# **DATABASE**

**ACID Properties**

ACID stands for **Atomicity**, **Consistency**, **Isolation**, and **Durability**—key principles to ensure reliable database transactions:

1. **Atomicity**:  
   A transaction is all-or-nothing. If any part fails, the entire transaction is rolled back.
2. **Consistency**:  
   The database must remain valid before and after a transaction (e.g., adhering to constraints).
3. **Isolation**:  
   Transactions are executed independently, ensuring no interference from other transactions.
4. **Durability**:  
   Once a transaction is committed, its changes are saved permanently, even in case of a crash.

These properties ensure data integrity in PostgreSQL and other databases!

### Normalization

**Normalization** is the process of organizing data in a database to reduce redundancy and improve data integrity. It involves breaking data into smaller tables and defining relationships between them.

#### Key Normalization Forms:

1. **First Normal Form (1NF)**:
   * Ensure each column contains atomic (indivisible) values.
   * No repeating groups or arrays in columns.
2. **Second Normal Form (2NF)**:
   * Must be in 1NF.
   * Remove partial dependencies (no column depends on part of a composite key).
3. **Third Normal Form (3NF)**:
   * Must be in 2NF.
   * Remove transitive dependencies (no column depends on another non-key column).

#### Benefits:

* Eliminates duplicate data.
* Ensures consistency and reduces storage waste.
* Simplifies data maintenance and updates.

Normalization ensures a clean and efficient database structure!

### Relationships

**Relationships** in databases define how tables are connected to each other. They help link data stored in different tables.

#### Types of Relationships:

1. **One-to-One (1:1)**:
   * Each row in Table A is linked to exactly one row in Table B, and vice versa.
   * Example: A person and their passport.
2. **One-to-Many (1:N)**:
   * A row in Table A can be linked to multiple rows in Table B.
   * Example: A customer can have multiple orders.
3. **Many-to-Many (M:N)**:
   * Rows in Table A can relate to multiple rows in Table B and vice versa.
   * Example: Students and courses (a student can enroll in many courses, and a course can have many students).
   * Typically implemented using a **junction table**.

#### Key Elements in Relationships:

* **Primary Key (PK)**: A unique identifier for rows in a table.
* **Foreign Key (FK)**: A field in one table that references the primary key in another table to establish a link.

Relationships help maintain data integrity and enable complex queries across tables!

**Joins**

**Joins** in SQL are used to combine rows from two or more tables based on a related column (usually a foreign key).

**Types of Joins:**

1. **Inner Join**:
   * Returns rows with matching values in both tables.
   * Example: Customers with orders.
2. SELECT \* FROM customers
3. INNER JOIN orders
4. ON customers.id = orders.customer\_id;
5. **Left Join (Left Outer Join)**:
   * Returns all rows from the left table and matching rows from the right table. Missing matches show NULL.
   * Example: Customers with or without orders.
6. SELECT \* FROM customers
7. LEFT JOIN orders
8. ON customers.id = orders.customer\_id;
9. **Right Join (Right Outer Join)**:
   * Returns all rows from the right table and matching rows from the left table. Missing matches show NULL.
   * Example: Orders with or without customers.
10. SELECT \* FROM customers
11. RIGHT JOIN orders
12. ON customers.id = orders.customer\_id;
13. **Full Join (Full Outer Join)**:
    * Returns rows with matches in either table and fills unmatched rows with NULL.
    * Example: All customers and orders, even if unmatched.
14. SELECT \* FROM customers
15. FULL JOIN orders
16. ON customers.id = orders.customer\_id;
17. **Cross Join**:
    * Returns the Cartesian product of both tables (every row in Table A paired with every row in Table B).
    * Example: All combinations of customers and orders.
18. SELECT \* FROM customers
19. CROSS JOIN orders;

**Why Use Joins?**

Joins allow you to retrieve meaningful data from multiple related tables, making queries more powerful and flexible!

### 3-Schema Architecture

The **3-Schema Architecture** is a framework for designing and managing databases, ensuring data independence and consistency. It separates the database system into three levels:

#### 1. **Internal Schema (Physical Level)**:

* Describes how data is physically stored in the database.
* Focuses on file structures, indexes, and storage optimization.
* Example: Data stored as rows in blocks on a disk.

#### 2. **Conceptual Schema (Logical Level)**:

* Describes the logical structure of the database.
* Defines tables, relationships, constraints, and data types.
* Example: A table with fields like id, name, and email without details of physical storage.

#### 3. **External Schema (View Level)**:

* Represents how end-users interact with the database.
* Provides customized views of the database for different users or applications.
* Example: A sales manager sees only the sales data, while HR views employee details.

#### Benefits:

* **Data Independence**: Changes at one level don’t affect others.
  + Logical Independence: Change in structure doesn’t affect user views.
  + Physical Independence: Change in storage doesn’t affect logical structure.
* **Security**: External views control data access.

This architecture ensures flexibility, scalability, and easier database management!

### Indexing

**Indexing** is a database optimization technique used to speed up the retrieval of data. An index is like a "shortcut" that helps the database locate rows quickly without scanning the entire table.

#### How Indexing Works:

* An index is created on one or more columns in a table.
* It stores a sorted version of the column(s), along with pointers to the rows in the table.

#### Types of Indexes:

1. **B-Tree Index**:
   * Default index type in most databases.
   * Efficient for range queries (e.g., BETWEEN, <, >).
2. **Hash Index**:
   * Used for equality comparisons (e.g., =).
   * Not suitable for range queries.
3. **GIN (Generalized Inverted Index)**:
   * Ideal for full-text search or JSON fields in PostgreSQL.
4. **Unique Index**:
   * Ensures all values in a column are unique.
5. **Composite Index**:
   * Created on multiple columns to optimize queries involving all those columns.

#### Benefits of Indexing:

* Faster query performance (e.g., SELECT, WHERE, JOIN).
* Improves search efficiency, especially for large datasets.

#### Drawbacks:

* Slows down INSERT, UPDATE, and DELETE due to index maintenance.
* Consumes additional storage space.

#### Example in PostgreSQL:

CREATE INDEX idx\_name ON employees(name);

Indexes are critical for optimizing database performance, especially in read-heavy applications!

### Aggregate Functions

**Aggregate functions** in SQL perform calculations on multiple rows of data and return a single result. They are commonly used with GROUP BY to summarize data.

#### Common Aggregate Functions:

1. **COUNT()**:
   * Counts the number of rows.
   * Example:
   * SELECT COUNT(\*) FROM employees;
2. **SUM()**:
   * Adds up numeric values.
   * Example:
   * SELECT SUM(salary) FROM employees;
3. **AVG()**:
   * Calculates the average of numeric values.
   * Example:
   * SELECT AVG(salary) FROM employees;
4. **MAX()**:
   * Finds the highest value.
   * Example:
   * SELECT MAX(salary) FROM employees;
5. **MIN()**:
   * Finds the lowest value.
   * Example:
   * SELECT MIN(salary) FROM employees;

#### Usage with GROUP BY:

Aggregate functions are often combined with GROUP BY to group rows and calculate summaries for each group.  
Example:

SELECT department, SUM(salary)

FROM employees

GROUP BY department;

#### Why Use Aggregate Functions?

* To get insights like totals, averages, and counts.
* Useful for reporting and data analysis.

They make summarizing and analyzing large datasets quick and efficient!

### Scalar Functions

**Scalar functions** in SQL perform operations on individual values and return a single result for each input. They can be used in SELECT statements, WHERE clauses, and other SQL queries.

#### Common Scalar Functions:

1. **String Functions**:
   * **UPPER()**: Converts a string to uppercase.
   * SELECT UPPER(name) FROM employees;
   * **LOWER()**: Converts a string to lowercase.
   * SELECT LOWER(name) FROM employees;
   * **LENGTH()**: Returns the length of a string.
   * SELECT LENGTH(name) FROM employees;
2. **Numeric Functions**:
   * **ROUND()**: Rounds a number to a specified number of decimal places.
   * SELECT ROUND(salary, 2) FROM employees;
   * **ABS()**: Returns the absolute value of a number.
   * SELECT ABS(discount) FROM orders;
3. **Date Functions**:
   * **NOW()**: Returns the current date and time.
   * SELECT NOW();
   * **DATE\_PART()**: Extracts a specific part of a date (e.g., year, month).
   * SELECT DATE\_PART('year', hire\_date) FROM employees;
4. **Conditional Functions**:
   * **COALESCE()**: Returns the first non-NULL value.
   * SELECT COALESCE(phone, 'N/A') FROM customers;
   * **CASE**: Provides conditional logic within queries.
   * SELECT name,
   * CASE
   * WHEN salary > 5000 THEN 'High'
   * ELSE 'Low'
   * END AS salary\_level
   * FROM employees;

#### Benefits of Scalar Functions:

* Help manipulate, calculate, and format data.
* Useful for cleaning, transforming, and aggregating data in queries.

