle NVL function

It is used to replace a NULL with a value.

```
SELECT stu_nbr,
    NVL(enrol_mark,0),
    NVL(enrol_grade,'WH')
FROM enrolment;
```

	♦ STU_NBR	♠ NVL(ENROL_MARK,0)	♦ NVL(ENROL_GRADE, WH')
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ADVANCED question...

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Time to put it all together.

In a single SELECT statement, how do you produce -- the student number, unit code, and mark MINUS 5 -- for all FAILED students, and all students who don't have marks should get exactly 1 mark.

Sample output →

11111111	111111 FIT1002	
11111111	FIT1004	1
11111112	FIT1001	30
111111112	FIT1001	1
11111113	FIT1004	1
11111114	FIT1004	1



AS - Column Aliases

- Note column headings with functions not intuitive!
- Use the word "AS" to specify a column alias
 - New column name in " " to maintain case or spacing
 - One limitation in the next few slides.
- Example...

```
SELECT stu_nbr, enrol_mark/10 AS new_mark FROM enrolment;

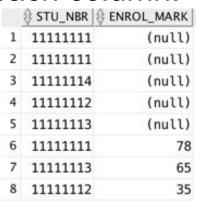
SELECT stu_nbr, enrol_mark/10 AS "New Mark" FROM enrolment;
```



Sorting Query Result

- "ORDER BY" clause tuples have no order
 - Must be used if more than one row may be returned
- Order can be ASC ending or DESC ending. The default is ASCending.
 - NULL values can be explicitly placed first/last using "NULLS LAST" or "NULLS FIRST" command
- Sorting can be done for multiple columns.
 - order of the sorting is specified for each column.
- Example:

SELECT stu_nbr, enrol_mark FROM enrolment
ORDER BY enrol_mark DESC





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Q5. What will be the output of the following SQL statement?

SELECT stu_nbr FROM enrolment WHERE enrol_mark IS NULL ORDER BY stu_nbr ASC NULLS FIRST;

a.

11111111	
11111112	
11111113	
11111114	
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b.

11111111
11111111
11111112
11111113
11111114

11111111
11111112
11111113

١.	(null)
	(null)
	(null)
	(null)
	(null)



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COMMON PROBLEM - take note!

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This SQL code will FAIL! Why?

SELECT stu_nbr AS alias_id, (year-2000) AS alias_short_year
FROM enrolment
WHERE alias_short_year > 09 AND alias_short_year < 13
ORDER BY alias_id DESC;
-- assume we want students from the graduate class of '10, '11, '12 only.

A column alias (AS) can be used in ORDER BY..., but cannot be used in WHERE...

Quick fix: subqueries (seen in future)



Removing Duplicate Rows in the Query Result

■ Use "DISTINCT" as part of SELECT clause.

```
SELECT DISTINCT stu_nbr
FROM enrolment
WHERE enrol_mark IS NULL;
```







Coffee break - see you in 10 minutes.

SQL JOIN: simplified example

STUDENT

sno	name
1	alex
2	maria
3	bob

QUALIFICATION

sno	degree	year	
1	bachelor	1990	
1	master	2000	
2	PhD	2001	

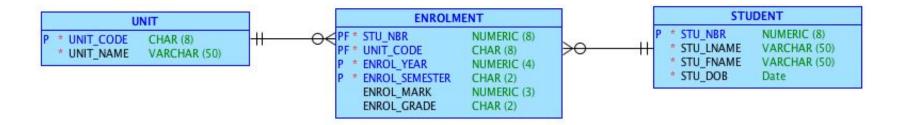
sno	name	degree	year
1	alex	bachelor	1990
1	alex	master	2000
2	maria	PhD	2001



JOIN-ing Multiple Tables

Pair the PK and FK in the JOIN condition

Note table aliasing e.g. unit u in FROM clause





JOIN-ing Multiple Tables - Step by Step



```
SELECT s.stu_nbr, s.stu_lname, u.unit_name
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unit is now called 'u' as a table alias same goes for enrolment 'e'

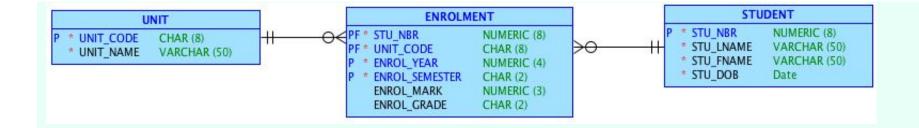
FROM ((unit u JOIN enrolment e ON u.unit_code=e.unit_code)

JOIN student s ON e.stu_nbr=s.stu_nbr)
```

```
ORDER BY s.stu_nbr, u.unit_name;
```



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Time to put it all together.

