

Module 4 Basic Query Formulation with SQL

Lesson 2: SELECT Statement Introduction



Lesson Objectives

- Write SQL SELECT statements involving row conditions on single tables
- Execute SELECT statements
- Write and execute practice problems



SELECT Statement Overview

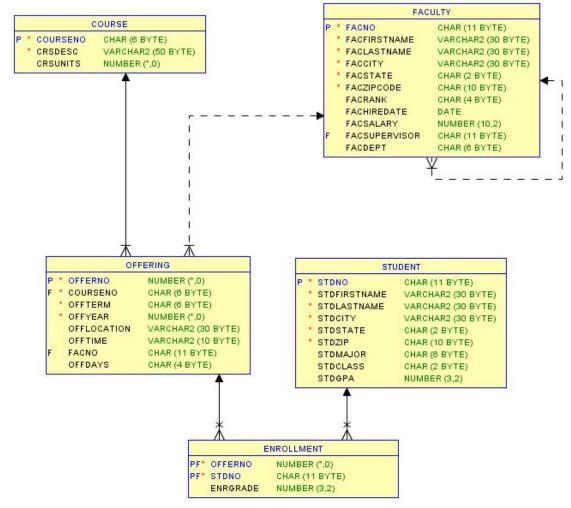
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SELECT < list of column expressions >
FROM < list of tables and join operations >
WHERE < list of logical expressions for rows >
ORDER BY < list of sorting specifications >
```

- Column expression: combination of columns, constants, operators, and functions
 - FacSalary * 1.1
- Logical expression: conditions connected by AND, OR, and NOT
 - OffTerm = 'FALL' AND OffYear = 2016





University Database Diagram







First SELECT Examples

```
Example 1
 SELECT * FROM Faculty;
Example 2
 SELECT *
  FROM Faculty
  WHERE FacNo = '543-21-0987';
Example 3
 SELECT FacFirstName, FacLastName, FacSalary
  FROM Faculty
  WHERE FacSalary > 65000 AND FacRank = 'PROF';
Example 4
 SELECT FacCity, FacState
  FROM Faculty;
 SELECT DISTINCT FacCity, FacState
  FROM Faculty;
```



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Using Expressions

```
Example 5 (Oracle)
SELECT FacFirstName, FacLastName, FacCity,
       FacSalary*1.1 AS IncreasedSalary,
       FacHireDate
 FROM Faculty
 WHERE to number(to char(FacHireDate, 'YYYYY')) > 2005;
Example 5 (MySQL)
 SELECT FacFirstName, FacLastName, FacCity,
        FacSalary*1.1 AS IncreasedSalary,
        FacHireDate
  FROM Faculty
  WHERE (date format(FacHireDate, '%Y')) > 2005;
```





Inexact Text Matching

- Use LIKE operator to match against a pattern
- Use meta characters to specify patterns
 - Wildcard (%)
 - Any single character (_)

Example 6

```
SELECT *
  FROM Offering
WHERE CourseNo LIKE 'IS%';
```





Using Date Constants

- Dates are numbers
- Date constants and functions are not standard

```
Example 7 (Oracle)
SELECT FacFirstName, FacLastName, FacHireDate
FROM Faculty
WHERE FacHireDate BETWEEN '1-Jan-2008'
AND '31-Dec-2009';

Example 7 (MySQL)
SELECT FacFirstName, FacLastName, FacHireDate
FROM Faculty
WHERE FacHireDate BETWEEN '2008-01-01'
AND '2009-12-31';
```





Combining Conditions

Example 8: Testing for null values

```
SELECT OfferNo, CourseNo
FROM Offering
WHERE FacNo IS NULL AND OffTerm = 'SUMMER'
AND OffYear = 2017;
```

Example 9: Mixing AND and OR

```
SELECT OfferNo, CourseNo, FacNo
FROM Offering
WHERE (OffTerm = 'FALL' AND OffYear = 2016)
OR (OffTerm = 'WINTER' AND OffYear = 2017);
```





Summary

- Subset of the SELECT statement
- Background about database details essential for query formulation
- Lots of practice to master query formulation and SQL

