

# SQL\_DataDetective

Learn Standard Query Language (SQL) With a Webapp



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# INTRODUCTION

## **SQL is a Standard Query Language**

A powerful query language that is still used today to access, store and manipulate database

## **Learning SQL interactively**

Create a webapp that will enrich SQL learning experience

## **Exposure of basic Data Extraction from database**

The learning experience include navigation through a relational database

# PROBLEM STATEMENT

**SQL is easy, but beginners fail when using complex queries**

While learning basic SQL is easy, understanding the correlation of each queries and syntax is challenging

**Learning SQL is boring**

Learning SQL can be intimidating and boring for anyone who want to learn it

**Big Database are intimidating**

Where to start? What queries should I use? This can be daunting when most company rely on database to store data

# OBJECTIVE

1. To develop an **interactive learning webapp** that introduce SQL queries usage.
2. To add a sequential difficulty step of learning SQL from basic to complex queries structure.
3. To **apply learnt SQL queries** to improve user ability to identify and extracting data
4. To **enforce understanding of quality of data extracted from relational database** by data exploration and understand the relevancy between data.

**LITERATURE**

**REVIEW**

# COMPARISON OF EXISTING SYSTEM



## *SQL Murder Mystery*

Developed by Joon Park and Cathy He,  
published by Knight Lab

- Narrative driven puzzle
- Soft introduction to SQL



## SQLZoo

Developed and maintained by Andrew  
Cummings

- Beginner's level SQL
- Gives user introduction to SQL and practice Data Science Analysis
- Quizzes for user to solve



## SQL Police Department

Published by Wrapped Castle Limited

- Similar narrative puzzle to SQL Murder Mystery
- Varying randomize cases to solve
- Copyrighted usage, and paywall
- Beginner's level SQL

## PROPOSED SOLUTION

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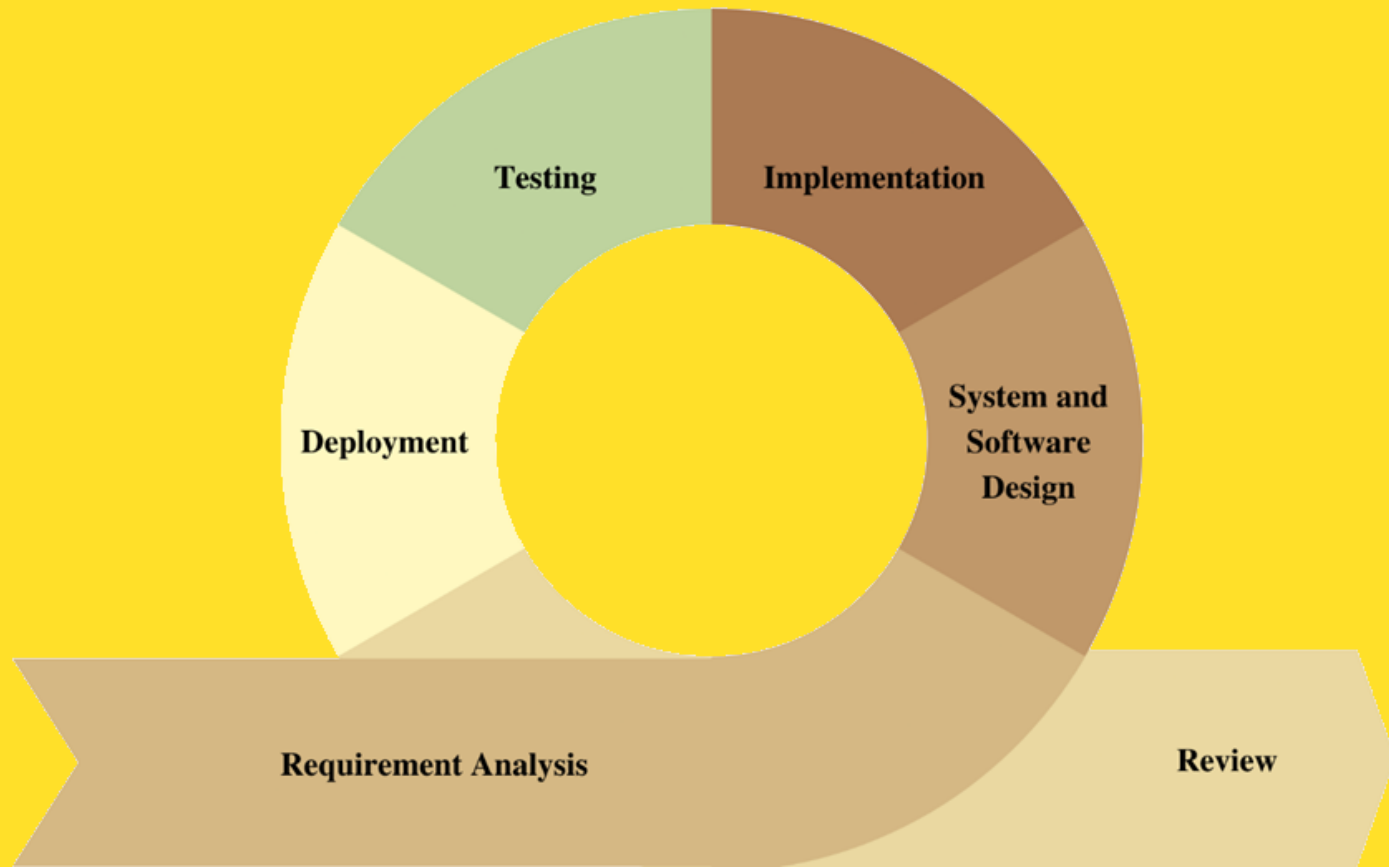
Improve teaching method

