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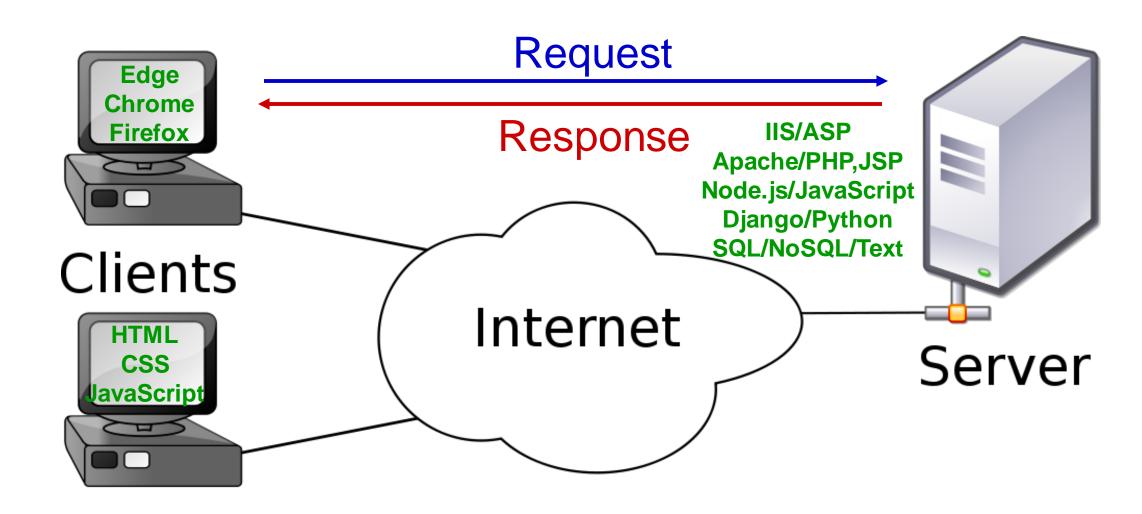
Week 7
Web Backend



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Frontend vs. Backend

Client=Frontend for getting data; Server=Backend for giving data



Why bother backend development

Making APIs for other people

To provide functionality or data

Making APIs for other devices

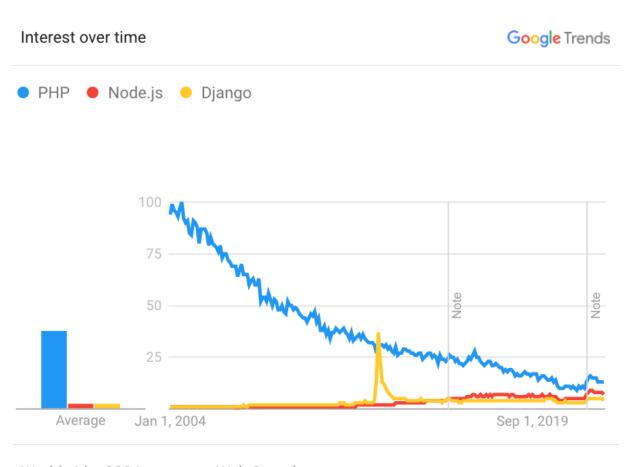
To augment computation and storage

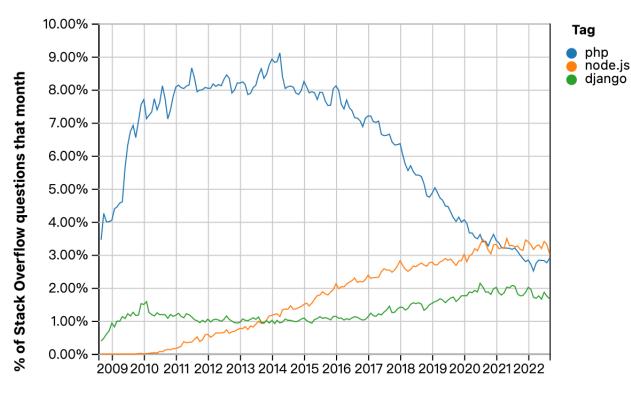
Making APIs for ourselves

To separate frontend and backend development

PHP vs. Javascript vs. Python (1/3)

PHP used to be the go-to choice





Year

Worldwide. 2004 - present. Web Search.

