# Recognizing relational patterns in SQL and diagrams

- The next 6 pages will introduce you to 4 relational query patterns. We will show you how they are expressed in SQL and with Diagrams.

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4 relational patterns

- This study measures whether you can quickly and correctly recognize 4 different relational patterns. They will be shown using many database schemas.

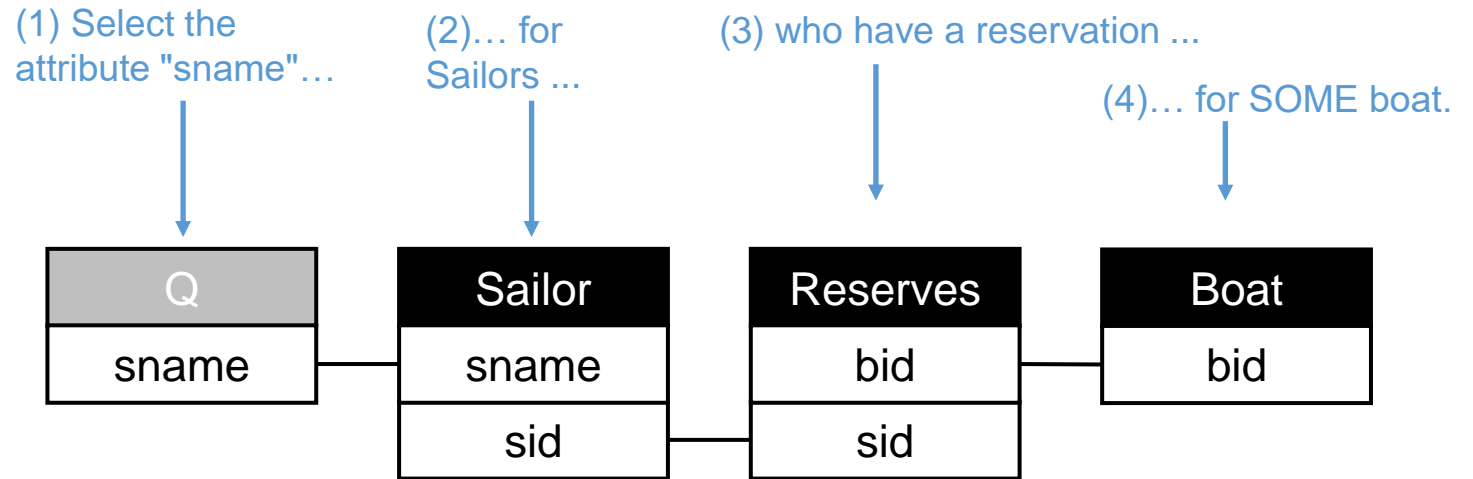- This tutorial uses a Sailor / Reserves / Boat database:

Sailor
sname
sid

Reserves
bid
sid
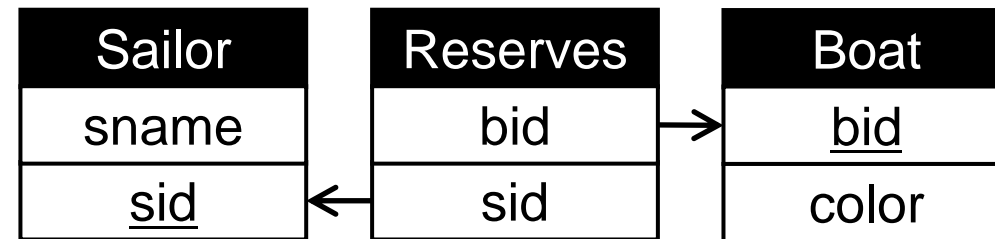
Boat
bid
color

- We will show these four relational query patterns using SQL and Diagrams:

  1. Find sailors who have reserved **some** boat.
  2. Find sailors who have **not** reserved **any** boat.
  3. Find sailors who have **not** reserved **all** boats.
  4. Find sailors who have reserved **all** boats.

1. Find sailors who have reserved **some** boat.

SQL

```
SELECT S.sname
FROM Sailor S
WHERE EXISTS(
   SELECT *
   FROM Reserves R
   WHERE R.sid = S.sid
   AND EXISTS(
      SELECT *
      FROM Boat B
      WHERE B.bid = R.bid))
```

The Diagram for a query is read as follows:

(1) Select the attribute "sname"…

(2)… for Sailors ...