Add more flexibility and depth  
for narrative

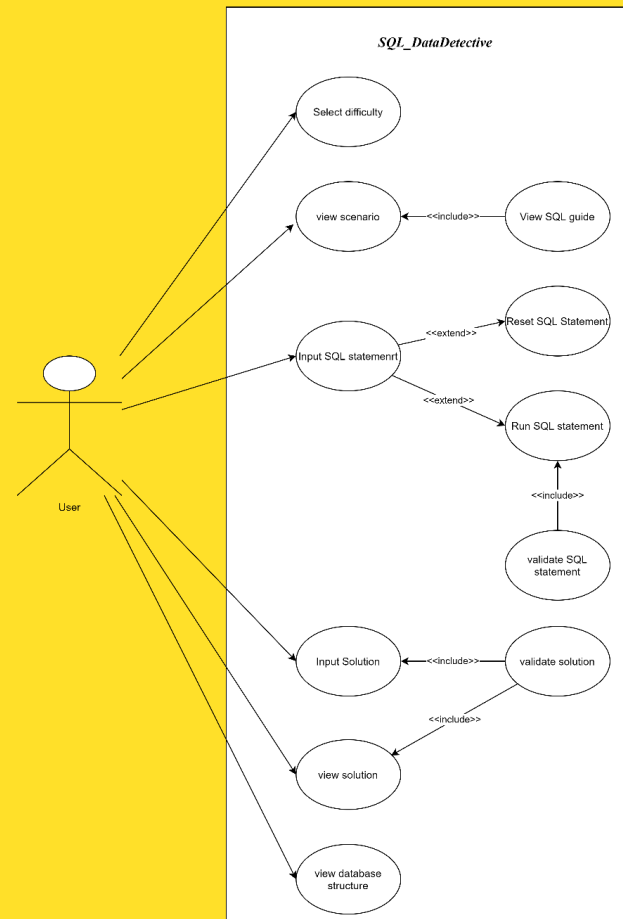


# METHODOLOGY

