LECTURE NOTES

SHOW DATABASES

You can use SHOW DATABASES to list all the existing databases in the server.

The databases "mysql", "information_schema" and "performance_schema" are system databases used internally by MySQL. A "test" database is provided during installation for your testing

Creating and Deleting a Database - CREATE DATABASE and DROP DATABASE

You can create a new database using SQL command "CREATE DATABASE databaseName"; and delete a database using "DROP DATABASE databaseName". You could optionally apply condition "IF EXISTS" or "IF NOT EXISTS" to these commands. For example,

mysql> CREATE DATABASE southwind;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.03 sec)

mysql> DROP DATABASE southwind;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

mysql> CREATE DATABASE IF NOT EXISTS
southwind;

Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> DROP DATABASE IF EXISTS southwind;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

Database: southwind Table: products

-	productCode	name VARCHAR(30)	quantity	price
INT	CHAR(3)	VARCHAR(30)	INT	DECIMAL(10,2)
1001	PEN	Pen Red	5000	1.23
1002	PEN	Pen Blue	8000	1.25
1003	PEN	Pen Black	2000	1.25
1004	PEC	Pencil 2B	10000	0.48
1005	PEC	Pencil 2H	8000	0.49

SHOW CREATE DATABASE

The CREATE DATABASE commands uses some defaults. You can issue a "SHOW CREATE DATABASE databaseName" to display the full command and check these default values. We use \G (instead of ';') to display the results vertically. (Try comparing the outputs produced by ';' and \G.)

mysql> CREATE DATABASE IF NOT EXISTS southwind;

Database: southwind

Create Database: CREATE DATABASE `southwind`
/*!40100 DEFAULT CHARACTER SET latin1 */

2.2 Setting the Default Database - USE

The command "USE databaseName" sets a particular database as the default (or current) database. You can reference a table in the default database using tableName directly. But you need to use the fully-qualified databaseName.tableName to reference a table NOT in the default database.

In our example, we have a database named "southwind" with a table named "products". If we issue "USE southwind" to set southwind as the default database, we can simply call the table as "products". Otherwise, we need to reference the table as "southwind.products".

To display the current default database, issue command "SELECT DATABASE()".

2.3 Creating and Deleting a Table - CREATE TABLE and DROP TABLE

You can create a new table *in the default database* using command "CREATE TABLE tableName" and "DROP TABLE tableName". You can also apply condition "IF EXISTS" or "IF NOT EXISTS". To create a table, you need to define all its columns, by providing the columns' *name*, *type*, and *attributes*.

Let's create a table "products" in our database "southwind".

```
-- Remove the database "southwind", if it exists.
-- Beware that DROP (and DELETE) actions are irreversible and
not recoverable!
mysql> DROP DATABASE IF EXISTS southwind;
Query OK, 1 rows affected (0.31 sec)
-- Create the database "southwind"
mysql > CREATE DATABASE southwind;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)
-- Show all the databases in the server
-- to confirm that "southwind" database has been created.
mysql> SHOW DATABASES;
+----+
Database
+----+
southwind
-- Set "southwind" as the default database so as to reference
its table directly.
mysql> USE southwind;
Database changed
-- Show the current (default) database
mysql> SELECT DATABASE();
+----+
DATABASE()
+----+
southwind
+----+
```

-- Show all the tables in the current database.

```
-- "southwind" has no table (empty set).
mysql> SHOW TABLES;
Empty set (0.00 sec)
-- Create the table "products". Read "explanations" below for
the column defintions
mysql> CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS products (
       productID INT UNSIGNED NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
       quantity
                INT UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
                DECIMAL(7,2) NOT NULL DEFAULT 99999.99,
       price
       PRIMARY KEY (productID)
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)
-- Show all the tables to confirm that the "products" table has
been created
mysql> SHOW TABLES;
+----+
| Tables_in_southwind |
+----+
products
+----+
-- Describe the fields (columns) of the "products" table
mysql> DESCRIBE products;
+----+
| Field | Type
                | Null | Key | Default | Extra
+----+
| productID | int(10) unsigned | NO | PRI | NULL | auto_increment |
-- Show the complete CREATE TABLE statement used by MySQL to
create this table
mysql> SHOW CREATE TABLE products \G
Table: products
Create Table:
CREATE TABLE `products` (
 `productID` int(10) unsigned NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
 `productCode` char(3) NOT NULL DEFAULT '', 
`name` varchar(30) NOT NULL DEFAULT '',
 `quantity`
`price`
            int(10) unsigned NOT NULL DEFAULT '0',
decimal(7,2) NOT NULL DEFAULT '99999.99',
```

```
PRIMARY KEY (`productID`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=latin1
```

Explanations

We define 5 columns in the table products: productID, productCode, name, quantity and price. The types are:

- productID is INT UNSIGNED non-negative integers.
- productCode is CHAR(3) a fixed-length alphanumeric string of 3 characters.
- name is VARCHAR (30) a variable-length string of up to 30 characters.
 - We use fixed-length string for productCode, as we assume that the productCode contains exactly 3 characters. On the other hand, we use variable-length string for name, as its length varies VARCHAR is more efficient than CHAR.
- quantity is also INT UNSIGNED (non-negative integers).
- price is DECIMAL(10,2) a decimal number with 2 decimal places.

DECIMAL is *precise* (represented as integer with a fix decimal point). On the other hand, FLOAT and DOUBLE (real numbers) are not precise and are approximated. DECIMAL type is recommended for currency.

The attribute "NOT NULL" specifies that the column cannot contain the NULL value. NULL is a special value indicating "no value", "unknown value" or "missing value". In our case, these columns shall have a proper value. We also set the default value of the columns. The column will take on its default value, if no value is specified during the record creation.

We set the column productID as the so-called *primary key*. Values of the primary-key column must be unique. Every table shall contain a primary key. This ensures that every row can be distinguished from

other rows. You can specify a single column or a set of columns (e.g., firstName and lastName) as the primary key. An *index* is build automatically on the primary-key column to facilitate fast search. Primary key is also used as reference by other tables.

We set the column productID to AUTO_INCREMENT. with default starting value of 1. When you insert a row with NULL (recommended) (or 0, or a missing value) for the AUTO_INCREMENT column, the maximum value of that column plus 1 would be inserted. You can also insert a valid value to an AUTO_INCREMENT column, bypassing the auto-increment.

2.4 Inserting Rows - INSERT INTO

-- Remove the last row

mysql> DELETE FROM products WHERE productID = 1006;

Let's fill up our "products" table with rows. We set the productID of the first record to 1001, and use AUTO_INCREMENT for the rest of records by inserting a NULL, or with a missing column value. Take note that strings must be enclosed with a pair of single quotes (or double quotes).

```
-- Insert a row with all the column values
mysql> INSERT INTO products VALUES (1001, 'PEN', 'Pen Red', 5000, 1.23);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.04 sec)
-- Insert multiple rows in one command
-- Inserting NULL to the auto_increment column results in max_value + 1
mysql> INSERT INTO products VALUES
           (NULL, 'PEN', 'Pen Blue', 8000, 1.25),
           (NULL, 'PEN', 'Pen Black', 2000, 1.25);
Query OK, 2 rows affected (0.03 sec)
Records: 2 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0
-- Insert value to selected columns
-- Missing value for the auto_increment column also results in max_value + 1
mysql> INSERT INTO products (productCode, name, quantity, price) VALUES
           ('PEC', 'Pencil 2B', 10000, 0.48),
           ('PEC', 'Pencil 2H', 8000, 0.49);
Query OK, 2 row affected (0.03 sec)
-- Missing columns get their default values
mysql> INSERT INTO products (productCode, name) VALUES ('PEC', 'Pencil HB');
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.04 sec)
-- 2nd column (productCode) is defined to be NOT NULL
mysql> INSERT INTO products values (NULL, NULL, NULL, NULL, NULL);
ERROR 1048 (23000): Column 'productCode' cannot be null
-- Query the table
mysql> SELECT * FROM products;
+-----
| productID | productCode | name | quantity | price |
+-----

        1001
        PEN
        Pen Red
        5000
        1.23

        1002
        PEN
        Pen Blue
        8000
        1.25

        1003
        PEN
        Pen Black
        2000
        1.25

        1004
        PEC
        Pencil 2B
        10000
        0.48

        1005
        PEC
        Pencil 2H
        8000
        0.49

        1006
        PEC
        Pencil HB
        0
        99999999.99

6 rows in set (0.02 sec)
```

2.5 Querying the Database - SELECT

The most common, important and complex task is to query a database for a subset of data that meets your needs - with the SELECT command. The SELECT command has the following syntax:

```
-- List all the rows of the specified columns SELECT column1Name, column2Name, ... FROM tableName
```

-- List all the rows of ALL columns, * is a wildcard denoting all columns SELECT * FROM tableName

-- List rows that meet the specified *criteria* in WHERE clause SELECT *column1Name*, *column2Name*,... FROM *tableName* WHERE *criteria* SELECT * FROM *tableName* WHERE *criteria*

For examples,

-- List all rows for the specified columns
mysql> SELECT name, price FROM products;

+	++
name	price
+	++
Pen Red	1.23
Pen Blue	1.25
Pen Black	1.25
Pencil 2B	0.48
Pencil 2H	0.49
+	++

5 rows in set (0.00 sec)

-- List all rows of ALL the columns. The wildcard * denotes ALL columns mysql> SELECT * FROM products;

productID	productCode	name	quantity	price
1001	PEN PEN PEC PEC	Pen Red	5000	1.23
1002		Pen Blue	8000	1.25
1003		Pen Black	2000	1.25
1004		Pencil 2B	10000	0.48
1005		Pencil 2H	8000	0.49

