

# Questions to try...

- How many of all orders were required on the same day they were ordered?
- Which products were sold in a year that predates their model year?
- How many direct reports does each manager have? Just identify the manager by their staff ID.



# Typical join "shortcut"

- Often join tables on a common set of columns and then ask to only show that common column once.
  - ► Currently shown using the "from" clause, the "where" clause, and the choice of columns
- Modify the "from" clause to a "from ... join .. using (..)" clause:
  - "join" replacing the comma in the from clause
  - "using" lists the columns to have in common
  - ► The variant only keeps one copy of all the columns mentioned in the "using" part

#### **Natural Join**

When your join is going to use all common columns, you can use the "natural join" operator

Equivalent to join..using ( <all common column names> )



### **Example**

Select course.course\_id, name, person\_id, fees
from course, registration
where course.course\_id = registration.course\_id;

becomes

Select \* from course join registration using (course\_id);

or

Select \* from course natural join registration;



# Different kinds of join operators

#### Consider 4 join operators:

#### Inner join

- Returns records that have matching values in both tables
- Equi-join inner join where the join condition is based on equality between values in the common columns
- Natural join inner join that restricts all same-named columns to match and produces one instance of the common columns

#### ▶ Left join

- Return all records from the left table, and the matched records from the right table, adding NULL values when a match isn't present

#### Right join

- Return all records from the right table, and the matched records from the left table, adding NULL values when a match isn't present

#### Outer join

- Return all records when there is a match in either left or right table

# Join examples

#### sample1

id	+ !	value	name
į	1	100	one
	1	200	two
	2	300	three

#### sample2

id	info	value
+		
2	alpha	500
2	beta	300
+	gamma	400

[mysql> select \* from sample1 join sample2 where sample1.id = sample2.id;

id	value	name	id	info	value
2 2	•	three three	•	alpha   beta	500

Equi-join

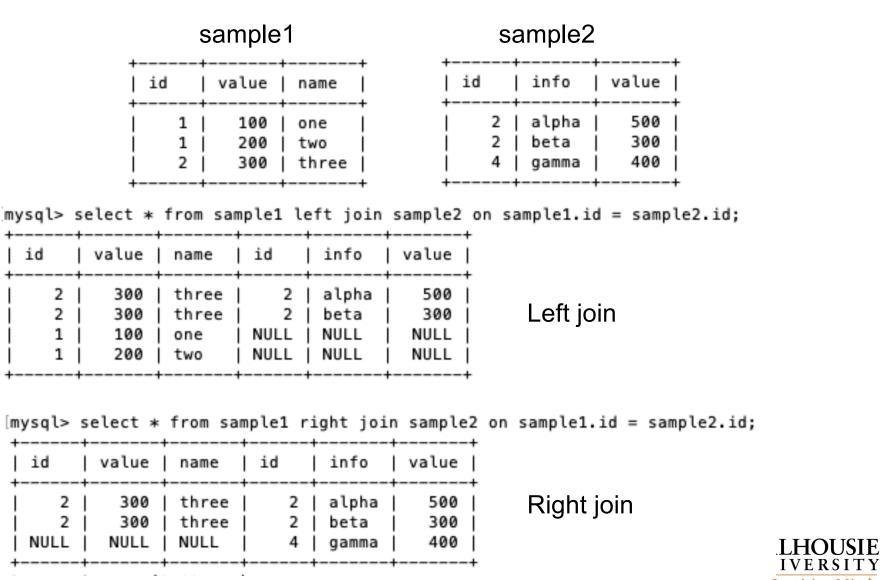
[mysql> select \* from sample1 natural join sample2;

id		name	info	
	300	three	beta	

Natural join



# Join examples



id

2

2

1

1

id

2

NULL

#### Join conditions

Outer joins often invoke "is null" or "is not null" in the where condition to filter the results

sample					Sa	amı	
†-	id	value	name	1	id	+   	in
	1 1 2	100 200 300	one two three			2   4	al be ga

- What does the following produce? Select sample2.id from sample1 right join sample2 on sample1.id = sample2.id where sample1.id is null;
  - ► All ids in sample2 not in sample1
    [mysql> select sample2.id from sample1 right join sample2



value

500 300 400

# **Query Execution**

- The DBMS creates an execution plan from your SQL select statement
  - Identifies the order in which to do evaluations
    - From: combine small tables first
    - Where: apply the most restrictive conditions first
  - Query optimizer can re-order elements of the query to increase its performance
    - Estimate the size of the tables to be combined to help manage the total work

How you specify your query can influence performance.



#### **Costs for select statements**

#### Column selection

Identifies what to keep as you process. Low cost, unless you're using transformations

#### From clause

► Generates combinations of records. High cost if you're generating many records that you will just throw away

#### Where clause

 Does winnowing as you process. Can have complex sets of conditions to evaluate. Medium cost

#### Group by clause

Need the final data to make this work. Throwing away most of the generated records to create summaries.

