

DSA5104 Principles of Data Management and Retrieval

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Lecture 1

Database Systems

- DBMS: interrelated data + programs; convenient and efficient environment.
- Manage data that are highly valuable, large, and concurrently accessed.
- Modern DBMSs manage large, complex collections of data; pervasive in daily life.

Purpose of Database Systems

- Redundancy & inconsistency (multiple file formats); difficulty accessing data (new program per task).
- Data isolation (multiple files/formats) → security challenges.
- Integrity constraints buried in code → hard to add/change.
- *Atomicity*: no partial updates; e.g., fund transfer must be all-or-nothing.
- *Concurrency*: needed for performance; uncontrolled access → inconsistencies (e.g., two withdrawals).
- *Security*: restrict access to subsets of data.
- DB systems address these issues; store & retrieve data safely.

View of Data

- DB system = interrelated data + programs to access/modify.
- Provide abstract view via *data models* (concepts, relationships, semantics, constraints).

Categories of Data Models (high level)

- Relational (tables)
- Entity–Relationship (design).
- Object-based (OO/OR features).
- Semi-structured (XML/JSON).

Instances and Schemas

- *Schema*: overall design. *Instance*: data at a moment.
- Analogy: schema - variable declaration; instance - current value (class/struct blueprint vs object).

Logical vs Physical Schema & Physical Data Independence

- Logical schema: what data/relationships. Physical schema: storage layout.
- Physical data independence: change physical without changing logical; well-defined interfaces.

Data Definition Language (DDL)

- Define schema; DDL compiler → templates in data dictionary (metadata: schema, constraints, auth).
- Example: create table instructor (ID char(5), name varchar(20), dept_name varchar(20), salary numeric(8,2))

Data Manipulation Language (DML)

- Access/update data; *procedural* (what + how) vs *declarative* (what).
- Declarative DMLs easier; query-language part handles retrieval.

SQL Query Language

- Nonprocedural; input tables → one output table.
- Typically embedded or called via APIs (ODBC/JDBC); app code handles I/O/network/UI.

Engine / Components (very high level)

- Storage manager (file/buffer/authorization/transaction). Query processor (DDL interpreter, DML compiler/optimizer, eval engine).
- Query Processing stages: Parsing & translation Optimization Evaluation

Transaction Management

- Transaction = logical unit of work (e.g., transfer \$50: read/update/write A,B).
- Ensure consistency under failures; concurrency control coordinates overlapping txns.

Architectures

- Centralized/shared-memory; Client–server; Parallel (shared-memory/disk/nothing); Distributed (geo, heterogeneity).
- App tiers: two-tier (client-DB) vs three-tier (client-app server-DB); 3-tier aids dev, scale, reliability, security.

Lecture 2

Relation Schema and Instance

- A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are *attributes*.
- $R = (A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$ is a *relation schema*.
- Example: instructor = (ID, name, dept_name, salary).
- A relation instance r defined over schema R is denoted by $r(R)$.
- The current values of a relation are specified by a table.
- An element t of relation r is called a **tuple**, represented by a row in a table.

Attributes

- The set of allowed values for each attribute is its **domain**.
- Attribute values are required to be **atomic** (indivisible).
- Non-atomic example: concatenation of multiple attribute values, e.g. Silberschatz, Korth, Sudarshan for author. This should be broken into several atomic rows with one author each.
- Special value null indicates “unknown”; member of every domain, which could complicate operations.

Relations are Unordered

- Order of tuples is irrelevant; tuples may be stored arbitrarily.
- Example: instructor relation with unordered tuples.

Keys: Let $K \subseteq R$

- **Superkey**: K is a superkey if values for K uniquely identify a tuple (unique identifier).
 - Example: {ID}, {ID, name} are both superkeys of instructor.
 - **SQL**: Every declared PRIMARY KEY or UNIQUE constraint implicitly defines a superkey.
- **Candidate key**: Minimal superkey (only containing elements essential for unique identification).
 - Example: {ID} is a candidate key for instructor.
 - **SQL**: Use UNIQUE to enforce candidate keys.

```
create table instructor (  
    ID varchar(5),  
    name varchar(20),  
    dept_name varchar(20),  
    salary numeric(8,2),  
    unique (name, dept_name) -- candidate key  
);
```

Keys: Let $K \subseteq R$

- **Primary key**: One candidate key chosen to uniquely identify tuples.
 - Example: ID is chosen as the primary key.
 - **SQL**:

```
create table instructor (  
    ID varchar(5) primary key,  
    name varchar(20),  
    dept_name varchar(20),  
    salary numeric(8,2)  
);
```

- **Foreign key**: Attribute in one relation that refers to the primary key in another relation.
 - Example: dept_name in instructor refers to department.dept_name.
 - **SQL**:

```
create table department (  
    dept_name varchar(20) primary key,  
    building varchar(20),  
    budget numeric(12,2)  
);  
  
create table instructor (  
    ID varchar(5) primary key,  
    name varchar(20),  
    dept_name varchar(20),  
    salary numeric(8,2),  
    foreign key (dept_name) references department(dept_name)  
);
```

Relational Query Languages

- SQL is mostly **non-procedural**: user specifies what, DB decides how.
- Three formal relational query languages:
 - Relational algebra (procedural).
 - Tuple relational calculus (non-procedural).
 - Domain relational calculus (non-procedural).

Relational Algebra

- Procedural language: operations on relations produce new relations.
- Six basic operators:
 - **Select** (σ) – filter rows.
 - **Project** (Π) – choose attributes.
 - **Union** (\cup).
 - **Set difference** ($-$).
 - **Cartesian product** (\times).
 - **Rename** (ρ).

Select Operation

- Selects tuples that satisfy a given **predicate**.
- Notation: $\sigma_p(r)$ where p is the **selection predicate**.
- Comparisons: $=, \neq, >, \geq, <, \leq$.
- Predicates can be combined: \wedge (AND), \vee (OR), \neg (NOT).
- Example: $\sigma_{\text{dept_name} = \text{"Physics"} \wedge \text{salary} > 90000}(\text{instructor})$

```
SELECT *  
FROM instructor  
WHERE dept_name = 'Physics' AND salary > 90000;
```

- Example: $\sigma_{\text{dept_name} = \text{building}}(\text{department})$

```
SELECT *  
FROM department  
WHERE dept_name = building;
```

Project Operation (Subsetting)

- RA Notation: $\Pi_{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k}(r)$.
- Example: $\Pi_{ID, name, salary}(\text{instructor})$

```
SELECT DISTINCT ID, name, salary  
FROM instructor;
```

Composition of Operations

- Example: $\Pi_{name}(\sigma_{\text{dept_name} = \text{"Physics"}}(\text{instructor}))$

```
SELECT DISTINCT name  
FROM instructor  
WHERE dept_name = 'Physics';
```

