

# Some more terminology...

## ● Schema

- ▶ The structure that contains descriptions of objects created by a user, such as base tables, views, and constraints, as part of a database.

## ● Catalog

- ▶ A set of schemas that, when put together, constitute a description of a database.

# Schemas

- **External data model**

- ▶ The view of users of the database
  - Some users may operate through a *database view* and not see all data.

- **Conceptual schema**

- ▶ A detailed, technology-independent specification of the overall structure of the organizational data.
  - Covers all external views of the data.

- **Internal schema**

- ▶ Logical schema
  - The representation of a database for a particular data management technology
- ▶ Physical schema
  - Specifications for how data from a logical schema are stored in a computer's secondary memory by a DBMS

# Schemas – Relational Databases

- **Relations are stored in rows of tables.**
- **Entity Relationships are represented by two rows in different tables that share a common column value.**
- **The schema includes a description of the tables, their columns, and the data types of the columns.**

# Example table description - mysql

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
person_id	int(10) unsigned	NO	PRI	NULL	auto_increment
name	char(40)	NO			
institution	char(70)	YES		NULL	
address1	char(50)	YES		NULL	
address2	char(50)	YES		NULL	
city	char(20)	YES		NULL	
province	char(20)	YES		NULL	
postal_code	char(10)	YES		NULL	
country	char(20)	YES		NULL	
email	char(40)	YES		NULL	
phone	char(15)	YES		NULL	
sex	enum('M','F')	YES		NULL	
year_of_birth	int(10) unsigned	YES		NULL	
start_with_wheelchairs	int(10) unsigned	YES		NULL	
notify_of_updates	enum('N','Y')	YES		NULL	
registered	date	YES		NULL	
bls_name	char(15)	YES		NULL	
group_id	int(10) unsigned	YES		NULL	

# Mysql data types

- **Numeric**

- ▶ Int (4 bytes)
- ▶ Tinyint (1 byte)
- ▶ Smallint (2 bytes)
- ▶ Mediumint (3 bytes)
- ▶ Bigint (8 bytes)
- ▶ Float
- ▶ Double