- 1. What happens to a new unit (without any enrolments)?
- 2. What happens to a newly-registered student but who hasn't enrolled in a unit (e.g. pending fees paid)?
- 3. Any NULLs anywhere?
- 4. What happens if we do ONLY the first join (unit u JOIN enrolment e) without the second join (student s...)





Oracle Reference: Date Data Type

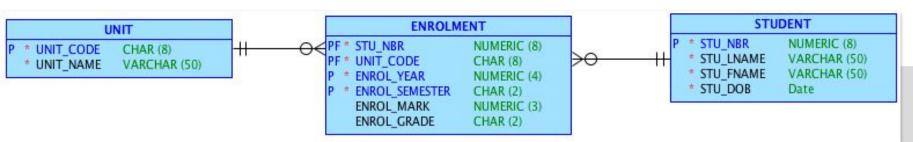
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SQL Standard vs Oracle

- Dates are stored differently from the SQL standard
- SQL's standard uses two different types: date and time
- Oracle uses one type: DATE
 - Stored in internal format contains date and time
 - Output is controlled by formatting
 - select to_char(sysdate, 'dd-Mon-yyyy')
 from dual;
 Result: 14-Apr-2018
 - select to_char (sysdate,'dd-Mon-yyyy
 hh:mi:ss PM') from dual;
 Result: 14-Apr-2018 02:51:24 PM

Oracle: DATE data type

- DATE data type should be formatted with TO_CHAR when selecting for display.
- Text representing date must be formatted with TO_DATE when comparing or inserting/updating.
- Example:

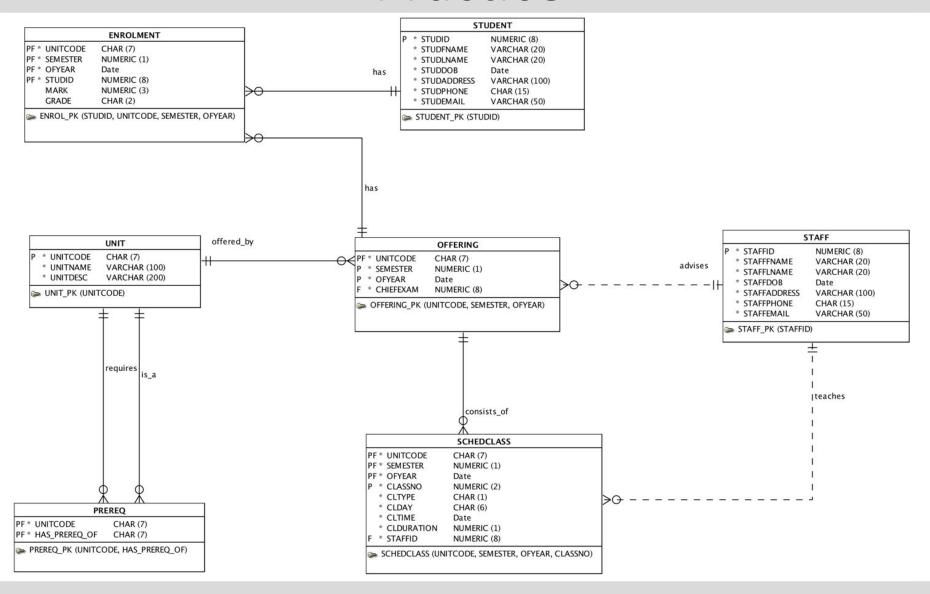


Oracle: Current Date

- Current date can be queried from the DUAL table using the SYSDATE attribute.
 - SELECT sysdate FROM dual;
- Oracle internal attributes include:
 - sysdate: current date/time
 - systimestamp: current date/time as a timestamp
 - user: current logged in user



Practice





Practice

- Show the unit codes that have lectures (type = L) scheduled on Mondays (Mon)
- Show names of students and their DOBs where DOB is displayed as something like "01-JAN-1999"
- Show the first name and last name of the students who got HD in FIT1004
- Show unit name, and the names of the students who got HD in any unit that contains the word 'Data' in its name
- Show the names of the unit that have lectures scheduled on Mondays
- Show the names of all students who come to university to attend a lecture on Mondays. We assume an ideal world where a student never misses the scheduled lectures of any unit he/she is enrolled in :P



Summary

- SQL statement, clause, predicate.
- Writing SQL predicates.
 - Comparison, range, set membership, pattern matching, is
 NULL
 - Combining predicates using logic operators (AND, OR, NOT)
- Arithmetic operation.
 - NVL function
- Column alias.
- Ordering (Sorting) result.
- Removing duplicate rows.
- JOIN-ing tables
- Oracle Dates

