CS 61A SQL

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# SQL and Aggregation SQL Basics

### **Creating Tables**

You can create SQL tables either from scratch or from existing tables.

The following statement creates a table by specifying column names and values without referencing another table. Each SELECT clause specifies the values for one row, and UNION is used to join rows together. The AS clauses give a name to each column; it need not be repeated in subsequent rows after the first.

```
CREATE TABLE [table_name] AS

SELECT [val1] AS [column1], [val2] AS [column2], ... UNION

SELECT [val3] , [val4] , ... UNION

SELECT [val5] , [val6] , ...;
```

Let's say we want to make the following table called big\_game which records the scores for the Big Game each year. This table has three columns: berkeley, stanford, and year.

We could do so with the following CREATE TABLE statement:

```
CREATE TABLE big_game AS

SELECT 30 AS berkeley, 7 AS stanford, 2002 AS year UNION

SELECT 28, 16, 2003 UNION

SELECT 17, 38, 2014;
```

## Selecting From Tables

More commonly, we will create new tables by selecting specific columns that we want from existing tables by using a SELECT statement as follows:

```
SELECT [columns] FROM [tables] WHERE [condition] ORDER BY [columns] LIMIT [limit];
```

Let's break down this statement:

- SELECT [columns] tells SQL that we want to include the given columns in our output table; [columns] is a comma-separated list of column names, and \* can be used to select all columns
- FROM [table] tells SQL that the columns we want to select are from the given table
- WHERE [condition] filters the output table by only including rows whose values satisfy the given [condition], a boolean expression
- ORDER BY [columns] orders the rows in the output table by the given comma-separated list of columns; by default, values are sorted in ascending order (ASC), but you can use DESC to sort in descending order
- LIMIT [limit] limits the number of rows in the output table by the integer [limit]

Here are some examples:

Select all of Berkeley's scores from the big\_game table, but only include scores from years past 2002:

```
sqlite> SELECT berkeley FROM big_game WHERE year > 2002;
28
17
```

Select the scores for both schools in years that Berkeley won:

```
sqlite> SELECT berkeley, stanford FROM big_game WHERE berkeley > stanford;
30|7
28|16
```

Select the years that Stanford scored more than 15 points:

```
sqlite> SELECT year FROM big_game WHERE stanford > 15;
2003
2014
```

#### **SQL** operators

Expressions in the SELECT, WHERE, and ORDER BY clauses can contain one or more of the following operators:

- comparison operators: =, >, <, <=, >=, <> or != ("not equal")
- boolean operators: AND, OR
- arithmetic operators: +, -, \*, /
- concatenation operator: ||

Output the ratio of Berkeley's score to Stanford's score each year:

```
sqlite> select berkeley * 1.0 / stanford from big_game;
0.447368421052632
1.75
4.28571428571429
```

Output the sum of scores in years where both teams scored over 10 points:

```
sqlite> select berkeley + stanford from big_game where berkeley > 10 and stanford > 10;
55
44
```

Output a table with a single column and single row containing the value "hello world":

```
sqlite> SELECT "hello" || " " || "world";
hello world
```

# SQL Aggregation

Previously, we have been dealing with queries that process one row at a time. When we join, we make pairwise combinations of all of the rows. When we use WHERE, we filter out certain rows based on the condition. Alternatively, applying an aggregate function such as MAX(column) combines the values in multiple rows.

By default, we combine the values of the *entire* table. For example, if we wanted to count the number of flights from our flights table, we could use:

```
sqlite> SELECT COUNT(*) from FLIGHTS;
13
```

What if we wanted to group together the values in similar rows and perform the aggregation operations within those groups? We use a GROUP BY clause.