Scalar functions allow you to process data at the individual row level efficiently!

### SQL Queries

**SQL queries** are used to interact with databases. They allow you to retrieve, insert, update, and delete data, as well as modify the structure of the database.

#### Common SQL Queries:

1. **SELECT**:  
   Retrieves data from one or more tables.  
   Example:
2. SELECT \* FROM employees;
   * \* selects all columns.
   * You can also specify specific columns like:
3. SELECT name, salary FROM employees;
4. **INSERT INTO**:  
   Adds new rows to a table.  
   Example:
5. INSERT INTO employees (name, salary)
6. VALUES ('John Doe', 60000);
7. **UPDATE**:  
   Modifies existing data in a table.  
   Example:
8. UPDATE employees
9. SET salary = 65000
10. WHERE name = 'John Doe';
11. **DELETE**:  
    Removes data from a table.  
    Example:
12. DELETE FROM employees
13. WHERE name = 'John Doe';
14. **CREATE TABLE**:  
    Creates a new table in the database.  
    Example:
15. CREATE TABLE employees (
16. id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
17. name VARCHAR(100),
18. salary DECIMAL(10, 2)
19. );
20. **ALTER TABLE**:  
    Modifies the structure of an existing table.  
    Example:
21. ALTER TABLE employees
22. ADD COLUMN department VARCHAR(50);
23. **DROP TABLE**:  
    Deletes a table from the database.  
    Example:
24. DROP TABLE employees;

#### Advanced SQL Clauses:

1. **WHERE**:  
   Filters rows based on a condition.  
   Example:
2. SELECT \* FROM employees
3. WHERE salary > 50000;
4. **ORDER BY**:  
   Sorts the result set.  
   Example:
5. SELECT \* FROM employees
6. ORDER BY salary DESC;
7. **GROUP BY**:  
   Groups rows by a specific column, often used with aggregate functions.  
   Example:
8. SELECT department, COUNT(\*)
9. FROM employees
10. GROUP BY department;
11. **HAVING**:  
    Filters results after GROUP BY (used with aggregate functions).  
    Example:
12. SELECT department, AVG(salary)
13. FROM employees
14. GROUP BY department
15. HAVING AVG(salary) > 50000;
16. **JOIN**:  
    Combines rows from two or more tables based on a related column.  
    Example:
17. SELECT employees.name, departments.name
18. FROM employees
19. JOIN departments
20. ON employees.department\_id = departments.id;

SQL queries are essential for interacting with and managing data in relational databases like PostgreSQL!

### Foreign Key and Primary Key

#### 1. **Primary Key**

* A **Primary Key** is a column (or a combination of columns) in a table that uniquely identifies each row.
* It ensures that no two rows in a table can have the same value for the primary key column(s).
* A table can only have one **Primary Key**.
* Primary Key values cannot be NULL.

**Example**:

CREATE TABLE employees (

id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,

name VARCHAR(100),

salary DECIMAL(10, 2)

);

Here, id is the primary key that uniquely identifies each employee.

#### 2. **Foreign Key**

* A **Foreign Key** is a column (or a set of columns) in one table that refers to the **Primary Key** in another table.
* It establishes a relationship between two tables.
* The foreign key ensures referential integrity by allowing only values that exist in the referenced primary key column.

**Example**:

CREATE TABLE orders (

order\_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,

order\_date DATE,

customer\_id INT,

FOREIGN KEY (customer\_id) REFERENCES customers(id)

);

Here, customer\_id in the orders table is a foreign key that refers to the id in the customers table, establishing a relationship between the two tables.

#### Key Differences:

* **Primary Key**:
  + Uniquely identifies each record in its table.
  + No duplicate or NULL values allowed.
  + There can be only one primary key per table.
* **Foreign Key**:
  + Refers to a primary key in another table to establish a relationship.
  + Can have duplicate and NULL values (if allowed).
  + A table can have multiple foreign keys.

Foreign keys ensure data consistency and referential integrity, while primary keys guarantee uniqueness within a table.

### Closure

In the context of databases and relational theory, **closure** refers to the set of attributes that can be functionally determined by a given set of attributes in a relation (table). It's a key concept in understanding **functional dependencies** and is used to determine **candidate keys**, **superkeys**, and for **normalization** purposes.

#### Closure in Functional Dependencies:

* The **closure** of a set of attributes XX (denoted as X+X^+) is the set of all attributes that can be functionally determined by XX, including XX itself.
* To compute the closure, start with the attributes in XX, and iteratively apply the functional dependencies to find all attributes that can be determined by XX.

#### How to Compute Closure:

1. Start with the set of attributes XX.
2. Add all attributes that are directly functionally dependent on XX based on the given set of functional dependencies.
3. Repeat this process, adding any newly determined attributes, until no more attributes can be added.

#### Example:

Given a relation with attributes A,B,C,DA, B, C, D and functional dependencies:

* A→BA \rightarrow B
* B→CB \rightarrow C
* A→DA \rightarrow D

If we have X={A}X = \{A\}, the closure of AA (denoted as A+A^+) is calculated as follows:

* Start with A+={A}A^+ = \{A\}.
* From A→BA \rightarrow B, add BB to A+A^+, so A+={A,B}A^+ = \{A, B\}.
* From B→CB \rightarrow C, add CC to A+A^+, so A+={A,B,C}A^+ = \{A, B, C\}.
* From A→DA \rightarrow D, add DD to A+A^+, so A+={A,B,C,D}A^+ = \{A, B, C, D\}.

Thus, A+={A,B,C,D}A^+ = \{A, B, C, D\}, meaning that AA determines all attributes in the relation.

#### Use of Closure:

* **Candidate Key Identification**: A set of attributes XX is a **candidate key** if X+X^+ includes all attributes of the table.
* **Normalization**: Closure is used to assess functional dependencies and ensure proper normalization to avoid redundancy and anomalies.

Understanding closure is crucial for managing relationships between attributes and ensuring data integrity in a relational database!

### GROUP BY

The **GROUP BY** clause in SQL is used to arrange identical data into groups. This is often used with aggregate functions like COUNT(), SUM(), AVG(), MAX(), and MIN() to perform calculations on each group of data. It allows you to summarize information and perform analysis on data based on categories.

#### Syntax:

SELECT column1, aggregate\_function(column2)

FROM table

WHERE condition

GROUP BY column1;

* column1: The column by which you want to group the results.
* aggregate\_function: A function like COUNT(), SUM(), AVG(), etc., to perform an operation on each group.
* condition: An optional WHERE clause to filter rows before grouping.

#### Example:

Consider a sales table with columns product\_id, sale\_date, and amount.

SELECT product\_id, SUM(amount) AS total\_sales

FROM sales

GROUP BY product\_id;

This query groups the data by product\_id and calculates the total sales for each product using the SUM() function.

#### Key Points:

* The GROUP BY clause must come after the WHERE clause (if used) and before the ORDER BY clause (if used).
* All non-aggregated columns in the SELECT statement must be part of the GROUP BY clause.
* The GROUP BY clause can group by one or more columns.

#### Grouping by Multiple Columns:

You can group by multiple columns by separating them with commas.

SELECT product\_id, sale\_date, SUM(amount) AS total\_sales

FROM sales

GROUP BY product\_id, sale\_date;

This groups the data by both product\_id and sale\_date to calculate the total sales for each product on each day.

#### Using HAVING with GROUP BY:

The HAVING clause is used to filter groups created by GROUP BY, similar to how WHERE filters rows. However, HAVING works on the grouped results.

Example:

SELECT product\_id, SUM(amount) AS total\_sales

FROM sales

GROUP BY product\_id

HAVING SUM(amount) > 1000;

This query returns only those products whose total sales exceed 1000.

The GROUP BY clause is essential for data aggregation and summarizing large datasets effectively.

### HAVING

The **HAVING** clause in SQL is used to filter records that are grouped together by the **GROUP BY** clause. While the **WHERE** clause filters rows before grouping, **HAVING** filters groups after the data has been grouped.

#### Syntax:

SELECT column1, aggregate\_function(column2)

FROM table

WHERE condition

GROUP BY column1

HAVING condition;

* column1: The column by which you want to group the data.
* aggregate\_function: A function like COUNT(), SUM(), AVG(), etc., that operates on grouped data.
* condition: The filtering condition applied to groups (after aggregation).

#### Key Points:

* **HAVING** is used for filtering groups that are created by **GROUP BY**.
* It allows you to apply conditions on aggregated data, which cannot be done with the **WHERE** clause (because WHERE operates on individual rows).
* **HAVING** can include aggregate functions like COUNT(), SUM(), AVG(), etc.