5 rows in set (0.00 sec)

SELECT without Table

You can also issue Select without a table. For example, you can Select an expression or evaluate a built-in function.

```
mysql> SELECT 1+1;
+---+
| 1+1 |
+---+
2 |
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
mysql> SELECT NOW();
| NOW()
+----+
| 2012-10-24 22:13:29 |
+----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
// Multiple columns
mysql> SELECT 1+1, NOW();
+----+
| 1+1 | NOW()
+----+
2 | 2012-10-24 22:16:34 |
+----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Comparison Operators

For numbers (INT, DECIMAL, FLOAT), you could use comparison operators: '=' (equal to), '<>' or '!=' (not equal to), '>' (greater than), '<' (less than), '>=' (greater than or equal to), '<=' (less than or equal to), to compare two numbers. For example, price > 1.0, quantity <= 500.

CAUTION: Do not compare FLOATS (real numbers) for equality ('=' or '<>'), as they are not precise. On the other hand, DECIMAL are precise.

For strings, you could also use '=', '<>', '>', '<', '>=', '<=' to compare two strings (e.g., productCode = 'PEC'). The ordering of string depends on the so-called *collation* chosen. For example,

String Pattern Matching - LIKE and NOT LIKE

For strings, in addition to full matching using operators like '=' and '<>', we can perform pattern matching using operator LIKE (or NOT LIKE) with wildcard characters. The wildcard '_' matches any single character; '%' matches any number of characters (including zero). For example,

- 'abc%' matches strings beginning with 'abc';
- '%xyz' matches strings ending with 'xyz';
- '%aaa%' matches strings containing 'aaa';
- matches strings containing exactly three characters; and
- 'a_b%' matches strings beginning with 'a', followed by any single character, followed by 'b', followed by zero or more characters.

```
-- "name" begins with 'PENCIL'
mysql> SELECT name, price FROM products WHERE name LIKE 'PENCIL%';
+----+
| Pencil 2B | 0.48 |
| Pencil 2H | 0.49 |
+----+
-- "name" begins with 'P', followed by any two characters,
-- followed by space, followed by zero or more characters
mysql> SELECT name, price FROM products WHERE name LIKE 'P__ %';
name price
+----+
| Pen Red | 1.23 |
| Pen Blue | 1.25
| Pen Black | 1.25 |
+----+
```

Arithmetic Operators

You can perform arithmetic operations on numeric fields using arithmetic operators, as tabulated below:

Operator Description

+ Addition

- Subtraction
- * Multiplication
- / Division
- DIV Integer Division
- % Modulus (Remainder)

Logical Operators - AND, OR, NOT, XOR

You can combine multiple conditions with boolean operators AND, OR, XOR. You can also invert a condition using operator NOT. For examples,

mysql> SELECT * FROM products WHERE quantity >= 5000 AND name LIKE 'Pen %';

productID	productCode	 name 	+ quantity +	price
1001	PEN PEN	Pen Red Pen Blue	5000 8000	1.23

mysql> SELECT * FROM products WHERE quantity >= 5000 AND price < 1.24 AND
name LIKE 'Pen %';</pre>

	+ productCode	name	quantity	++ price
1001		Pen Red	5000	1.23

<code>mysql> SELECT * FROM products WHERE NOT (quantity >= 5000 AND name LIKE 'Pen %');</code>

productID	+ productCode	+ name +	+ quantity	++ price
1003	PEN	Pen Black	2000	1.25
1004	PEC	Pencil 2B	10000	0.48
1005	PEC	Pencil 2H	8000	0.49

IN, NOT IN

You can select from members of a set with IN (or NOT IN) operator. This is easier and clearer than the equivalent AND-OR expression.

mysql> SELECT * FROM products WHERE name IN ('Pen Red', 'Pen Black');

productID	productCode	name	 quantity 	price
1001	PEN PEN	Pen Red Pen Black	5000 2000	1.23 1.25

BETWEEN, NOT BETWEEN

To check if the value is within a range, you could use BETWEEN ... AND ... operator. Again, this is easier and clearer than the equivalent AND-OR expression.

· -	productCode	•	quantity	
1003		Pen Black		1.25

IS NULL, IS NOT NULL

NULL is a special value, which represent "no value", "missing value" or "unknown value". You can checking if a column contains NULL by IS NULL or IS NOT NULL. For example,

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM products WHERE productCode IS NULL;
Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

Using comparison operator (such as = or <>) to check for NULL is a *mistake* - a very *common mistake*. For example,

```
SELECT * FROM products WHERE productCode = NULL;
-- This is a common mistake. NULL cannot be compared.
```

ORDER BY Clause

You can order the rows selected using ORDER BY clause, with the following syntax:

```
SELECT ... FROM tableName
WHERE criteria
ORDER BY columnA ASC DESC, columnB ASC DESC, ...
```

The selected row will be ordered according to the values in columnA, in either ascending (ASC) (default) or descending (DESC) order. If several rows have the same value in columnA, it will be ordered according to columnB, and so on. For strings, the ordering could be case-sensitive or case-insensitive, depending on the so-called character collating sequence used. For examples,

```
-- Order the results by price in descending order mysql> SELECT * FROM products WHERE name LIKE 'Pen %' ORDER BY price DESC;
```

productID	productCode	name	quantity	price
1002	PEN	Pen Blue	8000	1.25
1003	PEN	Pen Black	2000	1.25
1001	PEN	Pen Red	5000	1.23

 $\mbox{--}$ Order by price in descending order, followed by quantity in ascending (default) order

mysql> SELECT * FROM products WHERE name LIKE 'Pen %' ORDER BY price DESC,
quantity;

productID	productCode	name	quantity	price
1003	PEN	Pen Black	2000	1.25
1002	PEN	Pen Blue	8000	1.25
1001	PEN	Pen Red	5000	1.23

You can randomize the returned records via function RAND(), e.g.,

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM products ORDER BY RAND();
```

LIMIT Clause

A SELECT query on a large database may produce many rows. You could use the LIMIT clause to limit the number of rows displayed, e.g.,

```
-- Display the first two rows mysql> SELECT * FROM products ORDER BY price LIMIT 2;
```

+	+		+	++
. –	productCode	name	quantity +	price
1004	PEC	Pencil 2B Pencil 2H	10000	0.48 0.49

To continue to the following records , you could specify the number of rows to be skipped, followed by the number of rows to be displayed in the LIMIT clause, as follows:

```
-- Skip the first two rows and display the next 1 row mysql> SELECT * FROM products ORDER BY price LIMIT 2, 1;
```

	. +	<u> </u>	
productID productCode	name	quantity	price
1001 PEN	Pen Red	5000	1.23

AS - Alias

You could use the keyword AS to define an *alias* for an identifier (such as column name, table name). The alias will be used in displaying the name. It can also be used as reference. For example,

ORDER	$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{Y}$	ID;	 Use	alias	ID	as	reference
+	+-		 	-+			+

ID	Code	Description	Unit Price
+		+	++
1001	PEN	Pen Red	1.23
1002	PEN	Pen Blue	1.25
1003	PEN	Pen Black	1.25
1004	PEC	Pencil 2B	0.48
1005	PEC	Pencil 2H	0.49
+	+	+	·+

Take note that the identifier "Unit Price" contains a blank and must be back-quoted.

Function CONCAT()

You can also concatenate a few columns as one (e.g., joining the last name and first name) using function CONCAT(). For example,

mysql> SELECT CONCAT(productCode, ' - ', name) AS `Product Description`,
price FROM products;

Product Description	price
PEN - Pen Red	1.23
PEN - Pen Blue	1.25
PEN - Pen Black	1.25
PEC - Pencil 2B	0.48
PEC - Pencil 2H	0.49

2.6 Producing Summary Reports

To produce a summary report, we often need to aggregate related rows.

DISTINCT

A column may have duplicate values, we could use keyword distinct to select only distinct values. We can also apply distinct to several columns to select distinct combinations of these columns. For examples,

```
-- Without DISTINCT
```

```
mysql> SELECT price FROM products;
```

```
+----+
| price |
+-----+
| 1.23 |
| 1.25 |
| 1.25 |
| 0.48 |
| 0.49 |
```

-- With DISTINCT on price

mysql> SELECT DISTINCT price AS `Distinct Price` FROM products;

-- DISTINCT combination of price and name mysql> SELECT **DISTINCT price**, name FROM products;

price	name
1.23	Pen Red
1.25	Pen Blue
1.25	Pen Black
0.48	Pencil 2B
0.49	Pencil 2H

GROUP BY Clause

The GROUP BY clause allows you to *collapse* multiple records with a common value into groups. For example,

mysql> SELECT * FROM products ORDER BY productCode, productID;

productID	productCode	name	quantity	price
1004	PEC	Pencil 2B	10000	0.48
1005	PEC	Pencil 2H	8000	0.49
1001	PEN	Pen Red	5000	1.23
1002	PEN	Pen Blue	8000	1.25
1003	PEN	Pen Black	2000	1.25

mysql> SELECT * FROM products GROUP BY productCode;

-- Only first record in each group is shown

productID	 productCode	name	İ	quantity	price	İ
1004		Pencil			0.48	1

	1001	PEN	P	en Red		5000	1.23	
+	+		+		+			+

GROUP BY by itself is not meaningful. It is used together with GROUP BY aggregate functions (such as COUNT(), AVG(), SUM()) to produce group summary.

GROUP BY Aggregate Functions: COUNT, MAX, MIN, AVG, SUM, STD, GROUP_CONCAT

We can apply GROUP BY Aggregate functions to each group to produce group summary report.