Cartesian-Product Operation

- Example: instructor \times teaches

```
SELECT *  
FROM instructor  
CROSS JOIN teaches;
```

Join Operation

- Example: $\sigma_{\text{instructor.ID} = \text{teaches.ID}}(\text{instructor} \times \text{teaches})$
- Equivalent: $\text{instructor} \bowtie_{\text{instructor.ID} = \text{teaches.ID}} \text{teaches}$

```
SELECT *
FROM instructor
JOIN teaches
  ON instructor.ID = teaches.ID;
```

Union Operation

- Example: $\Pi_{\text{course_id}}(\sigma_{\text{semester} = \text{"Fall"} \wedge \text{year} = 2017}(\text{section})) \cup \Pi_{\text{course_id}}(\sigma_{\text{semester} = \text{"Spring"} \wedge \text{year} = 2018}(\text{section}))$
- ```
SELECT DISTINCT course_id
FROM section
WHERE semester = 'Fall' AND year = 2017
UNION
SELECT DISTINCT course_id
FROM section
WHERE semester = 'Spring' AND year = 2018;
```

**Set-Intersection Operation**

- Example:  $\Pi_{\text{course\_id}}(\sigma_{\text{semester} = \text{"Fall"} \wedge \text{year} = 2017}(\text{section})) \cap \Pi_{\text{course\_id}}(\sigma_{\text{semester} = \text{"Spring"} \wedge \text{year} = 2018}(\text{section}))$
- ```
SELECT DISTINCT course_id
FROM section
WHERE semester = 'Fall' AND year = 2017
INTERSECT
SELECT DISTINCT course_id
FROM section
WHERE semester = 'Spring' AND year = 2018;
```

Set-Difference Operation

- $\Pi_{\text{course_id}}(\sigma_{\text{semester} = \text{"Fall"} \wedge \text{year} = 2017}(\text{section})) - \Pi_{\text{course_id}}(\sigma_{\text{semester} = \text{"Spring"} \wedge \text{year} = 2018}(\text{section}))$
- ```
SELECT DISTINCT course_id
FROM section
WHERE semester = 'Fall' AND year = 2017
EXCEPT
SELECT DISTINCT course_id
FROM section
WHERE semester = 'Spring' AND year = 2018;
```

**Assignment Operation**

- Assigns the result of an expression to a temporary relation.
- Example:  $C \leftarrow \sigma_{\text{dept\_name} = \text{'Physics'}}(\text{instructor})$
- ```
CREATE TEMPORARY TABLE C AS
SELECT *
FROM instructor
WHERE dept_name = 'Physics';
```

Rename Operation

- Used to rename relations or attributes.
- Example: $\rho_X(E)$ renames the result of E to relation X .
- Example: $\rho_Y(A_1, A_2, A_3)(E)$ renames E to relation Y with attributes A_1, A_2, A_3 .
- ```
-- Rename relation
SELECT *
FROM instructor AS X;

-- Rename relation + attributes
SELECT ID AS A1, name AS A2, salary AS A3
FROM instructor AS Y;
```

**Equivalent Queries**

- Different relational algebra expressions (or SQL queries) can produce the same result.
- Equivalence:  $\sigma_{\text{dept\_name} = \text{'Physics'}}(\sigma_{\text{salary} > 90000}(\text{instructor})) \equiv \sigma_{\text{dept\_name} = \text{'Physics'} \wedge \text{salary} > 90000}(\text{instructor})$
- ```
-- Two equivalent queries
SELECT *
FROM instructor
WHERE dept_name = 'Physics' AND salary > 90000;

SELECT *
FROM (
  SELECT *
  FROM instructor
  WHERE salary > 90000
) AS temp
WHERE dept_name = 'Physics';
```

Design of Database

- Relational algebra is the theoretical foundation of SQL.
- Operators (selection, projection, joins, set operations, rename, etc.) form the core building blocks.
- Database design should enable:
 - Expressive query formulation.
 - Efficient query execution.
 - Logical independence (queries written without depending on physical storage).

SQL Parts

- **DML (Data Manipulation Language)** – query information, insert, delete, and modify tuples.
- **Integrity** – DDL commands for specifying integrity constraints.
- **View Definition** – DDL commands for defining views.
- **Transaction Control** – begin and end transactions.
- **Embedded and Dynamic SQL** – embed SQL within programming languages.
- **Authorization** – specify access rights to relations and views.

Data Definition Language (DDL)

- Schema for each relation.
- Attribute types.
- Integrity constraints.
- Indices to be maintained.
- Security and authorization.
- Physical storage structure.

Domain Types in SQL

- `char(n)` – fixed length string.
- `varchar(n)` – variable length string.
- `int` – machine-dependent integer.
- `smallint` – small integer.
- `numeric(p,d)` – fixed point with precision p and d decimals.
- `real`, `double precision` – floating point, machine dependent.
- `float(n)` – floating point with precision of at least n digits.

Create Table Construct create table r ($A_1 D_1, \dots, A_n D_n$, constraints...);

- r = relation name.
- A_i = attribute name, D_i = domain type.

Example:

```
create table instructor (
  ID char(5),
  name varchar(20),
  dept_name varchar(20),
  salary numeric(8,2)
);
```

Integrity Constraints

- **Primary Key** (A_1, \dots, A_n)
- **Foreign Key** (A_m) references relation r
- **Not Null**

```
create table instructor (
  ID char(5),
  name varchar(20) not null,
  dept_name varchar(20),
  salary numeric(8,2),
  primary key (ID),
  foreign key (dept_name) references department
);
```

Updates to Tables**Insert:**

```
insert into instructor values ('10211', 'Smith', 'Biology', 66000);
```

Foreign Key Violations (MySQL):

```
SET FOREIGN_KEY_CHECKS = 0; -- disable checks
insert into instructor values (...);
insert into department values (...);
SET FOREIGN_KEY_CHECKS = 1; -- enable checks
```

Foreign Key Violations (PostgreSQL):

- Define FK as *deferrable*.
- Use transactions to defer checks.

Example:

```
begin;
set constraints instructor_dept_name key deferred;
insert into instructor values (...);
insert into department values (...);
commit;
```

Delete:

```
delete from student;
```

Drop Table / Database:

```
drop table r;
drop database university;
```

Updates to Tables (Alter)

Add Attribute:

```
alter table r add A D;
```

- A = attribute name to be added.
- D = domain of A .
- Existing tuples are assigned null for the new attribute.
- Constraint condition must evaluate to TRUE or NULL.

Drop Attribute:

```
alter table r drop A;
```

- A = name of an attribute in relation r .

Basic Query Structure

```
select A1, A2, ..., An
from r1, r2, ..., rm
where P;
```

- A_i = attributes.
- r_i = relations.
- P = predicate.
- Result = relation.

