



# Block 3

## Introduction to Relational Database Management Systems

### Learning Outcomes

After completing this topic and the recommended reading, you should be able to:

- Use relational database models and structured query languages (SQL).
- Gain experience with interfacing SQL from R and Python.

# **1. Database**

## ***Database***

- An organised collection of structured information or data.
- Stored electronically in a computer system.

## ***Relational Databases***

- A type of database that stores and provides access to data points that are related to one another.
- Store data in structured, tabular form.
- The columns of the table hold **attributes** of the data.
- The rows of the table hold **records (tuples)**, and each record usually has a value for each attribute.

## ***Nonrelational Databases***

- Often called **NoSQL** databases.
- Store data in unstructured and semi-structured, non-tabular form.
- Graph database
  - Stores data in terms entities (nodes) and relationships (edges) between entities.
- Document-oriented database
  - Stores data in the form of JSON-like documents.
  - Stores all information for a given object in a single instance in the database.
  - Every stored object can be different from another.
- Examples:
  - *MongoDB*: uses JSON-like documents with optional schemas.

## ***Database Management System (DBMS)***

- A database is usually controlled by a DBMS.
- The data can then be easily accessed, managed, modified, updated, controlled and organised.

## ***Relational Database Management System (RDBMS)***

- A system used to maintain relational databases.
- Stores data in a row-based table structure which connects related data elements.
- Using **Structured Query Language (SQL)** to access the database.
- Includes functions that maintain the security, accuracy, integrity and consistency of the data.

## ***RDBMS Terminology***



- **Relation (Table)**
  - Collection of rows and columns.
  - Each table usually represent an entity.
- **Attribute (Column)**
  - Each attribute has a type or domain.
- **Tuple (Row)**
  - Each tuple represent a record, a set of attribute values.
- **Schema**
  - The description on how the database table is constructed.




- **Primary Key**

- The attribute which is the unique identifier (**ID**) for each tuple/record.
- The set of attributes whose combine values are unique.
- Cannot have null values.



- **Foreign Key**

- The primary key that is used in another table that provides a link/relationship between data in two tables.



Table:  Course 














	course_id	name	capacity
	Filter	Filter	Filter
1	ST101	programming for data science	60
2	ST115	Managing and Visualising Data	60
3	ST207	Databases	30
4	ST310	Machine Learning	100

Table:  Student 

	student_id	name	year
	Filter	Filter	Filter
1	201921323	Ava Smith	2
2	201832220	Ben Johnson	3
3	202003219	Charile Jones	1
4	202045234	Dan Norris	1
5	201985603	Emily Wood	1
6	201933222	Freddie Harris	2
7	201875940	Grace Clarke	2

Table:  Grade 

	course_id	student_id	final_mark
	Filter	Filter	Filter
1	ST101	201921323	78
2	ST101	201985603	60
3	ST101	202003219	47
4	ST115	201921323	92
5	ST115	202003219	67
6	ST115	201933222	88
7	ST207	201933222	73
8	ST207	201875940	60

Name	Type	Schema
▼  Tables (3)		
▼  Course		CREATE TABLE "Course" ( "course_id" TEXT, "name" TEXT, "capacity" INTEGER )
 course_id	TEXT	"course_id" TEXT
 name	TEXT	"name" TEXT
 capacity	INTEGER	"capacity" INTEGER
▼  Grade		CREATE TABLE "Grade" ( "course_id" TEXT, "student_id" INTEGER, "final_mark" INTEGER )
 course_id	TEXT	"course_id" TEXT
 student_id	INTEGER	"student_id" INTEGER
 final_mark	INTEGER	"final_mark" INTEGER
▼  Student		CREATE TABLE "Student" ( "student_id" TEXT, "name" TEXT, "year" INTEGER, PRIMARY KEY("student_id") )
 student_id	TEXT	"student_id" TEXT
 name	TEXT	"name" TEXT
 year	INTEGER	"year" INTEGER

## **2. Structured Query Language**

### ***Structured Query Language (SQL)***

- A standardised domain-specific language used in programming and designed for managing data held in a RDBMS.
- Used to create, maintain (insert, update, delete), and retrieve (query) the relational database.