#### Example:

Consider a sales table with columns product\_id, sale\_date, and amount.

SELECT product\_id, SUM(amount) AS total\_sales

FROM sales

GROUP BY product\_id

HAVING SUM(amount) > 1000;

In this query:

* The **GROUP BY** clause groups the records by product\_id.
* The **HAVING** clause filters the groups where the total sales (SUM(amount)) is greater than 1000.

#### Difference Between WHERE and HAVING:

* **WHERE**: Filters rows before grouping.
* **HAVING**: Filters groups after grouping.

Example with both WHERE and HAVING:

SELECT product\_id, SUM(amount) AS total\_sales

FROM sales

WHERE sale\_date >= '2023-01-01'

GROUP BY product\_id

HAVING SUM(amount) > 1000;

Here:

* **WHERE** filters rows based on the sale date before grouping.
* **HAVING** filters groups where total sales are greater than 1000.

The **HAVING** clause is particularly useful when you need to filter the results of aggregate functions applied to grouped data.

### Transactions

A **Transaction** in SQL is a sequence of one or more SQL operations (such as INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE) that are executed as a single unit. A transaction ensures data integrity by ensuring that either all operations are executed successfully, or none of them are executed at all (in case of an error).

Transactions follow the **ACID properties** to maintain database reliability and consistency. ACID stands for **Atomicity**, **Consistency**, **Isolation**, and **Durability**.

#### Key Properties of Transactions (ACID):

1. **Atomicity**:
   * This means that a transaction is **all-or-nothing**. If one part of the transaction fails, the entire transaction is rolled back, and no changes are made to the database.
2. **Consistency**:
   * A transaction brings the database from one valid state to another. If a transaction starts in a consistent state, it ends in a consistent state, maintaining the integrity of the database.
3. **Isolation**:
   * Each transaction is executed independently of others. Even if multiple transactions are running concurrently, their operations are isolated, ensuring no interference between transactions.
4. **Durability**:
   * Once a transaction is committed, its changes are permanent, even if the system crashes immediately afterward.

#### SQL Transaction Commands:

1. **BEGIN TRANSACTION** or **START TRANSACTION**:
   * Marks the beginning of a transaction.  
     Example:
2. BEGIN TRANSACTION;
3. **COMMIT**:
   * Saves all changes made during the transaction. If the transaction is successful, the changes are committed to the database. Example:
4. COMMIT;
5. **ROLLBACK**:
   * Reverts all changes made during the transaction. If an error occurs or the transaction is not successful, a ROLLBACK is used to undo the changes. Example:
6. ROLLBACK;
7. **SAVEPOINT**:
   * Creates a point within a transaction that you can roll back to, without affecting the entire transaction. Example:
8. SAVEPOINT savepoint\_name;
9. **RELEASE SAVEPOINT**:
   * Removes a savepoint within the transaction. Example:
10. RELEASE SAVEPOINT savepoint\_name;
11. **SET TRANSACTION**:
    * Sets the transaction's isolation level. Example:
12. SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL SERIALIZABLE;

#### Example of a Transaction:

BEGIN TRANSACTION;

-- Insert operation

INSERT INTO accounts (account\_id, balance) VALUES (101, 5000);

-- Update operation

UPDATE accounts SET balance = balance - 1000 WHERE account\_id = 101;

-- If everything is fine, commit the transaction

COMMIT;

In this example:

* The transaction starts with BEGIN TRANSACTION.
* If both operations (insert and update) succeed, the changes are saved with COMMIT.
* If there’s an error (e.g., insufficient balance), a ROLLBACK would be used to undo both operations.

#### Use of Transactions:

* Transactions are used in scenarios where data integrity is critical, such as financial applications, e-commerce platforms, or systems requiring multiple updates that must happen together.
* They ensure that no partial updates occur, preventing data corruption or inconsistencies.

In summary, transactions are crucial for maintaining consistency, reliability, and data integrity in relational databases.

### DML (Data Manipulation Language)

**DML** refers to the SQL commands used for managing and manipulating data within a database. These commands allow users to insert, update, delete, and query data. DML statements deal with the actual data stored in the database tables.

#### Common DML Commands:

1. **SELECT**: Retrieves data from the database.
2. SELECT \* FROM employees;
3. **INSERT**: Adds new data to a table.
4. INSERT INTO employees (id, name, position) VALUES (1, 'John Doe', 'Manager');
5. **UPDATE**: Modifies existing data in a table.
6. UPDATE employees SET position = 'Senior Manager' WHERE id = 1;
7. **DELETE**: Removes data from a table.
8. DELETE FROM employees WHERE id = 1;

#### Key Points:

* DML commands are used to manipulate the actual data in the tables.
* These operations are often transactional and can be rolled back if something goes wrong.

### DDL (Data Definition Language)

**DDL** refers to SQL commands used to define and modify the structure of database objects like tables, indexes, and views. DDL commands affect the schema of the database but not the data itself.

#### Common DDL Commands:

1. **CREATE**: Defines new database objects like tables, views, or indexes.
2. CREATE TABLE employees (
3. id INT PRIMARY KEY,
4. name VARCHAR(100),
5. position VARCHAR(50)
6. );
7. **ALTER**: Modifies an existing database object.
8. ALTER TABLE employees ADD COLUMN salary DECIMAL(10, 2);
9. **DROP**: Deletes an existing database object.
10. DROP TABLE employees;
11. **TRUNCATE**: Removes all data from a table but keeps the structure.
12. TRUNCATE TABLE employees;

#### Key Points:

* DDL commands are used to define or change the database schema.
* DDL commands are generally non-transactional and can’t be rolled back.

### DCL (Data Control Language)

**DCL** refers to SQL commands used to control access to data and database objects. These commands are used for security purposes, granting and revoking permissions to users.

#### Common DCL Commands:

1. **GRANT**: Grants specific privileges to a user or role.
2. GRANT SELECT, INSERT ON employees TO user1;
3. **REVOKE**: Removes specific privileges from a user or role.
4. REVOKE SELECT, INSERT ON employees FROM user1;

#### Key Points:

* DCL commands manage user permissions and security.
* They help control who can access and modify data or database objects.

### Summary Table:

| **Category** | **Description** | **Common Commands** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **DML** | Used to manipulate the data in database tables. | SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE |
| **DDL** | Used to define and modify the structure of database objects. | CREATE, ALTER, DROP, TRUNCATE |
| **DCL** | Used to control access and permissions in a database. | GRANT, REVOKE |

These categories are fundamental to SQL as they cover all aspects of interacting with the database—from defining the structure, manipulating the data, to controlling access and permissions.

### Arithmetic Operations in SQL

SQL supports several arithmetic operations that can be used to perform calculations on numeric data types (such as INT, FLOAT, DECIMAL, etc.). These operations allow you to manipulate data directly within your queries.

#### Common Arithmetic Operations:

1. **Addition (+)**  
   Adds two values together.
2. SELECT price + tax AS total\_price FROM products;
3. **Subtraction (-)**  
   Subtracts one value from another.
4. SELECT price - discount AS final\_price FROM products;
5. **Multiplication (\*)**  
   Multiplies two values.
6. SELECT quantity \* price AS total\_cost FROM sales;
7. **Division (/)** Divides one value by another.
8. SELECT total\_sales / total\_orders AS average\_sales FROM sales;
9. **Modulus (%)**  
   Returns the remainder of a division operation.
10. SELECT amount % 2 AS remainder FROM payments;

#### Example:

Consider a products table with columns price and quantity. You can use arithmetic operations like this:

SELECT price \* quantity AS total\_cost

FROM products;

This query calculates the total cost by multiplying price by quantity.

#### Key Points:

* Arithmetic operations are typically used in **SELECT** statements to calculate derived values.
* When using **division**, it’s important to ensure the divisor is not zero to avoid division by zero errors.
* SQL automatically handles **order of operations** (PEMDAS: Parentheses, Exponents, Multiplication/Division, Addition/Subtraction).

These operations make SQL powerful for performing calculations and generating summaries directly in queries.

### SAVEPOINT

A **SAVEPOINT** in SQL is used within a transaction to create a specific point to which you can **rollback** if needed, without affecting the entire transaction. This allows partial rollbacks and provides more control over a transaction, especially in cases where you want to undo part of a transaction while keeping other changes intact.

#### Syntax:

SAVEPOINT savepoint\_name;

* **savepoint\_name**: A user-defined name for the savepoint.

