



Lab Session 4: Introduction to SQL

In Lab 1, you created the simple bank database that is shown in the following figure:

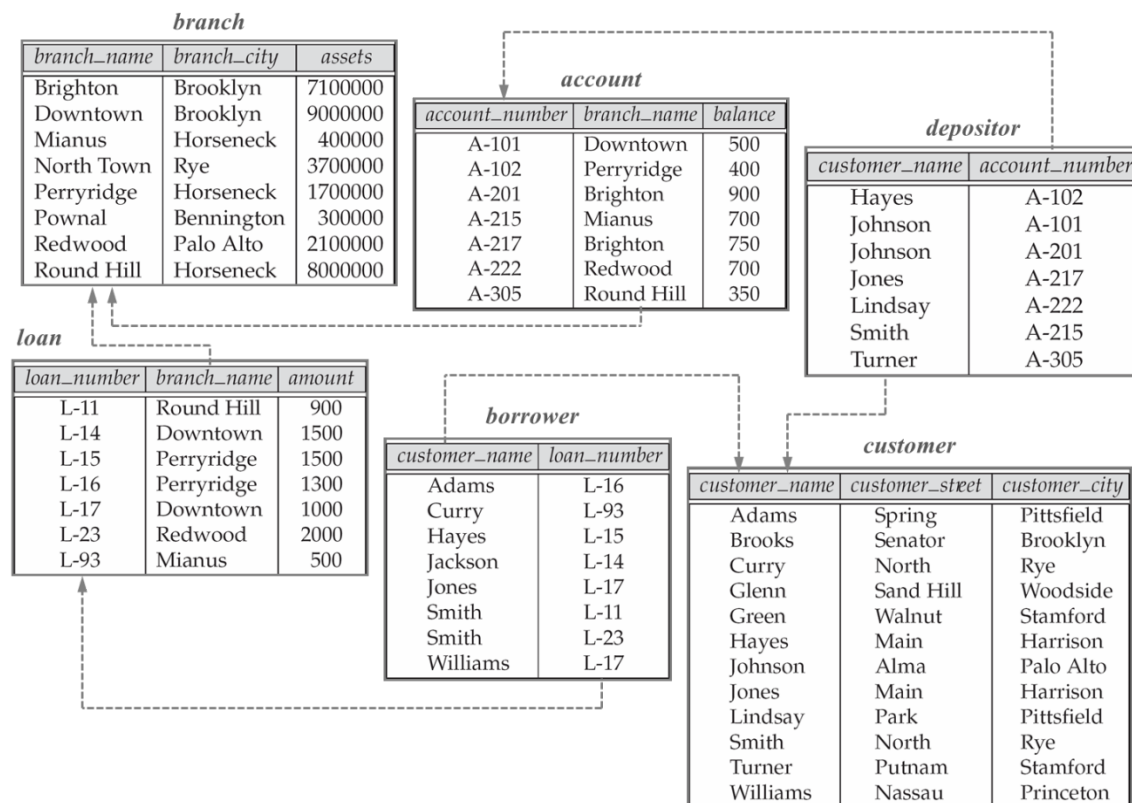


Figure 1. Example database

This lab assumes that this database has already been created, and can be accessed with a tool such as the **mysql** command.



In case you have not yet created this database, you should go back to Lab 1 and follow the instructions, in particular steps 1-12.



In case you have forgotten your MySQL password, go back to Lab 1 and follow steps 3-5.

In this lab we are going to query the database using the SQL language. First we will begin with some basic experiments, and then we will move on to more interesting queries.