PHP vs. Javascript vs. Python (2/3)

PHP skills are less valuable nowadays





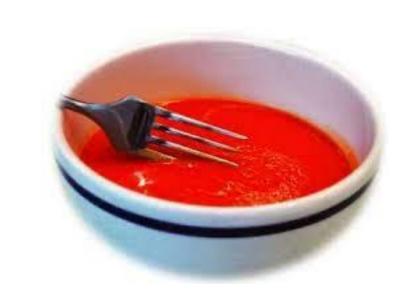


PHP vs. Javascript vs. Python (3/3)

PHP is best for more static websites

e.g., Wikipedia & Wordpress

Javascript is best for <u>dynamic</u> websites e.g., Twitter & multiplayer games



Python is best for <u>intelligent</u> websites e.g., ML- or DL-powered Apps

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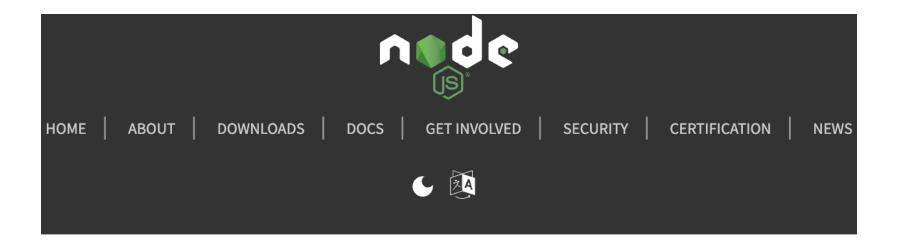
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Node.js + Express: npm i express cors

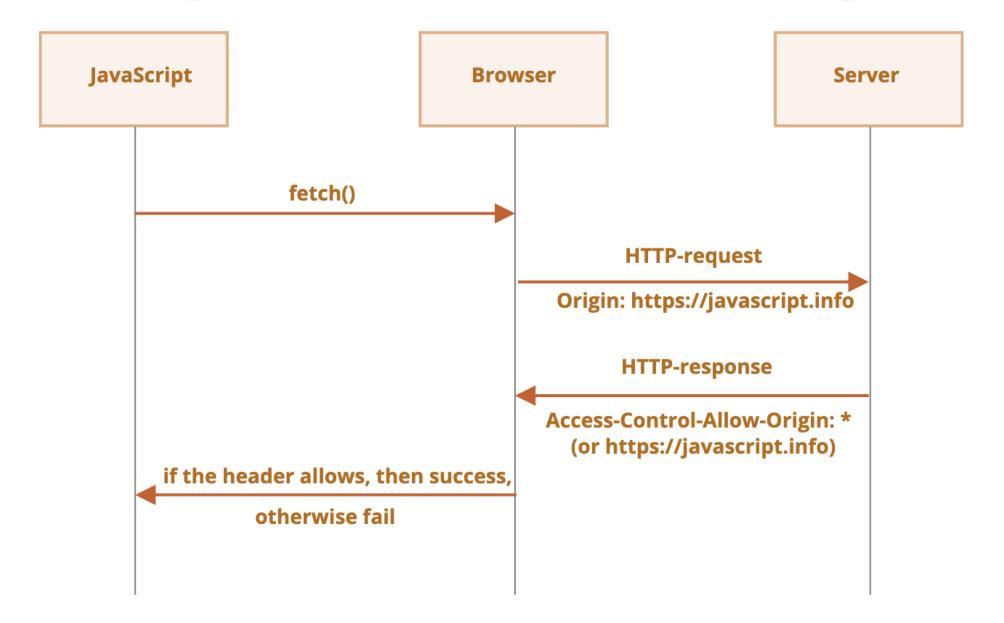


Node.js® is an open-source, cross-platform JavaScript runtime environment.