#### Common Commands with SAVEPOINT:

1. **SAVEPOINT**: Creates a savepoint in the transaction.
2. SAVEPOINT savepoint\_name;
3. **ROLLBACK TO SAVEPOINT**: Rolls back the transaction to a previously defined savepoint. This undoes the changes made after the savepoint, but the rest of the transaction is preserved.
4. ROLLBACK TO SAVEPOINT savepoint\_name;
5. **RELEASE SAVEPOINT**: Removes the savepoint once it is no longer needed. This is optional but helps clean up the transaction.
6. RELEASE SAVEPOINT savepoint\_name;

#### Example:

Consider a transaction where you update an order table and want to rollback part of the transaction if needed.

BEGIN TRANSACTION;

-- Create a savepoint after the first operation

SAVEPOINT sp1;

-- First update operation

UPDATE orders SET status = 'Shipped' WHERE order\_id = 101;

-- Create another savepoint after the second operation

SAVEPOINT sp2;

-- Second update operation

UPDATE orders SET status = 'Delivered' WHERE order\_id = 102;

-- Rollback to the first savepoint if needed

ROLLBACK TO SAVEPOINT sp1;

-- Commit the changes

COMMIT;

In this example:

1. A savepoint sp1 is created after the first update operation.
2. Another savepoint sp2 is created after the second update operation.
3. If there's an issue after the second operation, you can **ROLLBACK TO SAVEPOINT sp1** to undo the changes made after sp1, but still keep the changes made before it.

#### Key Points:

* **SAVEPOINT** allows you to **partially rollback** a transaction, which can be useful in long transactions with multiple operations.
* Once a transaction is committed, any savepoints are lost.
* You can use **SAVEPOINT** to manage complex transactions and recover from errors without affecting the whole transaction.

In summary, **SAVEPOINT** helps with finer control over transactions, allowing you to manage rollbacks more efficiently within a transaction, especially when dealing with multiple steps or operations.

### TEXT vs VARCHAR

In SQL, both **TEXT** and **VARCHAR** are data types used to store string values. However, there are some differences between them, mainly in terms of storage and behavior.

#### 1. **VARCHAR** (Variable Character)

* **Definition**: VARCHAR is used to store strings of variable length.
* **Size Limit**: You must specify the maximum length when defining a VARCHAR column. For example, VARCHAR(255) can store strings up to 255 characters.
* **Storage**: It only stores the number of characters you enter, plus an additional byte or two to store the length of the string (depending on the database system).
* **Performance**: Generally, it is optimized for storing short to medium-length strings where the maximum size is known and limited.
* **Usage**: Good for columns where the length of the data is predictable and not excessively large.

Example:

CREATE TABLE users (

name VARCHAR(100)

);

#### 2. **TEXT** (Text)

* **Definition**: TEXT is used to store large amounts of text with no specific length limit.
* **Size Limit**: The size limit for TEXT is generally much larger than VARCHAR. It can store values that are hundreds of kilobytes or even megabytes, depending on the database system.
* **Storage**: TEXT is often stored differently (e.g., out-of-line storage) compared to VARCHAR and might have performance implications when working with very large strings.
* **Performance**: Since it is designed to store large amounts of text, it might be less efficient than VARCHAR for storing smaller strings.
* **Usage**: Suitable for storing large text fields like descriptions, comments, or other lengthy content.

Example:

CREATE TABLE articles (

content TEXT

);

#### Key Differences:

| **Feature** | **VARCHAR** | **TEXT** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Length Limit** | Defined by a specified size (e.g., VARCHAR(255)) | No explicit limit, can store large text |
| **Storage** | Stores the length of the string + the data | Stores large data, often out-of-line |
| **Performance** | Typically faster for smaller strings | May have slightly more overhead for large text |
| **Usage** | Best for columns with a known maximum size | Best for large text or content that can vary greatly in size |

#### Key Points:

* **VARCHAR** is preferred when you know the maximum size of the string.
* **TEXT** is preferred when the string length can be very large and unpredictable.
* In modern databases, VARCHAR can often handle very large strings without significant performance issues, so the differences might be minimal in many cases.

In summary, while both **TEXT** and **VARCHAR** can store string data, **VARCHAR** is typically used for shorter, more predictable text lengths, while **TEXT** is ideal for larger amounts of text.

### DBMS (Database Management System)

A **Database Management System (DBMS)** is a software system that is used to manage databases. It allows users to create, read, update, and delete data in a structured and efficient manner. The DBMS acts as an interface between the database and the end users or applications, ensuring that data is stored, retrieved, and manipulated in a secure and organized way.

#### Key Functions of DBMS:

1. **Data Storage Management**:
   * DBMS handles the storage, retrieval, and updating of data in the database. It ensures that data is stored efficiently and consistently.
2. **Data Retrieval**:
   * It provides tools and queries (like SQL) to retrieve specific data from the database.
3. **Data Security**:
   * DBMS controls access to the data through user authentication, authorization, and permissions, ensuring that only authorized users can perform certain actions (e.g., reading, writing).
4. **Data Integrity**:
   * It ensures that data is accurate, consistent, and reliable. Constraints like primary keys, foreign keys, and unique constraints help maintain data integrity.
5. **Data Manipulation**:
   * DBMS provides interfaces (like SQL) for performing operations such as inserting, updating, and deleting records in the database.
6. **Backup and Recovery**:
   * DBMS includes features to back up data regularly and restore it in case of failure, ensuring data is not lost.
7. **Concurrency Control**:
   * It manages concurrent access to the database by multiple users and applications, preventing data corruption when multiple operations are performed at the same time.
8. **Transaction Management**:
   * DBMS ensures that all database operations within a transaction are completed successfully. If an operation fails, the system can roll back to a previous state to maintain consistency.

#### Types of DBMS:

1. **Hierarchical DBMS**:
   * Data is stored in a tree-like structure with parent-child relationships.
   * Example: IBM's IMS.
2. **Network DBMS**:
   * Data is stored in a graph structure, where records can have multiple relationships.
   * Example: Integrated Data Store (IDS).
3. **Relational DBMS (RDBMS)**:
   * Data is stored in tables (relations), and SQL is used for querying. It is the most common type.
   * Example: MySQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle, SQL Server.
4. **Object-oriented DBMS (OODBMS)**:
   * Data is stored as objects, similar to object-oriented programming principles.
   * Example: ObjectDB.
5. **NoSQL DBMS**:
   * Designed for unstructured or semi-structured data, providing flexibility for large-scale applications.
   * Example: MongoDB, Cassandra, Redis.

#### Key Components of a DBMS:

* **Database Engine**: The core part responsible for managing and accessing the database.
* **Database Schema**: Defines the structure and organization of the database.
* **Query Processor**: Interprets and executes SQL queries.
* **Transaction Manager**: Ensures transaction management and integrity.
* **Storage Manager**: Manages data storage, organization, and retrieval.

#### Benefits of a DBMS:

* **Data Redundancy Control**: Minimizes duplication of data.
* **Data Consistency**: Ensures data is consistent across the system.
* **Data Sharing**: Multiple users can access and work with the same data.
* **Improved Security**: Granular access control and encryption for data protection.
* **Scalability and Flexibility**: DBMS can handle growing amounts of data and evolving requirements.

#### Example of an RDBMS (Relational DBMS):

* **PostgreSQL**: A popular open-source relational DBMS that uses SQL for querying and supports ACID properties for transaction management.

In summary, a **DBMS** is an essential system for storing, managing, and securing data, providing a powerful way to work with large amounts of information in an organized and consistent manner.

### BLOB (Binary Large Object)

A **BLOB (Binary Large Object)** is a data type in a database used to store large amounts of binary data, such as images, audio files, video files, or any other type of multimedia or unstructured data. BLOBs are typically used for storing data that cannot be represented easily as text or standard numeric types.

#### Types of BLOB:

1. **TINYBLOB**:
   * Used for small binary data up to 255 bytes.
2. **BLOB**:
   * Used for binary data with sizes ranging from 0 to 65,535 bytes (approximately 64 KB).
3. **MEDIUMBLOB**:
   * Used for binary data with sizes ranging from 0 to 16 MB.
4. **LONGBLOB**:
   * Used for very large binary data, with a size limit of 4 GB.

#### Usage of BLOB:

* **Images**: Storing image files such as PNG, JPEG, or GIF.
* **Audio Files**: Storing audio files like MP3 or WAV.
* **Videos**: Storing video files like MP4 or AVI.
* **Documents**: Storing other binary files such as PDFs, Word documents, etc.
* **Encrypted Data**: Storing encrypted data or other custom binary formats.

#### Example:

To create a table with a BLOB field for storing images:

CREATE TABLE product\_images (

product\_id INT,

image\_data BLOB

);

To insert binary data (e.g., an image) into the image\_data column:

INSERT INTO product\_images (product\_id, image\_data)

VALUES (1, LOAD\_FILE('/path/to/image.jpg'));

#### Operations on BLOB:

* **INSERT**: Insert binary data into the BLOB field using special functions (e.g., LOAD\_FILE() in MySQL).
* **SELECT**: Retrieve the binary data and use application-level logic to interpret it (e.g., displaying an image in a web app).
* **UPDATE**: Update the binary data in the BLOB field.
* **DELETE**: Delete the binary data from the BLOB field.