The SELECT Clause

- Lists attributes for result (*projection* in relational algebra).
- SQL names are case-insensitive (implementation-dependent for strings).
- Duplicates allowed; use distinct to eliminate:

```
select distinct dept_name
from instructor;
```

- Use all to explicitly keep duplicates:

```
select all dept_name
from instructor;
```

- Select All Attributes:

```
select *
from instructor;
```

- Select Literals

```
select '437';
select '437' as F00;
select 'A' from instructor;
```

- Arithmetic in Select:

```
select ID, name, salary/12
from instructor;

select ID, name, salary/12 as monthly_salary
from instructor;
```

The WHERE Clause

- Specifies conditions (*selection predicate*).
- Supports logical connectives (and, or, not).
- Comparisons: <, >, <=, >=, =, <>.

Example:

```
select name
from instructor
where dept_name = 'Comp. Sci.' and salary > 70000;
```

The FROM Clause

- Lists relations, corresponds to Cartesian product.
- Example:

```
select *
from instructor, teaches;
```

- Produces all instructor–teaches pairs.
- Common attributes renamed using relation name (e.g., instructor.ID).

The Rename Operation

- Rename relations/attributes using as.
- Syntax: old-name as new-name.
- Example:

```
select distinct T.name
from instructor as T, instructor as S
where T.salary > S.salary
and S.dept_name = 'Comp. Sci.';
```

- as keyword is optional: instructor as T \equiv instructor T.

Self Join Example

- Relation emp_super(person, supervisor).
- Query: Find supervisor of Bob's supervisor.

Example:

```
select distinct e2.supervisor
from emp_super e1, emp_super e2
where e1.supervisor = e2.person
and e1.person = 'Bob';
```

String Operations

- Operator like with:
 - % \rightarrow matches substring.
 - _ \rightarrow matches single character.

```
select name
from instructor
where name like '%ar%';
```

- Escape for special characters:

```
like '100 \% escape \'\'';
```

String Operations (Cont.)

- Pattern examples:
 - 'Intro%' \rightarrow strings starting with Intro.
 - '%Comp%' \rightarrow strings containing Comp.
 - '...' \rightarrow exactly three characters.
 - '...%' \rightarrow at least three characters.
- Other operations:
 - Concatenation (||), or *concat* in MySQL.
 - Case conversion (upper/lower).
 - String length, substring extraction, etc.

```
select upper(concat(name, ' ', dept_name)),
       substring(name, 2, 3) -- start from idx 2 end with 3
from instructor
where name like '%a%T';
```

- Case sensitivity: case-insensitive in MySQL and case-sensitive in PostgreSQL.

Ordering Tuples

```
select distinct name
from instructor
order by name {asc/dsc};
```

Where Clause Predicates

- Use between:

```
select name
from instructor
where salary between 90000 and 100000;
```

- Tuple comparison:

```
select name, course_id
from instructor, teaches
where (instructor.ID, dept_name)
     = (teaches.ID, 'Biology');
```

Set Operations

- Union, intersection and difference:

```
(select course_id from section
 where sem='Fall' and year=2017)
union / intersect / except
(select course_id from section
 where sem='Spring' and year=2018);
```

- union, intersect, except eliminate duplicates.
- To retain duplicates: union all, intersect all, except all.

Null Values

- Tuples may have attributes with null.
- null = unknown value or does not exist.
- Arithmetic with null → result is null.
- Predicate is null checks for nulls.

```
select name
from instructor
where salary is null;
```

- Predicate is not null checks for non-nulls.
- Comparisons with null → result is unknown.
- Example: $5 < \text{null}$, $\text{null} < \text{null}$, $\text{null} = \text{null}$.
- Boolean logic with unknown:
 - true and unknown = unknown
 - false and unknown = false
 - unknown and unknown = unknown
 - unknown or true = true
 - unknown or false = unknown
 - unknown or unknown = unknown
- CHECK constraints: must evaluate to true or unknown.
- WHERE clause predicates evaluating to unknown → treated as false.

Aggregation functions

- Operate on multisets of values, return single value.
- avg, min, max, sum, count.
- Group by clause:

```
select dept_name, avg(salary) as avg_salary
from instructor
group by dept_name;
```

- Attributes outside aggregate functions must appear in group by.
- Example (invalid):

```
select dept_name, ID, avg(salary)
from instructor
group by dept_name;
```

- Having Clause:

```
select dept_name, avg(salary) as avg_salary
from instructor
group by dept_name
having avg(salary) > 42000;
```

- WHERE filters before grouping.
- HAVING filters after grouping.

Nested Subqueries

- A subquery = select-from-where inside another query.
- Can appear in FROM, WHERE, SELECT clauses.
- Example structure:

```
select A1, A2, ...
from r1, r2, ...
where P;
```

- WHERE clause subquery form: $B \langle \text{operation} \rangle (\text{subquery})$.

Set Membership (Subqueries)

- in and not in for WHERE clause
- Courses offered Fall 2017 AND Spring 2018:

```
select distinct course_id
from section
where semester='Fall' and year=2017
and course_id in (
    select course_id
    from section
    where semester='Spring' and year=2018
);
```

- Courses offered Fall 2017 BUT NOT Spring 2018:

```
select distinct course_id
from section
where semester='Fall' and year=2017
and course_id not in (
    select course_id
    from section
    where semester='Spring' and year=2018
);
```

Set Membership (Cont.)

- Instructors not named Mozart or Einstein:

```
select distinct name
from instructor
where name not in ('Mozart', 'Einstein');
```

- Count distinct students taught by instructor with ID 10101:

```
select count(distinct ID)
from takes
where (course_id, sec_id, semester, year) in
    (select course_id, sec_id, semester, year
     from teaches
     where teaches.ID = 10101);
```

Set Comparison – SOME Clause

- Instructors with salary greater than *some* Biology instructor:

```
select name
from instructor
where salary > some (
    select salary
    from instructor
    where dept_name = 'Biology');
```

- Semantics: $F \langle \text{comp} \rangle \text{some } r \Leftrightarrow \exists t \in r (F \langle \text{comp} \rangle t)$

Set Comparison – ALL Clause

- Instructors with salary greater than *all* Biology instructors:

```
select name
from instructor
where salary > all (
    select salary
    from instructor
    where dept_name = 'Biology');
```

- Semantics: $F \langle \text{comp} \rangle \text{all } r \Leftrightarrow \forall t \in r (F \langle \text{comp} \rangle t)$

Test for Empty Relations

- exists $r \Leftrightarrow r \neq \emptyset$
- not exists $r \Leftrightarrow r = \emptyset$

Use of EXISTS Clause

```
select course_id
from section as S
where semester='Fall' and year=2017
and exists (select *
            from section as T
            where semester='Spring' and year=2018
            and S.course_id = T.course_id);
```

- Correlated subquery: outer variable (S) used inside subquery.