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Express 4.18.1

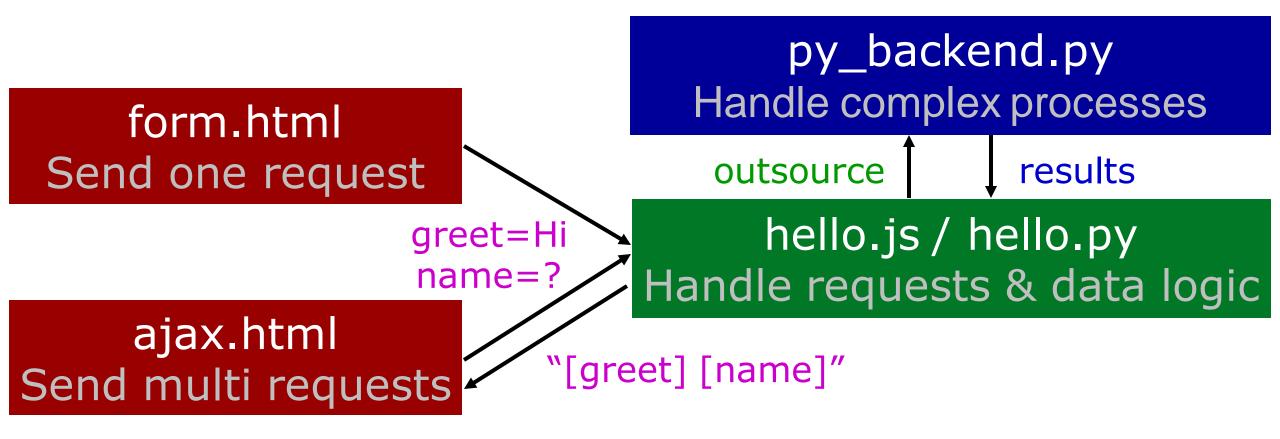
Fast, unopinionated, minimalist web framework for Node.js
```

Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (CORS)



Requests & Responses (1/2)

Backends respond to the requests from frontends



Requests & Responses (2/2)

```
<form name="input" action="hello.js method="get">
    <input type="hidden" name="greet" value="Hi">
    Username: <input type="text" name="name">
    <input type="submit" value="Submit">
    </form>
```

Import sys
print(str(sys.argv))

