# COMP 189: Homework #4

Assigned March 15, 2021 Due March 26, 2021

### 64 points total

Instructions: For each problem, show all your work (required for credit). For answers requiring written answers, while no more than five or six sentences are expected, sufficient justification must be given for any position, opinion, or perspective taken.

Submission Instructions: submit your solutions in PDF format through MyCourses Assignments.

**Technical Exercises** 

# 1. Database schema (6 points)

Reconstruct the schema for all tables in the World database. Indicate foreign keys and primary key using notation as described in lecture.

#### City

ID: integer (Primary Key)

Name: text

CountryCode: text (Foreign Key to Country)

District: text

Population: integer

# Country

Code: text (Primary Key)

Name: text Continent: text Region: text SurfaceArea: float IndepYear: integer Population: integer LifeExpectancy: float

GNP: float GNPOld: float LocalName: text GovernmentForm: text HeadOfState: text

Capital: integer (Foreign Key to City)

Code2: text

# Country Language

CountryCode: text (Primary Key)

Language: text IsOfficial: text Percentage: float

# 2. Basic Queries (15 pts)

Construct and run SQL queries to answer the following questions. In your answer show both the SQL query (exactly one for each question) you used and also the answer output by the database system – this can be a shrunk screenshot of the relevant details.

1. How many countries are in Asia?

SELECT COUNT(1) FROM country WHERE continent='Asia'; 51 countries



2. How many countries are in Asia with fewer than 5 million people?

SELECT COUNT(1) FROM country WHERE continent='Asia' AND Population < 5000000;

19 countries



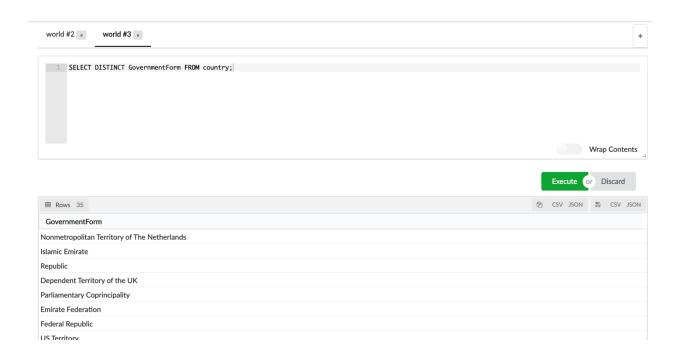
3. How many countries have Elisabeth II as their head of state?

SELECT COUNT(1) FROM country WHERE HeadOfState='Elisabeth II'; 35 countries



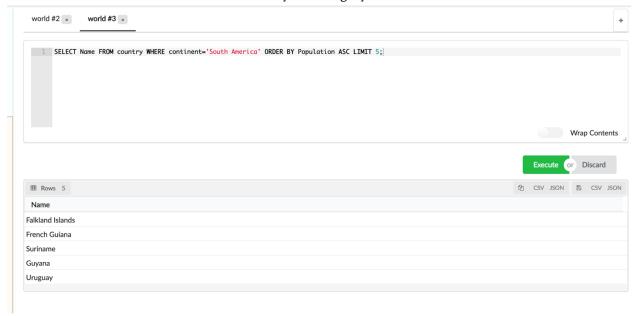
4. How many Government Forms are there in the database?

SELECT DISTINCT GovernmentForm FROM country; 35 rows hence government forms



5. What are the 5 least populous countries in South America? (your query must return exactly the 5 countries in your answer).

SELECT Name FROM country WHERE continent='South America' ORDER BY Population ASC LIMIT 5; Falkland Islands, French Guiana, Suriname, Guyana, Uruguay



#### 3. Messy data (10 pts)

The GovernmentForm field in the country database contains messy data – meaning that there are errors in it that really should have been corrected before creation of the database.

1. Identify two such errors.

One error is that it is very redundant where multiple countries have the same GovernmentForm types. Another error is that many GovernmentForm types have the same form with a small variation like Republic and Federal Republic for example.

2. How many countries are implicated by these errors?

For example, 122 countries are a Republic, 15 countries are a federal republic, 29 countries are a Constitutional Monarchy. So almost all countries are affected by this redundancy.

3. More generally, there really are a small number of possible Government Types – which could be better captured using a foreign key design pattern that we learned in class. Write out a new schema for the World database that employs foreign keys to reference GovernmentForms rather than a string field.