Use of NOT EXISTS Clause

```
select distinct S.ID, S.name
from student as S
where not exists (
    (select course_id
     from course
     where dept_name='Biology')
    except
    (select T.course_id
     from takes as T
     where S.ID = T.ID)
);
```

- Finds students who took **all** Biology courses.
- Relies on set difference: $X - Y = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow X \subseteq Y$.

Test for Absence of Duplicate Tuples

- unique(subquery) evaluates to true if no duplicates.
- Example: Courses offered at most once in 2017:

```
select T.course_id
from course as T
where unique (select R.course_id
             from section as R
             where T.course_id = R.course_id
             and R.year = 2017);
```

Subqueries in the FROM Clause

- Subqueries can be used in the FROM clause to create a temporary relation.
- Example: Find average instructor salaries of departments where avg salary > 42000

```
select dept_name, avg_salary
from ( select dept_name, avg(salary) as avg_salary
      from instructor
      group by dept_name )
where avg_salary > 42000;
```

- Equivalent alternative with alias:

```
select dept_name, avg_salary
from ( select dept_name, avg(salary)
      from instructor
      group by dept_name )
  as dept_avg(dept_name, avg_salary)
where avg_salary > 42000;
```

WITH Clause (Common Table Expressions)

- Defines a temporary relation available only to that query.
- Example: Departments with maximum budget

```
with max_budget(value) as (
  select max(budget) from department )
select dept_name
from department, max_budget
where department.budget = max_budget.value;
```

Scalar Subquery

- Scalar subquery returns a single value.
- Example: Departments with number of instructors

```
select dept_name,
  (select count(*)
   from instructor
   where department.dept_name = instructor.dept_name)
  as num_instructors
from department;
```

- Runtime error if subquery returns >1 tuple.

Modification of the Database

- Deletion of tuples from a relation.
- Insertion of new tuples.
- Updating values in some tuples.

Deletion

- Examples:

```
delete from instructor;
delete from instructor
where dept_name = 'Finance';
```

```
delete from instructor
where dept_name in (
  select dept_name
  from department
  where building = 'Watson');
```

- Delete instructors with salary < avg salary

```
delete from instructor
where salary < (select avg(salary)
               from instructor);
```

- Works in PostgreSQL but not in MySQL (error: cannot modify same table). MySQL workaround:

```
set @a = (select avg(salary) from instructor);
delete from instructor where salary < @a;
```

Case Statement for Conditional Updates

```
update instructor
set salary = case
  when salary <= 90000 then salary * 1.05
  else salary * 1.03
end;
```

Insertion

- Examples:

```
insert into course
values ('CS-437','Database Systems','Comp. Sci.',4);
```

```
insert into course(course_id, title, dept_name, credits)
values ('CS-437','Database Systems','Comp. Sci.',4);
```

```
insert into student
values ('3003','Green','Finance',null);
```

- Insert from another table:

```
insert into instructor
select ID, name, dept_name, 18000
from student
where dept_name = 'Music' and total_cred > 144;
```

- select-from-where evaluated fully before insertion. Therefore avoid calling select and insert in the same query as select will not get the inserted values.

Updates

- Give a 5% salary raise to all instructors:

```
update instructor
set salary = salary * 1.05;
```

- Give a 5% raise to instructors earning less than 70000:

```
update instructor
set salary = salary * 1.05
where salary < 70000;
```

- Give a 5% raise to instructors earning below average:

```
update instructor
set salary = salary * 1.05
where salary < (select avg(salary)
               from instructor);
```

- SQL standard (PostgreSQL): evaluates condition first, then applies updates.
- MySQL: does not allow updates with the same table inside a subquery.
- Increase salaries with different conditions (Order is important!):

```
update instructor
set salary = salary * 1.03
where salary > 90000;
```

```
update instructor
set salary = salary * 1.05
where salary <= 90000;
```

- Can be replaced with case statement.

Updates with Scalar Subqueries

- Recompute and update tot_cred for all students:

```
update student S
set tot_cred = (select sum(credits)
               from takes, course
               where takes.course_id = course.course_id
                 and S.ID = takes.ID
                 and takes.grade <> 'F'
                 and takes.grade is not null);
```

- If no courses are taken, set tot_cred to null.
- To avoid nulls, use:

```
case
  when sum(credits) is not null then sum(credits)
  else 0
end
```

Joined Relations

- **Join operations** – combine two relations and return another relation.
- A join operation is a Cartesian product requiring tuple matches under conditions.
- Specifies attributes in the result of the join.
- Typically used as subquery expressions in the from clause.
- Types of joins: Natural join, Inner join, Outer join.

Natural Join in SQL

- Matches tuples with same values for **all common attributes**.
- Retains only one copy of each common column.
- Example:

```
select name, course_id
from students, takes
where student.ID = takes.ID;
```

- Equivalent natural join form:

```
select name, course_id
from student natural join takes;
```

- Multiple relations:

```
select A1, A2, ... An
from r1 natural join r2 natural join ... rn
where P;
```

Dangerous in Natural Join

- Beware of unrelated attributes with same name equating incorrectly.
- Correct example:

```
select name, title
from student natural join takes, course
where takes.course_id = course.course_id;
```

- Incorrect example:

```
select name, title
from student natural join takes natural join course;
```

- Incorrect query omits (name, title) pairs across departments.

Natural Join with Using Clause

- using allows explicit column specification to avoid ambiguity.
- Example:

```
select name, title
from (student natural join takes)
join course using (course_id);
```

Join Condition

- on condition specifies general predicate for join.
- Equivalent to where but uses on.
- Example:

```
select *
from student join takes
on student.ID = takes.ID;
```

- Equivalent form:

```
select *
from student, takes
where student.ID = takes.ID;
```

Outer Join

- Extension of join that avoids loss of information.
- Adds non-matching tuples with null values.
- Types: Left Outer Join, Right Outer Join, Full Outer Join.

Left Outer Join

- Example: course natural left outer join prereq
- Keeps all tuples from left relation, adds nulls if no match.

Right Outer Join

- Example: course natural right outer join prereq
- Keeps all tuples from right relation, adds nulls if no match.

Full Outer Join

- Example: course natural full outer join prereq
- Keeps all tuples from both relations, filling with nulls if no match.
- MySQL does not support full outer join; requires union.

Joined Types and Conditions

- **Join operations** – take two relations and return another relation.
- Used as subquery expressions in the from clause.
- **Join condition** – defines which tuples in two relations match.
- **Join type** – defines how unmatched tuples are treated.
- Join types: inner join, left outer join, right outer join, full outer join.
- Join conditions: natural, on <predicate>, using(A1, A2, ..., An).
- A left outer join preserves tuples in A.
- A right outer join preserves tuples in B.
- A full outer join preserves tuples in both.
- An inner join does not preserve non-matched tuples.