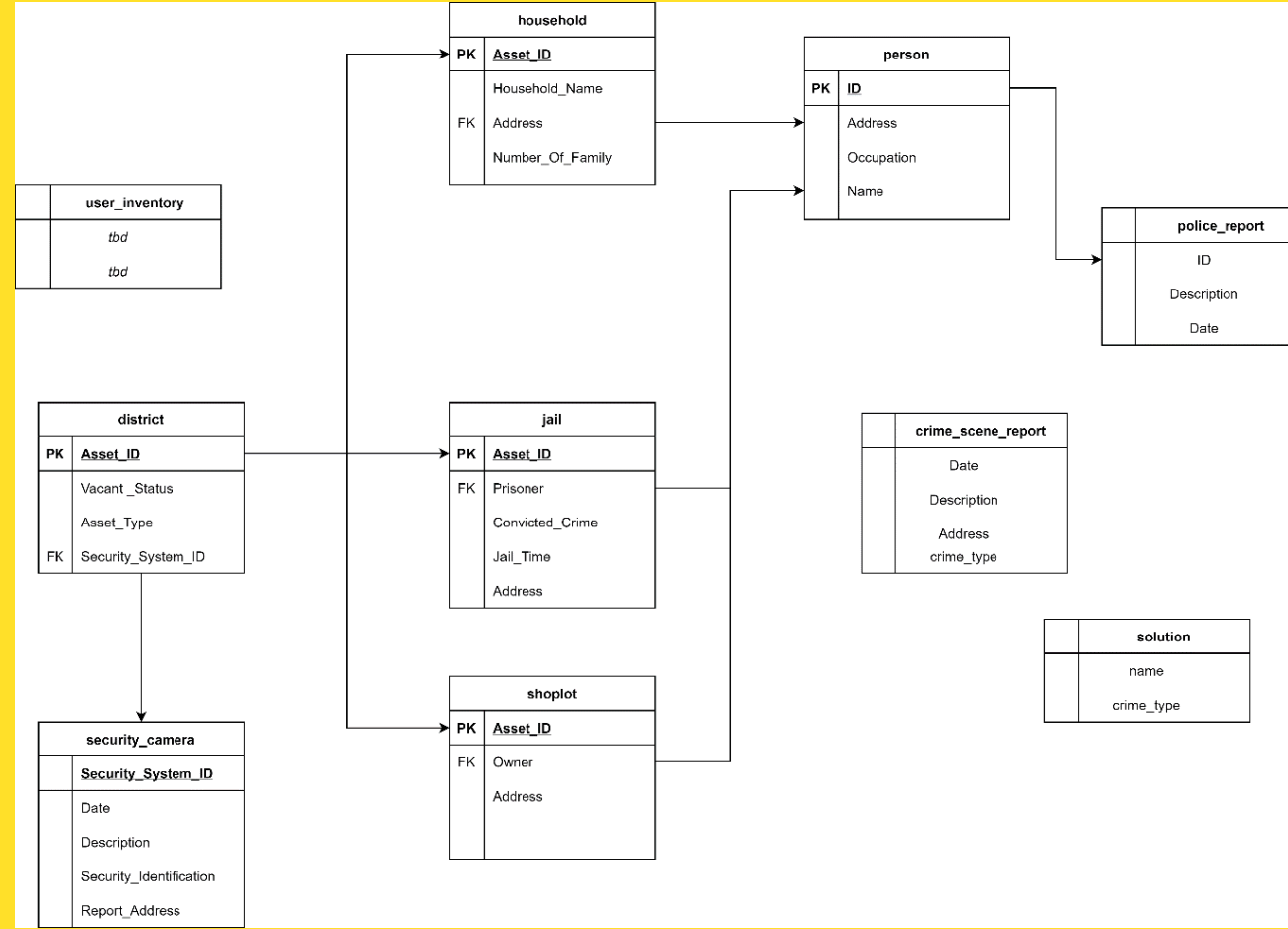
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# METHODOLOGY: USE CASE DIAGRAM