#### Key Points:

* BLOBs are typically stored as binary files in the database, which makes them different from standard text or numeric data.
* Storing large binary data (like images or videos) directly in the database can impact performance. Often, storing files in a filesystem and saving file paths or references in the database is preferred for efficiency.
* Retrieval and manipulation of BLOB data often require specialized application code to handle the data properly (e.g., converting binary data back to an image in a web application).

In summary, **BLOB** is used to store large, binary data that cannot be easily represented as text in a database. It allows databases to handle non-textual information such as multimedia files.

### WITH Clause (Common Table Expressions - CTE)

The **WITH** clause in SQL is used to define a **Common Table Expression (CTE)**, which allows you to create temporary result sets that can be referenced within a SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE statement. CTEs are particularly useful for organizing complex queries and improving readability, as they allow you to break down complex operations into simpler subqueries.

#### Key Features:

* **Temporary Result Set**: A CTE is defined within the execution scope of a single query and does not persist beyond that.
* **Readability**: CTEs improve the readability of SQL queries by naming subqueries and organizing the logic clearly.
* **Reusability**: A CTE can be referred to multiple times within the main query, reducing redundancy in code.
* **Recursion**: CTEs can be recursive, allowing them to reference themselves for tasks like hierarchical queries.

#### Syntax:

WITH cte\_name AS (

-- Query that defines the CTE

SELECT column1, column2

FROM table

WHERE condition

)

-- Main query that uses the CTE

SELECT \* FROM cte\_name;

#### Example:

Let's say we want to find employees with salaries greater than the average salary in the company. We can use a CTE to simplify the query.

WITH avg\_salary AS (

SELECT AVG(salary) AS average\_salary

FROM employees

)

SELECT name, salary

FROM employees

WHERE salary > (SELECT average\_salary FROM avg\_salary);

In this example:

* The WITH clause defines a CTE named avg\_salary that calculates the average salary.
* The main SELECT statement then uses this CTE to filter employees with a salary greater than the calculated average.

#### Recursive CTE Example:

Recursive CTEs are used for hierarchical or tree-structured data. For example, to get all subordinates under a manager:

WITH RECURSIVE EmployeeHierarchy AS (

-- Base case: select the manager

SELECT employee\_id, manager\_id, name

FROM employees

WHERE manager\_id IS NULL -- The top-level manager

UNION ALL

-- Recursive case: select employees under each manager

SELECT e.employee\_id, e.manager\_id, e.name

FROM employees e

INNER JOIN EmployeeHierarchy eh ON e.manager\_id = eh.employee\_id

)

SELECT \* FROM EmployeeHierarchy;

In this recursive example:

* The CTE first selects the top-level manager (base case).
* It then recursively selects employees under each manager using the UNION ALL to combine results from each recursion.

#### Key Points:

* **Improves Query Readability**: Simplifies complex queries by breaking them into logical subqueries.
* **Temporary**: The result of a CTE only exists for the duration of the query.
* **Can Be Recursive**: Recursive CTEs are useful for working with hierarchical data, such as organizational structures.
* **No Need for Temporary Tables**: CTEs allow you to avoid creating temporary tables, making queries more efficient and easier to write.

In summary, the WITH clause in SQL defines **Common Table Expressions (CTEs)** that can be used to simplify and improve the readability of queries, especially when working with complex or hierarchical data.

### SQL Trigger

An **SQL Trigger** is a set of SQL statements that are automatically executed or "triggered" when a specific event occurs in a database, such as an INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE operation on a table. Triggers are used to enforce business rules, maintain data integrity, and automate processes within the database.

#### Key Points:

* **Automatic Execution**: Triggers execute automatically in response to certain events without requiring explicit execution by the user or application.
* **Event-Driven**: A trigger is defined to respond to specific database events (e.g., INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE).
* **Row-Level vs Statement-Level**: Triggers can be defined to execute for each affected row (row-level) or once for the entire statement (statement-level).
* **Before vs After**: Triggers can execute before or after the event (e.g., BEFORE INSERT or AFTER UPDATE).

#### Syntax:

CREATE TRIGGER trigger\_name

{BEFORE | AFTER | INSTEAD OF}

{INSERT | UPDATE | DELETE}

ON table\_name

FOR EACH ROW

BEGIN

-- SQL statements to be executed

END;

* **BEFORE**: The trigger runs before the event (e.g., before an INSERT or UPDATE).
* **AFTER**: The trigger runs after the event (e.g., after an INSERT or UPDATE).
* **INSTEAD OF**: The trigger runs in place of the event (used in views).

#### Example 1: AFTER INSERT Trigger

A trigger that automatically inserts a record into an audit table when a new employee is added to the employees table:

CREATE TRIGGER after\_employee\_insert

AFTER INSERT

ON employees

FOR EACH ROW

BEGIN

INSERT INTO audit\_log (action, table\_name, timestamp)

VALUES ('INSERT', 'employees', NOW());

END;

* This trigger is fired **after** a new employee is inserted into the employees table.
* It logs the action into the audit\_log table with a timestamp.

#### Example 2: BEFORE UPDATE Trigger

A trigger that checks if an employee's salary is being increased above a threshold before allowing the update:

CREATE TRIGGER before\_salary\_update

BEFORE UPDATE

ON employees

FOR EACH ROW

BEGIN

IF NEW.salary > 100000 THEN

SIGNAL SQLSTATE '45000'

SET MESSAGE\_TEXT = 'Salary increase exceeds limit';

END IF;

END;

* This trigger is fired **before** the update occurs on the employees table.
* It checks if the new salary exceeds a certain threshold (100,000 in this case) and raises an error if it does.

#### Types of Triggers:

1. **Before Trigger**: Executes before the triggering event (e.g., before an INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE).
   * Useful for validation or modifying data before it's committed.
2. **After Trigger**: Executes after the triggering event.
   * Useful for logging, updating related tables, or enforcing referential integrity.
3. **Instead Of Trigger**: Typically used with views to modify data in the underlying tables when a modification is made to the view.
   * Allows changes to be redirected to the base tables.

#### Use Cases for Triggers:

* **Audit Trails**: Automatically log changes to tables (e.g., inserts, updates, deletes) in an audit table.
* **Data Validation**: Validate or modify data before it is committed to the database (e.g., ensuring certain fields are within valid ranges).
* **Enforcing Business Rules**: Enforce complex business rules (e.g., preventing salary updates above a certain threshold).
* **Referential Integrity**: Automatically update or delete related data when a referenced record is modified or removed (e.g., cascading delete).
* **Preventing Invalid Data**: Prevent certain operations that might lead to invalid data or violations of constraints.

#### Key Points to Remember:

* Triggers are tightly coupled to the events on a database table.
* They help maintain data integrity, enforce business rules, and perform automatic actions without manual intervention.
* Overusing triggers can impact database performance, so they should be used judiciously.

In summary, an **SQL Trigger** is a powerful tool for automatically responding to changes in database tables, allowing you to enforce rules, maintain consistency, and automate common tasks directly within the database system.

### Natural Key

A **Natural Key** is a type of primary key that is derived from the actual data in the database. It is a key that uses real-world data as the identifier for a record, rather than an artificially generated number (which would be considered a surrogate key). A natural key is meaningful within the context of the data and often comes from existing attributes in the database table.

#### Characteristics of a Natural Key:

* **Real-World Meaning**: It is based on actual data that uniquely identifies a record in the database, such as a Social Security Number (SSN), email address, or ISBN for books.
* **Self-Descriptive**: The value of a natural key typically has inherent meaning, making it easy for humans to understand and relate to the data.
* **Uniqueness**: Like any primary key, it must uniquely identify each record in the table.
* **Stability**: Ideally, a natural key should not change over time. For example, an email address could serve as a natural key if it’s unique and stable.

#### Example of a Natural Key:

Consider a users table where the email address is used as a unique identifier for each user:

CREATE TABLE users (

email VARCHAR(100) PRIMARY KEY,

name VARCHAR(100),

password VARCHAR(100)

);

In this case, the **email address** serves as a **natural key** because it uniquely identifies a user, and it is meaningful to the application (i.e., users know their own email).

#### Advantages of Using a Natural Key:

1. **Real-World Relevance**: It directly relates to real-world concepts, making the data more understandable.
2. **No Need for Extra Fields**: Since the natural key is derived from existing data, there is no need to add additional fields (like an auto-incrementing ID).
3. **Simplicity**: It can simplify database design when there is a natural unique attribute that fits the requirement of a primary key.

