

# Lecture 9

## SQL part II

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# Outline



- ◆ More on data types
- ◆ Null values
- ◆ Joins
- ◆ Subqueries
- ◆ Views

# More on data types

- ◆ Data types
  - ◆ Strings: `char(n)`, `varchar(n)`
  - ◆ Numbers: `int`, `numeric(p,d)`, `real`
  - ◆ Date/time: `date`, `time`, `timestamp`
  - ◆ Large object types: `clob`, `blob`
- ◆ Some data types support special operations

# String

- ◆ Example of string value: '123 ABC Road'
- ◆ The keyword **like** is used for string pattern matching
- ◆ Special characters
  - ◆ **\_**: it can match any single character
  - ◆ **%**: it can match any substring
- ◆ Conversions
  - ◆ `upper( )`, `lower( )`

prod_id	name	brand	price
1	Coca Cola	CO	7.8
2	Pepsi	PE	8.9
3	7 Up	DP	6.5
4	Sprite	CO	8.3

```
select upper(name)
from Product
where prod_id=2
```

name

PEPSI

```
select name
from Product
where name like '%la'
```

name

Coca Cola

# Date/time

- ◆ Examples of values
  - ◆ date: '2018-09-27'
  - ◆ time: '18:30:00'
  - ◆ timestamp: '2018-09-27 18:30:00'
- ◆ Extract values from a date attribute  $d$ 
  - ◆  $\text{year}(d)$ ,  $\text{month}(d)$ ,  $\text{day}(d)$
- ◆ Extract values from a time attribute  $t$ 
  - ◆  $\text{hour}(t)$ ,  $\text{minute}(t)$ ,  $\text{second}(t)$
- ◆ Example SQL:
  - ◆ Assume the table *Sold* has an attribute *ts* of type timestamp

```
select *  
from Sold  
where year(ts)=2018
```

# Large object types

- ◆ “lob” means large object
  - ◆ Typical size: kilobytes, megabytes
- ◆ **blob** type
  - ◆ It stores binary data
  - ◆ E.g., image, video
- ◆ **clob** type
  - ◆ It stores character data
  - ◆ E.g., text comment

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# Null value

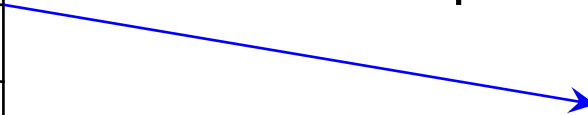
- ◆ Keyword **null**

- ◆ Represents a missing value

- ◆ Example: find products that have missing price

prod_id	name	brand	price
1	Coca Cola	CO	7.8
2	Pepsi	PE	8.9
3	7 Up	DP	6.5
4	Sprite	CO	8.3
5	Soda	SO	<b>null</b>

```
select *  
from Product  
where price is null
```



prod_id	name	brand	price
5	Soda	SO	<b>null</b>



# Null value

- ◆ In select-from-where statement, a tuple belongs to the result if it is **true**

prod_id	name	brand	price
1	Coca Cola	CO	7.8
2	Pepsi	PE	8.9
3	7 Up	DP	6.5
4	Sprite	CO	8.3
5	Soda	SO	<b>null</b>

**select \***  
**from** Product  
**where** price<8.0

prod_id	name	brand	price
1	Coca Cola	CO	7.8
3	7 Up	DP	6.5

**select \***  
**from** Product  
**where** price>8.0

prod_id	name	brand	price
2	Pepsi	PE	8.9
4	Sprite	CO	8.3

# Null value

- ◆ Aggregate function on a column
  - ◆ Null values are ignored

```
select max(price)  
from Product
```

prod_id	name	brand	price
1	Coca Cola	CO	7.8
2	Pepsi	PE	8.9
5	Soda	SO	<b>null</b>

max(price)

8.9

prod_id	name	brand	price
4	Sprite	CO	<b>null</b>
5	Soda	SO	<b>null</b>

max(price)