```
<div id="msg"></div><hr>
Name:<input type="text" id="input">
<script>
  input.addEventListener('keyup',()=>.
  {...});
</script>
```

form.html

greet=Hi
name=? hello.js

ajax.html

"[greet] [name]"

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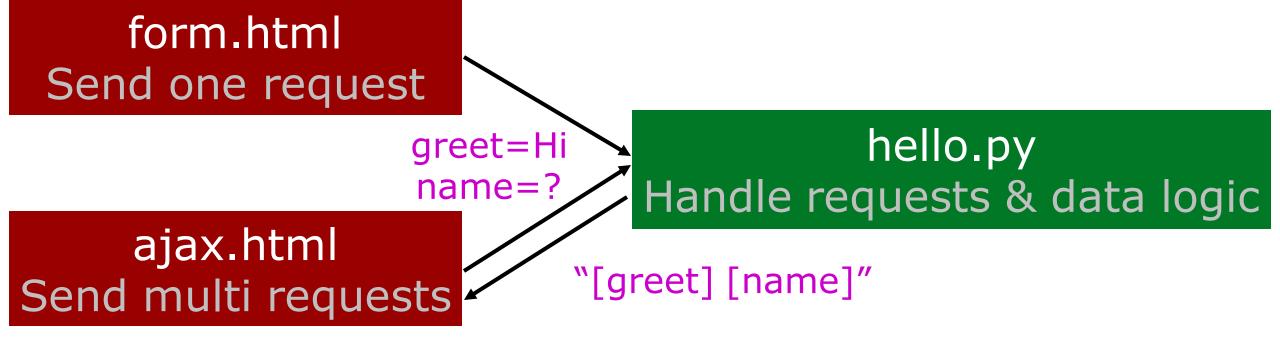
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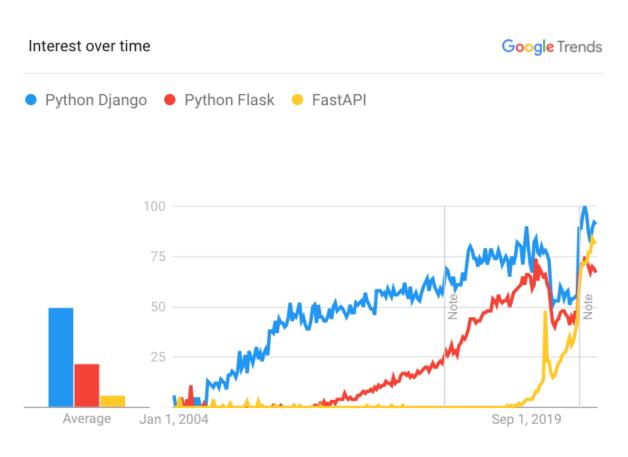
Requests & Responses: Architecture

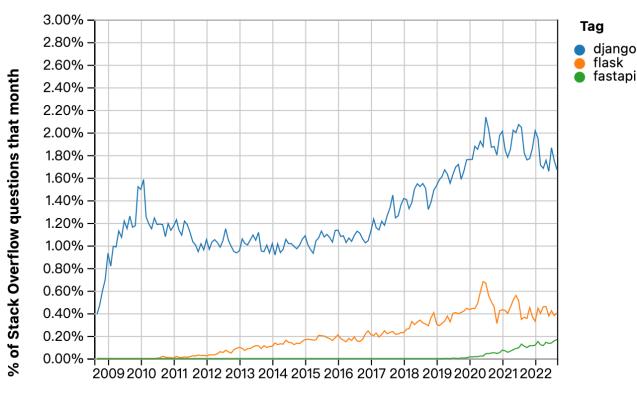
No need to outsource anymore



Django vs. Flask vs. FastAPI (1/3)

Django dominates but it's quite heavy





Year

Django vs. Flask vs. FastAPI (2/3)

	django	Flask	7 FastAPI
Performance speed	Normal	Faster than Django	The fastest out there
Async support	YES with restricted latency	NO needs Asyncio	YES native async support
Packages	Plenty for robust web apps	Less than Django for minimalistic apps	The least of all for building web apps faster
Packages Popularity	•		

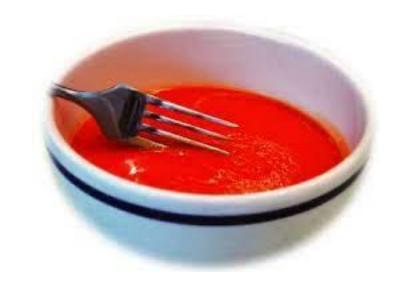
Django vs. Flask vs. FastAPI (3/3)

Django is best for large-scale websites

The ones complex in features

Flask is best for microservices

The ones with simple functionalities



FastAPI is best for pure API backends Even the ones with session controls

FastAPI







```
$ uvicorn main:app --reload

INFO: Uvicorn running on http://127.0.0.1:8000 (Press CTRL+C to quit)
INFO: Started reloader process [28720]
INFO: Started server process [28722]
INFO: Waiting for application startup.
INFO: Application startup complete.
```

Requests & Responses: Codes