#### Disadvantages of Using a Natural Key:

1. **Changes Over Time**: If the natural key value changes (e.g., a person’s email address or phone number), it can lead to complications in the database.
2. **Not Always Available**: In some cases, there might not be an obvious natural key, requiring the use of a surrogate key.
3. **Performance Issues**: Natural keys, especially long ones (e.g., email addresses), can affect performance when used as indexes or foreign keys, as they require more storage and comparison time.

#### Example of When a Natural Key is Useful:

* **ISBN for Books**: The ISBN number is a natural key for a book because it uniquely identifies a specific edition of a book. It is also stable and meaningful in the real world.

#### Conclusion:

A **natural key** is a primary key that derives from the data itself, making it meaningful in real-world terms. It is best used when a unique, stable, and descriptive attribute is available to serve as the key. However, if there is a risk that the natural key might change over time or if there is no suitable natural key, a surrogate key (e.g., an auto-incremented number) might be a better choice.

### Clustered Index

A **Clustered Index** is a type of index in a database that determines the physical order of data in a table. In other words, the rows in the table are stored on disk in the same order as the clustered index. A table can have only one clustered index because the data rows themselves can only be sorted in one specific order.

#### Characteristics of Clustered Index:

* **Data Sorting**: The data in the table is sorted and stored in the same order as the clustered index key. For example, if a table has a clustered index on the ID column, the rows in the table are physically stored in ascending order based on ID.
* **Unique**: The clustered index key must be unique for each row, ensuring that each row can be efficiently identified by the index.
* **Efficient Retrieval**: It provides fast retrieval of records, particularly for range-based queries, as the data is already stored in sorted order.
* **Table and Index**: The clustered index defines the physical storage of the table. If a table has a clustered index, the table itself is ordered based on the indexed column(s).

#### Example of a Clustered Index:

Consider a table employees with a clustered index on the employee\_id column:

CREATE TABLE employees (

employee\_id INT PRIMARY KEY, -- This will create a clustered index by default

first\_name VARCHAR(100),

last\_name VARCHAR(100)

);

* In this example, the table's rows are stored in ascending order of employee\_id because the primary key (employee\_id) automatically creates a clustered index.

#### Key Points:

1. **Single Clustered Index per Table**: A table can have only one clustered index because the rows can only be ordered in one way.
2. **Primary Key**: By default, the primary key of a table is implemented as a clustered index.
3. **Efficiency for Range Queries**: Clustered indexes are ideal for queries that return a range of values (e.g., BETWEEN, >, <), as the data is stored in sorted order.
4. **Impact on Insert/Update**: Since the data is stored in order, inserting or updating rows may require shifting data to maintain the sorted order, which can affect performance, especially for large tables.

#### Example Use Case:

* A table that stores **customer orders** could have a clustered index on the order\_date column. This would allow quick access to orders made within a specific date range because the data is physically stored in order of the order\_date.

#### Advantages of a Clustered Index:

1. **Efficient Range Queries**: Range queries benefit significantly because the data is physically sorted in the order of the indexed column(s).
2. **Fast Retrieval**: Data retrieval can be faster for specific queries that search on the indexed column(s).
3. **Improved Performance on SELECTs**: For certain types of queries, especially those that require sorting, clustered indexes can dramatically improve performance.

#### Disadvantages of a Clustered Index:

1. **Insert and Update Performance**: Inserting or updating data can be slower since the database must maintain the physical order of the table.
2. **Only One Per Table**: A table can only have one clustered index, so careful consideration is required when choosing the column(s) to index.
3. **Impact on Other Indexes**: If a table has a clustered index, other non-clustered indexes must store references to the clustered index key, which could impact storage and performance.

#### Conclusion:

A **clustered index** is a type of index that defines the physical order of data rows in a table. It provides efficient retrieval of data, particularly for range-based queries, but it comes with trade-offs, such as slower performance for insert and update operations and the restriction of having only one clustered index per table.

### Subquery

A **Subquery** is a SQL query that is nested inside another query, typically used to retrieve data that will be used in the main query. Subqueries allow you to break down complex queries into smaller, more manageable parts. They can be used in various clauses like SELECT, WHERE, or FROM to filter or modify the results of the main query.

#### Types of Subqueries:

1. **Single-Row Subquery**: Returns a single value (a single row and column).
   * Example: A subquery that returns a single value used in a WHERE clause.
2. **Multiple-Row Subquery**: Returns multiple rows, typically used with operators like IN, ANY, or ALL.
   * Example: A subquery that returns multiple values used to filter data.
3. **Correlated Subquery**: A subquery that references columns from the outer query. Each row from the outer query is used to evaluate the subquery.
   * Example: A subquery that uses values from the outer query for each row it processes.
4. **Non-Correlated Subquery**: A subquery that does not reference any columns from the outer query and can be executed independently.
   * Example: A subquery that is executed once and its result is used by the outer query.

#### Example of a Subquery:

1. **Single-Row Subquery in WHERE Clause**: Find employees who have a salary higher than the average salary in the company:
2. SELECT employee\_id, name, salary
3. FROM employees
4. WHERE salary > (SELECT AVG(salary) FROM employees);
   * The subquery (SELECT AVG(salary) FROM employees) calculates the average salary of all employees, and the main query uses this value to filter employees earning more than the average.
5. **Multiple-Row Subquery in WHERE Clause**: Find employees who work in the same department as employees with a salary greater than 50,000:
6. SELECT employee\_id, name, department\_id
7. FROM employees
8. WHERE department\_id IN (SELECT department\_id FROM employees WHERE salary > 50000);
   * The subquery returns the department IDs of employees earning more than 50,000, and the outer query retrieves employees working in those departments.
9. **Correlated Subquery**: Find employees whose salary is higher than the average salary in their own department:
10. SELECT employee\_id, name, salary, department\_id
11. FROM employees e
12. WHERE salary > (SELECT AVG(salary) FROM employees WHERE department\_id = e.department\_id);
    * The subquery is correlated with the outer query because it references e.department\_id. The subquery calculates the average salary for each department for each employee in the outer query.
13. **Subquery in FROM Clause (Derived Table)**: Find the average salary for each department:
14. SELECT department\_id, AVG(salary) AS avg\_salary
15. FROM (SELECT department\_id, salary FROM employees) AS dept\_salaries
16. GROUP BY department\_id;
    * In this case, the subquery (SELECT department\_id, salary FROM employees) creates a derived table that is used by the outer query to calculate the average salary per department.

#### Advantages of Using Subqueries:

1. **Simplifies Complex Queries**: Subqueries help break down a complex query into smaller, more understandable parts.
2. **Improves Readability**: When used properly, subqueries can make queries easier to read and maintain.
3. **Encapsulation**: They allow you to encapsulate logic and reuse it within a larger query without creating temporary tables.

#### Disadvantages of Using Subqueries:

1. **Performance**: In some cases, subqueries can be less efficient than joins, especially if the subquery is executed repeatedly for each row in the outer query (as with correlated subqueries).
2. **Readability Issues**: Nested subqueries can become difficult to understand when they are too deep or complex.
3. **Limited Optimization**: Some database systems may not optimize subqueries as well as joins, leading to slower performance in certain cases.

#### Conclusion:

A **subquery** is a query nested within another query that can be used to retrieve or manipulate data in various parts of the main query. They come in different forms—single-row, multiple-row, correlated, and non-correlated—and are useful for breaking down complex logic. While subqueries can improve query readability, they may introduce performance challenges, especially in cases involving correlated subqueries.

### CONCAT

CONCAT is a SQL function used to concatenate (combine) two or more strings into a single string. It can be used to join multiple columns or values together to form a larger string in a query result.

#### Syntax:

CONCAT(string1, string2, ..., stringN)

* string1, string2, ..., stringN are the strings or columns you want to concatenate.
* You can concatenate any number of strings or columns.

#### Example:

1. **Concatenate Two Columns**: Concatenate the first\_name and last\_name columns to display the full name of employees:
2. SELECT CONCAT(first\_name, ' ', last\_name) AS full\_name
3. FROM employees;

This query combines the first\_name and last\_name values for each employee, with a space between them, into a single column named full\_name.

1. **Concatenate String and Column Value**: Concatenate a fixed string with a column value, for example, to add a greeting message for each employee:
2. SELECT CONCAT('Hello, ', first\_name, '!', ' Your ID is ', employee\_id) AS greeting
3. FROM employees;

This query creates a personalized greeting by combining the string "Hello", the employee's first name, and their employee ID.

1. **Concatenate Multiple Columns**: Concatenate multiple columns like street, city, and zip\_code to form a full address:
2. SELECT CONCAT(street, ', ', city, ', ', zip\_code) AS full\_address
3. FROM employees;

This query combines the street, city, and zip\_code columns into a single string representing the full address.