#### GovernmentForms

ID: integer (Primary Key)

Type: text

### Country

Code: text (Primary Key)

GovernmentForm: integer (Foreign Key to GovernmentForms)

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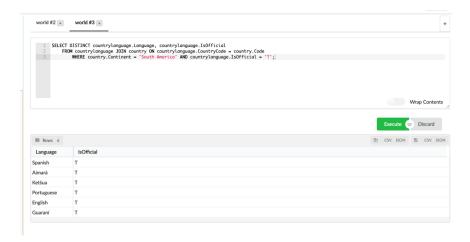
#### 2. Advanced Queries (21 pts)

Construct and run SQL queries to answer the following questions. In your answer show both the SQL query (exactly one for each question) you used and also the answer output by the database system – this can be a shrunk screenshot of the relevant details. In every case, your query must return the exact value indicated.

1. What are the official languages spoken in countries in South America? (Each language should appear only once)

SELECT DISTINCT countrylanguage.Language, countrylanguage.IsOfficial FROM countrylanguage JOIN country ON countrylanguage.CountryCode = country.Code WHERE country.Continent = 'South America' AND countrylanguage.IsOfficial = 'T';

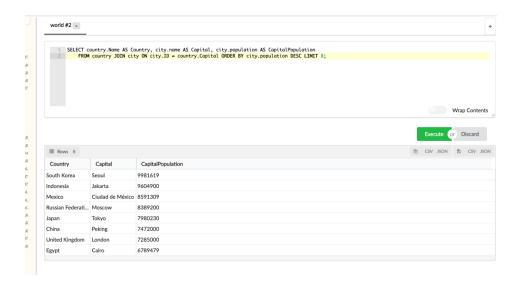
Spanish, Aimará, Ketšua, Portuguese, English, Guaraní



2. List the 8 countries with the most populous capital cities, in descending order by capital city population.

SELECT country. Name AS Country, city.name AS Capital, city.population AS CapitalPopulation FROM country JOIN city ON city.ID = country.Capital ORDER BY city.population DESC LIMIT 8;

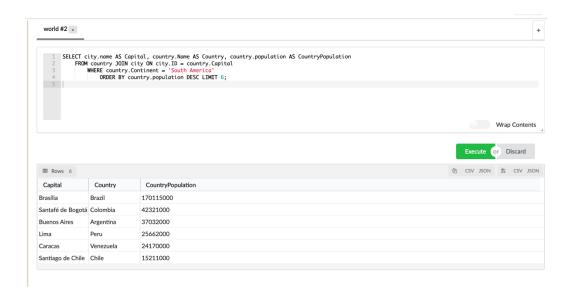
South Korea, Indonesia, Mexico, Russia, Japan, China, United Kingdom, Egypt



3. List the capital cities in South America that are in the 6 most populated countries.

SELECT city.name AS Capital, country.Name AS Country, country.population AS CountryPopulation FROM country JOIN city ON city.ID = country.Capital WHERE country.Continent = 'South America' ORDER BY country.population DESC LIMIT 6;

Brasilia, Bogota, Buenos Aires, Lima, Caracas, Santiago de Chile



# 4. Give a breakdown of the number of countries for each form of government.

SELECT GovernmentForm, COUNT(GovernmentForm) FROM country GROUP BY GovernmentForm;

