Data Management

Adding, Changing, Removing, and Retrieving Data

Usage

The standardized parts

- Adding records INSERT
- Modifying data UPDATE
- Deleting records DELETE
- Searching for records SELECT

Danger!
Be careful with these

INSERT

Adding data to the database

- Comma delimited list of fields that will receive data
- Comma delimited list of values to use
- Values list corresponds to fields list
- Basic Syntax:

INSERT INTO (<field list>) VALUES (<value list>)

UPDATE

Modifying data in the database

 Statement modifies the values of one or more fields in one or more records

WARNING: There is NO

Basic Syntax:

UPDATE SET <field>=<value> WHERE <condition>

DELETE

Removing records from the database

- Instead of finding records, it deletes them WARNING: There is NO
- Basic Syntax:

DELETE FROM WHERE <condition>

Finding records in the database

Basic syntax:

SELECT <field list> FROM ;

- Field list is a comma separate list of fields that exist in the table
- An asterisk in the field list is a shortcut for listing data from all fields
- Semi-colon at the end finishes the statement

Finding records in the database

SELECT name, employees, sales, state FROM companies;

Basic syntax:

SELECT <field list> FROM ;

SELECT * FROM companies;



Big databases return lots of data

Finding records in the database

Limiting your searches:

WHERE designates which records to return

- Syntax: WHERE <field name> <operator> <value>
- Basic Operators: = > < != <>
- Examples:

SELECT * FROM companies WHERE employees > 500;

SELECT * FROM companies WHERE name = 'IBM';

Finding records in the database

Limiting your searches:

Multiple WHERE conditions

- Use AND to impose additional limits
- Use OR to combine results
- When using both, use parenthesis to designate order of operation

Finding records in the database

Limiting your searches:

Multiple WHERE conditions

SELECT * FROM companies WHERE employees > 500 AND sales > 100000;

SELECT * FROM companies WHERE state='OR' OR state='WA' OR state='ID';

SELECT * FROM companies WHERE (state='OR' OR state='WA') AND sales > 100000;

Finding records in the database

A note about nothing:

- Fields indicate the kind of data to be stored
- If no value is specified for the field, then <u>nothing</u> is stored (literally)
- NULL represents no value
 - NULL is not equal to zero (0)
 - NULL is not equal to empty string (' ')

Finding records in the database

A note about nothing:

- How to find records with nothing as data?
 NULL does not equal " "
- Can't use standard = or != operators
- Use IS NULL or IS NOT NULL

SELECT company_id, name FROM companies WHERE salesperson IS NULL;

SELECT * FROM companies WHERE contact IS NOT NULL;

Finding records in the database

Finding records in a range:

- Option 1 field >= min AND field <= max
- Option 2 field BETWEEN min AND max

SELECT * FROM companies WHERE employees BETWEEN 500 AND 1000;

Finding records in the database

Finding records that are 'close enough':

- Use wild card symbols in value = %
- Use LIKE keyword to designate flexible search