```
greet=Hi
name=? hello.py

ajax.html
"[greet] [name]"
```

```
from fastapi import FastAPI
from fastapi.responses import PlainTextResponse
@app.get("/", response_class=PlainTextResponse)
def read_root(greet:str="Hello", name:str="Tren"):
    return(f"{greet} {name}")
@app.get("/{greet}/{name")
def read_all(greet:str="Aloha", name:str="Tren"):
    return {"greet": greet, "name": name}
```

Get JSON & JSONP in Frontends

```
fetch('http://localhost:8000/hi/tren')
.then(r => r.json()) //Simplified arrow function
.then((r) => { //Arrow function
    alert(`${r.greet} ${r.name}`);
}).catch(err => console.log(err)) //Simplified arrow function
```



```
<div id="outputDiv"></div>
<script>
function JavaScriptFetch() {
let q='cat'; var s = document.createElement('script');
s.src = 'https://api.flickr.com/services/feeds/photos_public.gne?format=json&tags='+q
document.querySelector('head').appendChild(s);
function jsonFlickrFeed(data){...}
</script>
```

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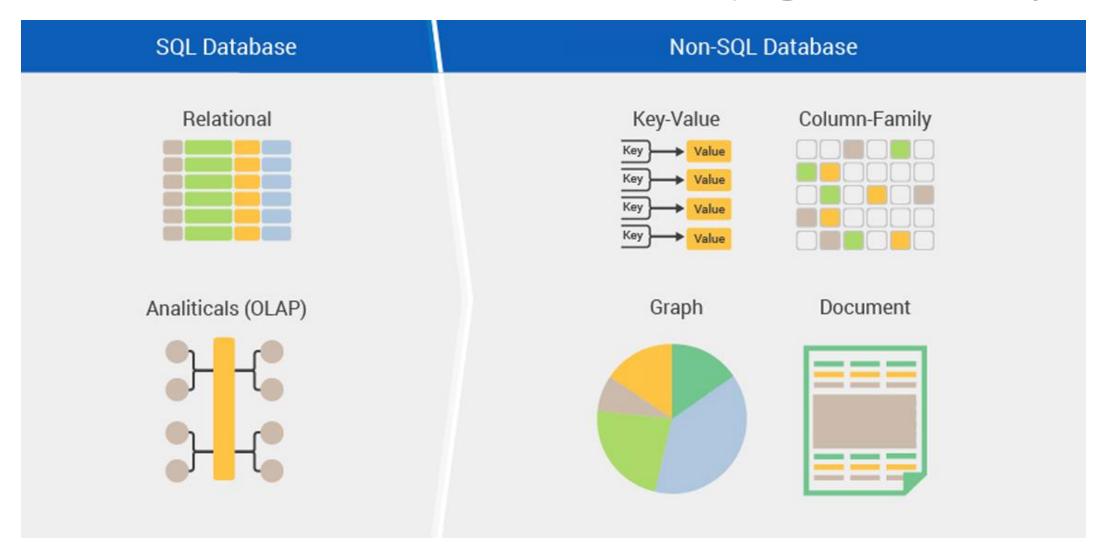
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SQL vs. NoSQL (1/3)

NoSQL better handles unstructured data (e.g., Facebook profile)



SQL vs. NoSQL (2/3)

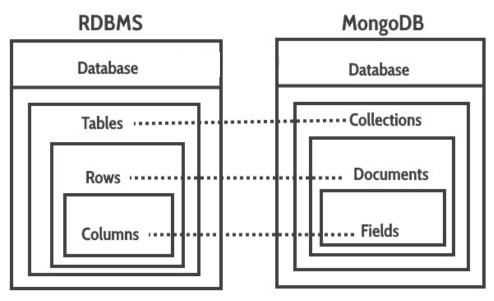
MongoDB is the most popular NoSQL

397 systems in ranking, October 2022

Rank					Score		
Oct 2022	Sep 2022	Oct 2021	DBMS	Database Model	Oct 2022	Sep 2022	Oct 2021