### ***SQLite***

- RDBMS contained in a C library.
- Lightweight, non-client-server database engine.

### ***DB Browser for SQLite (DB4S)***

- Tool to create, design, and edit database files that are compatible with SQLite.
- <https://sqlitebrowser.org>

### ***Basic SQLite Syntax (Creating & Manipulating Databases)***

- **Add a Table**
  - CREATE TABLE *table\_name* (  
*attribute1 datatype*,  
*attribute2 datatype*,  
...  
)

```

1  CREATE TABLE Teacher (
2      staff_id TEXT,
3      name TEXT
4  )

```

- **Delete a Table**

- DROP TABLE *table\_name*

```
1 DROP TABLE Teacher
```

- **Select Data**

- SELECT *attribute1, attribute2, ...*  
FROM *table\_name*

```
1 SELECT name
2 FROM Student
```

- **Insert Tuples/Rows**

- INSERT INTO *table\_name* (*attribute1, attribute2, ...*)  
VALUES (*value1, value2, ...*)
- INSERT INTO *table\_name*  
VALUES (*value1, value2, ...*)

```
1 INSERT INTO Student
2 VALUES (202029744, "Harper Taylor", 1)
```

- **Update Tuples/Rows**

- UPDATE *table\_name*  
SET *attribute1 = value1, attribute2 = value2, ...*  
WHERE *conditions*

```
1 UPDATE Student
2 SET student_id = "201929744"
3 WHERE name = "Harper Taylor"
```

- **Delete Tuples/Rows**

- DELETE FROM *table\_name*  
WHERE *conditions*

```

1 DELETE FROM Student
2 WHERE name = "Harper Taylor"

```

## Basic SQLite Queries

- Conditions

- SELECT *attribute1, attribute2, ...*

FROM *table\_name*

WHERE *conditions*

```

1 SELECT student_id
2 FROM Grade
3 WHERE course_id = 'ST101'

```

```

1 SELECT *
2 FROM Grade
3 WHERE course_id = 'ST101'

```

- Several Tables

- SELECT *table.attribute1, table.attribute2, ...*

FROM *table1, table2, ...*

WHERE *condition1 AND/OR condition2 ...*

```

1 SELECT Student.name
2 FROM Grade, Student
3 WHERE Grade.course_id = 'ST101' AND Student.student_id = Grade.student_id

```

```

1 SELECT name
2 FROM Grade, Student
3 WHERE Grade.course_id = 'ST101' AND Student.student_id = Grade.student_id

```

- Multiple Conditions

```

1 SELECT Course.name
2 FROM Student, Grade, Course
3 WHERE (Student.name = 'Ava Smith' OR Student.name = 'Freddie Harris')
4         AND Student.student_id = Grade.student_id
5         AND Course.course_id = Grade.course_id

```

- `SELECT DISTINCT attribute1, attribute2, ...`  
`FROM table_name`

```

1  SELECT DISTINCT Course.name
2  FROM Student, Grade, Course
3  WHERE (Student.name = 'Ava Smith' OR Student.name = 'Freddie Harris')
4         AND Student.student_id = Grade.student_id
5         AND Course.course_id = Grade.course_id

```

- **Aggregation**

- `SELECT attributes, aggregation_functions AS column_name`  
`FROM table_name`  
`WHERE conditions`  
`GROUP BY attributes`  
`ORDER BY attributes`

```

1  SELECT course_id, AVG(final_mark)
2  FROM Grade
3  GROUP BY course_id

```

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```

1  SELECT course_id, AVG(final_mark) AS avg_mark
2  FROM Grade
3  GROUP BY course_id

```

- Aggregation functions
  - COUNT(), MAX(), MIN(), SUM(), AVG()

## ***Basic SQLite Joins***

- A **JOIN** clause is used to combine rows from two or more tables, based on a related column between them.
- **Inner Join**
  - Selects records that have matching values in both tables

```

1  SELECT *
2  FROM Grade, Student
3  WHERE Grade.course_id = 'ST101' AND Student.student_id = Grade.student_id
4  ORDER BY Student.name

```

- SELECT *attributes*

FROM *table1* JOIN *table2*

ON *table1.attribute* = *table2.attribute*

