Title	Assignment 06: Information Management (GISC 6354)
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1. Look up websites containing the following data representations:

a) Using JSON

b) Using XML

Analyze the websites in terms of structure and composition. Name the technology/methods used for creating the web database.

Ans

a) **Using JSON**

- JSON is a lightweight data interchange format that is easy for humans to read and write and easy for machines to parse and generate. JSON defines only two data structures: objects and arrays. An object is a set of name-value pairs, and an array is a list of values. JSON defines seven value types: string, number, object, array, true, false, and null (Introduction to JSON, 2024).

JSON syntax/structure can be summarized as follows (Introduction to JSON, 2024):

- Objects: Enclosed in braces {}, containing name-value pairs separated by commas. Names are strings, followed by a colon (:) and their corresponding values. Values can be any of the seven types, including objects or arrays.
- Arrays: Enclosed in brackets [], with values separated by commas. Each value within an array can be of a different type, including objects or arrays.
- Structure: Objects and arrays can contain other objects or arrays, creating a hierarchical or tree-like structure for the data.

Technology/Methods for Web Database:

- Backend technologies such as Node.js, Python Django, or Java Spring may be used for server-side processing and database interactions (JSON Defined, 2024).
- Databases like MongoDB, PostgreSQL, MySQL, or Firebase may be utilized to store structured data (JSON Databases Explained, 2024).
- APIs are commonly used to expose JSON data to client-side applications, enabling dynamic content retrieval and manipulation.

b) Using XML:

XML is a markup language that defines a set of rules for encoding documents in a format that is both human-readable and machine-readable. It's often used for representing structured data in documents on the web (XML (eXtensible Markup Language), 2024).

Structure and Composition Analysis (Murrell, 2024)**:**

- XML documents consist of nested elements, each with a start tag, content, and an end tag.
- Attributes may be used within elements to provide additional metadata or properties.
- XML documents often follow a hierarchical structure, similar to a tree, with parent-child relationships between elements.
- XML namespaces may be used to avoid naming conflicts and enable the mixing of different XML vocabularies.

Technology/Methods for Web Database:

- XML databases like BaseX, eXist-db, or MarkLogic may be used for storing and querying XML data directly.
- XQuery or XPath may be used to query and manipulate XML data.
- Server-side technologies like Java servlets, ASP.NET, PHP, or Python with frameworks like Flask or Django may be used for generating XML documents dynamically.
- Transformation technologies like XSLT (eXtensible Stylesheet Language Transformations) may be used to convert XML data into different formats for presentation.

2. SQL exercise:

I. Express the following query in SQL using no subqueries and no set operations. (Hint: left outer join).

SELECT ID **FROM** student
EXCEPT
SELECT s_id **FROM** advisor **WHERE** i_ID **IS NOT** null

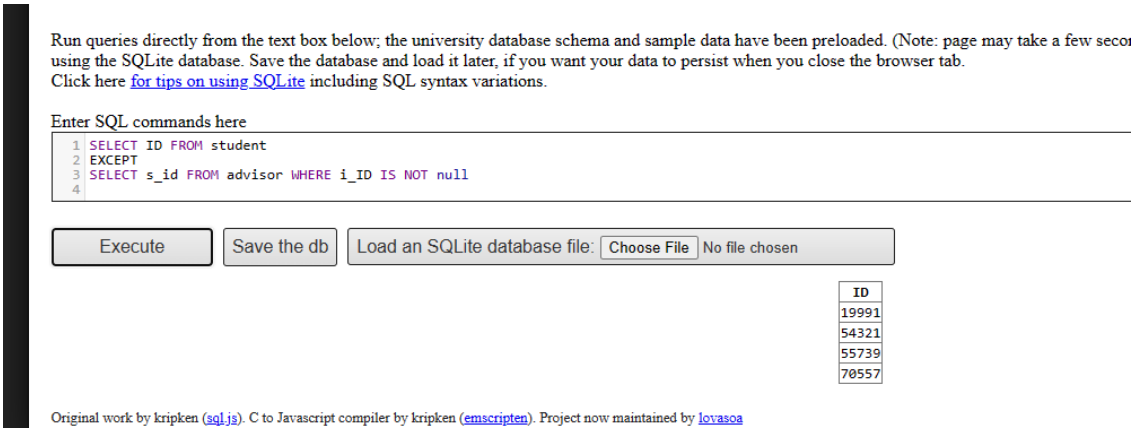

Figure 1: Results for SQL query using except

Ans:

SELECT ID

FROM student s

LEFT JOIN advisor a **ON** s.ID = s_id

WHERE i_id **IS NULL;**

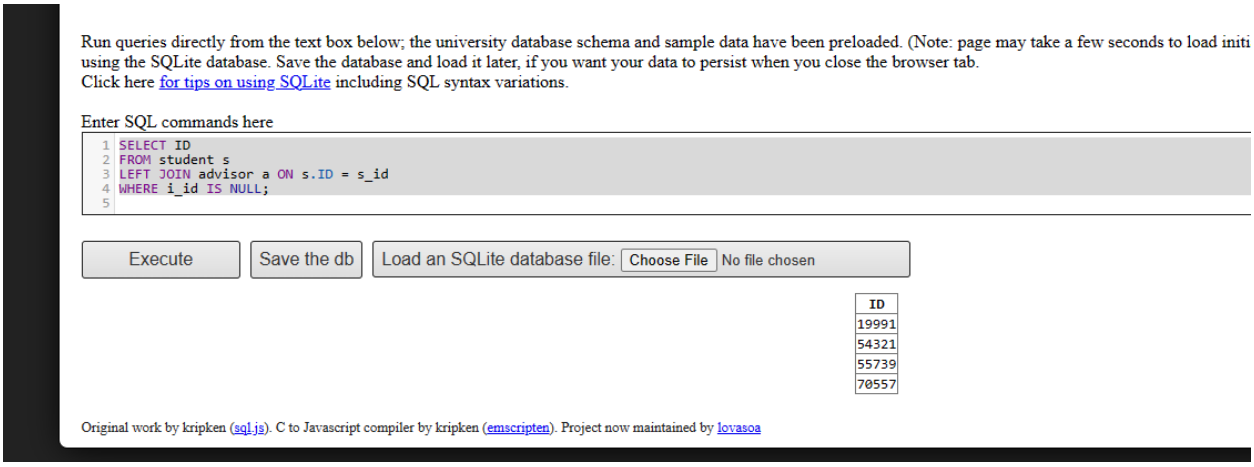

Figure 2: Results for SQL query using left join

II. Using the university schema, write an SQL query to find the names and IDs of those instructors who teach every course taught in his or her department (i.e., every course that appears in the course relation with the instructor's department name). Order result by name.

Ans:

SELECT DISTINCT i.ID, i.name

FROM instructor i

JOIN teaches t **ON** i.ID = t.ID

JOIN course c **ON** t.course_id = c.course_id

JOIN department d **ON** i.dept_name = d.dept_name

GROUP BY i.ID, i.name

HAVING COUNT(**DISTINCT** c.course_id) = (

SELECT COUNT(*)

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    FROM course
    WHERE dept_name = i.dept_name
)
ORDER BY i.name;
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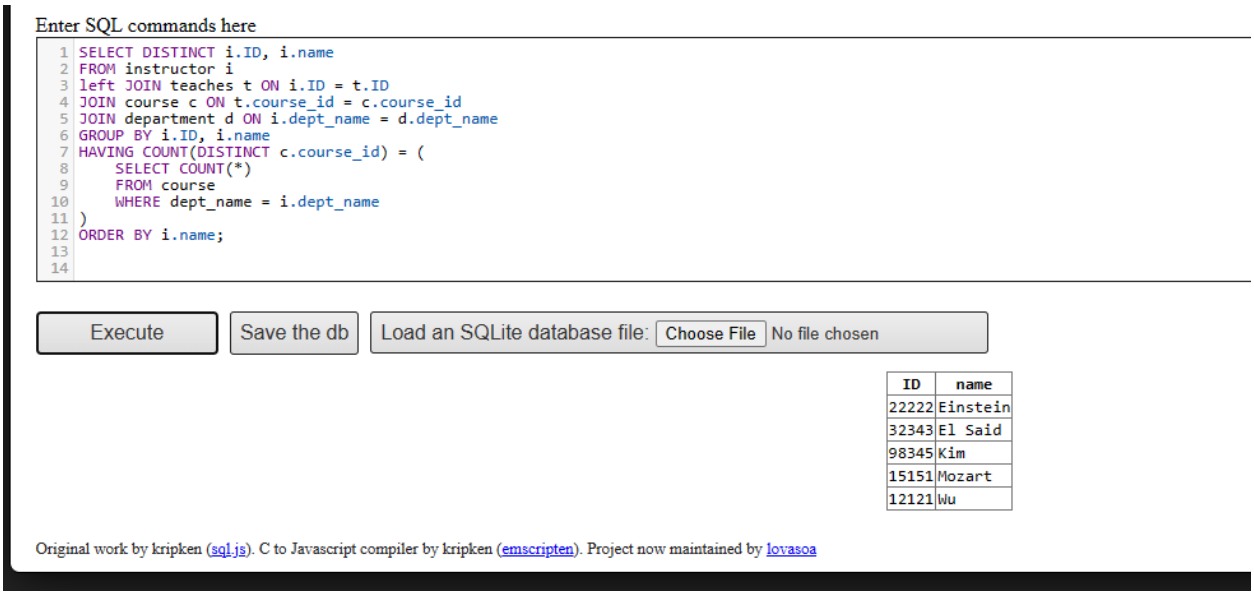

Figure 3: Results of SQL query for instructors that teach every course offered in their department.

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