Views

- Not always desirable to expose full logical model to all users.
- Example: show instructor's ID, name, dept, but hide salary.

```
select ID, name, dept_name
from instructor;
```

- A **view** hides data and acts as a virtual relation.
- Defined using:

```
create view v as <query expression>;
```

- The view name v refers to a virtual relation.
- Saves an expression instead of creating a new relation.
- Expression is substituted into queries using the view.

View Definition and Use

- Hide salary:

```
create view faculty as
select ID, name, dept_name
from instructor;
```

- Query Biology instructors:

```
select name
from faculty
where dept_name = 'Biology';
```

- Dept salary totals:

```
create view departments_total_salary
(dept_name, total_salary) as
select dept_name, sum(salary)
from instructor
group by dept_name;
```

Views Defined Using Other Views

- Views can depend on other views.
- **Depend directly** - v_1 uses v_2 in its definition.
- **Depend on** - if direct or through dependency path.
- **Recursive** - a view depends on itself.
- **Auto-Cascade** - The view nested in another view will always be expanded to its original select clause, thereby whenever we update the fields in the nested view, we will get the outer view updated as well.
- Example:

```
create view physics_fall_2017 as
select course.course_id, sec_id,
       building, room_number
from course, section
where course.course_id = section.course_id
  and dept_name='Physics'
  and semester='Fall'
  and year='2017';
```

```
create view physics_fall_2017_watson as
select course_id, room_number
from physics_fall_2017
where building='Watson';
```

View Expansion

- A view can be expanded by substituting definitions.
- Example: expand physics.fall.2017.watson.
- Repeat expansion until no view relations remain.
- Terminates if views are not recursive.

Materialized Views

- Some DBMS store physical copies of views (**materialized view**).
- Must be maintained when underlying relations change.
- Requires updates to keep consistent.

Update of a View

- Insert into view must translate into base relation.
- Example:

```
insert into faculty
values ('30765','Green','Music');
```

- Must insert into instructor (salary needed).
- Two options:

- Reject insert.
- Insert tuple with null for salary.

Some Updates Cannot be Translated Uniquely

- ```
create view instructor_info as
select ID, name, building
from instructor, department
where instructor.dept_name = department.dept_name;
```

```
insert into instructor_info
values ('69987','White','Taylor');
```

- Issues:
  - Which department if multiple exist in Taylor?
  - What if no department is in Taylor?

### And Some Not at All

- ```
create view history_instructors as
select *
from instructor
where dept_name='History';
```

- Insert issue:

```
insert into history_instructors
values ('25566','Brown','Biology',100000);
```

- With with check option, rows must satisfy view condition.

View Updates in SQL

- Updates usually allowed only on **simple views**.
- Rules:
 - from clause has only one relation (only one single base table).
 - select clause only attributes, no expressions, aggregates, or distinct.
 - Unlisted attributes can be set to null.
 - Query has no group by or having.

Transactions

- A transaction = sequence of queries/updates, a “unit” of work.
- Begins implicitly when an SQL statement executes.
- Must end with:
 - commit work – make updates permanent.
 - rollback work – undo updates.
- Atomic: all-or-nothing execution.
- Isolated from concurrent transactions.
- In MySQL, autocommit is enabled by default.
- Use start transaction to disable autocommit, then end with commit or rollback.

Variables in MySQL

- Three types: **user-defined**, **local**, **system**.
- User-defined (@var) – session variables, no declaration needed.

```
set @var=5;
select @var := 5;
```

- Local variables (var) – used only in stored procedures, must be declared.
- System variables (@@var) – predefined.

Integrity Constraints

- Prevent accidental damage, ensure consistency.
 - Checking account balance > \$10,000.
 - Bank salary at least \$4.00/hour.
 - Customer must have non-null phone number.

Constraints on a Single Relation

- not null
- primary key
- unique
- check(P) where P is a predicate

Not Null Constraints

```
name varchar(20) not null,
budget numeric(12,2) not null
```

Unique Constraints

- unique(A1, A2, ..., Am) defines candidate key.
- Candidate keys can be null (unlike primary keys).

Domains

- create domain defines user-defined types (SQL-92).

```
create domain person_name char(20) not null;
```

- Domains can include constraints (not null, check).

```
create domain degree_level varchar(10)
constraint degree_level_test
check (value in ('Bachelors','Masters','Doctorate'));
```

Index Creation

- Index improves query performance by avoiding full scans.
- Command:

```
create index <name>
on <relation-name>(attribute);
```

- MySQL: auto-indexes PK + FK.
- PostgreSQL: does not auto-index FK.

Index Creation Example

```
create table student (
ID varchar(5),
name varchar(20) not null,
dept_name varchar(20),
tot_cred numeric(3,0) default 0,
primary key (ID),
foreign key (dept_name)
references department(dept_name)
on delete set null
);
create index studentID_index on student(ID);
```

Query:

```
select * from student where ID='12345';
```

Uses index for efficient lookup.

B⁺-Tree Index Files

- Rooted tree; paths root→leaf same length.
- Non-root/leaf node: ceil[n/2] - n children.
- Leaf: ceil[(n-1)/2] - (n-1) values.
- Root:
 - If not leaf then at least 2 children.
 - If leaf then 0 - (n-1) values.

Example B⁺-Tree (n=6)

- Leaf: 3-5 values.
- Non-leaf: 3-6 children.
- Root: at least 2 children.

Queries on B⁺ Trees

- Search-key values inside nodes kept sorted.

Static Hashing

- Bucket = storage unit (disk block).
- Hash function $h : K \rightarrow B$ maps key \rightarrow bucket.
- Example: $h(76766) = 0, h(10101) = 3, h(45565) = 1$.
- Hash index: bucket stores pointers to records.
- Hash file organization: buckets store records.

Handling Bucket Overflows

- Causes: insufficient buckets, skewed distribution.
- Skew reasons:
 - Many records \rightarrow same bucket.
 - Poor hash function (non-uniform distribution).

- Solution: use **overflow buckets**.

Authorization

- Privileges on data:
 - **Read** – view only.
 - **Insert** – add new data.
 - **Update** – modify existing data.
 - **Delete** – remove data.
- Privileges on schema:
 - **Index** – create/drop indexes.
 - **Resources** – create new relations.
 - **Alteration** – add/delete attributes.
 - **Drop** – delete relations.