```

1  SELECT *
2  FROM Student JOIN Grade
3  ON Student.student_id = Grade.student_id
4  WHERE course_id = 'ST101'
5  ORDER BY Student.name

```

- SELECT *attributes*

FROM *table1* JOIN *table2*

USING(*attribute*)

```

1  SELECT *
2  FROM Student JOIN Grade
3  USING(student_id)
4  WHERE course_id = 'ST101'
5  ORDER BY Student.name

```

- **Natural Join**

- The join condition is automatically identified

- SELECT *attributes*

FROM *table1* NATURAL JOIN *table2*

WHERE *conditions*

ORDER BY *attribute1*

```

1  SELECT *
2  FROM Student NATURAL JOIN Grade
3  WHERE course_id = 'ST101'
4  ORDER BY Student.name

```

- **Left Join**

- Returns all records from the left table (table1), and the matching records from the right table (table2)
- *NULL* value for right table (table2) attributes with no corresponding record

SELECT *attributes*  
FROM *table1* LEFT JOIN *table2*  
USING (*attribute*)

```
1 SELECT *
2 FROM Student LEFT JOIN Grade
3 USING (student_id)
4 ORDER BY Student.name
```

- **Cross Join**

- Returns all records when there is a match in left table (table1) or right table (table2) records

SELECT *attributes*  
FROM *table1* CROSS JOIN *table2*  
WHERE *conditions*  
ORDER BY *attribute1*

```
1 SELECT *
2 FROM Student CROSS JOIN Grade
3 ORDER BY Student.name
```

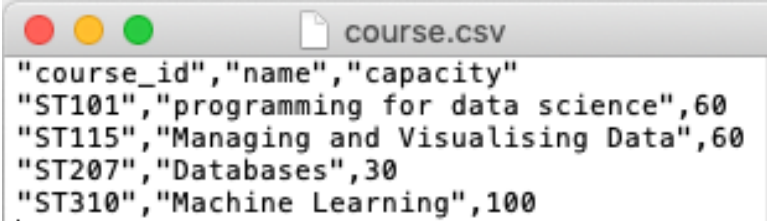
### **3. Using Databases with R**

#### ***Connecting to Databases in R (DBI)***

- Use “RSQLite” and “DBI” packages
  - `install.packages(“RSQLite”)`
  - `library(DBI)`
- Set working directory
  - `setwd(“~/ST2195/database/”)`
- Remove existing database
  - `if (file.exists(“University.db”))`  
`file.remove(“University.db”)`
- Create connection to database
  - `conn <- dbConnect(RSQLite::SQLite(), “University.db”)`

#### ***Creating Tables in R (DBI)***

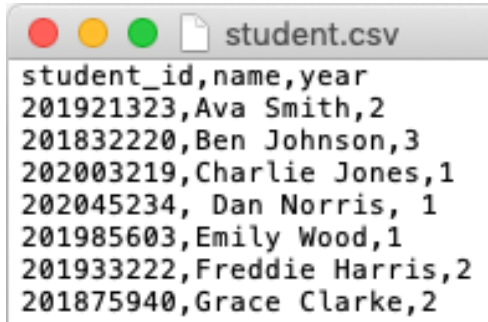
- Read CSV files as data frames
  - `course <- read.csv(“course.csv”, header = TRUE)`



```

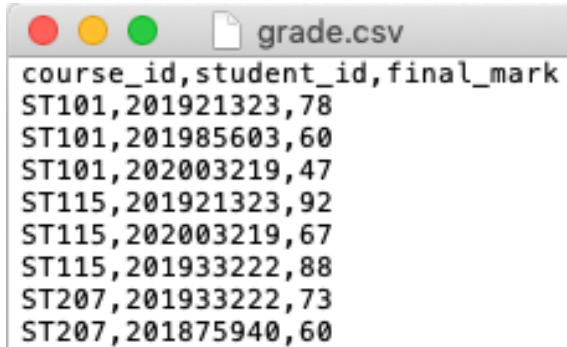
"course_id","name","capacity"
"ST101","programming for data science",60
"ST115","Managing and Visualising Data",60
"ST207","Databases",30
"ST310","Machine Learning",100
  
```

- `student <- read.csv(“student.csv”, header = TRUE)`



