

DEFINITIONS and THEORY

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| Access Path: the algorithm and data structure used for retrieving and storing data in a table, affects the execution time of the SQL stmt | Normal forms: A set of restrictions that determine a table's degree of immunity against logical inconsistencies and anomalies |
| Aggregation: A feature of the entity relationship model that allows a relationship set to participate in another relationship set. | Natural Keys : Keys represent conceptual uniqueness constraints external to the database |
| Candidate key: (or just 'key') Removing any of its attributes would make it no longer a superkey | Primary index: index whose search key specifies the sequential order of the file |
| Concurrency control: The protocol that manages simultaneous operations against a database so that serialisability is assured | Primary Key: a unique identifier in a relation (a key unique for each record.) |
| Covering index: index that contains all attributes for a SQL query | Referential integrity: for each tuple in the referring relation whose foreign key value is A, there must be a tuple in the referred relation with a candidate key that also has the value A |
| Artificial Keys: Keys that are introduced and have no external meaning | Relational Algebra: defines some basic operators that can be used to express a calculation |
| Data Warehousing: Consolidate data from many sources in one large repository | Relational views: a virtual relation that stores a definition rather than a set of tuples |
| DDL: Data Definition language(add/delete/update records) | Surrogate key: If an artificial key is used as primary key when a natural key also exists, we can say the artificial key is a surrogate key for the natural key |
| DML: Data Manipulation language(define tables and other database objects) | Schema normalisation: process of validation and improving a logical design so that it satisfies certain constraints and avoids duplication |
| DTD: Document Type Definition DCL: Data Control language(set access privileges for users) | Secondary index: index whose structure is separated from the data file and search key is not in sequential order |
| Deadlock: cycle of transactions waiting for locks to be released by each other | Serialisability: A sequence of database operations is serialisable if it is equivalent to a serial execution of the involved transactions |
| SQL: Structured Query Language Based on formal query languages: Relational Algebra and Relational Calculus | Star Schema: fact and dimensions relations displayed in an ERD |
| Decomposition: replacing R by two or more relations such that each new relation contains a subset of the attributes of R, and every attribute of R appears in one of the new relations and all the new relations differ | Static IC: Describe conditions that every legal instance of a database |
| Drilling down: executing a series of queries moves down a hierarchy | Stored Procedures: run application logic within the database server |
| Dynamic IC: Are predicates on database state changes | Semi-structured data: Self describing irregular data no prior structure |
| ETL process: Extract, Transform, Load | Superkey: a combination of columns that uniquely identifies any row |
| Entity: a distinguishable object about which you want to gather and store data. | Strict Superkey: have at least one of its members removed and still be a superkey |
| Entity Type (entity set): a collection of entities that share common properties or characteristics | Snapshot Isolation: the database state produced by the execution of the first transactions to commit |
| Foreign Key: identifiers that enable a dependent relation to refer to its parent relation | Weak entity type: An entity type that does not have a primary key. The discriminator (or partial key) of a weak entity type is the set of attributes that distinguishes among all the entities of a weak entity type related to the same owning entity. |
| Functional dependency: The value of one attribute determines the value of another attribute | SQL/XML: supports storing and export of data as XML |
| Indexes: An access path to efficiently locate rows via search key fields without having to scan the entire table. | Anomaly: problems that arise in the data due to a flaw in the design |
| Integrity constraints: A condition that must be true for any instance | |
| Key: minimal set of attributes that uniquely identifies an entity | |

Union (∪) tuples in relation 1 or in relation 2.

Intersection (∩) tuples in relation 1, as well as in relation 2.

Difference (-) tuples in relation 1, but not in relation 2.

Rename (ρ) allows us to rename a field or relation.

Cross-product (×) to combine every tuple from two relations.

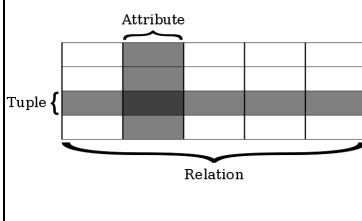
Join (⋈) to combine *matching* tuples from two relations.