The function COUNT(*) returns the rows selected; COUNT(columnName) counts only the non-NULL values of the given column. For example,

```
-- Function COUNT(*) returns the number of rows selected
mysql> SELECT COUNT(*) AS `Count` FROM products;

-- All rows without GROUP BY clause
+-----
| Count |
+-----+
| 5 |
+-----+
```

mysql> SELECT productCode, COUNT(*) FROM products GROUP BY productCode;

productCode	COUNT(*)
+	2 3

-- Order by COUNT - need to define an alias to be used as reference mysql> SELECT productCode, COUNT(*) AS count

FROM products
GROUP BY productCode
ORDER BY count DESC;

productCode	count
PEN PEC	3 2

Besides COUNT(), there are many other GROUP BY aggregate functions such as AVG(), MAX(), MIN() and SUM(). For example,

```
mysql> SELECT MAX(price), MIN(price), AVG(price), STD(price), SUM(quantity)
    FROM products;
    -- Without GROUP BY - All rows
```

+	+	AVG(price)	+	++
MAX(price)	MIN(price)		STD(price)	SUM(quantity)
1.25	0.48	0.940000	0.371591	33000

```
mysql> SELECT productCode, MAX(price) AS `Highest Price`, MIN(price) AS
`Lowest Price`
    FROM products
    GROUP BY productCode;
+----+
| productCode | Highest Price | Lowest Price |
      | 0.49 | 0.48 |
| 1.25 | 1.23 |
PEN
mysql> SELECT productCode, MAX(price), MIN(price),
         CAST(AVG(price) AS DECIMAL(7,2)) AS `Average`,
         CAST(STD(price) AS DECIMAL(7,2)) AS `Std Dev`,
         SUM(quantity)
    FROM products
    GROUP BY productCode;
    -- Use CAST(... AS ...) function to format floating-point numbers
+----+
| productCode | MAX(price) | MIN(price) | Average | Std Dev | SUM(quantity) |
```

HAVING clause

HAVING is similar to WHERE, but it can operate on the GROUP BY aggregate functions; whereas WHERE operates only on columns.

WITH ROLLUP

The WITH ROLLUP clause shows the summary of group summary, e.g.,

SUM(quantity) FROM products

FROM pro GROUP BY WITH ROI	y productCode	- Apply aggre	gate functi	ions to all groups
productCode	MAX(price)	MIN(price)	Average	SUM(quantity)
PEC PEN NULL	0.49 1.25 1.25	0.48 1.23 0.48	0.49 1.24 0.94	18000 15000 33000

2.7 Modifying Data - UPDATE

To modify existing data, use UPDATE ... SET command, with the following syntax:

 ${\tt UPDATE} \ \ table {\tt Name} \ \ {\tt SET} \ \ column {\tt Name} \ = \ \{value \, | \, {\tt NULL} \, | \, {\tt DEFAULT} \} \,, \ \ldots \ \ {\tt WHERE} \ \ criteria$

For example,

-- Increase the price by 10% for all products
mysql> UPDATE products SET price = price * 1.1;

mysql> SELECT * FROM products;

+					_
productID	productCode	name	quantity	price	
1001 1002 1003 1004 1005	PEN PEN PEN PEC	Pen Red Pen Blue Pen Black Pencil 2B Pencil 2H	5000 8000 2000 10000 8000	1.35 1.38 1.38 0.53 0.54	F

-- Modify selected rows

mysql> UPDATE products SET quantity = quantity - 100 WHERE name = 'Pen Red';

mysql> SELECT * FROM products WHERE name = 'Pen Red';

productID	+ productCode	 name	quantity	++ price
1001		Pen Red	4900	1.35

-- You can modify more than one values

mysql> UPDATE products SET quantity = quantity + 50, price = 1.23 WHERE name = 'Pen Red';

mysql> SELECT * FROM products WHERE name = 'Pen Red';

productID	productCode	 name	quantity	++ price
1001	PEN	Pen Red	4950	1.23

CAUTION: If the where clause is omitted in the update command, ALL ROWS will be updated. Hence, it is a good practice to issue a SELECT query, using the same criteria, to check the result set before issuing the update. This also applies to the DELETE statement in the following section.

2.8 Deleting Rows - DELETE FROM

Use the DELELE FROM command to delete row(s) from a table, with the following syntax:

```
-- Delete all rows from the table. Use with extreme care! Records are NOT recoverable!!!

DELETE FROM tableName
-- Delete only row(s) that meets the criteria

DELETE FROM tableName WHERE criteria
```

For example,

```
mysql> DELETE FROM products WHERE name LIKE 'Pencil%';
Query OK, 2 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

mysql> SELECT * FROM products;

productID	productCode	 name	 quantity	price
1001	PEN	Pen Red	4950	1.23
1002	PEN	Pen Blue	8000	1.38
1003	PEN	Pen Black	2000	1.38

-- Use this with extreme care, as the deleted records are irrecoverable! mysql> $DELETE\ FROM\ products;$ Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.00 sec)

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM products;
Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

Beware that "DELETE FROM tableName" without a where clause deletes ALL records from the table. Even with a where clause, you might have deleted some records unintentionally. It is always advisable to issue a SELECT command with the same where clause to check the result set before issuing the DELETE (and UPDATE).

2.9 Loading/Exporting Data from/to a Text File

There are several ways to add data into the database: (a) manually issue the INSERT commands; (b) run the INSERT commands from a script; or (c) load raw data from a file using LOAD DATA or via mysqlimport utility.

LOAD DATA LOCAL INFILE ... INTO TABLE ...

Besides using INSERT commands to insert rows, you could keep your *raw data* in a text file, and load them into the table via the LOAD DATA command. For example, use a text editor to CREATE a NEW FILE called "products_in.csv", under "d:\myProject" (for Windows) or "Documents" (for Mac), containing the following records, where the values are separated by ','. The file extension of ".csv" stands for *Comma-Separated Values* text file.

```
\N,PEC,Pencil 3B,500,0.52
\N,PEC,Pencil 4B,200,0.62
\N,PEC,Pencil 5B,100,0.73
\N,PEC,Pencil 6B,500,0.47
```

You can load the raw data into the products table as follows:

```
(For Windows)
```

-- Need to use forward-slash (instead of back-slash) as directory separator mysql> LOAD DATA LOCAL INFILE 'd:/myProject/products_in.csv' INTO TABLE products

```
COLUMNS TERMINATED BY ','
LINES TERMINATED BY '\r\n';
```

(For Macs)

mysql> LOAD DATA LOCAL INFILE '~/Documents/products_in.csv' INTO TABLE
products

```
COLUMNS TERMINATED BY ',';
mysql> SELECT * FROM products;
```

productID	+ productCode +	name	+ quantity +	++ price ++
1007	PEC	Pencil 3B	500	0.52
1008	PEC	Pencil 4B	200	0.62
1009	PEC	Pencil 5B	100	0.73
1010	PEC	Pencil 6B	500	0.47

Notes:

- You need to provide the path (absolute or relative) and the filename. Use Unix-style forward-slash '/' as the directory separator, instead of Windows-style back-slash '\'.
- The default line delimiter (or end-of-line) is ' \n' (Unix-style). If the text file is prepared in Windows, you need to include LINES TERMINATED BY ' \n' .

- The default column delimiter is "tab" (in a so-called TSV file Tab-Separated Values). If you use another delimiter, e.g. ', ', include COLUMNS TERMINATED BY ', '.
- You need to use \N for NULL.

mysqlimport Utility Program

You can also use the mysqlimport utility program to load data from a text file.