```
student_id,name,year
201921323,Ava Smith,2
201832220,Ben Johnson,3
202003219,Charlie Jones,1
202045234, Dan Norris, 1
201985603,Emily Wood,1
201933222,Freddie Harris,2
201875940,Grace Clarke,2
```

- `grade <- read.csv("grade.csv", header = TRUE)`



```
course_id,student_id,final_mark
ST101,201921323,78
ST101,201985603,60
ST101,202003219,47
ST115,201921323,92
ST115,202003219,67
ST115,201933222,88
ST207,201933222,73
ST207,201875940,60
```

- Copy data frames to database tables
  - `dbWriteTable(conn, "Course", course)`
  - `dbWriteTable(conn, "Student", student)`
  - `dbWriteTable(conn, "Grade", grade)`
- Adding a new table
  - `dbCreateTable(conn, "Teacher",  
c(staff_id = "TEXT", name = "TEXT"))`
  - or
  - `dbExecute(conn, "CREATE TABLE Teacher (  
staff_id TEXT PRIMARY KEY,  
name TEXT)")`
- Deleting a table
  - `dbRemoveTable(conn, "Teacher")`

or

- `dbExecute(conn, "DROP TABLE Teacher")`

- List database tables

- `dbListTables(conn)`

```
[1] "Course" "Grade" "Student"
```

- Browse database table

- `dbReadTable(conn, "Student")`

	<code>student_id</code>	<code>name</code>	<code>year</code>
1	201921323	Ava Smith	2
2	201832220	Ben Johnson	3
3	202003219	Charlie Jones	1
4	202045234	Dan Norris	1
5	201985603	Emily Wood	1
6	201933222	Freddie Harris	2
7	201875940	Grace Clarke	2

- Show attributes

- `dbListFields(conn, "Student")`

```
[1] "student_id" "name" "year"
```

## ***Manipulating Data in R (DBI)***

- Inserting tuples/rows

- `dbAppendTable(conn, "Student",  
data.frame(student_id = "202029744",  
name = "Harper Taylor", year = 1))`

or

- `dbExecute(conn, "INSERT INTO Student  
VALUES(202029744, 'Harper Taylor', 1)")`

	student_id	name	year
1	201921323	Ava Smith	2
2	201832220	Ben Johnson	3
3	202003219	Charlie Jones	1
4	202045234	Dan Norris	1
5	201985603	Emily Wood	1
6	201933222	Freddie Harris	2
7	201875940	Grace Clarke	2
8	202029744	Harper Taylor	1

- Updating tuples/rows
  - `dbExecute(conn, "UPDATE Student  
SET student_id = '201929744'  
WHERE name = 'Harper Taylor'")`

	student_id	name	year
1	201921323	Ava Smith	2
2	201832220	Ben Johnson	3
3	202003219	Charlie Jones	1
4	202045234	Dan Norris	1
5	201985603	Emily Wood	1
6	201933222	Freddie Harris	2
7	201875940	Grace Clarke	2
8	201929744	Harper Taylor	1

- Deleting tuples/rows
  - `dbExecute(conn, "DELETE FROM Student  
WHERE name = 'Harper Taylor'")`

	student_id	name	year
1	201921323	Ava Smith	2
2	201832220	Ben Johnson	3
3	202003219	Charlie Jones	1
4	202045234	Dan Norris	1
5	201985603	Emily Wood	1
6	201933222	Freddie Harris	2
7	201875940	Grace Clarke	2

- Disconnecting from database
  - `dbDisconnect(conn)`

## *Querying Databases in R (DBI)*

- Getting query result in data frame
  - `q1 <- dbGetQuery(conn, "SELECT final_mark  
FROM Grade  
WHERE course_id = 'ST101'")`

	final_mark
1	78
2	60
3	47

- Sending query to database engine
  - `q1 <- dbSendQuery(conn, "SELECT final_mark  
FROM Grade  
WHERE course_id = 'ST101'")`