Lecture 5

MySQL with Python

- Use the PyMySQL library to connect Python with MySQL.
- Install via: `pip install PyMySQL`.
- Connection object `conn`:
 - Handles connecting to the database.
 - Sends queries, manages transactions, and creates cursors.
- Cursor object `cur`:
 - Executes queries and fetches results.

```
import pymysql

conn = pymysql.connect(
    host='127.0.0.1',
    user='root',
    password='ZQSLzwzw100',
    database='university'
)

cur = conn.cursor()

try:
    cur.execute('select * from instructor where salary > 90000')
    results = cur.fetchall()
    for row in results:
        print(row)
finally:
    cur.close()
    conn.close()
```

With Statements: Use with blocks to automatically close connections and cursors.

```
import pymysql

connection_params = {
    'host': '127.0.0.1',
    'user': 'root',
    'password': 'ZQSLzwzw100',
    'database': 'university'
}

with pymysql.connect(**connection_params) as conn:
    with conn.cursor() as cur:
        cur.execute('select * from instructor where salary > 90000')
        results = cur.fetchall()
        for row in results:
            print(row)
```

SQLite with Python

- Use SQLAlchemy and pandas to integrate SQLite into Python.
- Handles resource cleanup automatically.

```
import pandas as pd
from sqlalchemy import create_engine, text

engine = create_engine('sqlite:///olist.db')

# Load CSV into SQLite
df = pd.read_csv('./kaggle_data/products.csv')
df.to_sql('products', engine, index=False, if_exists='replace')

# Query with context manager
with engine.connect() as connection:
    query = text("SELECT * FROM sellers LIMIT 2")
    result = connection.execute(query).fetchall()
    print(result)
```

Clarification

- The standard SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, and DELETE statements are **declarative**.
- SQL-92 introduced **SQL/PSM (Persistent Stored Modules)**, a procedural extension:
 - BEGIN...END blocks
 - DECLARE for variables
 - Control flow (IF, CASE, LOOP, WHILE)
 - Exception conditions and declaring handlers

Functions and Procedures

- Encapsulate business logic inside DB.
- SQL syntax is standardized, but implementations vary.
- **Functions:** return something, used in SQL expressions. Cannot contain commit/rollback. Example: `select dept_count('History')`;
- **Procedures:** do something (not necessarily return). Called via `call`. Example: `call dept_count.proc('History', return_val)`;

Declaring SQL Functions

```
create function dept_count(dept_name varchar(20))
returns integer
begin
    declare d_count integer;
    select count(*) into d_count
    from instructor
    where instructor.dept_name = dept_name;
    return d_count;
end;
```

Usage:

```
select dept_name, budget
from department
where dept_count(dept_name) > 12;
```

Functions in SQL only:

```
create function dept_count(dept_name varchar(20))
returns integer as $$
    select count(*)
    from instructor
    where instructor.dept_name = dept_count.dept_name;
$$ language sql;
```

Table Functions (SQL Standard)

```
create function instructor_of(dept_name varchar(20))
returns table(
    ID varchar(5),
    name varchar(20),
    dept_name varchar(20),
    salary numeric(8,2))
return table(
    select ID, name, dept_name, salary
    from instructor
    where instructor.dept_name = instructor_of.dept_name
);
```

Usage: `select * from table(instructor_of('Music'));`

Delimiter in MySQL

- MySQL client treats `;` as end of statement. To define multi-statement procedures, redefine delimiter temporarily.
- Example: `delimiter //` procedure body ... `// delimiter ;`
- This ensures the full body (with `;`) is passed to server.

SQL Procedures

- Functions can also be written as procedures.
- Example:

```
create procedure dept_count_proc (
    in dept_name varchar(20),
    out d_count integer)
begin
    select count(*) into d_count
    from instructor
    where instructor.dept_name = dept_count_proc.dept_name;
end;
```

- `in` = input params, `out` = output params.
- Invoked using call:

```
declare d_count integer;
call dept_count_proc('Physics', d_count);
```

MySQL Procedures

```
drop procedure if exists dept_count_proc;
delimiter //
create procedure dept_count_proc(
    in dept_name_str varchar(20),
    out d_count int)
begin
    select count(*) into d_count
    from instructor
    where dept_name = dept_name_str;
end //
delimiter ;

call dept_count_proc('Physics', @num_count);
select @num_count;
```

Language Constructs

- Compound statement: `begin ... end.`
- While and repeat loops:

```
while boolean_expr do
    statements;
end while;
```

```
repeat
    statements;
until boolean_expr
end repeat;
```


For Loop (SQL Standard)

```
declare n integer default 0;
for r as
    select budget from department
    where dept_name = 'Music'
do
    set n = n + r.budget;
end for;
```

MySQL: Loop Example

```
drop procedure if exists fib;
delimiter //
create procedure fib(in n int, out answer int)
begin
    declare i int default 2;
    declare p, q int default 1;
    set answer = 1;
    loop1: loop
        if i >= n then leave loop1; end if;
        set answer = p + q;
        set p = q;
        set q = answer;
        set i = i + 1;
    end loop loop1;
end //
delimiter ;
call fib(7, @answer);
select @answer;
```

MySQL While Example

```
create procedure fib(in n int, out answer int)
begin
    declare i int default 2;
    declare p, q int default 1;
    set answer = 1;
    while i < n do
        set answer = p + q;
        set p = q;
        set q = answer;
        set i = i + 1;
    end while;
end;
```

MySQL Repeat Example

```
create procedure fib(in n int, out answer int)
begin
    declare i int default 1;
    declare p int default 0;
    declare q int default 1;
    set answer = 1;
    repeat
        set answer = p + q;
        set p = q;
        set q = answer;
        set i = i + 1;
    until i >= n end repeat;
end;
```

MySQL: Loop

```
delimiter //
create procedure sum_budget()
begin
    declare n int default 0;
    declare r_budget numeric(12,2);
    declare finished integer default 0;
    -- 1. Declare the cursor for the query
    declare cur cursor for
        select budget from department;
    -- 2. Declare a NOT FOUND handler to break the loop
    declare continue handler for NOT FOUND set finished = 1;
    open cur; -- 3. Open the cursor
    get_budget: loop
        fetch cur into r_budget; -- 4. Fetch the row
        if finished = 1 then
            leave get_budget; -- Exit the loop
        end if;
        set n = n + r_budget; -- Accumulate
    end loop get_budget;
    close cur; -- 5. Close the cursor
    select n as total_budget; -- Return result
end //
delimiter ;
call sum_budget();
```

MySQL: While

```
delimiter //
create procedure sum_budget_using_while()
begin
    declare n int default 0;
    declare r_budget numeric(12,2);
    declare finished integer default 0;
    declare cur cursor for
        select budget from department;
    declare continue handler for NOT FOUND set finished = 1;
    open cur;
    fetch cur into r_budget; -- First row
    while finished = 0 do
        set n = n + r_budget; -- Accumulate
        fetch cur into r_budget; -- Next row
    end while;
    close cur;
    select n as total_budget; -- Return
end //
delimiter ;
call sum_budget_using_while();
```