```
-- SYNTAX
> mysqlimport -u username -p --local databaseName tableName.tsv
   -- The raw data must be kept in a TSV (Tab-Separated Values) file with
filename the same as tablename
-- EXAMPLES
-- Create a new file called "products.tsv" containing the following record,
-- and saved under "d:\myProject" (for Windows) or "Documents" (for Mac)
-- The values are separated by tab (not spaces).
\N PEC Pencil 3B 500 0.52
\N PEC Pencil 4B 200 0.62 \N PEC Pencil 5B 100 0.73
\N PEC Pencil 6B 500 0.47
(For Windows)
> cd path-to-mysql-bin
> mysqlimport -u root -p --local southwind d:/myProject/products.tsv
(For Macs)
$ cd /usr/local/mysql/bin
$ ./mysqlimport -u root -p --local southwind ~/Documents/products.tsv
SELECT ... INTO OUTFILE ...
Complimenting LOAD DATA command, you can use SELECT ... INTO OUTFILE fileName
FROM tableName to export data from a table to a text file. For example,
(For Windows)
mysql> SELECT * FROM products INTO OUTFILE 'd:/myProject/products_out.csv'
         COLUMNS TERMINATED BY ','
         LINES TERMINATED BY '\r\n';
(For Macs)
mysql> SELECT * FROM products INTO OUTFILE '~/Documents/products_out.csv'
         COLUMNS TERMINATED BY ',';
```

2.10 Running a SQL Script

Instead of manually entering each of the SQL statements, you can keep many SQL statements in a text file, called SQL script, and run the script. For example, use a programming text editor to prepare the following script and save as "load_products.sql" under "d:\myProject" (for Windows) or "Documents" (for Mac).

You can run the script either:

- via the "source" command in a MySQL client. For example, to restore the southwind backup earlier:
 (For Windows)
 mysql> source d:/myProject/load_products.sql
 -- Use Unix-style forward slash (/) as directory separator
- 5.
 6. (For Macs)
 mysql> source ~/Documents/load_products.sql
- 7. via the "batch mode" of the mysql client program, by re-directing the input from the script:
- 8. (For Windows)
- 9. > cd path-to-mysql-bin
- 10. > mysql -u root -p southwind < d:\myProject\load_products.sql
 11.</pre>
- 12. (For Macs)
- 13. \$ cd /usr/local/mysql/bin
 - \$./mysql -u root -p southwind < ~\Documents\load_products.sql</pre>

3. More Than One Tables

Our example so far involves only one table "products". A practical database contains many *related* tables.

Products have suppliers. If each product has one supplier, and each supplier supplies only one product (known as *one-to-one relationship*), we can simply add the supplier's data (name, address, phone number) into the products table. Suppose that each product has one supplier, and a supplier may supply zero or more products (known as *one-to-many* relationship). Putting the supplier's data into the products table results in duplication of data. This is because one supplier may supply many products, hence, the same supplier's data appear in many rows. This not only wastes the storage but also easily leads to inconsistency (as all duplicate data must be updated simultaneously). The situation is even more complicated if one product has many suppliers, and each supplier can supply many products, in a *many-to-many* relationship.

3.1 One-To-Many Relationship

Suppose that each product has one supplier, and each supplier supplies one or more products. We could create a table called suppliers to store suppliers' data (e.g., name, address and phone number). We create a column with unique value called supplierID to identify every suppliers. We set supplierID as the *primary key* for the table suppliers (to ensure uniqueness and facilitate fast search).

To relate the suppliers table to the products table, we add a new column into the products table - the supplierID. We then set the supplierID column of the products table as a foreign key references the supplierID column of the suppliers table to ensure the so-called *referential integrity*.

Database: southwind Table: suppliers				
supplierID INT	name VARCHAR(3)	phone CHAR(8)		
501	ABC Traders	88881111		
502	XYZ Company	88882222		
503	QQ Corp	88883333		

Database: southwind Table: products

productID INT	productCode CHAR(3)	name VARCHAR(30)	quantity INT	price DECIMAL(10,2)	supplierID INT (Foreign Key)
2001	PEC	Pencil 3B	500	0.52	501
2002	PEC	Pencil 4B	200	0.62	501
2003	PEC	Pencil 5B	100	0.73	501
2004	PEC	Pencil 6B	500	0.47	502

We need to first create the suppliers table, because the products table references the suppliers table. The suppliers table is known as the *parent* table; while the products table is known as the *child* table in this relationship.

```
mysql> USE southwind;
mysql> DROP TABLE IF EXISTS suppliers;
mysql> CREATE TABLE suppliers (
      supplierID INT UNSIGNED NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
     name VARCHAR(30) NOT NULL DEFAULT '', phone CHAR(8) NOT NULL DEFAULT '',
     PRIMARY KEY (supplierID)
    );
mysql> DESCRIBE suppliers;
+-----
| Field | Type | Null | Key | Default | Extra
+----+
| supplierID | int(10) unsigned | NO | PRI | NULL | auto_increment |
mysql> INSERT INTO suppliers VALUE
       (501, 'ABC Traders', '88881111'),
       (502, 'XYZ Company', '88882222'),
       (503, 'QQ Corp', '88883333');
mysql> SELECT * FROM suppliers;
+----+
| supplierID | name | phone |
+----+
| 501 | ABC Traders | 88881111 |
```

```
| 502 | XYZ Company | 88882222 |
| 503 | QQ Corp | 88883333 |
+-----
```

ALTER TABLE

Instead of deleting and re-creating the products table, we shall use "ALTER TABLE" to add a new column supplierID into the products table.

Next, we shall add a *foreign key constraint* on the supplierID columns of the products child table to the suppliers parent table, to ensure that every supplierID in the products table always refers to a *valid* supplierID in the suppliers table - this is called *referential integrity*.

Before we can add the foreign key, we need to set the supplierID of the existing records in the products table to a valid supplierID in the suppliers table (say supplierID=501).

1	productID	productCode	name	quantity	price	supplierID
i	2001		Pencil 3B		0.52	
	2002	PEC	Pencil 4B	200	0.62	501
	2003	PEC	Pencil 5B	100	0.73	501
	2004	PEC	Pencil 6B	500	0.47	502
4	+		+			+

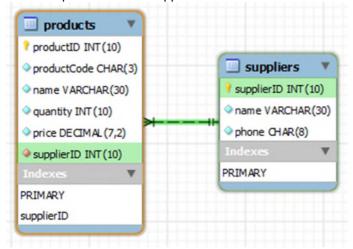
SELECT with JOIN

SELECT command can be used to query and join data from two related tables. For example, to list the product's name (in products table) and supplier's name (in suppliers table), we could join the two table via the two common supplierID columns:

```
-- ANSI style: JOIN ... ON ...
mysql> SELECT products.name, price, suppliers.name
     FROM products
        JOIN suppliers ON products.supplierID = suppliers.supplierID
     WHERE price < 0.6;
+----+
| name | price | name |
+----+
| Pencil 3B | 0.52 | ABC Traders |
| Pencil 6B | 0.47 | XYZ Company |
+----+
   -- Need to use products.name and suppliers.name to differentiate the two "names"
-- Join via WHERE clause (lagacy and not recommended)
mysql> SELECT products.name, price, suppliers.name
     FROM products, suppliers
     WHERE products.supplierID = suppliers.supplierID
       AND price < 0.6;
+----+
name
        | price | name |
+----+
| Pencil 3B | 0.52 | ABC Traders |
| Pencil 6B | 0.47 | XYZ Company |
+----+
```

In the above query result, two of the columns have the same heading "name". We could create *aliases* for headings.

The database diagram is as illustrated. The link indicates a one-to-many relationship between products and suppliers.



3.2 Many-To-Many Relationship

Suppose that a product has many suppliers; and a supplier supplies many products in a so-called many-to-many relationship. The above solution breaks. You cannot include the supplierID in the products table, as you cannot determine the number of suppliers, and hence, the number of columns needed for the supplierIDs. Similarly, you cannot include the productID in the suppliers table, as you cannot determine the number of products.

To resolve this problem, you need to create a new table, known as a *junction table* (or *joint table*), to provide the linkage. Let's call the junction table products suppliers, as illustrated.

Database: southwind Table: products_suppliers				
productID INT (Foreign Key)	supplierID INT (Foreign Key)			
2001	501			
2002	501			
2003	501			

2004	502
2001	503

Database: southwind Table: suppliers

supplierID INT	name VARCHAR(30)	phone CHAR(8)
501	ABC Traders	88881111
502	XYZ Company	88882222
503	QQ Corp	88883333

Database: southwind Table: products

productID INT	productCode CHAR(3)	name VARCHAR(30)	quantity INT	price DECIMAL(10,2)
2001	PEC	Pencil 3B	500	0.52
2002	PEC	Pencil 4B	200	0.62
2003	PEC	Pencil 5B	100	0.73
2004	PEC	Pencil 6B	500	0.47

Let's create the products_suppliers table. The primary key of the table consists of two columns: productID and supplierID, as their combination uniquely identifies each rows. This primary key is defined to ensure uniqueness. Two foreign keys are defined to set the constraint to the two parent tables.

```
mysql> DESCRIBE products_suppliers;
+----+
| Field | Type | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-----+
| productID | int(10) unsigned | NO | PRI | NULL |
| supplierID | int(10) unsigned | NO | PRI | NULL
+----+
mysql> INSERT INTO products_suppliers VALUES (2001, 501), (2002, 501),
     (2003, 501), (2004, 502), (2001, 503);
-- Values in the foreign-key columns (of the child table) must match
-- valid values in the columns they reference (of the parent table)
mysql> SELECT * FROM products_suppliers;
+-----+
| productID | supplierID |
+-----+
   2001 | 501 |
           501 |
501 |
502 |
   2002
   2003 |
2004 |
   2001 |
             503
+----+
```

Next, remove the supplierID column from the products table. (This column was added to establish the one-to-many relationship.)

Before this column can be removed, you need to remove the foreign key that builds on this column. To remove a key in MySQL, you need to know its constraint name, which was generated by the system. To find the constraint name, issue a "SHOW CREATE TABLE products" and take note of the foreign key's constraint name in the clause "CONSTRAINT constraint_name FOREIGN KEY". You can then drop the foreign key using "ALTER TABLE products DROP FOREIGN KEY constraint_name"

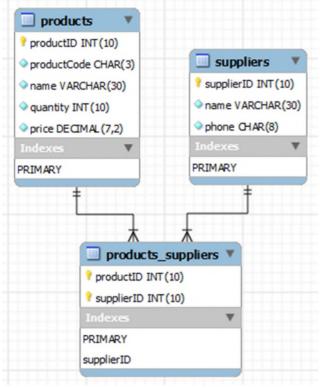
```
mysql> SHOW CREATE TABLE products \G
Create Table: CREATE TABLE `products` (
  `productID` int(10) unsigned NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
  `productCode` char(3) NOT NULL DEFAULT '',
  `name` varchar(30) NOT NULL DEFAULT '',
  `quantity` int(10) unsigned NOT NULL DEFAULT '0',
  `price` decimal(7,2) NOT NULL DEFAULT '99999.99',
  `supplierID` int(10) unsigned NOT NULL DEFAULT '501',
  PRIMARY KEY (`productID`),
  KEY `supplierID` (`supplierID`),
  CONSTRAINT `products_ibfk_1` FOREIGN KEY (`supplierID`)
    REFERENCES `suppliers` (`supplierID`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB AUTO_INCREMENT=1006 DEFAULT CHARSET=latin1