RA expression: $\pi_{title}(\sigma_{points=6}(UnitOfStudy))$

SQL query:

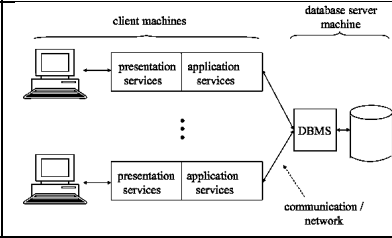
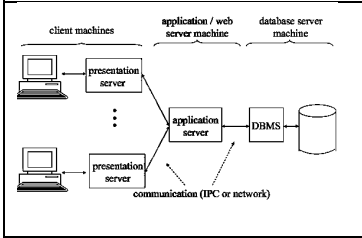
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SELECT title
FROM UnitOfStudy
WHERE points=6;
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Overlap Constraints (重疊)(similar to key constraint)
Default Overlapping: an entity can belong to more than one lower-level entity set
Disjoint: an entity can belong to only one lower-level entity set
Covering Constraints (similar to Participation Constraint)
Default Partial: an entity need not belong to one of the lower-level entity sets
Total: (superclass- thick line -isa) an entity must belong to one of the lower-level entity sets



Integrity constraints
NOT NULL, DEFAULT, NULL
UNIQUE
CONSTRAINT ... PRIMARY KEY
"" FOREIGN KEY ... REFERENCES
ON DELETE ON UPDATE CASCADE
CHECK(... IN ("", ""))

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| RIGHT JOIN | LEFT JOIN | INNER JOIN | OUTER JOIN |
| 1NF break data remove duplicates | 2NF no partial dependency on key | 3NF get rid of dependent fields e.g. average | |



BCNF algorithm

- ⊗ pick a relation that doesn't have a key to the left
- ⊗ decompose it into two relations
 - R1(A,B)
 - R2(A, rest)
- ⊗ repeat until no relations violate BCNF
- ⊗ check that the join will produce the same output

Null Value PRO: ordinary values don't work
CON: complication

Preventing SQL Injection Attacks
check parameters
use dynamic SQL statements
restrict privileges
never directly return errors

Limitations of indexes
addition I/O to access pages
must be updated when tables are modified
decision on good indexes is hard

| | Held | Shared | Exclusive |
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| Requested | | | |
| Shared | | OK | T2 wait on T1 |
| Exclusive | | T2 wait on T1 | T2 wait on T1 |

Isolation levels
READ UNCOMMITTED
READ COMMITTED
REPEATABLE READ
SERIALIZABLE

Stored Procedure +ves
central code base
improved maintainability
additional abstraction layer
reduced data transfer
DBMS-centric security
consistent logging/auditing

OLTP: Maintains a database that is an accurate model of some real-world enterprise

- short simple transactions
- frequent updates

Data Warehousing -ves
Semantic Integration – eliminating mismatches from multiple sources
Heterogeneous sources – variety of source formats, *Load, Refresh, Purge*
Metadata Mgmt – track source loading time

OLAP: Uses information in the database to guide strategic decisions

- complex large transactions
- infrequent updates
- no need for up-to-date data

Choosing an index
B+-Tree - point and range queries, prefix searches
Hash - equality searches
If there is a PK, no clustered
Benefit most queries
sequential PI, otherwise SI

Data Sources

DTD

- Grammar
- Elements + Attributes
- Only 'Part of' relationships
- part of prolog of XML doc

XMLSchema

- Structure and typing
- Elements, attributes, simple and complex types and groups
- attribute of the doc elements