Here's another example. For each unique departure, collect all of the rows having the same departure airport into a group. Then, select the price column and apply the MIN aggregation to recover the price of the cheapest departure from that group. The end result is a table of departure airports and the cheapest departing flight.

```
sqlite> SELECT departure, MIN(price) FROM flights GROUP BY departure;
AUH|932
LAS|50
LAX|89
SEA|32
SF0|40
SLC|42
```

Just like how we can filter out rows with WHERE, we can also filter out groups with HAVING. Typically, a HAVING clause should use an aggregation function. Suppose we want to see all airports with at least two departures:

```
sqlite> SELECT departure FROM flights GROUP BY departure HAVING COUNT(*) >= 2;
LAX
SFO
SLC
```

Note that the COUNT(\*) aggregate just counts the number of rows in each group. Say we want to count the number of distinct airports instead. Then, we could use the following query:

```
sqlite> SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT departure) FROM flights;
6
```

This enumerates all the different departure airports available in our flights table (in this case: SFO, LAX, AUH, SLC, SEA, and LAS).

# Cities

In this discussion, we will be writing SQL queries on a database containing information on selected cities and states. The data is not guaranteed to be precise or accurate. (In fact, it was obtained by a single TA quickly looking up facts on Wikipedia.)

There are two main tables that you will be querying.

- cities: Selected US cities
- states: Corresponding states of the select US cities

	e cities as							
	'Berkeley' as name,	'CA'	as state,	12000 as	population,	1878 a	s founded,	18.0
as area								
	'San Francisco' ,	'CA'	,	871000	,	1850	,	231.0
union								
	'Los Angeles' ,	'CA'	,	3971000	,	1850	,	503.0
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	'Seattle' ,	'WA'	,	609000	,	1869	,	143.0
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	'Houston' ,	'TX'	,	2099451	,	1837	,	667.0
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	'New York City' ,	IN I	,	8550000	,	1624	,	400.
union	'Chicago' ,	'IL'		2696000		1833		234.
union	Clifcago ,	11	,	2090000	,	1033	,	234.
	'Philadelphia' ,	'PA'		1567000		1701		142.
union	initadeiphia ,	IA	,	1507000	,	1701	,	172.
	'Phoenix',	'AZ'		1446000		1881		518.
union	,	112	,	1110000	,	1001	,	010.
	'San Antonio' .	'TX'		1437000	_	1837		465.
union	,		,		,		,	
	'Dallas' ,	'TX'		1300000		1856		386.
union	,		,		,		,	
select	'Jacksonville' ,	'FL'	,	822000	,	1832	,	
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eate table	e states as							
select	'California' as nam	e, 'CA	' as abbr	eviation,	39250000.0	as popu	lation unio	on
select	'Washington'	, 'WA	1	,	7288000.0 u	nion		
select	'Texas'	, 'TX	1	,	27863000.0	union		
select	'New York'	, 'NY	1	,	19795000.0	union		
select	'Illinois'	, 'IL	1	,	12801000.0	union		
select	'Pennsylvania'	, 'PA	1	,	12802503.0	union		
select	'Arizona'	, 'AZ	1	,	6828000.0 u	nion		
select	'Florida'	, 'FL	1	,	20612000.0;			

Write a query that selects all records for cities in California.

```
create table california as
SELECT "REPLACE THIS LINE WITH YOUR SOLUTION";
```

You should get the following output:

```
sqlite> select * from california;
Berkeley|CA|12000|1878|18.0
Los Angeles|CA|3971000|1850|503.0
San Francisco|CA|871000|1850|231.0
```

### Q2: Younger

Create a new table younger, which contains the names and populations of all cities founded after 1840.

```
create table younger as
SELECT "REPLACE THIS LINE WITH YOUR SOLUTION";
```

The answer should be ordered by the population density (pop/area) of the cities.

```
sqlite3> select * from younger;
Berkeley|12000
Phoenix|1446000
Dallas|1300000
San Francisco|871000
Seattle|609000
Los Angeles|3971000
```

Write a query that lists pairs of cities that are in the same state.

```
create table same as
SELECT "REPLACE THIS LINE WITH YOUR SOLUTION";
```

To avoid duplicate pairs, display the city with the larger area first.

```
sqlite> select * from same;
Houston|Dallas
Houston|San Antonio
Los Angeles|Berkeley
Los Angeles|San Francisco
San Antonio|Dallas
San Francisco|Berkeley
```

### Q4: Percentages

Write a query that selects the names of every city and the city's percentage of its state population. Order the output in order of that percentage.