mysql> ALTER TABLE products DROP FOREIGN KEY products_ibfk_1;
```

```
mysql> SHOW CREATE TABLE products \G
Now, we can remove the column redundant supplierID column.
mysql> ALTER TABLE products DROP supplierID;
mysql> DESC products;
Querying
Similarly, we can use SELECT with JOIN to query data from the 3 tables, for examples,
mysql> SELECT products.name AS `Product Name`, price, suppliers.name AS `Supplier Name`
      FROM products_suppliers
        JOIN products ON products_suppliers.productID = products.productID
        JOIN suppliers ON products_suppliers.supplierID = suppliers.supplierID
      WHERE price < 0.6;
+----+
| Product Name | price | Supplier Name |
| Pencil 3B | 0.52 | ABC Traders |
| Pencil 3B | 0.52 | QQ Corp
| Pencil 6B | 0.47 | XYZ Company |
+----+
-- Define aliases for tablenames too
mysql> SELECT p.name AS `Product Name`, s.name AS `Supplier Name`
      FROM products_suppliers AS ps
        JOIN products AS p ON ps.productID = p.productID
        JOIN suppliers AS s ON ps.supplierID = s.supplierID
      WHERE p.name = 'Pencil 3B';
+----+
| Product Name | Supplier Name |
+----+
| Pencil 3B | ABC Traders |
| Pencil 3B | QQ Corp |
+----+
-- Using WHERE clause to join (legacy and not recommended)
mysql> SELECT p.name AS `Product Name`, s.name AS `Supplier Name`
      FROM products AS p, products suppliers AS ps, suppliers AS s
      WHERE p.productID = ps.productID
        AND ps.supplierID = s.supplierID
        AND s.name = 'ABC Traders';
| Product Name | Supplier Name |
+----+
| Pencil 3B | ABC Traders |
| Pencil 4B | ABC Traders
```

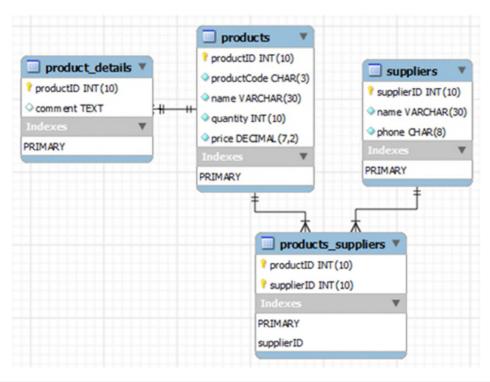
| Pencil 5B | ABC Traders |

The database diagram is as follows. Both products and suppliers tables exhibit a one-to-many relationship to the junction table. The many-to-many relationship is supported via the junction table.



3.3 One-to-one Relationship

Suppose that some products have *optional* data (e.g., photo, comment). Instead of keeping these optional data in the products table, it is more efficient to create another table called product_details, and link it to products with a *one-to-one relationship*, as illustrated.



```
mysql> CREATE TABLE product_details (
       productID INT UNSIGNED NOT NULL,
               -- same data type as the parent table
       comment
               TEXT NULL,
               -- up to 64KB
       PRIMARY KEY (productID),
       FOREIGN KEY (productID) REFERENCES products (productID)
     );
mysql> DESCRIBE product_details;
+-----+
       | Type | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+----+
| productID | int(10) unsigned | NO
                           | PRI | NULL
comment | text | YES | NULL
+----+
mysql> SHOW CREATE TABLE product_details \G
Table: product_details
Create Table: CREATE TABLE `product_details` (
 `productID` int(10) unsigned NOT NULL,
 `comment`
          text,
 PRIMARY KEY (`productID`),
 CONSTRAINT `product_details_ibfk_1` FOREIGN KEY (`productID`) REFERENCES `products`
(`productID`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=latin1
```

3.4 Backup and Restore

Backup: Before we conclude this example, let's run the mysqldump utility program to dump out (backup) the entire southwind database.

```
(For Windows)
-- Start a NEW "cmd"
> cd path-to-mysql-bin
> mysqldump -u root -p --databases southwind > "d:\myProject\backup_southwind.sql"

(For Macs)
-- Start a NEW "terminal"
$ cd /usr/local/mysql/bin
$ ./mysqldump -u root -p --databases southwind > ~/Documents/backup_southwind.sql
```

Study the output file, which contains CREATE DATABASE, CREATE TABLE and INSERT statements to recreate the tables dumped.

The SYNTAX for the mysqldump utility program is as follows:

```
-- Dump selected databases with --databases option
> mysqldump -u username -p --databases database1Name [database2Name ...] > backupFile.sql
-- Dump all databases in the server with --all-databases option, except mysql.user table (for security)
> mysqldump -u root -p --all-databases --ignore-table=mysql.user > backupServer.sql
-- Dump all the tables of a particular database
> mysqldump -u username -p databaseName > backupFile.sql
-- Dump selected tables of a particular database
> mysqldump -u username -p databaseName table1Name [table2Name ...] > backupFile.sql
```

Restore: The utility mysqldump produces a SQL script (consisting of CREATE TABLE and INSERT commands to re-create the tables and loading their data). You can restore from the backup by running the script either:

1. via the "source" command in an interactive client. For example, to restore the southwind backup earlier:

```
2. (For Windows)
3. -- Start a MySQL client
4. mysql> source d:/myProject/backup_southwind.sql
5. -- Provide absolute or relative filename of the script
6. -- Use Unix-style forward slash (/) as path separator
7.
8. (For Macs)
9. -- Start a MySQL client
```

```
mysql> source ~/Documents/backup_southwind.sql
```

10. via the "batch mode" of the mysql client program by re-directing the input from the script:

```
11. (For Windows)
```

```
12. -- Start a NEW "cmd"
13. > cd path-to-mysql-bin
14. > mysql -u root -p southwind < d:\myProject\backup_southwind.sql
15.
16. (For Macs)
17. -- Start a NEW "terminal"
18. $ cd /usr/local/mysql/bin</pre>
```

\$./mysql -u root -p southwind < ~/Documents/backup_southwind.sql</pre>

4. More on Primary Key, Foreign Key and Index

4.1 Primary Key

In the relational model, a table shall not contain duplicate rows, because that would create ambiguity in retrieval. To ensure uniqueness, each table should have a column (or a set of columns), called *primary key*, that uniquely identifies every record of the table. For example, an unique number customerID can be used as the primary key for the customers table; productCode for products table; isbn for books table. A primary key is called a *simple key* if it is a single column; it is called a *composite key* if it is made up of several columns. Most RDBMSs build an index on the primary key to facilitate fast search. The primary key is often used to relate to other tables.

4.2 Foreign Key

A foreign key of a child table is used to reference the parent table. Foreign key constraint can be imposed to ensure so-called referential integrity - values in the child table must be valid values in the parent table.

We define the foreign key when defining the child table, which references a parent table, as follows:

```
-- Child table definition

CREATE TABLE tableName (
.....

CONSTRAINT constraintName FOREIGN KEY (columName) REFERENCES parentTableName (columnName)

[ON DELETE RESTRICT | CASCADE | SET NULL | NO ACTION] -- On DELETE reference action

[ON UPDATE RESTRICT | CASCADE | SET NULL | NO ACTION] -- On UPDATE reference action
)
```

You can specify the *reference action* for UPDATE and DELETE via the optional ON UPDATE and ON DELETE clauses:

- 1. RESTRICT (default): disallow DELETE or UPDATE of the parent's row, if there are matching rows in child table.
- 2. CASCADE: cascade the DELETE or UPDATE action to the matching rows in the child table.
- 3. SET NULL: set the foreign key value in the child table to NULL (if NULL is allowed).
- 4. NO ACTION: a SQL term which means no action on the parent's row. Same as RESTRICT in MySQL, which disallows DELETE or UPDATE (do nothing).

Try deleting a record in the suppliers (parent) table that is referenced by products_suppliers (child) table, e.g.,

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM products_suppliers;
+-----+
| productID | supplierID |
+----+
| 2001 | 501 |
```

```
| 2002 | 501 |
| 2003 | 501 |
| 2004 | 502 |
| 2001 | 503 |
+-----+

-- Try deleting a row from parent table with matching rows in the child table
mysql> DELETE FROM suppliers WHERE supplierID = 501;
ERROR 1451 (23000): Cannot delete or update a parent row: a foreign key constraint
fails
(`southwind`.`products_suppliers`, CONSTRAINT `products_suppliers_ibfk_2`
FOREIGN KEY (`supplierID`) REFERENCES `suppliers` (`supplierID`))
```

The record cannot be deleted as the default "ON DELETE RESTRICT" constraint was imposed.

4.3 Indexes (or Keys)

Indexes (or Keys) can be created on selected column(s) to facilitate *fast search*. Without index, a "SELECT * FROM products WHERE productID=X" needs to match with the productID column of all the records in the products table. If productID column is indexed (e.g., using a binary tree), the matching can be greatly improved (via the binary tree search).

You should index columns which are frequently used in the WHERE clause; and as JOIN columns.

The drawback about indexing is cost and space. Building and maintaining indexes require computations and memory spaces. Indexes facilitate fast search but deplete the performance on modifying the table (INSERT/UPDATE/DELETE), and need to be justified. Nevertheless, relational databases are typically optimized for queries and retrievals, but NOT for updates.

In MySQL, the keyword KEY is synonym to INDEX.

In MySQL, indexes can be built on:

- 1. a single column (column-index)
- 2. a set of columns (concatenated-index)
- 3. on unique-value column (UNIQUE INDEX or UNIQUE KEY)
- 4. on a prefix of a column for strings (VARCHAR or CHAR), e.g., first 5 characters.