**null**

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# Inner join

- ◆ Inner join
  - ◆ The join attribute value must appear in both tables
- ◆ **select \* from**  
*course* **inner join** *prereq* **on**  
*course.course\_id = prereq.course\_id*

<i>course_id</i>	<i>title</i>	<i>dept_name</i>	<i>credits</i>	<i>prereq_id</i>	<i>course_id</i>
BIO-301	Genetics	Biology	4	BIO-101	BIO-301
CS-190	Game Design	Comp. Sci.	4	CS-101	CS-190

Relation *course*

<i>course_id</i>	<i>title</i>	<i>dept_name</i>	<i>credits</i>
BIO-301	Genetics	Biology	4
CS-190	Game Design	Comp. Sci.	4
CS-315	Robotics	Comp. Sci.	3

Relation *prereq*

<i>course_id</i>	<i>prereq_id</i>
BIO-301	BIO-101
CS-190	CS-101
CS-347	CS-101

# Left outer join

- ◆ Left outer join
  - ◆ All join attribute values in the left table appear in the result
  - ◆ If the join attribute value is missing in the right table, mark the missing attributes as null
- ◆ **select \* from**  
*course left outer join prereq on*  
*course.course\_id = prereq.course\_id*

<i>course_id</i>	<i>title</i>	<i>dept_name</i>	<i>credits</i>	<i>prereq_id</i>	<i>course_id</i>
BIO-301	Genetics	Biology	4	BIO-101	BIO-301
CS-190	Game Design	Comp. Sci.	4	CS-101	CS-190
CS-315	Robotics	Comp. Sci.	3	<i>null</i>	<i>null</i>

Relation *course*

<i>course_id</i>	<i>title</i>	<i>dept_name</i>	<i>credits</i>
BIO-301	Genetics	Biology	4
CS-190	Game Design	Comp. Sci.	4
CS-315	Robotics	Comp. Sci.	3

Relation *prereq*

<i>course_id</i>	<i>prereq_id</i>
BIO-301	BIO-101
CS-190	CS-101
CS-347	CS-101

# Full outer join

- ◆ Full outer join
  - ◆ If the join attribute value is missing in the left table, mark the missing attributes as null
  - ◆ If the join attribute value is missing in the right table, mark the missing attributes as null
- ◆ **select \* from**  
*course full outer join prereq using (course\_id)*

<i>course_id</i>	<i>title</i>	<i>dept_name</i>	<i>credits</i>	<i>prereq_id</i>
BIO-301	Genetics	Biology	4	BIO-101
CS-190	Game Design	Comp. Sci.	4	CS-101
CS-315	Robotics	Comp. Sci.	3	<i>null</i>
CS-347	<i>null</i>	<i>null</i>	<i>null</i>	CS-101

Relation *course*

<i>course_id</i>	<i>title</i>	<i>dept_name</i>	<i>credits</i>
BIO-301	Genetics	Biology	4
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# Subqueries

- ◆ What is a subquery?
  - ◆ A “select-from-where” statement within a larger query statement
  - ◆ It should be enclosed in ( ... )
- ◆ A subquery may produce
  - ◆ A single value
  - ◆ A single-column table
    - ◆ Compare with it using: **in**, **some**, **all**, **exists**
  - ◆ A multi-column table
    - ◆ Compare with it using: **exists**



# Subqueries

- ◆ Let's use subqueries to express the following tasks
  - ◆ Find the products with price below the average price of products
  - ◆ Find the products with the same brand as the product with prod\_id=4
  - ◆ Find the products that are cheaper than **some** 'CO' products
  - ◆ Find the products that are cheaper than **all** 'CO' products
  - ◆ Find the email of customers who have not purchased anything