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| Participation at most one \longrightarrow 0...* at least one \longrightarrow 1...1 exactly one \longrightarrow from E to E | Cardinality Operator Meaning Example = greater than >= < <= BETWEEN IN For a filter condition at the WHERE clause, you can combine multiple conditions using conjunctions (AND) and disjunctions (OR). | List entries <i>no tuples</i> SELECT ... FROM ... WHERE NOT EXISTS (SELECT 1 FROM ... WHERE...) <i>atleast x</i> ORDER BY x | Transaction: a collection of one or more operations on one or more databases, which reflects a discrete unit of work Transaction ACID: Atomicity Transactions cannot be partially committed, they either happen completely or not at all Consistency A transaction takes the database from one valid state to another by some semantically meaningful transition Isolation The changes made by one transaction should not be visible to another. Durability After a system failure the database is guaranteed to be restored to the last consistent state (i.e., as it was immediately after the last successful COMMIT). |
| Set Operations in SQL UNION Set union ($r_1 \cup r_2$) (select...from...)union INTERSECT Set intersection ($r_1 \cap r_2$) (select...from...) EXCEPT Set difference ($r_1 \setminus r_2$). Note that in some SQL dialects, notably Oracle, this can be called MINUS. | Group/Order SELECT category_id, name, COUNT(film_id) AS count FROM Category LEFT OUTER JOIN Film_Category USING (category_id) GROUP BY category_id, name ORDER BY count DESC, name ASC; IS NULL and IS NOT NULL \pset null '[NULL]' COALESCE(grade, '[UNKNOWN]') | Nested subqueries <i>WHERE clause</i> SELECT... FROM ... WHERE NOT EXISTS/ EXISTS/IN/UNIQUE (<query>) <i>FROM clause</i> SELECT ... FROM (<query>) WHERE... <i>HAVING clause</i> SELECT ... FROM ... WHERE ... HAVING ... comparison_operator (<query>) | Stored Procedure CREATE PROCEDURE (... , ...) CREATE FUNCTION ...(text) RETURNS TABLE (column DATATYPE, ...) AS \$\$ BEGIN RETURN QUERY (<query>); END; \$\$ LANGUAGE PLPGSQL STABLE EXTERNAL SECURITY DEFINER; |
| Distinct e.g. COUNT(DISTINCT name) Assertion CREATE ASSERTION ... CHECK (NOT EXISTS (<query don't want>)) CREATE ASSERTION ... CHECK (EXISTS (<query want>)) | Other manipulations <i>change null</i> COALESCE(..., ...) <i>limit out put</i> LIMIT x; <i>casting</i> CAST(... AS TYPE) | String operations SELECT ... FROM ... WHERE ... LIKE '%...%' (starting with ...% ending with %...) Like '...' Lower()/Upper() Function: Similar to e.g. SIMILAR TO 'COMP[[:digit:]]{4}' e.g. SIMILAR TO '(Advanced Data)%'; start with A.../D... | Cube Operator/Rollup SELECT y, x, ROUND(AVG(z), 0) FROM ..., ..., ... WHERE GROUP BY CUBE/ROLLUP (y, x); |
| Trigger CREATE TRIGGER BEFORE/AFTER INSERT/DELETE/UPDATE ON ... FOR EACH ROW WHEN (...) EXECUTE PROCEDURE(); | Time SELECT/WHERE(EXTRACT(day/.../second from CURRENT_TIMESTAMP/TIME/DATE)) | Mapping of Weak Entity SELECT * FROM Student NATURAL JOIN Enrolled WHERE uosCode = 'INFO2120'; | DTD <!ELEMENT book (title,author+,price?)> <!ELEMENT title (#PCDATA)> Deferring Constraints NOT DEFERRABLE – <i>checked immediately</i> INITIALLY DEFERRABLE – <i>wait til end</i> INITIALLY IMMEDIATE – <i>chck nw change later</i> |
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| Data Type SMALLINT — 2 byte numeric integer value INTEGER — 4 byte numeric integer value FLOAT — 8 byte floating point value CHAR(n) — fixed-length string of n characters VARCHAR(n) — variable-length string of 0 to n characters <table><tr><th>Data type</th><th>Description</th><th>Example value</th></tr><tr><td>DATE</td><td>A date</td><td>'2011-04-03'</td></tr><tr><td>TIME</td><td>A time</td><td>'19:14:06.977434+11'</td></tr><tr><td>TIMESTAMP</td><td>A date and time</td><td>'2011-04-03 19:14:33.974799+11'</td></tr></table> | Data type | Description | Example value | DATE | A date | '2011-04-03' | TIME | A time | '19:14:06.977434+11' | TIMESTAMP | A date and time | '2011-04-03 19:14:33.974799+11' | Insert/Update/Delete Insertion of new data into a table / relation Syntax: INSERT INTO table ["("list-of-columns")"] VALUES "(" list-of-expression ")") Example: INSERT INTO Student VALUES (12345678, 'Smith') INSERT INTO Student (name, sid) VALUES ('Smith', 12345678) Updating of tuples in a table / relation Syntax: UPDATE table SET column="expression {"(",column"="expression") [WHERE search_condition] Example: UPDATE Student SET address = '4711 Water Street' WHERE sid = 12345678 Deleting of tuples from a table / relation Syntax: DELETE FROM table [WHERE search_condition] Example: DELETE FROM Student WHERE name = 'Smith' | Primary and Foreign key SQL Example <table><tr><th>Student</th><th>Enrolled</th><th>Unit_of_Study</th></tr><tr><td>sid name</td><td>sid ucode semester</td><td>ucode title credit_pts</td></tr></table> DROP TABLE IF EXISTS tableName CASCADE; CREATE TABLE Student (sid INTEGER, ... , CONSTRAINT Student_PK PRIMARY KEY (sid)); CREATE TABLE UoS (ucode CHAR(8), ... , CONSTRAINT UoS_PK PRIMARY KEY (ucode)); CREATE TABLE Enrolled (sid INTEGER, ucode CHAR(8), semester VARCHAR, CONSTRAINT Enrolled_FK1 FOREIGN KEY (sid) REFERENCES Student, CONSTRAINT Enrolled_FK2 FOREIGN KEY (ucode) REFERENCES UoS, CONSTRAINT Enrolled_PK PRIMARY KEY (sid,ucode)); | Student | Enrolled | Unit_of_Study | sid name | sid ucode semester | ucode title credit_pts |
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