#### Key Points:

* **Null Handling**: If any of the arguments passed to CONCAT is NULL, the function treats NULL as an empty string. However, if you use CONCAT\_WS (concatenate with separator), it will ignore the NULL values entirely.
* **String Length**: The result of the CONCAT function can have a maximum length depending on the database system. Most databases handle string concatenation efficiently.

#### Example of CONCAT with NULL:

SELECT CONCAT('Hello, ', NULL, '!', ' Your ID is ', employee\_id) AS greeting

FROM employees;

In this case, NULL is treated as an empty string, and the result will still include the greeting along with the employee's ID.

#### Advantages of Using CONCAT:

1. **Simple String Manipulation**: It allows easy combination of multiple values or columns into a single string.
2. **Flexible Usage**: Can be used with literal values, column values, or both.

#### Conclusion:

CONCAT is a useful SQL function for combining multiple strings or columns into one. It's commonly used to create full names, addresses, or messages by joining text fields together.

### Name of Employee with Top Salary

To get the name of the employee with the top salary, you can use a query that orders the employees by their salary in descending order and limits the result to the top employee.

#### Example Query:

SELECT employee\_id, first\_name, last\_name, salary

FROM employees

ORDER BY salary DESC

LIMIT 1;

#### Explanation:

* **ORDER BY salary DESC**: This sorts the employees by the salary column in descending order, ensuring that the highest salary comes first.
* **LIMIT 1**: This limits the result to only the top row (i.e., the employee with the highest salary).

If there are multiple employees with the same top salary, and you want to list all of them, you can use a **subquery**:

SELECT employee\_id, first\_name, last\_name, salary

FROM employees

WHERE salary = (SELECT MAX(salary) FROM employees);

#### Explanation:

* The **subquery** (SELECT MAX(salary) FROM employees) finds the highest salary in the employees table.
* The outer query then selects all employees whose salary matches the highest salary.

This query will return all employees who share the top salary.

### Isolation

**Isolation** is one of the ACID (Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, Durability) properties of a database transaction. It ensures that transactions are executed in isolation from each other, preventing them from interfering with each other and maintaining data integrity.

#### Isolation Levels:

In SQL, isolation levels define the extent to which a transaction is isolated from the changes made by other concurrent transactions. There are four primary isolation levels, each offering a different trade-off between performance and consistency:

1. **Read Uncommitted**:
   * Allows a transaction to read data that has been modified by other transactions but not yet committed. This is the lowest isolation level.
   * **Issue**: This can lead to "dirty reads," where one transaction reads data that another transaction might roll back.
2. SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL READ UNCOMMITTED;
3. **Read Committed**:
   * Guarantees that a transaction can only read committed data, meaning it won't see uncommitted changes made by other transactions.
   * **Issue**: This can lead to "non-repeatable reads," where the data read by one transaction might change if another transaction commits in between the reads.
4. SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL READ COMMITTED;
5. **Repeatable Read**:
   * Ensures that once a transaction reads a value, no other transaction can modify that value until the transaction is complete. This avoids "non-repeatable reads."
   * **Issue**: This can lead to "phantom reads," where a transaction reads a set of rows that could change if another transaction inserts or deletes rows in the database.
6. SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL REPEATABLE READ;
7. **Serializable**:
   * The highest isolation level, where transactions are executed in such a way that it is as if they were executed one after the other, serially. This prevents "dirty reads," "non-repeatable reads," and "phantom reads."
   * **Issue**: This isolation level can severely impact performance due to locking and blocking, as it ensures maximum consistency at the cost of concurrency.
8. SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL SERIALIZABLE;

#### Example:

Consider two transactions:

* **Transaction A**: Reads a row.
* **Transaction B**: Updates that row.
* **Transaction A**: Reads the same row again.

Depending on the isolation level, **Transaction A** might see the updated data (Read Committed or higher), might not see the update at all (Repeatable Read or higher), or might see uncommitted changes (Read Uncommitted).

#### Isolation and Concurrency:

The higher the isolation level, the more restrictions are placed on how transactions can interact with each other, leading to less concurrency. While higher isolation ensures consistency and avoids anomalies like dirty reads, non-repeatable reads, and phantom reads, it may also decrease system performance due to locking and blocking of resources.

#### Conclusion:

Isolation is a critical property in database transactions, ensuring that transactions operate without interference from each other. The isolation level you choose will depend on the trade-off between data consistency and system performance.

### EXTRACT

The EXTRACT function in SQL is used to retrieve a specific part (like year, month, day, hour, minute, etc.) from a date or timestamp value. This function is commonly used when you need to extract individual date or time components for analysis or comparison.

#### Syntax:

EXTRACT(field FROM date\_or\_timestamp)

* field: The part of the date or timestamp you want to extract (e.g., YEAR, MONTH, DAY, HOUR, MINUTE, etc.).
* date\_or\_timestamp: The date or timestamp from which you want to extract the component.

#### Common field values:

* YEAR: Extracts the year part.
* MONTH: Extracts the month part.
* DAY: Extracts the day part.
* HOUR: Extracts the hour part.
* MINUTE: Extracts the minute part.
* SECOND: Extracts the second part.

#### Example 1: Extract the Year

SELECT EXTRACT(YEAR FROM '2024-12-31') AS year;

* **Output**: 2024 This query extracts the year from the given date.

#### Example 2: Extract the Month

SELECT EXTRACT(MONTH FROM '2024-12-31') AS month;

* **Output**: 12 This query extracts the month from the given date.

#### Example 3: Extract Day, Hour, and Minute from a Timestamp

SELECT EXTRACT(DAY FROM '2024-12-31 10:30:00') AS day,

EXTRACT(HOUR FROM '2024-12-31 10:30:00') AS hour,

EXTRACT(MINUTE FROM '2024-12-31 10:30:00') AS minute;

* **Output**:
  + day: 31
  + hour: 10
  + minute: 30

This query extracts the day, hour, and minute from the given timestamp.

#### Key Points:

* The EXTRACT function helps break down a date or timestamp into its individual components.
* It can be useful for filtering, grouping, or sorting data based on specific parts of a date or time.
* The function works with various date and time types, such as DATE, TIME, TIMESTAMP, etc.

#### Conclusion:

EXTRACT is a useful SQL function for obtaining specific components of a date or timestamp, enabling more detailed analysis and manipulation of time-related data.

### Normal Forms (All)

Normalization in database design is the process of organizing data to reduce redundancy and improve data integrity. It involves dividing large tables into smaller, manageable ones and defining relationships between them. **Normal Forms (NF)** are a set of rules that define the levels of normalization.

Here are the **first five normal forms**:

### 1. ****First Normal Form (1NF)****

* **Definition**: A table is in 1NF if it contains only atomic (indivisible) values and each column contains unique values (no repeating groups or arrays).
* **Rules**:
  + Each column must contain atomic values (no lists or sets).
  + Each record (row) must have a unique identifier (primary key).
  + All entries in a column must be of the same data type.
* **Example**:  
  A table with multiple phone numbers in a single column is not in 1NF. To convert it to 1NF, you would split the phone numbers into separate rows.

### 2. ****Second Normal Form (2NF)****

* **Definition**: A table is in 2NF if it is in 1NF and all non-key attributes are fully dependent on the primary key.
* **Rules**:
  + The table must first satisfy 1NF.
  + Every non-key column must be fully dependent on the primary key (no partial dependency).
* **Example**:  
  Consider a table with a composite primary key (e.g., StudentID and CourseID). If the InstructorName depends only on CourseID and not on StudentID, then it violates 2NF. To bring it to 2NF, you would move InstructorName to a separate table with a relationship to CourseID.

### 3. ****Third Normal Form (3NF)****

* **Definition**: A table is in 3NF if it is in 2NF and there are no transitive dependencies.
* **Rules**:
  + The table must first satisfy 2NF.
  + No non-key attribute should depend on another non-key attribute.
* **Example**:  
  If EmployeeID determines DepartmentName, and DepartmentName determines ManagerName, then ManagerName indirectly depends on EmployeeID. To convert to 3NF, move ManagerName to a separate table that depends only on DepartmentName.

### 4. ****Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF)****

* **Definition**: A table is in BCNF if it is in 3NF and if every determinant is a candidate key.
* **Rules**:
  + The table must first satisfy 3NF.
  + Every determinant (a column or set of columns that uniquely determines another column) must be a candidate key.
* **Example**:  
  A table where EmployeeID determines ProjectID, but ProjectID is not a candidate key, violates BCNF. To convert it to BCNF, you would split the table into two, ensuring that all determinants are candidate keys.