Language Constructs: if-then-else

```
if boolean_expression
then statement
elseif boolean_expression
then statement
else
    statement
end if;
```

Example: Handle Exception Condition

```
declare out_of_classroom_seats condition;
declare exit handler for out_of_classroom_seats
begin
    -- Exception handling logic
end;

-- Raise exception
signal out_of_classroom_seats;
```

MySQL Example (from manual)

- Docs: <https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/9.4/en/create-procedure.html>
- Error code: 1062, SQLSTATE 23000 (duplicate entry).
- SQLSTATE values come from ANSI SQL/ODBC.

```
drop table if exists test_table;
create table test_table (s1 int, primary key (s1));
```

```
drop procedure if exists handlerdemo;
delimiter //
create procedure handlerdemo()
begin
    declare continue handler
        for sqlstate '23000'
        set @x = 1;
    insert into test_table values (1);
    set @x = 2;
    insert into test_table values (1);
    set @x = 3;
end;
//
delimiter ;

call handlerdemo();
select @x;
```

Triggers

- A **trigger** is executed automatically as a side effect of a modification to the database.
- To design a trigger mechanism:
 - Specify the conditions under which the trigger executes.
 - Specify the actions to be taken when it executes.
- Introduced in SQL:1999, but supported earlier with non-standard syntax.
- Syntax may differ depending on the database system.

Triggering Events and Actions in SQL

- Events: INSERT, DELETE, UPDATE.
- Can reference attribute values before/after update:
 - referencing old row as orow.
 - referencing new row as nrow.

```

create trigger setnull_trigger before update of takes
referencing new row as nrow
for each row
when (nrow.grade = ' ')
begin atomic
    set nrow.grade = null;
end;

```

Trigger in MySQL

```

delimiter //
create trigger trigger_name
    trigger_time trigger_event on table_name
    for each row
begin
    ...
end //
delimiter ;

```

Trigger Times and Events in MySQL

- BEFORE: INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE
- AFTER: INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE

Docs: <https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/9.4/en/trigger-syntax.html>

- BEFORE trigger: activated before attempting modification.
- AFTER trigger: activated only if BEFORE triggers succeed.
- Errors during trigger execution fail the entire statement.

Trigger to Maintain credits_earned Value

```

create trigger credits_earned after update of takes on (grade)
referencing new row as nrow
referencing old row as orow
for each row
when nrow.grade <> 'F' and nrow.grade is not null
and (orow.grade = 'F' or orow.grade is null)
begin atomic
    update student
    set tot_cred = tot_cred +
        (select credits from course
         where course.course_id = nrow.course_id)
    where student.id = nrow.id;
end;

```

MySQL Example: Maintain credits_earned

```

delimiter $$
create trigger credits_earned after update on takes
for each row
begin
    if (new.grade <> 'F' and new.grade is not null)
    and (old.grade = 'F' or old.grade is null) then
        update student
        set tot_cred = tot_cred +
            (select credits from course
             where course.course_id = new.course_id)
        where student.id = new.id;
    end if;
end $$
delimiter ;

select * from takes where ID = '98988';
update takes set grade = 'A'
where ID = '98988' and course_id = 'BIO-301';
select * from student where ID = '98988';

```

Recursive Queries (SQL:1999)

- Handle recursive relationships (e.g., prerequisites).
- Use with recursive clause.

```

with recursive rec_prereq(course_id, prereq_id) as (
    select course_id, prereq_id
    from prereq
    union
    select p.course_id, r.prereq_id
    from prereq p, rec_prereq r
    where p.prereq_id = r.course_id
)
select * from rec_prereq;

```

Ranking Functions

- Introduced in SQL:2003.
- Functions: rank(), dense_rank(), ntile(n).

```

select ID, salary, rank() over (order by salary desc) as rnk
from instructor;

```

Dense Rank

```

select ID, salary, dense_rank()
    over (order by salary desc) as drank
from instructor;

```

Ntile Example

```

select ID, salary, ntile(4)
    over (order by salary desc) as quartile
from instructor;

```

MySQL Window Functions (v8+)

```

select name, dept_name, salary,
    rank() over (order by salary desc) as rnk
from instructor;

```

```

select name, dept_name, salary,
    dense_rank() over (order by salary desc) as drank
from instructor;

```

```

select name, salary,
    ntile(4) over (order by salary desc) as quartile
from instructor;

```

Advanced Aggregation Features

- grouping sets: multiple groupings in one query.
- rollup: hierarchical aggregations.
- cube: all possible groupings.

```

select dept_name, course_id, avg(salary)
from instructor
group by rollup (dept_name, course_id);

```

```

select dept_name, course_id, avg(salary)
from instructor
group by cube (dept_name, course_id);

```

Windowing

- Used to smooth out random variations.
- Example (moving average): Average sales over current, previous, and next day.

```

select date, sum(value) over
    (order by date rows between 1 preceding and 1 following)
from sales;

```

Other Specifications

- between rows unbounded preceding and current
- rows unbounded preceding
- range between 10 preceding and current row
- range interval 10 day preceding

Windowing: MySQL

```

create table sales (
    s_buyer varchar(12),
    s_date date,
    s_value real
);

insert into sales values('A','2020-01-01',5);
insert into sales values('B','2020-01-03',5);

select s_date,
    sum(s_value) over
        (order by s_date rows between 1 preceding and 2 following)
from sales;

```

Windowing with Partitions

```

select account_number, date_time,
    sum(value) over (
        partition by account_number
        order by date_time
        rows unbounded preceding) as balance
from transaction
order by account_number, date_time;

```

```
select s_buyer, s_date,
       sum(s_value) over (
         partition by s_buyer
         order by s_date
         rows unbounded preceding) as balance
from sales
order by s_buyer, s_date;
```

Window Functions

- Aggregate: SUM, COUNT, AVG, VARIANCE, STDDEV, MIN, MAX
- Non-aggregate: RANK, DENSE_RANK, ROW_NUMBER, NTILE(n)
- Docs: <https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/9.4/en/window-function-descriptions.html>

```
window_function(expr) over (
  [partition by ...]
  [order by ...]
  [frame_clause]
)
```

Cross Tabulation (Pivot Table)

- Example: sales by item_name and color
- Rows: dimension attributes
- Columns: dimension attributes
- Cells: aggregate values

```
select item_name,
       sum(case color when 'dark' then quantity end) as dark,
       sum(case color when 'pastel' then quantity end) as pastel,
       sum(case color when 'white' then quantity end) as white
from sales
group by item_name;
```

Data Cube

- A **data cube** is a multidimensional generalization of a cross-tab.
- Can have n dimensions (3 shown as example).
- Cross-tabs can be used as views on a data cube.

Hierarchies on Dimensions

- A **hierarchy** on dimension attributes allows viewing data at different levels of detail.
- Example: DateTime → aggregate by hour, date, day of week, month, quarter, year.