1.	1.	1.	Oracle -	Relational, Multi-model 👔	1236.37	-1.88	-33.98
2.	2.	2.	MySQL []	Relational, Multi-model 👔	1205.38	-7.09	-14.39
3.	3.	3.	Microsoft SQL Server [1]	Relational, Multi-model 👔	924.68	-1.62	-45.93
4.	4.	4.	PostgreSQL [1]	Relational, Multi-model 🛐	622.72	+2.26	+35.75
5.	5.	5.	MongoDB 🚹	Document, Multi-model 🛐	486.23	-3.40	-7.32
6.	6.	6.	Redis 🚹	Key-value, Multi-model 🛐	183.38	+1.91	+12.03
7.	7.	1 8.	Elasticsearch	Search engine, Multi-model 👔	151.07	-0.37	-7.19
8.	8.	4 7.	IBM Db2	Relational, Multi-model 🛐	149.66	-1.73	-16.30
9.	9.	1 11.	Microsoft Access	Relational	138.17	-1.87	+21.79
10.	10.	4 9.	SQLite [1]	Relational	137.80	-1.02	+8.43
11.	11.	4 10.	Cassandra 🚹	Wide column	117.95	-1.17	-1.33
12.	12.	12.	MariaDB 🚹	Relational, Multi-model 🛐	109.31	-0.85	+6.71
13.	13.	1 8.	Snowflake 🚹	Relational	106.72	+3.22	+48.46
14.	14.	4 13.	Splunk	Search engine	94.66	+0.60	+4.04
15.	15.	1 6.	Amazon DynamoDB 🖽	Multi-model 👔	88.35	+0.93	+11.80
16.	16.	4 15.	Microsoft Azure SQL Database	Relational, Multi-model 🔞	84.96	+0.54	+5.24
17.	17.	4 14.	Hive	Relational	80.60	+2.17	-4.14
18.	18.	4 17.	Teradata	Relational, Multi-model 📵	66.07	-0.51	-3.76
19.	19.	19.	Neo4j 🚹	Graph	58.68	-0.79	+0.81
20.	20.		Databricks	Multi-model 🚺	57.61	+1.99	

SQL vs. NoSQL (3/3)

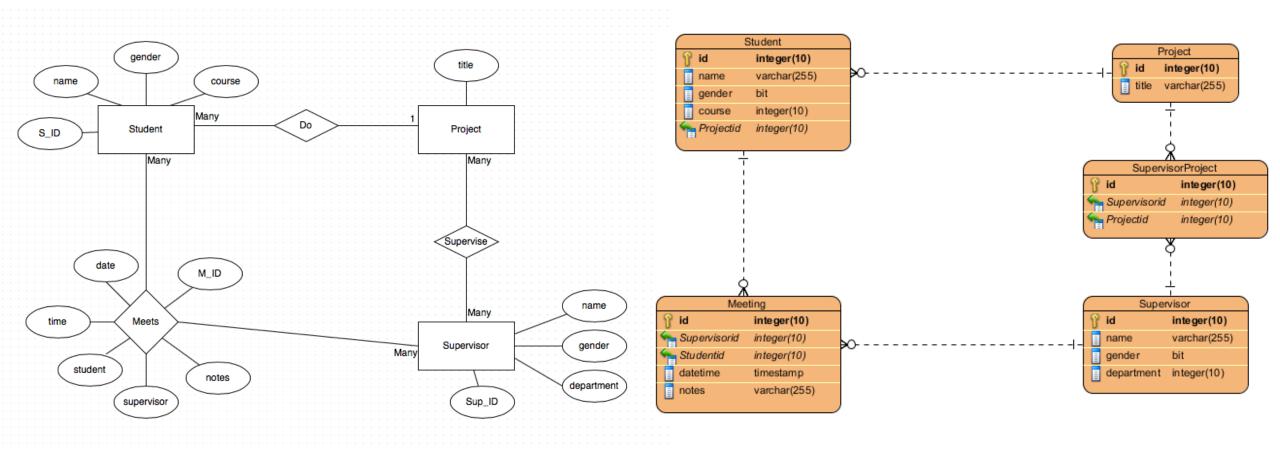
MongoDB uses SQL + Javascript concepts/syntaxes



