

## DSC 450: Database Processing for Large-Scale Analytics Assignment Module 1

### Part 1

Write a python function that is going to generate and return a SQL INSERT statement given a table name and value list as parameters. We have not covered SQL yet, so you don't need to run the insert statements, just get your python code to return the required string:

Chose the below example:

For example,

**print(generateInsert('Students', ['1', 'Jane', 'A+']))** should print  
**INSERT INTO Students VALUES (1, Jane, A+);**

All statements start from **INSERT INTO**, followed by the name of the table, followed by **VALUES** and the comma-separated list of supplied values inside parenthesis, terminated by a semi-colon  
Make sure that your function returns the string rather than prints it.

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def generateInsert(table,lst_vals):
    """
    function that generates and returns a sql insert
    statement,given a table and a list as parameters
    """
    sql_insert = "INSERT INTO {} VALUES ({});".format(table,str(lst_vals).replace('[','').replace(']',''))
    if type(table)!=str or type(lst_vals)!=list: #table must be string and lst_vals be a list
        print("Input of table or lst_vals is incorrect. Please re-enter values and remember:\n1. table needs to be a string\n2. lst_vals needs to be a list")
    else:
        return sql_insert

print(generateInsert('Students', ['1', 'Jane', 'A+']))
INSERT INTO Students VALUES ('1', 'Jane', 'A+');
print(generateInsert('Phones',['42','312-555-1212']))
INSERT INTO Phones VALUES ('42', '312-555-1212');
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## Part 2

- a) Define a relational schema with underlined (primary) keys and arrows connecting foreign keys and primary keys for a database containing the following information.
- **Authors** have LastName, FirstName, ID, and Birthdate (identified by ID)
  - **Publishers** have Name, PubNumber, Address (identified by PubNumber)
  - **Books** have ISBN, Title, Publisher (each book has a publisher and is identified by its ISBN).
  - Authors **Write** Books; since many authors can co-author a book, we need to know the relative contribution of the author to a book, signified by their position in the author list (i.e. 1, 2, 3, etc.)

Authors\_Table → (Author\_LastName, Author\_FirstName, Author\_ID, and Author\_Birthdate)

Publishers\_Table → (Publisher\_Name, PubNumber, Publisher\_Address)

Books\_Table → (ISBN, Title, Book\_Publisher)

Write\_Table → (ISBN, Author\_ID, Author\_Contribution\_Num)

\*Per class discussion group → Book\_Publisher = PubNumber

The Primary key for the Authors\_Table is Author\_ID. The primary key for the Publishers\_Table is PubNumber. The Primary Key for Books\_Table is ISBN. The foreign key comes from the Books\_Table, specifically *Book\_Publisher*. Two foreign keys come from the Write\_Table, which are ISBN (connecting to the Books\_Table) and Author\_ID (connecting to the Authors\_Table).

b) Define a relational schema for students, student advisors, and advisor departments

- **Students** have StudentID, First Name, Last Name, DOB, Telephone and a reference to their advisor
- **Advisors** have ID, Name, Address, Research Area, and a reference link to their Department
- **Departments** have Name, Chair, Endowment (identified by Name)

Students\_Table → (Student\_ID, FirstName, LastName, DOB, Phone, Advisors\_Ref)

Advisors\_Table → (Advisors\_ID, Adv\_Name, Address, Research\_Area, Dept\_Ref)

Departments\_Table → (Dept\_Name, Chair, Endowment)

In the Students\_Table, Student\_ID is the primary key. In the Advisors\_Table, Advisors\_ID is the primary key. In the Departments\_Table, Dept\_Name is the primary key. *Advisors\_Ref* is the foreign key connecting Students\_Table and Advisors\_Table. *Dept\_Ref* is foreign key connecting the Advisors\_Table to the Departments\_Table.