```
<SQLiteResult>
  SQL  SELECT final_mark
FROM Grade
WHERE course_id = 'ST101'
  ROWS Fetched: 0 [incomplete]
    Changed: 0
```

- Fetch query result from database engine

- dbFetch(q1)

	final_mark
1	78
2	60
3	47

- Getting results in alphabetical order

- dbGetQuery(conn, “SELECT Student.name  
FROM Grade, Student  
WHERE Grade.course\_id = ‘ST101’ AND  
Student.student\_id = Grade.student\_id  
ORDER BY Student.name”)

or

- dbGetQuery(conn, “SELECT Student.name  
FROM Student NATURAL JOIN Grade  
WHERE course\_id = ‘ST101’  
ORDER BY Student.name”)

	name
1	Ava Smith
2	Charlie Jones
3	Emily Wood

- Getting distinct results
  - dbGetQuery(conn, “SELECT DISTINCT Course.name  
FROM Student, Grade, Course  
WHERE (Student.name = ‘Ava Smith’ OR  
Student.name = ‘Freddie Harris’) AND  
Student.student\_id = Grade.student\_id  
AND Course.course\_id = Grade.course\_id”)
 

or
  - dbGetQuery(conn, “SELECT DISTINCT Course.name  
FROM (Student NATURAL JOIN Grade)  
S JOIN Course  
ON Course.course\_id = S.course\_id  
WHERE S.name = ‘Ava Smith’ OR  
S.name = ‘Freddie Harris’”)

```

                                name
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```

- Getting calculated results
  - dbGetQuery(conn, “SELECT course\_id, AVG(final\_mark)  
AS avg\_mark  
FROM Grade  
GROUP BY course\_id”)

```

course_id avg_mark
1 ST101 61.66667
2 ST115 82.33333
3 ST207 66.50000

```

## Querying Databases in R (dplyr)

- Creating a reference to tables
  - `library(dplyr)`
  - `student_db <- tbl(conn, "Student")`
  - `grade_db <- tbl(conn, "Grade")`
  - `course_db <- tbl(conn, "Course")`
- Getting rows with conditions
  - `q1 <- grade_db %>% filter(course_id == "ST101")`

```

  course_id student_id final_mark
    <chr>         <int>      <int>
1 ST101         201921323         78
2 ST101         201985603         60
3 ST101         202003219         47

```

- `show_query(q1)`

```

<SQL>
SELECT *
FROM `Grade`
WHERE (`course_id` = 'ST101')

```

- Getting rows in alphabetical order
  - `q2 <- inner_join(student_db, grade_db) %>%`  
`filter(course_id == "ST101") %>%`  
`select(name) %>%`  
`arrange(name)`

```

# Ordered by: name
  name
  <chr>
1 Ava Smith
2 Charlie Jones
3 Emily Wood

```

- show\_query(q2)

```
<SQL>
SELECT `name`
FROM (SELECT `LHS`.`student_id` AS `student_id`, `name`, `year`, `course_id`, `final_mark`
FROM `Student` AS `LHS`
INNER JOIN `Grade` AS `RHS`
ON (`LHS`.`student_id` = `RHS`.`student_id`)
)
WHERE (`course_id` = 'ST101')
ORDER BY `name`
```

- Getting distinct rows

- q3 <- inner\_join(student\_db, grade\_db, by = “student\_id”) %>%
   
inner\_join(course\_db, by = “course\_id”,
   
suffix = c(“student”, “course”) %>%
   
filter(name.student == ‘Ava Smith’ |
   
name.student == ‘Freddie Harris’) %>%
   
select(name.course) %>%
   
distinct()

```
name.course
<chr>
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```

- show\_query(q3)

