

Module 2 - Lecture 1

# Introduction to Databases



A **database** is an organized collection of data that can be accessed, managed, and updated.



# Who uses these things?



PostgreSQL



A **relational database** is a set of formally described tables from which data can be accessed or reassembled in many different ways without having to reorganize the database tables



- Each **table** is an entity. (Patient)
- **Columns** are called attributes (PatientId, Name, ...)
- **Rows** represent individual records. (134, Jeff, ...)

Patient Id	Name	D.o.B	Phone	Doctor Id
134	Jeff	4-Jul-1993	7876453	01
178	David	8-Feb-1987	8635467	02
198	Lisa	18-Dec-1979	7498735	01
210	Frank	29-Apr-1983	7943521	01
258	Rachel	8-Feb-1987	8367242	02



**(R)DBMS** software is designed to help manage a database. Its four basic functions are (1) data definition, (2) data storage, (3) data retrieval, and (4) administration



PostgreSQL





# Let's Code!

# SQL

SQL stands for structured query language and is a *declarative programming language* to retrieve and update records from a database.

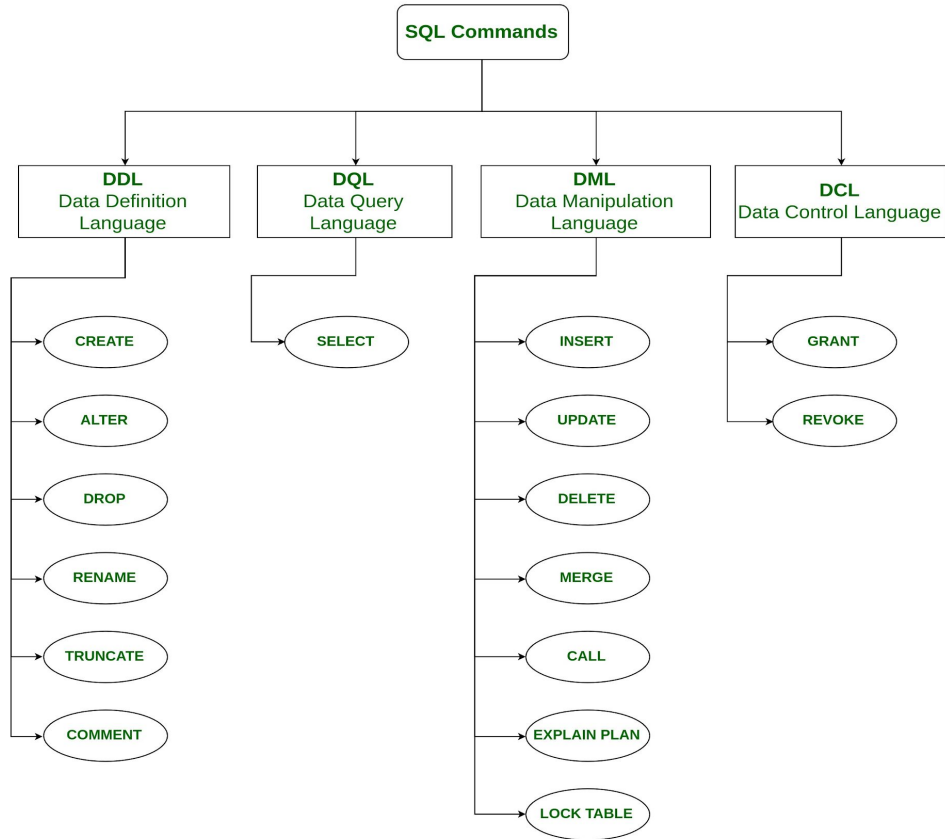


## SQL consists of:

- *data definition language* to define the data structures
- *data manipulation language* to query and modify the data in a database
- *data control language* to define access to a particular database



## Types of SQL Commands



**Let's focus on...**

**SELECT**



The **SELECT clause** indicates what columns that you want to get from a database table.

The **FROM clause** indicates which table(s) to retrieve the data from.

```
SELECT column1, ... , [column-n] FROM table;
```



The **DISTINCT clause** indicates that duplicate values should not be included.

The **AS clause** establishes an alias for a particular column name

```
SELECT DISTINCT column AS blah FROM table;
```



The **WHERE clause** is used to filter the result set using one or more criteria rules.

- Conditional clauses in the WHERE clause can include
  - `=, <>, !=, >, >=, <, <=`
  - `IN(values), NOT IN(values)`
  - `BETWEEN value AND value`
  - `IS NULL, IS NOT NULL`
  - `LIKE` (with wildcard characters)
  - `ILIKE`
- Multiple conditions use `AND` and `OR`





QUESTIONS?