(3) who have a reservation ...

(4)… for SOME boat.

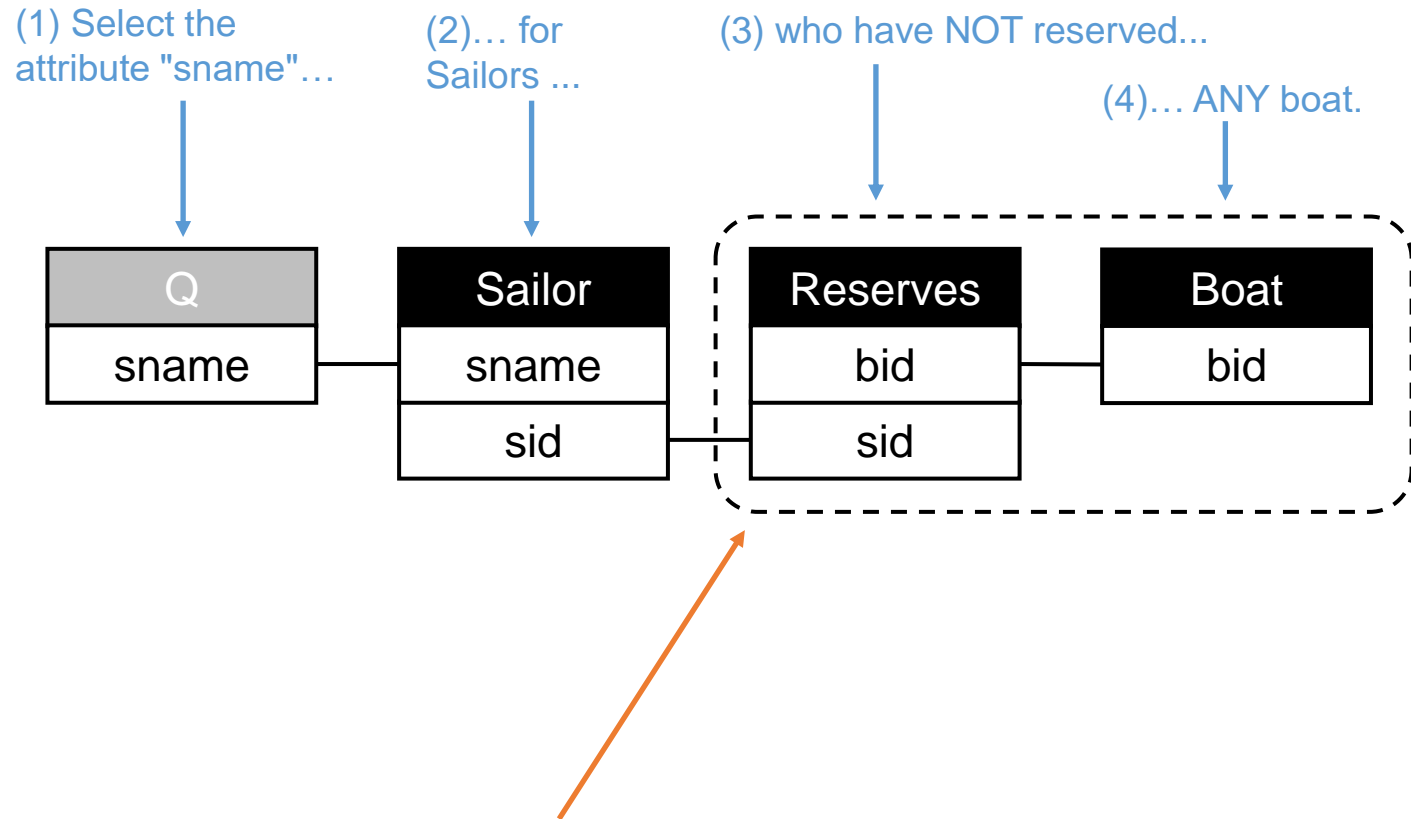| Q	Sailor	Reserves	Boat
sname	sname	bid	bid
	sid	sid	