- **Enum**

- **Set**

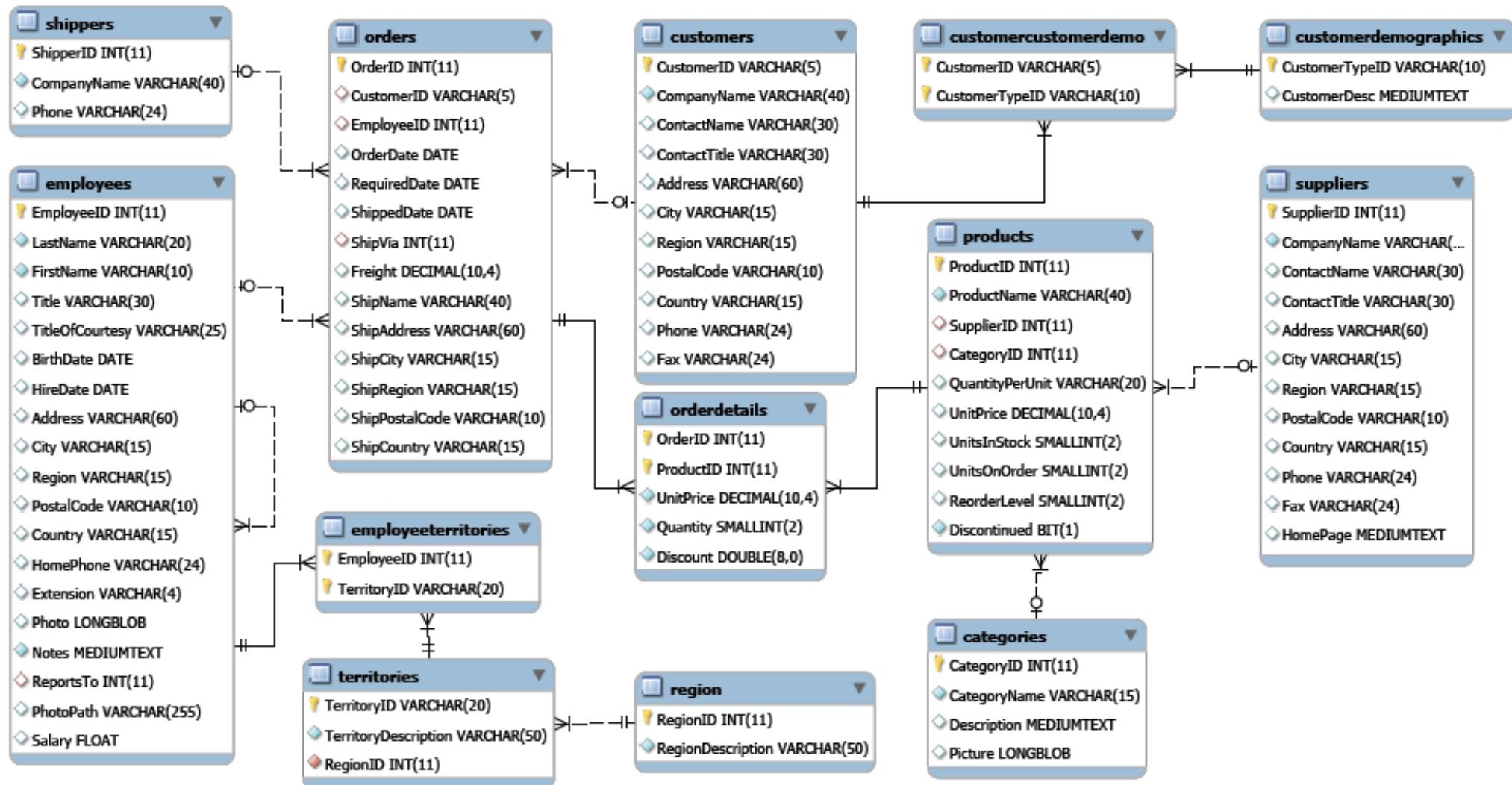
- **Date and time**

- ▶ Date
- ▶ Datetime
- ▶ Timestamp
- ▶ Time
- ▶ Year

- **String**

- ▶ Char
- ▶ Varchar
- ▶ Blob / Text
- ▶ Tinyblob
- ▶ Smallblob
- ▶ Mediumblob
- ▶ Longblob

# Database lab



Sample database in csci3901 from  
<http://www.zentut.com/sql-tutorial/sql-sample-database/>

# Basic SQL operations

- **Insert**
- **Query**
  - ▶ **“select” statement**
- **Delete**
- **Update**

# Insert basics

- Insert into <table> (<column list>) values <tuples>
- Omit (<column list>) when specifying all values
  - ▶ Insert into person values (NULL, "Jack", 30, 20000), (NULL, "Kathy", 28, 25000);
- Include <column list> if using the default values for all other columns
  - ▶ Insert into person (name, age, salary) values ("Jack", 30, 20000), ("Kathy", 28, 25000);



# Query basics

## ● Focus on basic set operations

- ▶ Set restriction with a predicate
  - Structure of a single “select” command
- ▶ Typed set union
  - Joining of the outputs of two “select” commands
- ▶ Typed set intersection
  - Joining of the outputs of two “select” commands
- ▶ Typed set difference
  - Joining of the outputs of two “select” commands