#### Order by clause

► Need the final data to execute. Cost relative to output size, not generated records size.

# Helping performance

- 1. Minimize the size and number of table combinations in the "from" clause
  - ► How??? We need a new tool -> subqueries
- 2. include restrictive "where" elements if you can



### **Subqueries**

- The output of an SQL statement is a table.
- Use that output table in the place of any other table in a query.
  - **▶** Enclose the subquery in parentheses
  - Need to use the "as" keyword to give the output of the subquery a name
- Use a subquery to reduce the size or number of tables to combine in the "from" clause
- A subquery can have its own subquery



# Subquery example

```
Select *
  from person join registration using (person_id)
  where person_id = 3;
versus
select *
  from
     (select * from person where person_id = 3) as interested
     join registration using (person_id);
```

Is there a difference?



# Subquery example

```
select *
  from person as p, course as c, registration as r
  where p.person_id = r.person_id
     and c.course id = r.course id
     and p.name like "A%";
                                                    How many rows
                                                    does each query
                                                    create?
versus
select * from
     (select * from person where name like "A%") as p
     join registration using (person_id)
   join course as c using (course_id);
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```

# **Subqueries**

- Can also appear in the "where" clause
  - **►** Extract one number for a comparison

```
select name, salary from person
where salary >= (select avg(salary) from person);
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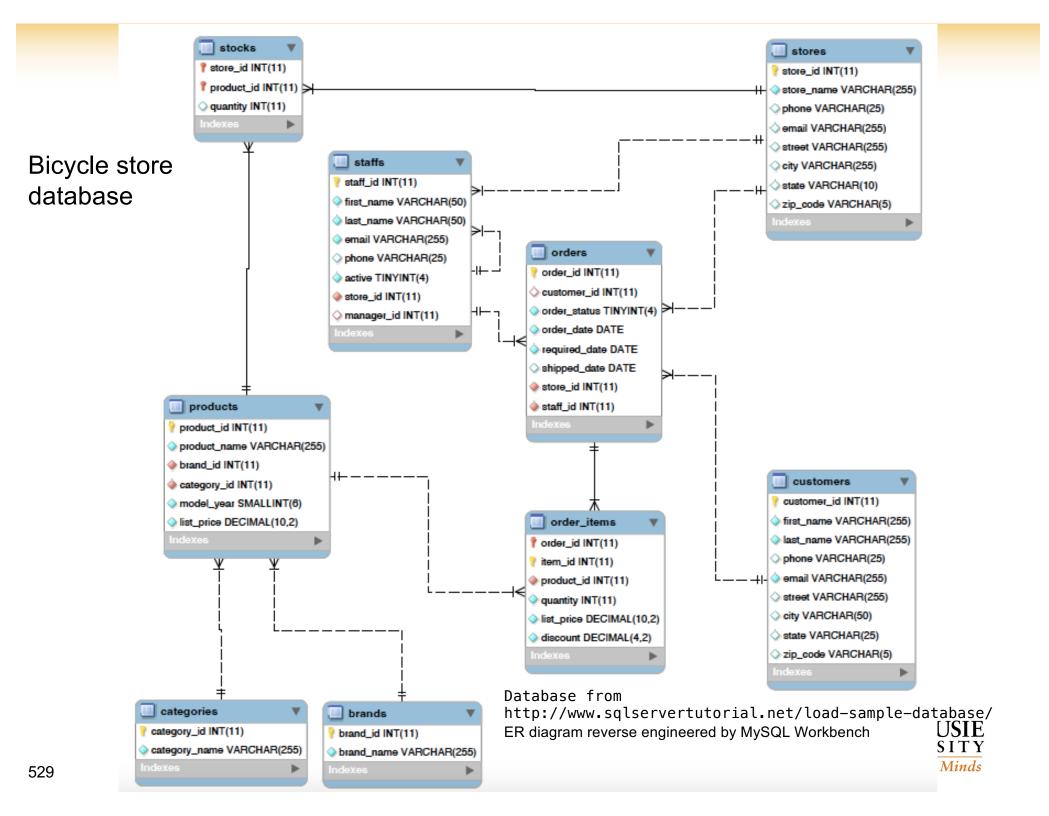
Extract a set of values for an "in" statement (waiting for mysql to catch up to this functionality)

```
select name, salary from person
where salary in
(select distinct salary from person order by salary desc limit
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```

# Find everyone within 1 standard deviation of the average age – shorter version from class

 Select name, age from person where age between (select avg(age) – std(age) from person) and (select avg(age) + std(age) from person);





# Question to try...

Which products are out of stock in one or more stores, but company as a whole has some somewhere? Which store is out of stock?

