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Unit 19: Advanced SQL and Access Control SCC201 Databases Based of
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ADVANCED SQL : MORE ON SCHEMAS AND VIEWS

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Introduction • Following on from the earlier “Schemas and Views” Unit.
• How to – Set up a schema in SQL – Define tables in SQL – Define views in SQL • Notice this material focuses on full SQL – Some of these features may not be available in certain subset implementations of SQL (such as in base MySQL or SQLite)

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Conceptual Schema Definition in SQL (1) • We will use our example from ER-to- relational mapping: DEPARTMENT DName HoD NoOfEmps
COURSE CName Description DName STUDENT FName LName RegNum
BDate Address Gender DName TAKES CName RegNum DEPT *LOCATION* *SDName* *DLocati*

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Conceptual Schema Definition in SQL (2) • To create schema: – CREATE
SCHEMA ;SCHEMA_NAME > AUTHORISATION < AUTH_IDENTIFIER >
Inourexample : –CREATESCHEMAUNIVERSITYAUTHORISATIONJDOE

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Conceptual Schema Definition in SQL (3) • To create tables for a schema explicitly: – CREATE TABLE ¡SCHEMA_NAME > . < TABLE_NAME > < TABLE_DEFINITION > To create tables for a schema implicitly : – CREATE TABLE < TABLE_NAME > < TABLE_DEFINITION > – Schema names specified in environment is used

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Conceptual Schema Definition in SQL (4) CREATE TABLE STUDENT
(FNAME VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL, LNAME VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,
REGNUM INT NOT NULL, BDATE DATE, ADDRESSVARCHAR(30) ,
GENDER CHAR, DNAME VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL, PRIMARY KEY(REGNUM),
FOREIGN KEY(DNAME) REFERENCES DEPARTMENT(NAME));

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Conceptual Schema Definition in SQL (5) CREATE TABLE DEPARTMENT (NAME VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL, HoD VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL, NUMOFEMPS INT NOT NULL DEFAULT 1, PRIMARY KEY(NAME)); CREATE TABLE COURSE (NAME VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL, DESCRIPTION VARCHAR(40), DNAME VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL, PRIMARY KEY(NAME), FOREIGN KEY(NAME) REFERENCES DEPARTMENT(NAME));

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Conceptual Schema Definition in SQL (6) CREATE TABLE TAKES
(CNAME VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL, REGNUM INT NOT NULL, PRI-
MARY KEY(CNAME, REGNUM), FOREIGN KEY(CNAME) REFERENCES
COURSE(NAME), FOREIGN KEY(REGNUM) REFERENCES STUDENT(REGNUM)
); CREATE TABLE DEPT_LOCATIONS(DNAME VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL, LOCATIO

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Schema Evolution using SQL • We can use following three commands: –
DROP SCHEMA – DROP TABLE – ALTER TABLE

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Views in SQL (1) • Views are virtual tables – Do not necessarily exist in physical form – As opposed to base tables whose tuples are actually stored in a database • If same query frequently executed on database it makes sense to define view based on results of query and use simpler query to retrieve tuples of interest from view – Particularly useful if original query is complex, e.g. involves a number of joins

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Views in SQL (2) • Use the command: – `CREATE VIEW VIEW_{NAME} >`
`AS < SQLQUERY > –CREATEVIEWPHYSICSSTUDENTSASSELECT*`
`FROMSTUDENTWHEREEDNAME = 'Physics';`

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Views in SQL (3) • Notice that virtual relations can be used in same way as base relations in SQL statements – SELECT FNAME, LNAME FROM PHYSICS_STUDENTS WHERE GENDER = 'M' Views can be dropped by using command :
– DROP VIEW < VIEW_NAME > e.g. DROP VIEW PHYSICS_STUDENTS

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ACCESS CONTROL : SECURITY IN SQL

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Mandatory Access Control • Each database object is assigned a certain classification level • i.e. top secret, secret, confidential, unclassified • The levels form a strict ordering. • top secret \succeq secret \succeq confidential \succeq unclassified • Each subject (users or programs) is given a clearance level. • To access an object, a subject requires the necessary clearance to read or write a database object. • See the Bell-LaPadula access control model (1974). • We will not cover this approach further in this course.

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Discretionary Access Control • Each user is given appropriate access rights (or privileges) on specific database objects. • Users obtain certain privileges when they create an object and can pass some or all of these privileges to other users at their discretion. • This approach is used in SQL.

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Authorisation Identifier • An SQL identifier used to establish the identity of a user. • The DBA sets up your username and usually a password. • Every SQL statement executed by the DBMS is performed on behalf of a specific user. • By the access rights associated with a user, we can determine – what database objects a user can reference and – what operations can be performed by that user.

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Ownership • Each object created in SQL has an owner. • The owner is identified by the authorisation identifier defined in the AUTHORIZATION clause of the schema to which the object belongs. • The owner is initially the only person who knows that object exists and subsequently perform operations on that object.

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Privileges • The ISO standard defines the following privileges, among others. select to retrieve data from a table insert to insert new rows into a table. Can be restricted to specific columns. update to modify rows of data in a table. Can be restricted to specific columns. delete to delete rows of data from a table references to reference columns of a named table in integrity constraints. Can be restricted to specific columns.

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Create Table • When you create a table, you are the owner and have full privileges. • Other users have no access, and must be GRANTED permissions by the owner. • When you create a view, you are the owner of the view. But you may not have full privileges. • You must have select privilege on the base table, in order to create the view in the first place.

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GRANT PrivilegeList — ALL PRIVILEGES ON ObjectName TO AuthorizationList — PUBLIC [WITH GRANT OPTION] The GRANT command select delete insert [(columnName, [...])] update [(columnName, [...])] references [(columnName, [...])] PrivilegeList

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Examples GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON Staff TO Manager WITH GRANT OPTION The user Manager can now retrieve rows from the Staff table, and also insert, update and delete. The Manager can pass these privileges onto other users.

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Examples GRANT SELECT, UPDATE (salary) ON Staff TO Personnel, Director Gives the users Personnel and Director the privileges to select and update the salary column of the Staff table. GRANT SELECT ON Branch TO PUBLIC Gives all users the privilege SELECT on the Branch table.

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Revoking privileges from users • The REVOKE statement can take away all or some of the privileges previously GRANTED. REVOKE PrivilegeList — ALL PRIVILEGES ON ObjectName FROM AuthorizationList — PUBLIC

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Examples REVOKE SELECT ON Branch FROM PUBLIC Revoke the SELECT privilege on the Branch table from all users. REVOKE ALL PRIVILEGES ON Staff FROM Director Revoke all privileges you have given to Director on the Staff table.

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THE END