There can be more than one indexes in a table. Index are automatically built on the primary-key column(s).

You can build index via CREATE TABLE, CREATE INDEX or ALTER TABLE.

```
CREATE TABLE tableName (
.....

[UNIQUE] INDEX|KEY indexName (columnName, ...),

-- The optional keyword UNIQUE ensures that all values in this column are distinct
-- KEY is synonym to INDEX
.....

PRIMAY KEY (columnName, ...) -- Index automatically built on PRIMARY KEY column
);

CREATE [UNIQUE] INDEX indexName ON tableName(columnName, ...);
```

```
ALTER TABLE tableName ADD UNIQUE|INDEX|PRIMARY KEY indexName (columnName, ...)

SHOW INDEX FROM tableName;
```

Example

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE employees (
      emp_no INT UNSIGNED NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
      name VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL, gender ENUM ('M','F') NOT NULL,
      birth_date DATE NOT NULL, hire_date DATE NOT NULL,
      PRIMARY KEY (emp_no) -- Index built automatically on primary-key column
    );
mysql> DESCRIBE employees;
+----+
| Field | Type | Null | Key | Default | Extra
+----+
emp_no | int(10) unsigned | NO | PRI | NULL | auto_increment |
+-----
mysql> SHOW INDEX FROM employees \G
Table: employees
 Non unique: 0
   Key_name: PRIMARY
Seq_in_index: 1
 Column_name: emp_no
   . . . . . . .
mysql> CREATE TABLE departments (
     dept_no CHAR(4) NOT NULL,
     dept_name VARCHAR(40) NOT NULL,
     PRIMARY KEY (dept_no), -- Index built automatically on primary-key column
     UNIQUE INDEX (dept_name) -- Build INDEX on this unique-value column
    );
mysql> DESCRIBE departments;
+----+
| Field | Type | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
| dept_name | varchar(40) | NO | UNI | NULL
+----+
```

```
mysql> SHOW INDEX FROM departments \G
Table: departments
  Non unique: 0
   Key_name: PRIMARY
Seq_in_index: 1
 Column_name: dept_no
Table: departments
  Non unique: 0
   Key_name: dept_name
Seq_in_index: 1
 Column_name: dept_name
    . . . . . . .
-- Many-to-many junction table between employees and departments
mysql> CREATE TABLE dept_emp (
      dept_no CHAR(4) NOT NULL,
      from_date DATE NOT NULL,
to_date DATE NOT NULL,
INDEX (emp_no), -- Build INDEX on this non-unique-value column
INDEX (dept_no), -- Build INDEX on this non-unique-value column
      FOREIGN KEY (emp_no) REFERENCES employees (emp_no)
        ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE,
      FOREIGN KEY (dept no) REFERENCES departments (dept no)
        ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE,
      PRIMARY KEY (emp_no, dept_no) -- Index built automatically
   );
mysql> DESCRIBE dept emp;
+----+
| Field | Type | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+----+
+----+----+----+-----+
mysql> SHOW INDEX FROM dept_emp \G
Table: dept_emp
  Non unique: 0
   Key_name: PRIMARY
Seq_in_index: 1
 Column_name: emp_no
   . . . . . . . .
```

```
Table: dept_emp
 Non_unique: 0
   Key_name: PRIMARY
Seq_in_index: 2
 Column_name: dept_no
  . . . . . . . .
Table: dept_emp
 Non_unique: 1
   Key_name: emp_no
Seq_in_index: 1
 Column_name: emp_no
Table: dept_emp
 Non_unique: 1
   Key_name: dept_no
Seq_in_index: 1
 Column_name: dept_no
   . . . . . . .
```

5.1 Sub-Query

Results of one query can be used in another SQL statement. Subquery is useful if more than one tables are involved.

SELECT with Subquery

In the previous many-to-many product sales example, how to find the suppliers that do not supply any product? You can query for the suppliers that supply at least one product in the products_suppliers table, and then query the suppliers table for those that are not in the previous result set.

```
mysql> SELECT suppliers.name from suppliers

WHERE suppliers.supplierID

NOT IN (SELECT DISTINCT supplierID from products_suppliers);
```

Can you do this without sub-query?

A subquery may return a scalar, a single column, a single row, or a table. You can use comparison operator (e.g., '=', '>') on scalar, IN or NOT IN for single row or column, EXISTS or NOT EXIST to test for empty set.

INSERT | UPDATE | DELETE with Subquery

You can also use a subquery with other SQL statements such as INSERT, DELETE, or UPDATE. For example,

5.2 Working with Date and Time

Date and time are of particular interest for database applications. This is because business records often carry date/time information (e.g., orderDate, deliveryDate, paymentDate, dateOfBirth), as well as the need to time-stamp the creation and last-update of the records for auditing and security.

With date/time data types, you can sort the results by date, search for a particular date or a range of dates, calculate the difference between dates, compute a new date by adding/subtracting an interval from a given date.

Date By Example

Let's begin with Date (without Time) with the following example. Take note that date value must be written as a string in the format of 'yyyy-mm-dd', e.g., '2012-01-31'.

```
-- Create a table 'patients' of a clinic
mysql> CREATE TABLE patients (
       patientID INT UNSIGNED NOT NULL AUTO INCREMENT,
       name
                VARCHAR(30) NOT NULL DEFAULT '',
       dateOfBirth DATE NOT NULL,
       lastVisitDate DATE
                          NOT NULL,
       nextVisitDate DATE
                          NULL,
                 -- The 'Date' type contains a date value in 'yyyy-mm-dd'
       PRIMARY KEY (patientID)
     );
mysql> INSERT INTO patients VALUES
       (1001, 'Ah Teck', '1991-12-31', '2012-01-20', NULL),
       (NULL, 'Kumar', '2011-10-29', '2012-09-20', NULL),
       (NULL, 'Ali', '2011-01-30', CURDATE(), NULL);
-- Date must be written as 'yyyy-mm-dd'
-- Function CURDATE() returns today's date
mysql> SELECT * FROM patients;
+-----+
+----+
   1001 | Ah Teck | 1991-12-31 | 2012-01-20 | NULL
    1002 | Kumar | 2011-10-29 | 2012-09-20 | NULL
   1003 | Ali | 2011-01-30 | 2012-10-21 | NULL
+----+
-- Select patients who last visited on a particular range of date
mysql> SELECT * FROM patients
     WHERE lastVisitDate BETWEEN '2012-09-15' AND CURDATE()
     ORDER BY lastVisitDate;
+----+
| patientID | name | dateOfBirth | lastVisitDate | nextVisitDate |
+-----
    1002 | Kumar | 2011-10-29 | 2012-09-20 | NULL
    1003 | Ali | 2011-01-30 | 2012-10-21 | NULL
+----+
-- Select patients who were born in a particular year and sort by birth-month
-- Function YEAR(date), MONTH(date), DAY(date) returns
-- the year, month, day part of the given date
mysql> SELECT * FROM patients
    WHERE YEAR(dateOfBirth) = 2011
     ORDER BY MONTH(dateOfBirth), DAY(dateOfBirth);
+----+
| patientID | name | dateOfBirth | lastVisitDate | nextVisitDate |
```

```
+-----
    1003 | Ali | 2011-01-30 | 2012-10-21 | NULL
    1002 | Kumar | 2011-10-29 | 2012-09-20 | NULL
+----+
-- Select patients whose birthday is today
mysql> SELECT * FROM patients
      WHERE MONTH(dateOfBirth) = MONTH(CURDATE())
        AND DAY(dateOfBirth) = DAY(CURDATE());
-- List the age of patients
-- Function TIMESTAMPDIFF(unit, start, end) returns the difference in the unit
specified
mysql> SELECT name, dateOfBirth, TIMESTAMPDIFF(YEAR, dateOfBirth, CURDATE()) AS age
     FROM patients
     ORDER BY age, dateOfBirth;
+----+
| name | dateOfBirth | age |
+----+
| Kumar | 2011-10-29 | 0 |
| Ali | 2011-01-30 |
                       1 |
| Ah Teck | 1991-12-31 | 20 |
+----+
-- List patients whose last visited more than 60 days ago
mysql> SELECT name, lastVisitDate FROM patients
      WHERE TIMESTAMPDIFF(DAY, lastVisitDate, CURDATE()) > 60;
-- Functions TO_DAYS(date) converts the date to days
mysql> SELECT name, lastVisitDate FROM patients
      WHERE TO_DAYS(CURDATE()) - TO_DAYS(lastVisitDate) > 60;
-- Select patients 18 years old or younger
-- Function DATE_SUB(date, INTERVAL x unit) returns the date
-- by subtracting the given date by x unit.
mysql> SELECT * FROM patients
      WHERE dateOfBirth > DATE_SUB(CURDATE(), INTERVAL 18 YEAR);
-- Schedule Ali's next visit to be 6 months from now
-- Function DATE_ADD(date, INTERVAL x unit) returns the date
    by adding the given date by x unit
mysql> UPDATE patients
      SET nextVisitDate = DATE_ADD(CURDATE(), INTERVAL 6 MONTH)
      WHERE name = 'Ali';
```

Date/Time Functions

MySQL provides these built-in functions for getting the *current* date, time and datetime:

- NOW(): returns the current date and time in the format of 'YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS'.
- CURDATE() (or CURRENT_DATE(), or CURRENT_DATE): returns the current date in the format of 'YYYY-MM-DD'.

• CURTIME() (or CURRENT_TIME(), or CURRENT_TIME): returns the current time in the format of 'HH:MM:SS'.

For examples,

SQL Date/Time Types

MySQL provides these date/time data types:

- DATETIME: stores both date and time in the format of 'YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS'. The valid range is '1000-01-01 00:00:00' to '9999-12-31 23:59:59'. You can set a value using the valid format (e.g., '2011-08-15 00:00:00'). You could also apply functions NOW() or CURDATE() (time will be set to '00:00:00'), but not CURTIME().
- DATE: stores date only in the format of 'YYYY-MM-DD'. The range is '1000-01-01' to '9999-12-31'. You could apply CURDATE() or NOW() (the time discarded) on this field.
- TIME: stores time only in the format of 'HH:MM:SS'. You could apply CURTIME() or NOW() (the date discarded) for this field.
- YEAR(4|2): in 'YYYY' or 'YY'. The range of years is 1901 to 2155. Use DATE type for year outside this range. You could apply CURDATE() to this field (month and day discarded).
- TIMESTAMP: similar to DATETIME but stored the number of seconds since January 1, 1970 UTC (Unix-style). The range is '1970-01-01 00:00' to '2037-12-31 23:59:59'. The differences between DATETIME and TIMESTAMP are:
 - 1. the range,
 - 2. support for time zone,
 - 3. TIMESTAMP column could be declared with DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP to set the default value to the current date/time. (All other data types' default, including DATETIME, must be a constant and not a function return value). You can also declare a TIMESTAMP column with "ON UPDATE CURRENT_TIMESTAMP" to capture the timestamp of the last update.

The date/time value can be entered manually as a string literal (e.g., '2010-12-31 23:59:59' for DATAETIME). MySQL will issue a warning and insert all zeros (e.g., '0000-00-00 00:00:00' for DATAETIME), if the value of date/time to be inserted is invalid or out-of-range. '0000-00-00' is called a "dummy" date.

More Date/Time Functions

Reference: MySQL's "Date and Time Functions" @ http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/date-and-time-functions.html.

There are many date/time functions:

• Extracting part of a date/time: YEAR(), MONTH(), DAY(), HOUR(), MINUTE(), SECOND(), e.g.,