# Set restriction with a predicate

# Basic select statement

- **Select <column list> from <table> where <column criteria>;**

Output

Input

Predicate

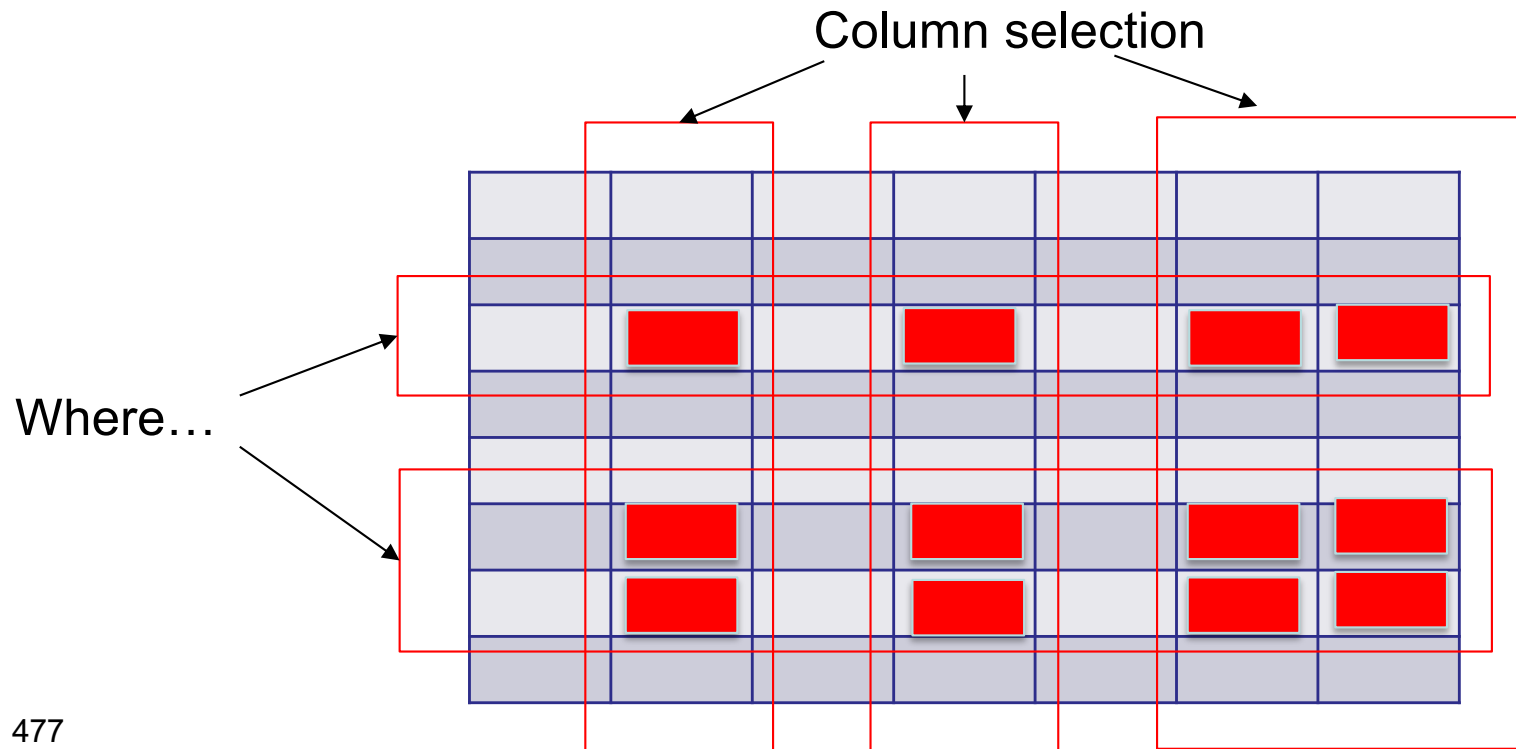
- **Example:**

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select person_id, name, e-mail from person  
where name = " Mike " and city = " Canmore ";
```

```
select * from person where city = " Halifax ";
```

# Basic select statement

- Use a proposition to identify which elements to select from the set
- Use a list of columns to identify what data to report from that selection



# Select “from” element – input specification

## ● Identify the source set

### ▶ One table

### ▶ Multiple tables

- Use all row combinations of the multiple tables
- Called “joins”

● 4 variants for later: inner join, outer join, left join, right join

- For tables a, b, c creates the set  $a \times b \times c$

### ▶ Fabricated tables from subqueries

- Use the output of one SQL query as the input table for another query
- More on subqueries later

## ● Create short names / aliases for tables

### ▶ Useful for duplicated tables or fabricated tables

# Select “from” element

- **Examples:**

**... from person ...**

**single table alone**

**... from person as p ...**

**single table with alias**

**... from person, courses ...**

**two tables**

**... from person as p, courses as c ...**

**two tables with  
aliases**

# Select column list – output specification

- Identifies what to return from the query
- Could be
  - ▶ A list of column names
    - Just the name, if unique
    - TableName.ColumnName or TableAlias.ColumnName if not unique
  - ▶ \*
  - Specifies all table columns
  - Can be TableName.\* or TableAlias.\*
  - ▶ Transformations of columns
  - ▶ Added keywords
    - Eg. DISTINCT
- Can name outgoing columns

# Select column list

## ● Examples

**select name, age from person where ...**

**select \* from person where ...**

**select name as Full\_Name from person where ...**

**select person.name, course.name as course from  
person, course where ...**



# Select column list - transformations

- **Avg()**
- **Count()**
- **Min()**
- **Max()**
- **Std()**
- **Variance()**
- **Sum()**
- **Format()**

# Select column list - transformations

- **Concat()**
- **Lcase() or lower()**
- **Ucase() or upper()**
- **Left(), Right, or Mid()**
- **Length()**
- **Ltrim(), Rtrim(), Trim()**
- **Lpad() or Rpad()**
- **...**

# Select transformations

## ● Examples

**select count( name ) from person where ...**

**select avg( age ) from person where ...**

**select concat( name, " – ", age ) from person where ...**

**select sum( fees ) from registration where ...**

**select max( salary ) from person where ...**

# Select “where” – selection predicate

- Identifies which rows to keep from the input
- Uses
  - ▶ Maintain the relation between tables
    - Where `person.person_id = registration.person_id`
  - ▶ Select particular elements
    - Where `name = " Doug "`
- Allows for Boolean operators
  - ▶ .... And ....
  - ▶ .... Or ....
  - ▶ Not ....
  - ▶ Use parentheses to help with the Boolean logic

# Selection predicates

- **Standard comparators**
  - ▶ =, !=, <>, >, <, >=, <=, !<, !>
- **Numeric ranges – “between”**
  - ▶ Select name from person where salary between 32000 and 50000
- **Set inclusion – “in”**
  - ▶ Select person\_id from registration where course\_id in (1, 2, 3)
  - ▶ Select distinct person\_id from registration where course\_id in (1, 2, 3)
- **Near matches – “like”**
  - ▶ % matches 0 or more characters, \_ matches 1 character
  - ▶ Select name from person where name like “C%”
  - ▶ Works on numbers too: select \* from person where salary like “3%”
- **NULL check – “is null”**

# Additional “select” specifications

- **Order by <column list> [ASC | DESC]**
  - ▶ Allows you to sort the data
- **Group by <column list>**
  - ▶ Collects similar records for aggregation transformations like count or sum
- **Group by <column list> having <clause>**
  - ▶ Like “group by” but lets you select a subset of groups
- **Limit n**
  - ▶ Report only the first n records
  - ▶ “limit” for mysql, “top” for some other systems
- **Distinct**
  - ▶ Only provide unique rows of output
  - ▶ Duplication can happen when you’re reporting a subset of columns