Cross Tabulation with Hierarchy

- Cross-tabs can be extended to handle hierarchies.
- Can **drill down** or **roll up** along a hierarchy.

Relational Representation of Cross-tabs

- Cross-tabs can be represented as relations.
- The value all is used for aggregates.
- SQL standard uses null in place of all, despite confusion with normal null values.

Extended Aggregation to Support Data Analytics (Cube)

- cube computes union of group by's on every subset of attributes.
- Example relation: sales(item_name, color, size, quantity).

```
select item_name, color, size, sum(quantity)
from sales
group by cube(item_name, color, size);
```

- Produces all subsets: {(item_name, color, size), (item_name, color), (item_name, size), (color, size), (item_name), (color), (size), {}}.

Extended Aggregation (Rollup)

- rollup generates union on every prefix of attribute list.

```
select item_name, color, size, sum(quantity)
from sales
group by rollup(item_name, color, size);
```

- Produces: {(item_name, color, size), (item_name, color), (item_name), {}}.

Rollup in MySQL

```
select item_name, color, sum(quantity)
from sales
group by item_name, color with rollup;
```

Data Analytics with grouping()

- grouping(attr) returns 1 if value is null (aggregate), 0 otherwise.

```
select item_name, color, size, sum(quantity),
       grouping(item_name) as item_name_flag,
       grouping(color) as color_flag,
       grouping(size) as size_flag
from sales
group by cube(item_name, color, size);
```

Application Programs and User Interfaces

- Most database users do not use query languages like SQL.
- Application programs act as intermediaries between users and the database.
- Applications are split into:
 - Front-end: user interface
 - Middle layer: business logic, security, transformations
 - Backend: data access
- Front-end interfaces: forms, graphical UIs, many are web-based.

The World Wide Web

- Distributed information system based on hypertext.
- Most documents are in HTML.
- HTML contains:
 - Text with font specs and formatting.
 - Hyperlinks to other documents.
 - Forms for user input.

Uniform Resource Locators (URL)

- Scheme:** protocol (http/https).
- Domain Name:** which web server is requested.
- Port:** access gate to resources.
- Path:** file location on server.
- Parameters:** e.g., ?key1=value1&key2=value2.
- Anchor:** jump to specific part in document.

HTML

- Provides formatting, hypertext links, and image display.
- Example of html script that supports input:
 - Select options (menus, checklists, radios).
 - Enter values (text boxes).
- Input is sent back to the server for processing.

```
<html>
<body>
<table border>
<tr> <th>ID</th> <th>Name</th> <th>Department</th> </tr>
<tr> <td>00128</td> <td>Zhang</td> <td>Comp. Sci.</td> </tr>
....
</table>
<form action="PersonQuery" method="get">
Search for:
<select name="persontype">
  <option value="student" selected>Student</option>
  <option value="instructor">Instructor</option>
</select> <br>
Name: <input type="text" size=20 name="name">
<input type="submit" value="submit">
</form>
</body>
</html>
```

Client-Side Scripting

- Scripts embedded in web pages, executed in safe mode on client.
- Examples: Javascript, Defunct: Flash, VRML, Applets.
- Allow:
 - Local execution for animations.
 - Input validation.
 - Interactive documents.

Javascript

- Widely used for Web 2.0 rich interfaces.
- Functions:
 - Validate inputs.
 - Modify displayed page using DOM.
- Works with AJAX to fetch/modify data without reload.

Javascript Example

- Example: validate form input.
- Checks that "credits" field is a valid number within range.
- Alerts user if condition fails.

```
<html>
<head>
<script type="text/javascript">
function validate() {
  var credits=document.getElementById("credits").value;
  if (isNaN(credits) || credits<=0 || credits>=16) {
    alert("Credits must be a number greater than 0 and less than 16");
    return false;
  }
}
</script>
</head>
<body>
<form action="createCourse" onsubmit="return validate()">
Title: <input type="text" id="title" size="20"><br>
Credits: <input type="text" id="credits" size="2"><br>
<input type="submit" value="Submit">
</form>
</body>
</html>
```

Client/Server Request/Response Sequence

1. Enter `http://server.com` into browser.
2. Browser consults DNS for IP of `server.com`.
3. Browser issues request for home page.
4. Request crosses internet, reaches web server.
5. Server fetches page from disk.
6. Server detects PHP, passes to PHP interpreter.
7. PHP interpreter executes PHP code.
8. If PHP contains SQL, interpreter sends to MySQL DB.
9. MySQL DB returns result to PHP interpreter.
10. PHP interpreter returns PHP + DB results to server.
11. Web server sends response to client (displayed).

Variables and Functions in PHP

- Demonstrates functions, date formatting, and concatenation.

```
<?php
$temp = "Yesterday is ";
echo $temp . longdate(time() - 1*24*60*60);
function longdate($timestamp) {
    return date("l F jS Y", $timestamp);
}
?>
```

Control Flow in PHP

```
<?php
for ($count = 1; $count <= 3; $count++) {
    echo "Post $count. <br>";
}
$articles = ['First post.', 'Second post.', 'Third post.'];
if (empty($articles)) {
    echo "No article found.";
} else {
    foreach ($articles as $article) {
        echo $article . "<br>";
    }
}
?>
```

PHP Arrays: Numeric and Associative

- **Numeric array:** index = integer, starts at 0.
- **Associative array:** key-value pairs.
- Example:

```
<?php
$array = array("foo"=>"bar", "bar"=>"foo", 100=>-100, -100=>100);
var_dump($array);
?>
```

Output:

```
array(4) {
    ["foo"]=> string(3) "bar"
    ["bar"]=> string(3) "foo"
    [100]=> int(-100)
    [-100]=> int(100)
}
```

HTTP Request Methods

- Client (browser) sends **HTTP request**, server responds.
- Common methods: **GET**, **POST**.
- Forms often send input via GET or POST.

GET

- Retrieves data; parameters added to URL as query string.
- Example: `action.php?name=John&age=30`
- PHP parses with `$_GET`.

POST

- Sends data in body of HTTP request.
- PHP parses with `$_POST`.

Passing Data in the URL

- `$_SERVER['QUERY_STRING']` → query part of URL.
- `$_SERVER['REQUEST_METHOD']` → GET/POST/PUT/HEAD.
- `$_GET` → associative array of query parameters.

Forms and Auto-Increment IDs

- An HTML `<form>` submits data via the **HTTP POST method** if its `method="POST"` attribute is set.
- Example:

```
<form action="insert.php" method="POST">
    Name: <input type="text" name="username">
    <input type="submit" value="Submit">
</form>
```

- PHP script handles the form input using `$_POST`.
- After inserting into a MySQL table with an `AUTO_INCREMENT` column, the function `mysqli.insert_id()` returns the last generated ID.