2. Find sailors who have **not** reserved **any** boat.

SQL

```
SELECT S.sname
FROM Sailor S
WHERE NOT EXISTS(
   SELECT *
   FROM Reserves R
   WHERE R.sid = S.sid
   AND EXISTS(
      SELECT *
      FROM Boat B
      WHERE B.bid = R.bid))
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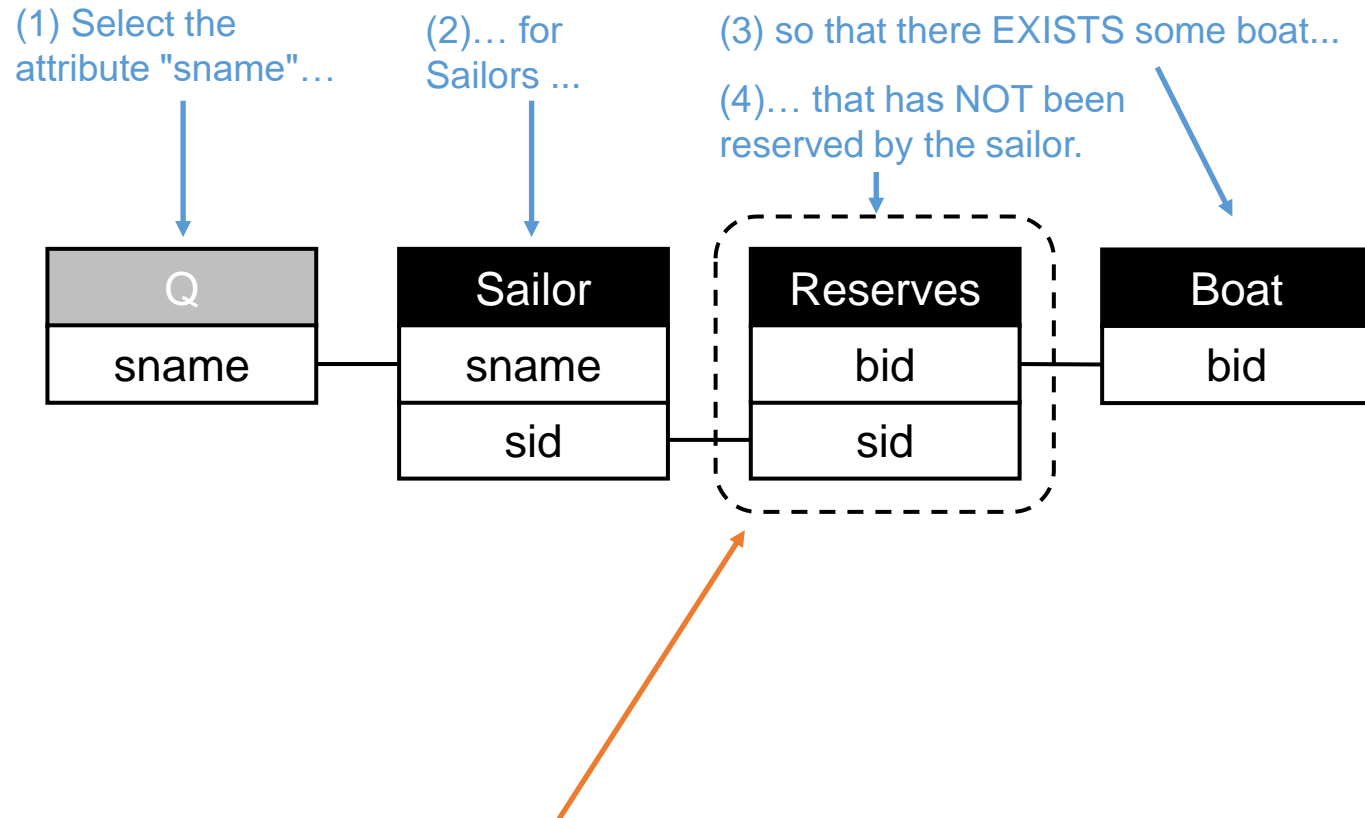The Diagram for a query is read as follows:

(1) Select the attribute "sname"…

(2)… for Sailors ...

(3) who have NOT reserved...

(4)… ANY boat.

Dashed lines represent logical "NOT EXISTS" relationships.
Here is means that there does not exist any reservation for any boat.

3. Find sailors who have **not** reserved **all** boats.

SQL