# Subquery output as single value

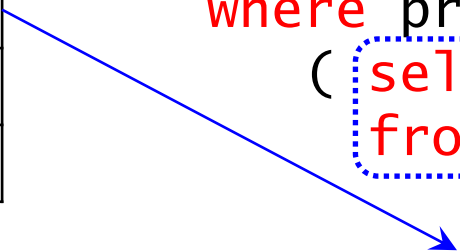
- ◆ Example: find the products with price below the average price of products

- ◆ Get the average price by subquery: 

```
select avg(price)
from Product
```

prod_id	name	brand	price
1	Coca Cola	CO	7.8
2	Pepsi	PE	8.9
3	7 Up	DP	6.5
4	Sprite	CO	8.3

```
select *
from Product
where price <
( select avg(price)
  from Product )
```



prod_id	name	brand	price
1	Coca Cola	CO	7.8
3	7 Up	DP	6.5

# Subquery output as single value

- ◆ Example: find the products with the same brand as the product with prod\_id=4

- ◆ Get the brand by subquery: 

```
select brand
from Product
where prod_id=4
```

prod_id	name	brand	price
1	Coca Cola	CO	7.8
2	Pepsi	PE	8.9
3	7 Up	DP	6.5
4	Sprite	CO	8.3

```
select *
from Product
where brand =
    (select brand
     from Product
     where prod_id=4)
```

prod_id	name	brand	price
1	Coca Cola	CO	7.8
4	Sprite	CO	8.3

# Subquery output as single column

## ◆ Notations

- ◆ Let  $X$  be a value, and  $SC$  be the result of a subquery
- ◆ Let  $\langle \text{compare} \rangle$  be a comparison operator (e.g., =, <, >)

## ◆ $X$ in $SC$

- ◆ Returns true if  $SC$  contains  $X$

## ◆ $X$ $\langle \text{compare} \rangle$ some $SC$

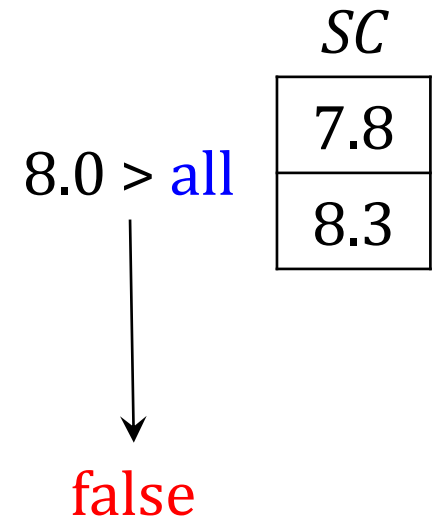
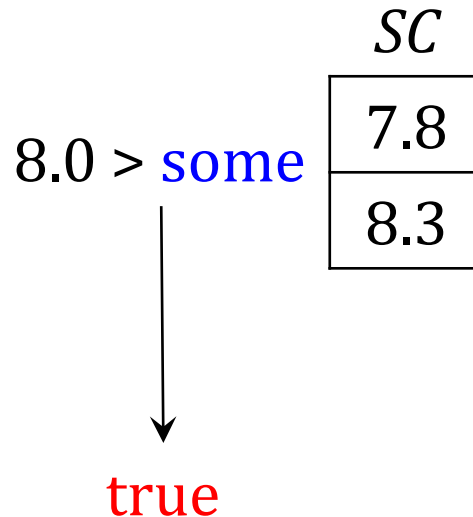
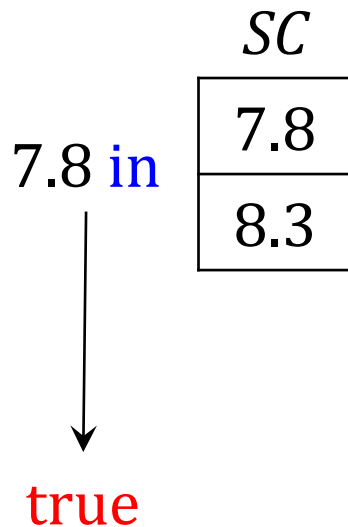
- ◆ Returns true for comparison with at least one value in  $SC$