Here are our tables for the next two problems. We have only provided you with the headers/columns for the tables which should be sufficient:

records: Employee Name Division Title Salary Supervisor

meetings: Division Day Time

Write a query that outputs the days of the week for which fewer than 5 employees have a meeting. You may assume no department has more than one meeting on a given day.

SELECT "YOUR CODE HERE"

## **Q6:** Supervisor Sum Salary

Write a query that outputs each supervisor and the sum of salaries of all the employees they supervise.

SELECT "YOUR CODE HERE"

# Submit Attendance

You're done! Excellent work this week. Please be sure to ask your section TA for the attendance form link and fill it out for credit. (one submission per person per section).

# Extra Challenge

# Pizza Time

The pizzas table contains the names, opening, and closing hours of great pizza places in Berkeley. The meals table contains typical meal times (for college students). A pizza place is open for a meal if the meal time is at or within the open and close times.

```
CREATE TABLE pizzas AS
  SELECT "Artichoke" AS name, 12 AS open, 15 AS close UNION
  SELECT "La Val's"
                                          , 22
                                                        UNION
                             , 11
  SELECT "Sliver"
                             , 11
                                          , 20
                                                        UNION
  SELECT "Cheeseboard"
                             , 16
                                          , 23
                                                        UNION
  SELECT "Emilia's"
                             , 13
                                          , 18;
CREATE TABLE meals AS
  SELECT "breakfast" AS meal, 11 AS time UNION
  SELECT "lunch"
                                          UNION
                             , 13
  SELECT "dinner"
                             , 19
                                          UNION
  SELECT "snack"
                             , 22;
```

### Q7: Open Early

You'd like to have pizza before 13 o'clock (1pm). Create a opening table with the names of all pizza places that open before 13 o'clock, listed in reverse alphabetical order.

opening table:

name
Sliver
La Val's
Artichoke

```
-- Pizza places that open before 1pm in alphabetical order

SELECT "REPLACE THIS LINE WITH YOUR SOLUTION";
```

#### Q8: Study Session

You're planning to study at a pizza place from the moment it opens until 14 o'clock (2pm). Create a table study with two columns, the name of each pizza place and the duration of the study session you would have if you studied there (the difference between when it opens and 14 o'clock). For pizza places that are not open before 2pm, the duration should be zero. Order the rows by decreasing duration.

**Hint:** Use an expression of the form MAX(\_, 0) to make sure a result is not below 0. study table:

name	duration
La Val's	3
Sliver	3
Artichoke	2
Emilia's	1
Cheeseboard	0

-- Pizza places and the duration of a study break that ends at 14 o'clock

SELECT "REPLACE THIS LINE WITH YOUR SOLUTION";

### Q9: Late Night Snack

What's still open for a late night snack? Create a late table with one column named status that has a sentence describing the closing time of each pizza place that closes at or after snack time. Important: Don't use any numbers in your SQL query! Instead, use a join to compare each restaurant's closing time to the time of a snack. The rows may appear in any order.

late table:

status

Cheeseboard closes at 23
La Val's closes at 22

The || operator in SQL concatenates two strings together, just like + in Python.

```
-- Pizza places that are open for late-night-snack time and when they close

SELECT ____ || " closes at " || ____ AS status

FROM ____
WHERE ____;
```

### Q10: Double Pizza

If two meals are more than 6 hours apart, then there's nothing wrong with going to the same pizza place for both, right? Create a double table with three columns. The first column is the earlier meal, the second column is the later meal, and the name column is the name of a pizza place. Only include rows that describe two meals that are more than 6 hours apart and a pizza place that is open for both of the meals. The rows may appear in any order.

double table:

first	second	name
breakfast	dinner	La Val's
breakfast	dinner	Sliver
break fast	$\operatorname{snack}$	La Val's
lunch	$\operatorname{snack}$	La Val's

- Two meals at the same place
SELECT AS first, AS second, name
FROM, pizzas WHERE;