```
• mysql> SELECT YEAR(NOW()), MONTH(NOW()), DAY(NOW()), HOUR(NOW()),
  MINUTE(NOW()), SECOND(NOW());
• | YEAR(NOW()) | MONTH(NOW()) | DAY(NOW()) | HOUR(NOW()) | MINUTE(NOW()) |
  SECOND(NOW())
•+-------
  ----+
•
       2012
                      10 |
                                 24 | 11 |
                                                           54

    Extracting

  information: DAYNAME() (e.g., 'Monday'), MONTHNAME() (e.g., 'March'), DAYOFWEEK() (1=S
  unday, ..., 7=Saturday), DAYOFYEAR() (1-366), ...
• mysql> SELECT DAYNAME(NOW()), MONTHNAME(NOW()), DAYOFWEEK(NOW()),
  DAYOFYEAR(NOW());
•+------
• | DAYNAME(NOW()) | MONTHNAME(NOW()) | DAYOFWEEK(NOW()) | DAYOFYEAR(NOW()) |
•| Wednesday | October
                                                          298
                               date/time: DATE_SUB(date,

    Computing

                        another
  INTERVAL expr unit), DATE ADD(date,
  INTERVAL expr unit), TIMESTAMPADD(unit, interval, timestamp), e.g.,
• mysql> SELECT DATE_ADD('2012-01-31', INTERVAL 5 DAY);
• 2012-02-05
• mysql> SELECT DATE_SUB('2012-01-31', INTERVAL 2 MONTH);
  2011-11-30

    Computing

  interval: DATEDIFF(end_date, start_date), TIMEDIFF(end_time, start_time), TIMES
  TAMPDIFF(unit, start_timestamp, end_timestamp), e.g.,
• mysql> SELECT DATEDIFF('2012-02-01', '2012-01-28');
• 4
•mysql> SELECT TIMESTAMPDIFF(DAY, '2012-02-01', '2012-01-28');
  -4
```

• Representation: TO_DAYS(date) (days since year 0), FROM_DAYS(day_number), e.g.,

```
•mysql> SELECT TO_DAYS('2012-01-31');
•734898
•
•mysql> SELECT FROM_DAYS(734899);
2012-02-01
```

Formatting: DATE_FORMAT(date, formatSpecifier), e.g.,

Example

1. Create a table with various date/time columns. Only the TIMESTAMP column can have the DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP and ON UPDATE CURRENT_TIMESTAMP.

```
2. mysql> CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS `datetime_arena` (
               `description` VARCHAR(50) DEFAULT NULL,

        CDateTime
        DATETIME
        DEFAULT '1000-01-01 00:00:00',

        CDate
        DATE
        DEFAULT '1000-01-01 ',

        CTime
        TIME
        DEFAULT '00:00:00',

        CYear
        YEAR
        DEFAULT '0000',

        CYear2
        YEAR(2)
        DEFAULT '0000',

        CTIMESTAMP
        DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP ON UPDATE

4.
5.
6.
7.
8.
   CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
10. );
12.mysql> DESCRIBE `datetime_arena`;
13.+----
14. | Field
                                     | Null | Key | Default
                   | Type
                                                                                | Extra
15.+----
   ----+
16. | description | varchar(50) | YES | NULL
17. | cDateTime | datetime | YES | | 1000-01-01 00:00:00 |
18. | cDate | date | YES | | 1000-01-01
```

19.	cTime	
20.	cYear	-
21.	cYear2 year(4) YES 0000	-
22.	cTimeStamp timestamp NO CURRENT_TIMESTAMP on upd CURRENT_TIMESTAMP	ate
	+	
Notes: O Don't use year(2) anymore. From MySQL 5.7, the supported range for datetime is '1000-01-01 00:00:00' to '9999-12-31 23:59:59'. 23. Insert values manually using string literals.		
25.	nysql> INSERT INTO `datetime_arena` (`description`, `cDateTime`, `cDate`, `cTime`, `cYea cYear2`) VALUES ('Manual Entry', '2001-01-01 23:59:59', '2002-02-0	
'12:30:30', '2004', '05'); 28. 29. mysql> SELECT * FROM `datetime_arena` WHERE description='Manual Entry'; 30.+		
	+	·
33.	+	4
24		
34. Checking the on-update for TIMSTAMP.		
35.mysql> UPDATE `datetime_arena` SET `cYear2`='99' WHERE description='Manual Entry'; 36. 37.mysql> SELECT * FROM `datetime_arena` WHERE description='Manual Entry'; 38.+		
39.	description cDateTime	r
	•	

```
41. | Manual Entry | 2001-01-01 23:59:59 | 2002-02-02 | 12:30:30 | 2004 |
 99 | 2010-04-08 14:44:48 |
 +-----
  ----+
42. Insert values using MySQL built-in functions now(), curdate(), curtime().
43. mysql> INSERT INTO `datetime arena`
44. (`description`, `cDateTime`, `cDate`, `cTime`, `cYear`,
 `cYear2`)
     VALUES
45.
        ('Built-in Functions', now(), curdate(), curtime(), now(),
 now());
47.
48. mysql> SELECT * FROM `datetime_arena` WHERE description='Built-in
  Functions';
49.+----
  --+-----+
50. | description | cDateTime
                        cDate cTime cYear
  cYear2 | cTimeStamp
                 51. +-----
  --+----+
52. | Built-in Functions | 2010-04-08 14:45:48 | 2010-04-08 | 14:45:48 | 2010
  10 | 2010-04-08 14:45:48 |
 +-----
  --+-----+
53. Insert invalid or out-of-range values. MySQL replaces with all zeros.
54. mysql> INSERT INTO `datetime_arena`
55. (`description`, `cDateTime`, `cDate`, `cTime`, `cYear`,
  `cYear2`)
     VALUES
56.
        ('Error Input', '2001-13-31 23:59:59', '2002-13-31', '12:61:61',
  '99999', '999');
58.
59. mysql> SELECT * FROM `datetime_arena` WHERE description='Error Input';
60.+-----
  ----+-----+
                         cDate cTime cYear
61. | description | cDateTime
                   cYear2 | cTimeStamp
62.+----
  ----+
63. | Error Input | 0000-00-00 00:00:00 | 0000-00-00 | 00:00:00 | 0000 |
  00 | 2010-04-08 14:46:10 |
  +-----
```

----+

Note: Might not work in MySQL 5.7?!

64. An useful built-in function INTERVAL can be used to compute a future date, e.g.,

5.3 View

A view is a *virtual table* that contains no physical data. It provide an alternative way to look at the data. **Example**

```
-- Define a VIEW called supplier_view from products, suppliers and products_suppliers
mysql> CREATE VIEW supplier_view
     SELECT suppliers.name as `Supplier Name`, products.name as `Product Name`
     FROM products
        JOIN suppliers ON products.productID = products_suppliers.productID
                 products_suppliers ON suppliers.supplierID
products_suppliers.supplierID;
-- You can treat the VIEW defined like a normal table
mysql> SELECT * FROM supplier_view;
+----+
| Supplier Name | Product Name |
+----+
| ABC Traders | Pencil 3B
| ABC Traders | Pencil 4B
| ABC Traders | Pencil 5B
| XYZ Company | Pencil 6B
+----+
mysql> SELECT * FROM supplier_view WHERE `Supplier Name` LIKE 'ABC%';
+----+
| Supplier Name | Product Name |
+----+
| ABC Traders | Pencil 3B
| ABC Traders | Pencil 4B
| ABC Traders | Pencil 5B
+----+
```

Example