## ◆ $X$ $\langle \text{compare} \rangle$ all $SC$

- ◆ Returns true for comparison with all values in  $SC$

# Subquery output as single column

- ◆ Let  $SC$  be the result of a subquery
- ◆ Examples for comparison:

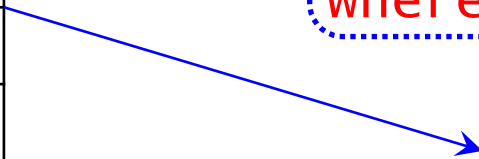


# Subquery output as single column

- ◆ Example: find the products that are cheaper than **some** 'CO' products

```
select *  
from Product  
where price < some  
(  
    select price  
    from Product  
    where brand='CO')  
)
```

prod_id	name	brand	price
1	Coca Cola	CO	7.8
2	Pepsi	PE	8.9
3	7 Up	DP	6.5
4	Sprite	CO	8.3
5	Soda	SO	8.0



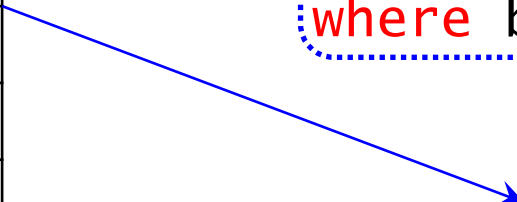
prod_id	name	brand	price
1	Coca Cola	CO	7.8
3	7 Up	DP	6.5
5	Soda	SO	8.0

# Subquery output as single column

- ◆ Example: find the products that are cheaper than **all** 'CO' products

prod_id	name	brand	price
1	Coca Cola	CO	7.8
2	Pepsi	PE	8.9
3	7 Up	DP	6.5
4	Sprite	CO	8.3
5	Soda	SO	8.0

```
select *  
from Product  
where price < all  
  (select price  
   from Product  
   where brand='CO' )
```



prod_id	name	brand	price
3	7 Up	DP	6.5

# Subquery output as single column

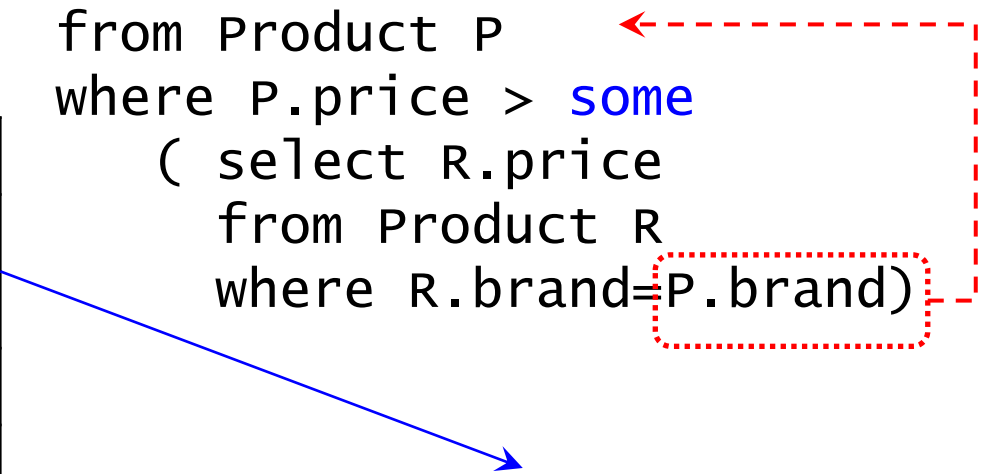
- ◆ Correlated subquery

- ◆ A subquery that refers to the outer statement

- ◆ E.g., `P.brand` refers to the outer statement

prod_id	name	brand	price
1	Coca Cola	CO	7.8
2	Pepsi	PE	8.9
3	7 Up	DP	6.5
4	Sprite	CO	8.3
5	Soda	SO	8.0

```
select *  
from Product P  
where P.price > some  
    ( select R.price  
      from Product R  
      where R.brand=P.brand)
```



prod_id	name	brand	price
4	Sprite	CO	8.3

*[Question]* Is this result correct? Why?