```
<SQL>
SELECT DISTINCT `name.course`
FROM (SELECT `student_id`, `LHS`.`name` AS `name.student`, `year`, `LHS`.`course_id` AS `course_id`,
`final_mark`, `RHS`.`name` AS `name.course`, `capacity`
FROM (SELECT `LHS`.`student_id` AS `student_id`, `name`, `year`, `course_id`, `final_mark`
FROM `Student` AS `LHS`
INNER JOIN `Grade` AS `RHS`
ON (`LHS`.`student_id` = `RHS`.`student_id`)
) AS `LHS`
INNER JOIN `Course` AS `RHS`
ON (`LHS`.`course_id` = `RHS`.`course_id`)
)
WHERE (`name.student` = 'Ava Smith' OR `name.student` = 'Freddie Harris')
```

- Getting calculated rows

- `q4 <- grade_db %>% group_by(course_id) %>%  
summarize(avg_mark = mean(final_mark, na.rm = TRUE))`

	course_id	avg_mark
	<chr>	<dbl>
1	ST101	61.7
2	ST115	82.3
3	ST207	66.5

- `show_query(q4)`

```
<SQL>
SELECT `course_id`, AVG(`final_mark`) AS `avg_mark`
FROM `Grade`
GROUP BY `course_id`
```

## **4. Using Databases with Python**

### ***Connecting to Databases in Python***

- Remove existing database
  - import os
  - try:
 

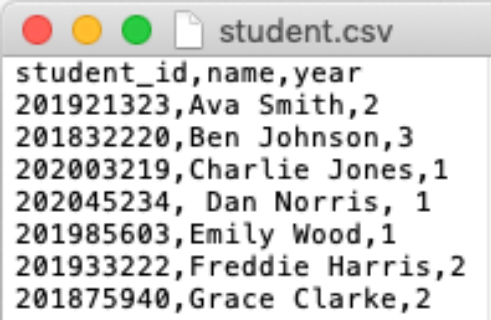
```
os.remove('University.db')
```

  - except OSError:
 

```
pass
```
- Use “sqlite3” packages
  - import sqlite3
- Create connection to database
  - conn = sqlite3.connect('University.db')

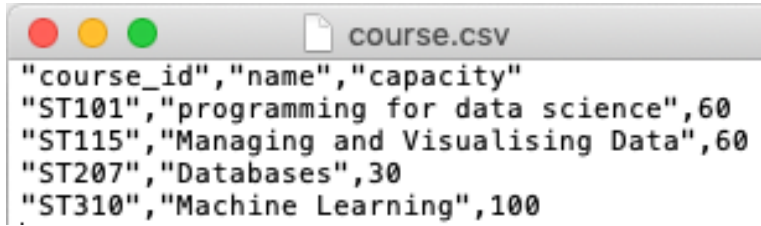
### ***Creating Tables in Python***

- Read CSV files as data frames
  - import pandas as pd
  - student = pd.read\_csv("student.csv")



```
student_id,name,year
201921323,Ava Smith,2
201832220,Ben Johnson,3
202003219,Charlie Jones,1
202045234, Dan Norris, 1
201985603,Emily Wood,1
201933222,Freddie Harris,2
201875940,Grace Clarke,2
```

- course = pd.read\_csv("course.csv")

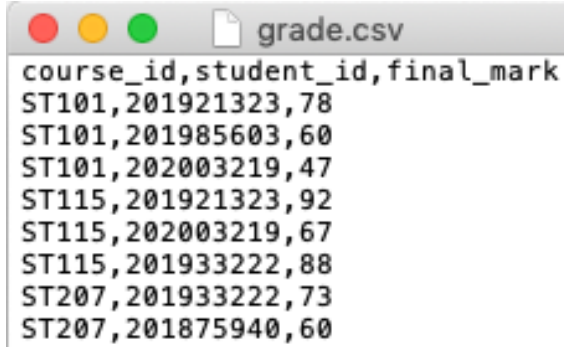


```

"course_id","name","capacity"
"ST101","programming for data science",60
"ST115","Managing and Visualising Data",60
"ST207","Databases",30
"ST310","Machine Learning",100

```

- `grade = pd.read_csv("grade.csv")`