```
SELECT S.sname
FROM Sailor S
WHERE EXISTS(
  SELECT *
  FROM Boat B
  WHERE NOT EXISTS(
    SELECT *
    FROM Reserves R
    WHERE R.bid = B.bid
    AND R.sid = S.sid))
```

The Diagram for a query is read as follows:

(1) Select the attribute "sname"…

(2)… for Sailors ...

(3) so that there EXISTS some boat...

(4)… that has NOT been reserved by the sailor.

Q
sname

Sailor
sname
sid

Reserves
bid
sid

Boat
bid

Here the negation box means that there "EXISTS some boat which the sailor has NOT reserved" (thus that the sailor has NOT reserved ALL boats).

4. Find sailors who have reserved **all** boats.

SQL

```sql
SELECT S.sname
FROM Sailor S
WHERE NOT EXISTS(
    SELECT *
    FROM Boat B
    WHERE NOT EXISTS(
        SELECT *
        FROM Reserves R
        WHERE R.bid = B.bid
        AND R.sid = S.sid))
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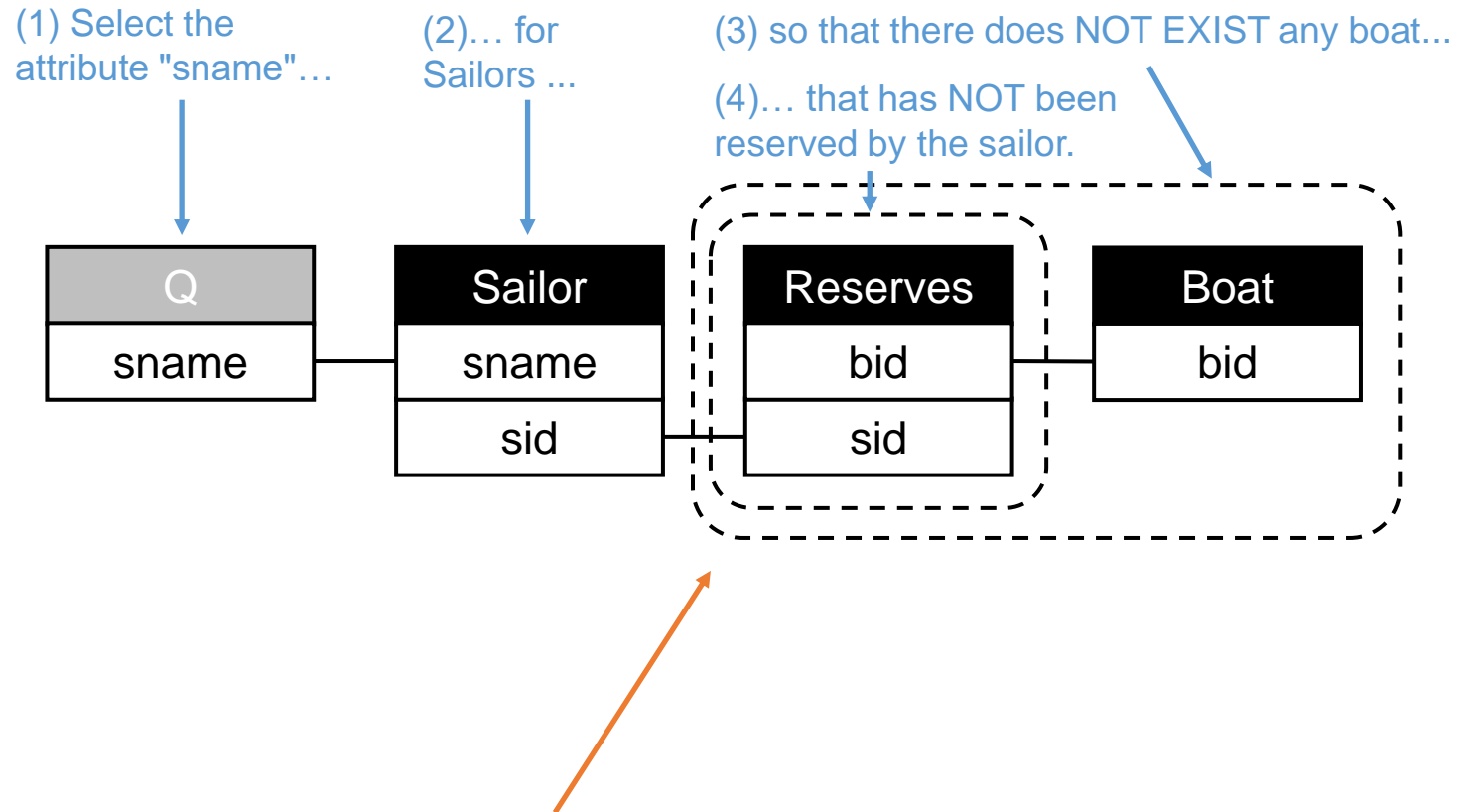
The Diagram for a query is read as follows:

(1) Select the attribute "sname"…

(2)… for Sailors ...