```
var MongoClient = require('mongodb').MongoClient;
var url = "mongodb://localhost:27017/";
MongoClient.connect(url, function(err, db) {
 if (err) throw err;
 var dbo = db.db("mydb");
 var myobj = { name: "Company Inc", address: "Highway 37" };
 dbo.collection("customers").insertOne(myobj, function(err, res) {
   if (err) throw err;
   console.log("1 document inserted");
   db.close();
 });
});
```

Entity-Relationship Diagram (ERD)

Helps to design data tables in SQL



SQL Syntax (1/3)

SQL CHEAT SHEET http://www.sqltutorial.org

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QUERYING DATA FROM A TABLE

SELECT c1, c2 FROM t;

Query data in columns c1, c2 from a table

SELECT * FROM t:

Query all rows and columns from a table

SELECT c1, c2 FROM t

WHERE condition;

Query data and filter rows with a condition

SELECT DISTINCT c1 FROM t

WHERE condition;

Query distinct rows from a table

SELECT c1, c2 FROM t

ORDER BY cl ASC [DESC];

Sort the result set in ascending or descending order

SELECT c1, c2 FROM t

ORDER BY cl

LIMIT n OFFSET offset;

Skip offset of rows and return the next n rows

SELECT c1, aggregate(c2)

FROM t

GROUP BY cl:

Group rows using an aggregate function

SELECT c1, aggregate(c2)

FROM t

GROUP BY c1

HAVING condition;

Filter groups using HAVING clause

QUERYING FROM MULTIPLE TABLES

SELECT c1, c2

FROM t1

INNER JOIN t2 ON condition;

Inner join t1 and t2

SELECT c1, c2

FROM t1

LEFT JOIN t2 ON condition;

Left join t1 and t1

SELECT c1, c2

FROM t1

RIGHT JOIN t2 ON condition;

Right join t1 and t2

SELECT c1, c2

FROM t1

FULL OUTER JOIN t2 ON condition;

Perform full outer join

SELECT c1, c2

FROM t1

CROSS JOIN t2:

Produce a Cartesian product of rows in tables

SELECT c1, c2

FROM t1, t2:

Another way to perform cross join

SELECT c1. c2

FROM t1 A

INNER JOIN t2 B ON condition;

Join t1 to itself using INNER JOIN clause

USING SOL OPERATORS

SELECT c1, c2 FROM t1

UNION [ALL]

SELECT c1, c2 FROM t2;

Combine rows from two queries

SELECT c1, c2 FROM t1

INTERSECT

SELECT c1, c2 FROM t2;

Return the intersection of two queries

SELECT c1, c2 FROM t1

MINUS

SELECT c1, c2 FROM t2;

Subtract a result set from another result set

SELECT c1, c2 FROM t1

WHERE c1 [NOT] LIKE pattern;

Query rows using pattern matching %, _

SELECT cl. c2 FROM t

WHERE c1 [NOT] IN value list;

Query rows in a list

SELECT c1, c2 FROM t

WHERE c1 BETWEEN low AND high;

Query rows between two values

SELECT c1, c2 FROM t

WHERE cl IS [NOT] NULL;

Check if values in a table is NULL or not

SQL Syntax (2/3)

SQL CHEAT SHEET http://www.sqltutorial.org



MANAGING TABLES CREATE TABLE t (Id INT PRIMARY KEY. name VARCHAR NOT NULL. price INT DEFAULT 0 Create a new table with three columns DROP TABLE t: Delete the table from the database ALTER TABLE t ADD column; Add a new column to the table ALTER TABLE t DROP COLUMN c; Drop column c from the table ALTER TABLE t ADD constraint: Add a constraint ALTER TABLE t DROP constraint; Drop a constraint ALTER TABLE t1 RENAME TO t2: Rename a table from t1 to t2 ALTER TABLE t1 RENAME c1 TO c2; Rename column c1 to c2 TRUNCATE TABLE t; Remove all data in a table