```
mysql> DROP VIEW IF EXISTS patient_view;
mysql> CREATE VIEW patient_view
    SELECT
      patientID AS ID,
      name AS Name,
      dateOfBirth AS DOB,
      TIMESTAMPDIFF(YEAR, dateOfBirth, NOW()) AS Age
    FROM patients
    ORDER BY Age, DOB;
mysql> SELECT * FROM patient_view WHERE Name LIKE 'A%';
+----+
+----+
| 1003 | Ali | 2011-01-30 |
                     1 |
| 1001 | Ah Teck | 1991-12-31 | 20 |
+----+
mysql> SELECT * FROM patient_view WHERE age >= 18;
+----+
+----+
| 1001 | Ah Teck | 1991-12-31 | 20 |
+----+
```

5.4 Transactions

A *atomic transaction* is a set of SQL statements that either ALL succeed or ALL fail. Transaction is important to ensure that there is no *partial* update to the database, given an atomic of SQL statements. Transactions are carried out via COMMIT and ROLLBACK.

Example

```
| Peter | 2000.00 |
+----+
-- Transfer money from one account to another account
mysql> START TRANSACTION;
mysql> UPDATE accounts SET balance = balance - 100 WHERE name = 'Paul';
mysql> UPDATE accounts SET balance = balance + 100 WHERE name = 'Peter';
mysql> COMMIT;
               -- Commit the transaction and end transaction
mysql> SELECT * FROM accounts;
+----+
| name | balance |
+----+
| Paul | 900.00 |
| Peter | 2100.00 |
+----+
mysql> START TRANSACTION;
mysql> UPDATE accounts SET balance = balance - 100 WHERE name = 'Paul';
mysql> UPDATE accounts SET balance = balance + 100 WHERE name = 'Peter';
mysql> ROLLBACK; -- Discard all changes of this transaction and end Transaction
mysql> SELECT * FROM accounts;
+----+
| name | balance |
+----+
| Paul | 900.00 |
| Peter | 2100.00 |
+----+
```

If you start another mysql client and do a SELECT during the transaction (before the commit or rollback), you will not see the changes.

Alternatively, you can also disable the so-called autocommit mode, which is set by default and commit every single SQL statement.

```
-- Disable autocommit by setting it to false (0)

mysql> SET autocommit = 0;

mysql> UPDATE accounts SET balance = balance - 100 WHERE name = 'Paul';

mysql> UPDATE accounts SET balance = balance + 100 WHERE name = 'Peter';

mysql> SELECT * FROM accounts;

+-----+

| name | balance |

+-----+

| Paul | 800.00 |

| Peter | 2200.00 |

+-----+

mysql> UPDATE accounts SET balance = balance - 100 WHERE name = 'Paul';

mysql> UPDATE accounts SET balance = balance + 100 WHERE name = 'Peter';
```

A transaction groups a set of operations into a unit that meets the ACID test:

- 1. Atomicity: If all the operations succeed, changes are *committed* to the database. If any of the operations fails, the entire transaction is *rolled back*, and no change is made to the database. In other words, there is no partial update.
- 2. Consistency: A transaction transform the database from one consistent state to another consistent state.
- 3. Isolation: Changes to a transaction are not visible to another transaction until they are committed.
- 4. Durability: Committed changes are durable and never lost.

5.5 User Variables

In MySQL, you can define user variables via:

- 1. @varname :=value in a SELECT command, or
- 2. SET @varname := value or SET @varname = value command.

For examples,

```
mysql> SELECT @ali_dob := dateOfBirth FROM patients WHERE name = 'Ali';
mysql> SELECT name WHERE dateOfBirth < @ali_dob;

mysql> SET @today := CURDATE();
mysql> SELECT name FROM patients WHERE nextVisitDate = @today;
```

6. More on JOIN

6.1 INNER JOIN

In an inner join of two tables, each row of the first table is combined (joined) with every row of second table. Suppose that there are n1 rows in the first table and n2 rows in the second table, INNER JOIN produces all combinations of $n1 \times n2$ rows - it is known as Cartesian Product or Cross Product.

Example

```
);
-- `desc` is a reserved word - must be back-quoted
mysql> CREATE TABLE t2 (
        id
               INT PRIMARY KEY,
        `desc` VARCHAR(30)
mysql> INSERT INTO t1 VALUES
       (1, 'ID 1 in t1'),
       (2, 'ID 2 in t1'),
       (3, 'ID 3 in t1');
mysql> INSERT INTO t2 VALUES
       (2, 'ID 2 in t2'),
       (3, 'ID 3 in t2'),
       (4, 'ID 4 in t2');
mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
+----+
| id | desc |
+----+
| 1 | ID 1 in t1 |
| 2 | ID 2 in t1 |
| 3 | ID 3 in t1 |
+----+
mysql> SELECT * FROM t2;
+----+
| id | desc |
| 2 | ID 2 in t2 |
| 3 | ID 3 in t2 |
| 4 | ID 4 in t2 |
+----+
mysql> SELECT *
  FROM t1 INNER JOIN t2;
+---+
| id | desc | id | desc |
+---+----+
 1 | ID 1 in t1 | 2 | ID 2 in t2 |
 2 | ID 2 in t1 | 2 | ID 2 in t2
 3 | ID 3 in t1 | 2 | ID 2 in t2
| 1 | ID 1 in t1 | 3 | ID 3 in t2 |
 2 | ID 2 in t1 | 3 | ID 3 in t2 |
 3 | ID 3 in t1 | 3 | ID 3 in t2
 1 | ID 1 in t1 | 4 | ID 4 in t2 |
  2 | ID 2 in t1 | 4 | ID 4 in t2 |
```

```
| 3 | ID 3 in t1 | 4 | ID 4 in t2 |

+---+----+---+----+

-- SELECT all columns in t1 and t2 (*)

-- INNER JOIN produces ALL combinations of rows in t1 and t2
```

You can impose constrain by using the ON clause, for example,

Take note that the following are equivalent:

```
mysql> SELECT *
      FROM t1 INNER JOIN t2 ON t1.id = t2.id;
mysql> SELECT *
      FROM t1 JOIN t2 ON t1.id = t2.id; -- default JOIN is INNER JOIN
mysql> SELECT *
      FROM t1 CROSS JOIN t2 ON t1.id = t2.id; -- Also called CROSS JOIN
-- You can use USING clause if the join-columns have the same name
mysql> SELECT *
      FROM t1 INNER JOIN t2 USING (id);
+----+
| id | desc
              desc
+---+
| 2 | ID 2 in t1 | ID 2 in t2 |
| 3 | ID 3 in t1 | ID 3 in t2 |
+---+
  -- Only 3 columns in the result set, instead of 4 columns with ON clause
mysql> SELECT *
      FROM t1 INNER JOIN t2 WHERE t1.id = t2.id; -- Use WHERE instead of ON
mysql> SELECT *
      FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id = t2.id; -- Use "commas" operator to join
```

6.2 OUTER JOIN - LEFT JOIN and RIGHT JOIN

INNER JOIN with constrain (ON or USING) produces rows that are found in both tables. On the other hand, OUTER JOIN can produce rows that are in one table, but not in another table. There are two kinds of OUTER JOINS: LEFT JOIN produces rows that are in the left table, but may not in the right table; whereas RIGHT JOIN produces rows that are in the right table but may not in the left table.

In a LEFT JOIN, when a row in the left table does not match with the right table, it is still selected but by combining with a "fake" record of all NULLs for the right table.

```
mysql> SELECT *
```

```
FROM t1 LEFT JOIN t2 ON t1.id = t2.id;
+---+
| id | desc | id | desc |
+---+
| 1 | ID 1 in t1 | NULL | NULL
| 2 | ID 2 in t1 | 2 | ID 2 in t2 |
| 3 | ID 3 in t1 | 3 | ID 3 in t2 |
+---+
mysql> SELECT *
   FROM t1 LEFT JOIN t2 USING (id);
+---+
| id | desc | desc |
+----+
| 1 | ID 1 in t1 | NULL
| 2 | ID 2 in t1 | ID 2 in t2 |
| 3 | ID 3 in t1 | ID 3 in t2 |
+----+
mysql> SELECT *
   FROM t1 RIGHT JOIN t2 ON t1.id = t2.id;
+----+
| id | desc | id | desc |
+----+
  2 | ID 2 in t1 | 2 | ID 2 in t2 |
  3 | ID 3 in t1 | 3 | ID 3 in t2 |
+----+
mysql> SELECT *
 FROM t1 RIGHT JOIN t2 USING (id);
+----+
| id | desc | desc |
+---+
| 2 | ID 2 in t2 | ID 2 in t1 |
| 3 | ID 3 in t2 | ID 3 in t1 |
| 4 | ID 4 in t2 | NULL
+---+
```

As the result, LEFT JOIN ensures that the result set contains every row on the left table. This is important, as in some queries, you are interested to have result on every row on the left table, with no match in the right table, e.g., searching for items without supplier. For example,

+----+

Take note that the followings are equivalent:

```
mysql> SELECT *
      FROM t1 LEFT JOIN t2 ON t1.id = t2.id;
mysql> SELECT *
      FROM t1 LEFT OUTER JOIN t2 ON t1.id = t2.id;
mysql> SELECT *
     FROM t1 LEFT JOIN t2 USING (id); -- join-columns have same name
+---+
| id | desc | desc |
+----+
| 1 | ID 1 in t1 | NULL |
| 2 | ID 2 in t1 | ID 2 in t2 |
| 3 | ID 3 in t1 | ID 3 in t2 |
-- WHERE clause CANNOT be used on OUTER JOIN
mysql> SELECT *
      FROM t1 LEFT JOIN t2 WHERE t1.id = t2.id;
ERROR 1064 (42000): You have an error in your SQL syntax;
```