Administrated by the UN,1

Autonomous Area,1

Co-administrated,1

Commonwealth of the US,2

Constitutional Monarchy,29

Constitutional Monarchy (Emirate),1

"Constitutional Monarchy, Federation",4

Dependent Territory of Norway,2

Dependent Territory of the UK,12

Dependent Territory of the US,1

Emirate Federation,1

Federal Republic,15

Federation,1

Independent Church State,1

Islamic Emirate,1

Islamic Republic,2

Monarchy,5

Monarchy (Emirate),1

Monarchy (Sultanate),2

Nonmetropolitan Territory of France,4

Nonmetropolitan Territory of New Zealand,3

Nonmetropolitan Territory of The Netherlands,2

Occupied by Marocco,1

Overseas Department of France,4

Parlementary Monarchy,1

Parliamentary Coprincipality,1

Part of Denmark,2

People'sRepublic,1

Republic,122

Socialistic Republic,3

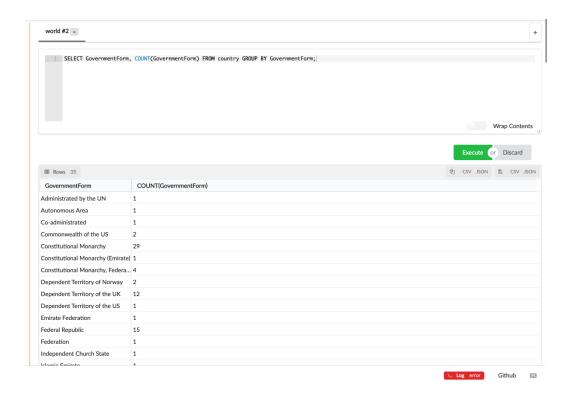
Socialistic State,1

Special Administrative Region of China,2

Territorial Collectivity of France,2

Territory of Australia,4

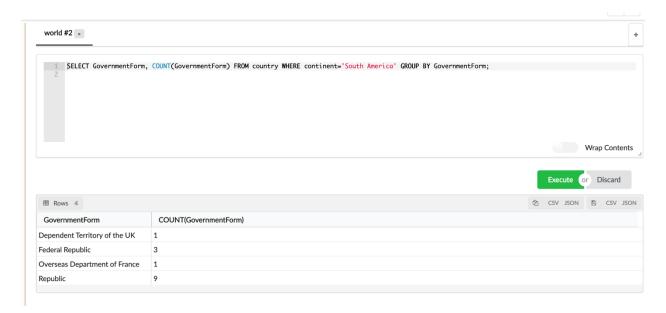
US Territory,3



5. Give a breakdown of the number of South American countries for each form of government.

SELECT GovernmentForm, COUNT(GovernmentForm) AS South\_American\_Countries FROM country WHERE continent='South America' GROUP BY GovernmentForm;

Dependent Territory of the UK,1 Federal Republic,3 Overseas Department of France,1 Republic,9



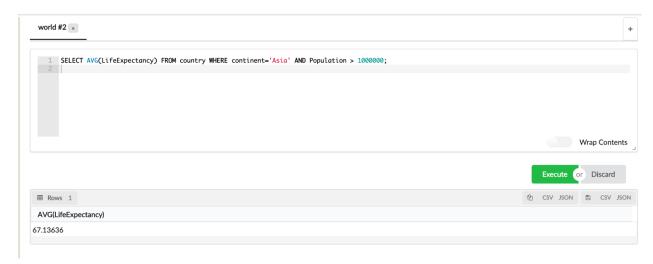
6. What is the average life expectancy among Asian countries with a population less than 1 million?

SELECT AVG(LifeExpectancy) FROM country WHERE continent='Asia' AND Population < 1000000; 69.35



7. What is the average life expectancy among Asian countries with a population greater than 1 million?

 $SELECT\ AVG(Life Expectancy)\ FROM\ country\ WHERE\ continent='Asia'\ AND\ Population > 1000000;\ 67.14$ 



# Discussion

#### 1. Security (12 pts)

A company stores all their passwords in a database, in a table called *User*. Using the websever-database architecture we've discussed as well as the SQL language, explain how a database can make it easier for a hacker to steal *all* passwords belonging to users all at once. (Explaining the high-level attack they might use is not required, but might help provide a complete answer.)

The most common way the company's websites passwords can be stolen is by SQL injection. This occurs when the client asking for user input like a username and password and instead is given an SQL query that will unknowingly run on the company's database. When the client requests a username for example, you type 'UserName' and press enter what happens is the client sends an SQL query: SELECT \* FROM USERS WHERE UserName = 'UserName' to the database. If the client does not have input validation, then you can write a smart input like '21 OR 1=1' which sends this guery: SELECT \* FROM USERS WHERE UserName = 21 OR 1=1 which is a valid query since 1=1 is always true. If the Users table contains passwords, then the hacker can that easily retrieve all passwords in the company's database. So, a hacker can retrieve all passwords in a client-server database by simply typing 21 OR 1=1 in the user input. The best way to prevent SQL injection attacks is to have strong input validation in the client interface such as only accepting strings that match certain regular expressions (like an email must have an @ with a .com and thus won't accept 21 OR 1=1) and rejecting wrong inputs before sending query to database. There are other possible vulnerabilities within a client-serverdatabase software system where a hacker can bypass the user identification page and send malicious SOL queries to the database and steal all passwords hence it's important to ensure the database is well protected by attackers.