```
USING SQL CONSTRAINTS
CREATE TABLE t(
  cl INT, c2 INT, c3 VARCHAR,
  PRIMARY KEY (c1,c2)
Set c1 and c2 as a primary key
CREATE TABLE t1(
  cl INT PRIMARY KEY,
  c2 INT,
  FOREIGN KEY (c2) REFERENCES t2(c2)
Set c2 column as a foreign key
CREATE TABLE t(
  cl INT, cl INT,
  UNIQUE(c2,c3)
Make the values in c1 and c2 unique
CREATE TABLE t(
 c1 INT, c2 INT,
 CHECK(c1> 0 AND c1>= c2)
Ensure c1 > 0 and values in c1 >= c2
CREATE TABLE t(
  cl INT PRIMARY KEY,
  c2 VARCHAR NOT NULL
Set values in c2 column not NULL
```

```
MODIFYING DATA
INSERT INTO t(column list)
VALUES(value list);
Insert one row into a table
INSERT INTO t(column list)
VALUES (value list),
         (value list), ....;
Insert multiple rows into a table
INSERT INTO t1(column list)
SELECT column list
FROM t2:
Insert rows from t2 into t1
UPDATE t
SET cl = new_value;
Update new value in the column c1 for all rows
UPDATE t
SET c1 = new value.
    c2 = new value
WHERE condition:
Update values in the column c1, c2 that match
the condition
DELETE FROM t:
Delete all data in a table
DELETE FROM t
WHERE condition:
Delete subset of rows in a table
```

SQL Syntax (3/3)

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MANAGING VIEWS

CREATE VIEW v(c1,c2)

AS

SELECT c1, c2

FROM t;

Create a new view that consists of c1 and c2

CREATE VIEW v(c1,c2)

AS

SELECT c1, c2

FROM t;

WITH [CASCADED | LOCAL] CHECK OPTION;

Create a new view with check option

CREATE RECURSIVE VIEW v

AS

select-statement -- anchor part

UNION [ALL]

select-statement; -- recursive part

Create a recursive view

CREATE TEMPORARY VIEW v

AS

SELECT c1, c2

FROM t;

Create a temporary view

DROP VIEW view name:

Delete a view

MANAGING INDEXES

CREATE INDEX idx_name

ON t(c1,c2);

Create an index on c1 and c2 of the table t

CREATE UNIQUE INDEX idx_name

ON t(c3,c4);

Create a unique index on c3, c4 of the table t

DROP INDEX idx name;

Drop an index

SQL AGGREGATE FUNCTIONS

AVG returns the average of a list

COUNT returns the number of elements of a list

SUM returns the total of a list

MAX returns the maximum value in a list

MIN returns the minimum value in a list

MANAGING TRIGGERS

CREATE OR MODIFY TRIGGER trigger_name

WHEN EVENT

ON table name TRIGGER TYPE

EXECUTE stored_procedure;

Create or modify a trigger

WHEN

- BEFORE invoke before the event occurs
- AFTER invoke after the event occurs

EVENT

- INSERT invoke for INSERT
- UPDATE invoke for UPDATE
- DELETE invoke for DELETE

TRIGGER TYPE

- FOR EACH ROW
- FOR EACH STATEMENT

CREATE TRIGGER before_insert_person

BEFORE INSERT

ON person FOR EACH ROW

EXECUTE stored_procedure;

Create a trigger invoked before a new row is inserted into the person table

DROP TRIGGER trigger_name;

Delete a specific trigger

SQLite: A file-based SQL

Often used in small applications (e.g., smartphone apps)