(3) so that there does NOT EXIST any boat...
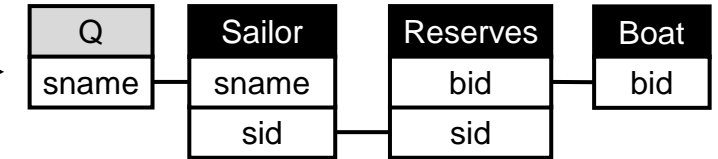
(4)… that has NOT been reserved by the sailor.

SQL and diagrams cannot express "FOR ALL" statements directly (here we are trying to express that "ALL boats have been reserved by a sailor"). Instead, we use a double negation ("there does NOT EXIST any boat that was NOT reserved by a sailor")

Overview of the 4 query patterns
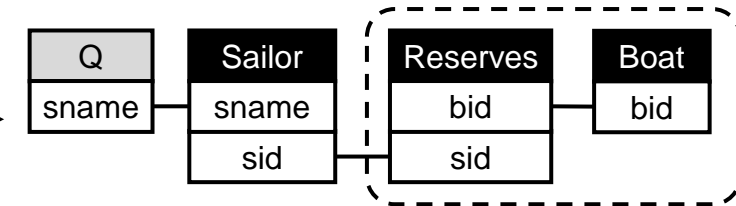
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  FROM Reserves R
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  WHERE EXISTS(
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    FROM Boat B
    WHERE B.bid = R.bid))
```

Find sailors who
have reserved **some** boat.

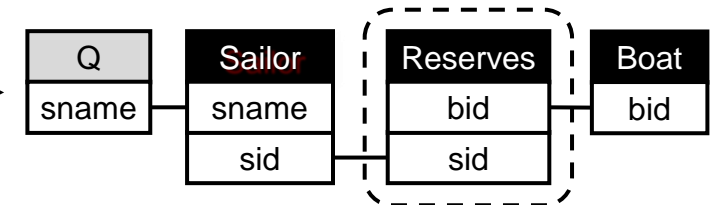| Q		Sailor		Reserves		Boat
sname		sname		bid		bid
		sid		sid		

```
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WHERE NOT EXISTS(
  SELECT *
  FROM Reserves R
  AND R.sid = S.sid
  WHERE EXISTS(
    SELECT *
    FROM Boat B
    WHERE B.bid = R.bid))
```

Find sailors who
have **not** reserved **any** boat.

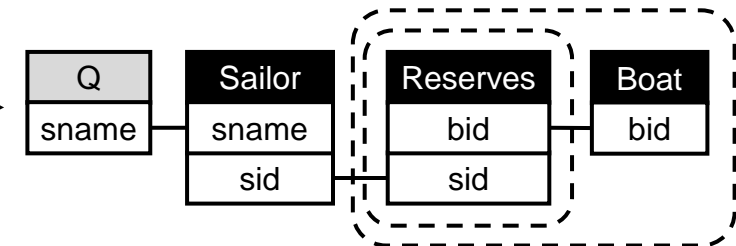| Q		Sailor		Reserves		Boat
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		sid		sid		

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FROM Sailor S
WHERE EXISTS(
  SELECT *
  FROM Boat B
  WHERE NOT EXISTS(
    SELECT *
    FROM Reserves R
    WHERE R.bid = B.bid
    AND R.sid = S.sid))
```

Find sailors who
have **not** reserved **all** boats.

Q		Sailor		Reserves		Boat
sname		sname		bid		bid
		sid		sid		

```
SELECT S.sname
FROM Sailor S
WHERE NOT EXISTS(
  SELECT *
  FROM Boat B
  WHERE NOT EXISTS(
    SELECT *
    FROM Reserves R
    WHERE R.bid = B.bid
    AND R.sid = S.sid))
```

Find sailors who
have reserved **all** boats.

Q		Sailor		Reserves		Boat
sname		sname		bid		bid
		sid		sid		

Recognizing relational patterns in SQL and diagrams

You can always go back to the tutorial and the pattern
overview while answering the questions.

To do that, click on the Tutorial PDF Link at the bottom
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