# METHODOLOGY : ERD

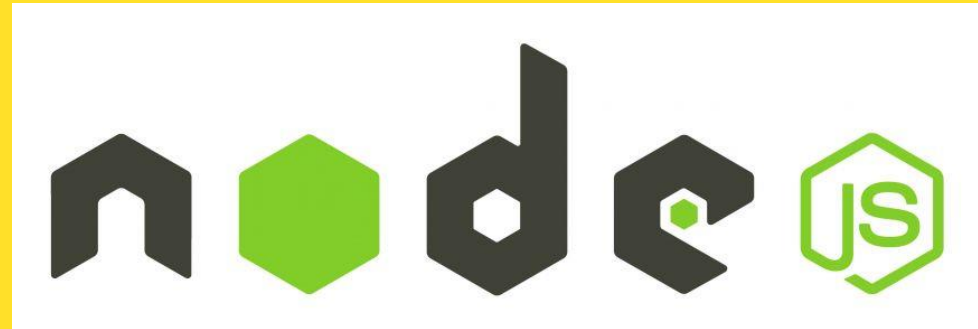


# IMPLEMENTATION

**Tool Used:**



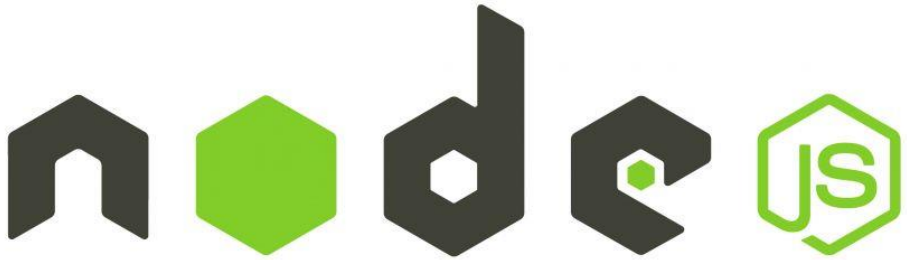
SQLite  
Studio



Sublime text  
3 Editor

# IMPLEMENTATION

## Important Framework Used



open-source JavaScript tool

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**EXPRESS** **Js**

web application framework to  
support node.js web building

# TESTING

## Testing Functionalities

No.	Functionalities	Pass Rate	
		Pass/Fail	Total Test Cases
1	Selecting difficulty level	3	/3
2	tutorial	2	/2
3	Test Story selection	2	/2
4	Test SQL execution	1	/1
5	Select SQL statements	1	/1
6	Select Table Name	1	/1
7	Submit Answer	2	/2

# TESTING

## Additional Tool for Testing



Selenium, open-source testing tool used to test web applications  
- used to test certain functionalities

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C:\FYP>npm install selenium-webdriver  
  
added 14 packages, and audited 179 packages in 3s  
  
12 packages are looking for funding  
  run `npm fund` for details  
  
found 0 vulnerabilities  
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npm notice New major version of npm available! 9.8.1 -> 10.2.5  
npm notice Changelog: https://github.com/npm/cli/releases/tag/v10.2.5  
npm notice Run npm install -g npm@10.2.5 to update!  
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```

Setting up selenium-webdriver into SQL\_DataDetective back ups version



**CONCLUSION**

**FUTURE WORKS**

# ACHIEVEMENT

Objectives	Achievements
To develop a web application with an interactive interface for introducing SQL queries	The objective was achieved by building a web app that focus on introducing SQL to user, as well as mastering it by solving narrative driven puzzle
To design a learning curriculum that starts from basic and gradually increase in complexity of learning SQ	The objective is achieved by designing 3 different difficulty level, beginner, intermediate and advanced SQL challenges that user can choose to face
To evaluate users' ability to identify and extract data by testing their proficiency in applying the SQL learned	User's ability is tested on their ability to write SQL and execute it properly based on their learning on beginner's level SQL
To assess the users' understanding of data quality by measuring their ability to identify relevant data relationships within a relational database through a series of data analysis simulations	The objective is achieved by causing the information they extracted from the database to be important in their problem-solving session, which is prominent feature that drives Advance's level SQL

# **LIMITATION**

- I. The database used for SQL\_DataDetective is static, hence the replay ability is limited once user understand the full relation of the database.
- II. The interface lacks appeal in graphics and animation that can push the potential more for narrative driven puzzle.
- III. Throughout the playthrough, user progress is not saved, hence reset or restarting the web app page will reset users progress along the narrative.
- IV. Usage of SQL commands is limited for safety reasons, such as DELETE, TRUNCATE and DROP commands are inaccessible on user-end to protect the database.

# FUTURE WORKS

- I. Adding more narrative to increase replay ability.
- II. Adding a save by adding checkpoints for progression in the narrative.
- III. With addition of checkpoints, addition of slides for graphics to dictate the narrative is possible.
- IV. Take advantage of JavaScript ability to improve the puzzle and narrative experience.
- V. Improve user interface to make aesthetically pleasing and have more prominent theme.



# CONCLUSION

SQL\_DataDetective successfully achieved its learning objectives by building a web app with interactive puzzles and a multi-level curriculum. However, limitations like static database, unappealing visuals, and unsaved progress restrict its replay ability and user experience. Future works aim to address these by adding more narrative, save features, graphical storytelling, and enhanced UI/UX elements. This will improve user engagement and learning through a more immersive and visually appealing experience.

**THANK**

**YOU**