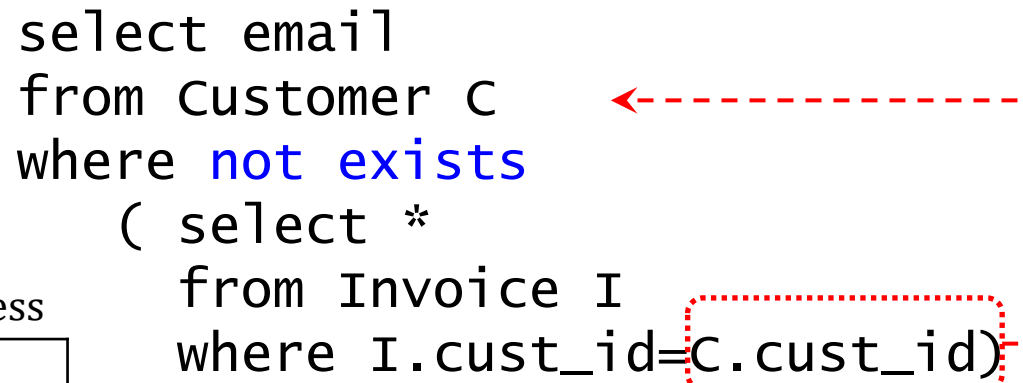
# Subquery output as table

- ◆ Let *ST* be the result of a subquery
- ◆ *exists* (ST)
  - ◆ Returns true if ST is not empty
- ◆ *unique* (ST)
  - ◆ Returns true if ST does not have duplicates
  - ◆ *Note*: this keyword is not supported in MySQL

# Subquery output as table

- Find the email of customers who have not purchased anything

```
select email
from Customer C
where not exists
( select *
  from Invoice I
  where I.cust_id=C.cust_id)
```



**Customer:**

cust_id	name	email	address
1	James	<a href="mailto:james@yahoo.com">james@yahoo.com</a>	AB
2	Mary	<a href="mailto:mary@gmail.com">mary@gmail.com</a>	CD
3	Peter	<a href="mailto:peter@yahoo.com">peter@yahoo.com</a>	EF
4	Peter	<a href="mailto:peter@gmail.com">peter@gmail.com</a>	null

**Invoice:**

inv_id	timestamp	cust_id	amount
1	101	3	8.9
2	102	2	7.8

email
<a href="mailto:james@yahoo.com">james@yahoo.com</a>
<a href="mailto:peter@gmail.com">peter@gmail.com</a>

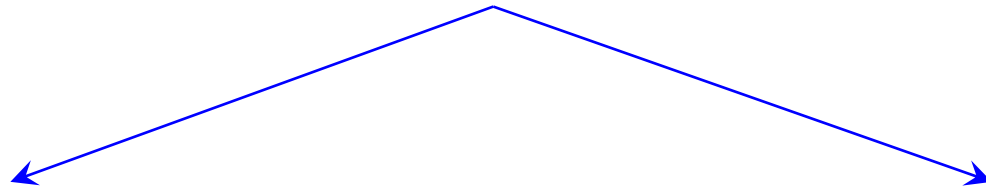
# Subquery: use it or not?