```

course_id,student_id,final_mark
ST101,201921323,78
ST101,201985603,60
ST101,202003219,47
ST115,201921323,92
ST115,202003219,67
ST115,201933222,88
ST207,201933222,73
ST207,201875940,60

```

- Copy data frames to database tables
  - `student.to_sql('Student', con = conn, index = False)`
  - `course.to_sql('Course', con = conn, index = False)`
  - `grade.to_sql('Grade', con = conn, index = False)`

## ***Manipulating Data in Python***

- Create cursor object
  - `c = conn.cursor()`
- Execute SQL commands to get all tables
  - `c.execute(""" SELECT name  
FROM sqlite_master  
WHERE type='table'  
""")`
- Fetch all tables
  - `c.fetchall()`

```
[('Student',), ('Course',), ('Grade',)]
```

- Browse database table

- `q = c.execute("SELECT * FROM Student").fetchall()`
- `pd.DataFrame(q)`

	0	1	2
0	201921323	Ava Smith	2
1	201832220	Ben Johnson	3
2	202003219	Charlie Jones	1
3	202045234	Dan Norris	1
4	201985603	Emily Wood	1
5	201933222	Freddie Harris	2
6	201875940	Grace Clarke	2

- Add a new table

- `c.execute(""" CREATE TABLE Teacher  
                 (staff_id TEXT PRIMARY KEY, name TEXT)  
                 """)`
- `conn.commit()`

- Delete a table

- `c.execute("DROP TABLE Teacher")`
- `conn.commit()`

- Insert tuples/rows

- `c.execute(""" INSERT INTO Student  
                 VALUES(202029744, 'Harper Taylor', 1)  
                 """)`
- `conn.commit()`

	0	1	2
0	201921323	Ava Smith	2
1	201832220	Ben Johnson	3
2	202003219	Charlie Jones	1
3	202045234	Dan Norris	1
4	201985603	Emily Wood	1
5	201933222	Freddie Harris	2
6	201875940	Grace Clarke	2
7	202029744	Harper Taylor	1

- Update tuples/rows
  - `c.execute(““ UPDATE Student  
SET student_id = “201929744”  
WHERE name = “Harper Taylor”  
””)`
  - `conn.commit()`

	0	1	2
0	201921323	Ava Smith	2
1	201832220	Ben Johnson	3
2	202003219	Charlie Jones	1
3	202045234	Dan Norris	1
4	201985603	Emily Wood	1
5	201933222	Freddie Harris	2
6	201875940	Grace Clarke	2
7	201929744	Harper Taylor	1

- Delete tuples/rows
  - `c.execute(““ DELETE FROM Student  
WHERE name = “Harper Taylor”  
””)`
  - `conn.commit()`

	0	1	2
0	201921323	Ava Smith	2
1	201832220	Ben Johnson	3
2	202003219	Charlie Jones	1
3	202045234	Dan Norris	1
4	201985603	Emily Wood	1
5	201933222	Freddie Harris	2
6	201875940	Grace Clarke	2

- Disconnecting from database
  - `conn.close()`

## *Querying Databases in Python*

- Get query results in data frame
  - `q1 = c.execute(""" SELECT final_mark  
FROM Grade  
WHERE course_id = 'ST101'  
""").fetchall()`
  - `pd.DataFrame(q1)`

	0
0	78
1	60
2	47

- Get results in alphabetical order
  - `q2 = c.execute(""" SELECT Student.name  
FROM Grade, Student  
WHERE Grade.course_id='ST101' AND  
Student.student_id=Grade.student.id`

ORDER BY Student.name

''').fetchall()

- `pd.DataFrame(q2)`

	0
0	Ava Smith
1	Charlie Jones
2	Emily Wood

- Get distinct results

- `q3 = c.execute(""" SELECT DISTINCT Course.name  
FROM Student, Grade, Course  
WHERE (Student.name = 'Ava Smith' OR  
Student.name = 'Freddie Harris') AND  
Student.student_id = Grade.student_id  
AND Course.course_id = Grade.course_id  
""').fetchall()`

- `pd.DataFrame(q3)`

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- Get calculated results

- `q4 = c.execute(""" SELECT course_id, AVG(final_mark)  
AS avg_mark  
FROM Grade  
GROUP BY course_id  
""').fetchall()`

- `pd.DataFrame(q4)`

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0	ST101	61.666667
1	ST115	82.333333
2	ST207	66.500000

## **Useful Resources**

- - <http://>