Part I: Some basic experiments

1. Open an SSH connection to the computing cluster at **sigma.tecnico.ulisboa.pt**
 - On Windows, try the **PuTTY** tool.
 - On MacOS or Linux, open a terminal window and use the **ssh** command:
ssh sigma.tecnico.ulisboa.pt -l <your-identity>
2. At the command prompt in the cluster **sigma.tecnico.ulisboa.pt**, run the command below:
mysql -h db.tecnico.ulisboa.pt -u istxxxxxx -p
 - The parameter **-h db.tecnico.ulisboa.pt** specifies the MySQL server.
 - The parameter **-u istxxxxxx** specifies the username.
 - The parameter **-p** requests the program to prompt your password. Give the password that you have just obtained from **mysql_reset**.
3. At the **mysql>** prompt, select your default database with the following command, replacing **istxxxxxx** by your username:
USE istxxxxxx
4. Run the command:
SHOW TABLES;
To output the names of the tables in your database
5. Obtain information about the structure of the **account** table:
DESCRIBE account;
SHOW CREATE TABLE account;
The meaning of the columns should be clear to you, but what about the primary key and foreign key? Find the primary key and foreign key.
6. At the **mysql>** prompt, execute the following query and inspect the contents of table **account**:
SELECT * FROM account;
7. Now execute the following query and inspect the contents of table **depositor**:
SELECT * FROM depositor;
8. Run the following query and explain, in your own words, what this query is doing:
SELECT * FROM account, depositor;

9. Now explain what this query is doing:

```
SELECT *  
FROM account, depositor  
WHERE account.account_number = depositor.account_number;
```

10. What are the differences between the result of the previous query and this one:

```
SELECT * FROM account NATURAL JOIN depositor;
```

11. Try joining 3 tables:

```
SELECT * FROM account, depositor, customer;
```

12. If table account has 7 rows, table depositor has 7 rows, and table customer has 13 rows, can you predict how many rows will appear in the result of the previous query?

13. Now run a similar query, but with some additional criteria:

```
SELECT *  
FROM account, depositor, customer  
WHERE account.account_number = depositor.account_number  
AND depositor.customer_name = customer.customer_name;
```

What information is this query showing?

14. What are the differences between the result of the previous query and this one:

```
SELECT *  
FROM account NATURAL JOIN depositor NATURAL JOIN customer;
```

15. This query works:

```
SELECT account_number  
FROM account NATURAL JOIN depositor NATURAL JOIN customer;
```

But this query does not work:

```
SELECT account_number  
FROM account, depositor, customer  
WHERE account.account_number = depositor.account_number  
AND depositor.customer_name = customer.customer_name;
```

How can you fix the second query to make it work?

16. In the previous queries, you used mostly **SELECT *** to show all columns. However, in practice you should select only those columns which are relevant to answer the given question. For example, if the question is “Which accounts have a balance of 700?” then the query is:

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SELECT account_number FROM account WHERE balance = 700;
```

As another example, if the question is “Which customers live in Brooklyn?” then the query should be:

SELECT customer_name FROM customer WHERE customer_city = 'Brooklyn';

Note that, in both cases, the column being selected is the primary key of the corresponding table. The question may also ask for a specific column (e.g. balance of table account) which is not the primary key of a table.

Part II: Querying the database

Write a single SQL query to answer each of the following questions:



In this lab, you should avoid using natural joins. Instead, you should indicate explicitly (i.e. in the WHERE clause) which joining criteria are being used to join the tables.

1. Some customers have accounts with balance over 500€. Find their names (but, for privacy reasons, do not show their balances). There should be no repeated names in the result.
2. Some customers have loans with amounts between 1000€ and 2000€. We need to find the cities where those customers live.
3. What would be the new balance of the accounts in Perryridge, if this branch decided to charge a commission of 1% to each account? (You do not need to update the table, just show what the new balance of each account would be)
4. What is the account number and balance for each account of the customer associated with loan L-15?
5. Who are the customers who live in cities where the bank has branches? (Do not show duplicates in the result)
6. What are the assets of the branch where customer 'Jones' has an account?
7. In this question we are interested only in those customers with a name beginning with 'J' and ending with 's'. In which branches do these customers have an account?
8. In this question we are interested only in those customers who live in a street with 4 letters. If these customers have a loan, what is the amount of their loans? (In the results, show the customer name, the customer street, the loan numbers, and the amounts of their loans)
9. Who is the customer who has both an account and a loan in the same branch?