- ◆ Different SQL statements may be used to express the same task
  - ◆ E.g., SQL with subquery vs. SQL without subquery
  - ◆ Just use a SQL statement convenient to you
- ◆ *[Question]* Rewrite the following SQL so that no subqueries are used

```
select prod_id, price
from Product
where price < some
( select price
  from Product
  where brand='CO' )
```

- ◆ *[Question]* Rewrite the following SQL so that no subqueries are used
  - ◆ Two alternative answers are provided

```
select prod_id, price
from Product
where price < some
    ( select price
      from Product
      where brand='CO' )
```



```
select PA.prod_id, PA.price
from Product as PA,
     Product as PB
where PB.brand='CO'
     and PA.price<PB.price
group by PA.prod_id, PA.price
```

```
select distinct
     PA.prod_id, PA.price
from Product as PA,
     Product as PB
where PB.brand='CO'
     and PA.price<PB.price
```

# Derived relation

- ◆ *Derived relation*: a relation obtained by a subquery in the **from** clause
- ◆ The following two queries are equivalent
  - ◆ The second one uses a derived relation *TX*

```
select cust_id, sum(amount)
from Invoice
group by cust_id
having sum(amount)>15.0
```

```
select * from
( select cust_id, sum(amount) as B
  from Invoice
  group by cust_id ) as TX
where B>15.0
```

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# View

- ◆ What is a **view**?

- ◆ A virtual table defined by a SQL statement
  - ◆ Its content not physically stored in DBMS

- ◆ Advantages of using a view

- ◆ Improve the readability of SQL statements
- ◆ Hide unnecessary data from users
- ◆ Provide fine-grained access control to users

# How to create a view?

- ◆ Consider the table *Customer*
- ◆ The marketing team wishes to get the contact information of customers only, but not their names
- ◆ Let's create a view called *Contact*

**Customer**

cust_id
name
email
address

**Contact**

email
address

**create view** Contact as  
select email, address  
from Customer



# How to use a view?

- ◆ Just use a view like a table

**Contact**

email
address

- ◆ Example:

```
select *  
from Contact  
where email like '%yahoo.com'
```

# [Question]

- ◆ Try to define a view called *CustomerLoyalty* so that
  - ◆ It has two attributes: cust\_id, amount
  - ◆ The attribute amount stores the **total amount paid** by the corresponding customer in *Invoice*

**Customer:**

cust_id	name	email	address
1	James	<a href="mailto:james@yahoo.com">james@yahoo.com</a>	AB
2	Mary	<a href="mailto:mary@gmail.com">mary@gmail.com</a>	CD
3	Peter	<a href="mailto:peter@yahoo.com">peter@yahoo.com</a>	EF
4	Peter	<a href="mailto:peter@gmail.com">peter@gmail.com</a>	null

**Invoice:**

inv_id	timestamp	cust_id	amount
1	101	3	8.9
2	102	2	7.8
3	103	2	8.3

# SQL Authorization

- ◆ **grant** statement: confer authorization  
**grant** <privilege list> **on** <relation or view > **to** <user list>
- ◆ **revoke** statement: revoke authorization  
**revoke** <privilege list> **on** <relation or view> **from** <user list>
- ◆ <privilege list> can contain:
  - ◆ **select**: able to query views or relations
  - ◆ **insert**: able to insert tuples
  - ◆ **update**: able to use the SQL update statement
  - ◆ **delete**: able to delete tuples
  - ◆ **all**: all the above

# Roles

- ◆ The users with the same privileges should be assigned the same **role**
- ◆ How to create a role?
  - ◆ **create role** instructor;
- ◆ How to grant a role to users?
  - ◆ **grant** *instructor* **to** John;
  - ◆ **grant** *instructor* **to** Peter;
- ◆ How to grant a privilege to a role?
  - ◆ **grant** **select on** *takes* **to** *instructor*;
- ◆ Then, John and Peter can execute this SQL query:
  - ◆ **select** \* **from** *takes*;

# Summary

- ◆ After this lecture, you should be able to:
  - 1) Understand null values and more data types in SQL
  - 2) Use subqueries to solve problems
  - 3) Understand the concept of view
- ◆ Please read Chapter 4 in the book  
*“Database System Concepts”*, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition
- ◆ Next lecture: How to design database tables?