### 5. ****Fourth Normal Form (4NF)****

* **Definition**: A table is in 4NF if it is in BCNF and has no multi-valued dependencies.
* **Rules**:
  + The table must first satisfy BCNF.
  + There should be no multi-valued dependencies, meaning a column should not depend on more than one other column.
* **Example**:  
  If a table contains EmployeeID, Skill, and Certification, where an employee can have multiple skills and certifications, the table violates 4NF. To resolve this, you would create two separate tables: one for skills and one for certifications, each related to EmployeeID.

### 6. ****Fifth Normal Form (5NF)****

* **Definition**: A table is in 5NF if it is in 4NF and cannot be decomposed into smaller tables without losing information.
* **Rules**:
  + The table must first satisfy 4NF.
  + The table must not contain any join dependencies that would lead to data redundancy if the table is decomposed.
* **Example**:  
  If a table includes ProjectID, EmployeeID, and SkillID (where each employee can be assigned to multiple projects with different skills), decomposing this table can lead to redundancy. The table must be decomposed without losing the ability to reconstruct the original data.

### 7. ****Sixth Normal Form (6NF)****

* **Definition**: A table is in 6NF if it is in 5NF and all temporal data is properly decomposed. This is mostly used for handling time-variant data.
* **Rules**:
  + The table must first satisfy 5NF.
  + The data should be decomposed into tables where each tuple represents one piece of information at a specific point in time.
* **Example**:  
  This form is more relevant for specialized cases, like tracking changes in data over time (e.g., employee salary history).

### Conclusion:

Normalization is crucial in database design to ensure data integrity and reduce redundancy. Each **normal form** improves the structure of the database, leading to more efficient queries and easier data management. However, normalizing too much can lead to performance issues, so there is often a balance between normalization and practical performance considerations.

### CTE (Common Table Expression)

A **Common Table Expression (CTE)** is a temporary result set in SQL that is defined within the execution scope of a SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE statement. CTEs make complex queries more readable and maintainable by allowing the reuse of subqueries.

#### Syntax:

WITH cte\_name AS (

-- CTE query

SELECT column1, column2

FROM table\_name

WHERE condition

)

-- Main query that uses the CTE

SELECT \* FROM cte\_name;

* cte\_name: The name of the CTE.
* The SELECT query inside the parentheses defines the result set of the CTE.
* The CTE is referenced like a regular table in the main query.

#### Key Points:

* CTEs improve query readability by breaking down complex queries into modular pieces.
* They can be recursive, meaning the CTE can reference itself, which is useful for hierarchical or tree-structured data.
* They are only visible within the scope of the query where they are defined.

#### Example 1: Basic CTE

WITH EmployeeCTE AS (

SELECT EmployeeID, FirstName, LastName, Salary

FROM Employees

WHERE Department = 'Sales'

)

SELECT \* FROM EmployeeCTE;

* This query creates a CTE named EmployeeCTE that holds employees from the Sales department and then selects all data from that CTE.

#### Example 2: Recursive CTE (Hierarchical Data)

WITH RECURSIVE EmployeeHierarchy AS (

-- Base case

SELECT EmployeeID, ManagerID, Name

FROM Employees

WHERE ManagerID IS NULL

UNION ALL

-- Recursive case

SELECT e.EmployeeID, e.ManagerID, e.Name

FROM Employees e

INNER JOIN EmployeeHierarchy eh ON e.ManagerID = eh.EmployeeID

)

SELECT \* FROM EmployeeHierarchy;

* This recursive CTE retrieves an employee hierarchy, where each employee's manager is included, and the process continues for subordinates.

#### Advantages of CTEs:

* **Readability**: CTEs simplify complex queries by breaking them into logical steps.
* **Reusability**: A CTE can be referred to multiple times in the main query.
* **Recursion**: Recursive CTEs allow querying hierarchical or tree-like data, such as organization structures or bill of materials.

#### Conclusion:

CTEs are a powerful tool in SQL for organizing queries, making them more readable, and performing complex operations like recursion. They are ideal for scenarios where temporary result sets need to be reused or for simplifying nested queries.

### DBMS Responsibility

A **Database Management System (DBMS)** is a software system designed to manage and control access to a database. It provides an interface for users and applications to interact with the database efficiently. The DBMS has several key responsibilities that ensure data is stored, organized, and retrieved effectively and securely.

#### Key Responsibilities of a DBMS:

1. **Data Storage Management**:
   * The DBMS is responsible for efficiently storing data on disk or other storage media, ensuring that data is stored in a structured and organized manner (e.g., in tables or indexes).
   * It manages how data is physically stored, often using techniques like file organization, indexing, and compression to optimize performance and storage usage.
2. **Data Retrieval and Querying**:
   * The DBMS provides query processing capabilities, allowing users to retrieve and manipulate data using a query language (e.g., SQL).
   * It optimizes query execution through various techniques like indexing, caching, and query optimization to ensure fast data retrieval.
3. **Concurrency Control**:
   * The DBMS ensures that multiple users can access and manipulate the database concurrently without conflicts or data inconsistency.
   * It uses locking mechanisms and transaction management to handle concurrent transactions, ensuring that transactions are executed safely and without interference from others.
4. **Transaction Management**:
   * The DBMS manages database transactions, which are groups of operations that should be executed as a single unit.
   * It ensures **ACID (Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, Durability)** properties, meaning transactions are processed reliably, even in the case of system failures.
5. **Data Integrity and Security**:
   * The DBMS enforces data integrity constraints to ensure the accuracy and consistency of data (e.g., primary keys, foreign keys, uniqueness constraints).
   * It also provides security features like user authentication, access control, and data encryption to protect sensitive data from unauthorized access or modification.
6. **Backup and Recovery**:
   * The DBMS ensures that the database is regularly backed up and can be restored in case of system failures or data corruption.
   * It provides recovery mechanisms to restore the database to a consistent state after a crash or failure.
7. **Data Independence**:
   * The DBMS provides a level of abstraction between the physical storage of data and its logical representation (the schema).
   * This allows applications to be independent of the underlying data structure and changes in the storage format.
8. **Database Administration**:
   * The DBMS provides tools for database administrators (DBAs) to monitor performance, manage user access, and optimize database operations.
   * It helps DBAs configure and maintain the database to ensure efficient operation and optimal performance.

#### Conclusion:

A DBMS is responsible for efficiently managing data, ensuring its integrity, security, and availability while providing mechanisms for query processing, transaction management, concurrency control, and backup/recovery. Its primary goal is to simplify the interaction with data and provide a reliable, secure, and consistent environment for users and applications.

### Constraints

In a **Database Management System (DBMS)**, **constraints** are rules or restrictions that are applied to columns or tables to enforce data integrity. These rules ensure that the data stored in the database is accurate, consistent, and valid. Constraints play a crucial role in ensuring that the database maintains its integrity over time.

#### Types of Constraints:

1. **Primary Key Constraint**:
   * A primary key is used to uniquely identify each record in a table.
   * It ensures that no two rows in the table have the same value in the primary key column(s).
   * A table can have only one primary key, and it cannot contain NULL values.

Example:

CREATE TABLE Employees (

EmployeeID INT PRIMARY KEY,

Name VARCHAR(100),

Position VARCHAR(100)

);

1. **Foreign Key Constraint**:
   * A foreign key is a column or group of columns used to establish a link between the data in two tables.
   * It ensures referential integrity by enforcing that values in the foreign key column(s) match primary key values in another table.
   * A foreign key can allow NULL values if the relationship is optional.

Example:

CREATE TABLE Orders (

OrderID INT PRIMARY KEY,

CustomerID INT,

FOREIGN KEY (CustomerID) REFERENCES Customers(CustomerID)

);

1. **Unique Constraint**:
   * The unique constraint ensures that all values in a column (or a group of columns) are unique across the table, meaning no duplicate values are allowed.
   * Unlike the primary key, it can allow NULL values, but each NULL must be unique.

Example:

CREATE TABLE Employees (

EmployeeID INT,

Email VARCHAR(100) UNIQUE

);

1. **Not NULL Constraint**:
   * This constraint ensures that a column cannot contain NULL values.
   * It is often used to enforce that certain columns must always have a valid value (e.g., name, age).

Example:

CREATE TABLE Employees (

EmployeeID INT PRIMARY KEY,

Name VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL

);

1. **Check Constraint**:
   * A check constraint is used to limit the range of values that can be stored in a column.
   * It ensures that data adheres to a specific condition (e.g., a salary must be greater than zero).

Example:

CREATE TABLE Employees (

EmployeeID INT PRIMARY KEY,

Age INT CHECK (Age >= 18)

);

1. **Default Constraint**:
   * A default constraint is used to provide a default value for a column when no value is provided during an insert operation.

Example:

CREATE TABLE Employees (

EmployeeID INT PRIMARY KEY,

Status VARCHAR(20) DEFAULT 'Active'

);

#### Conclusion:

Constraints are essential for maintaining data integrity and consistency within a database. They ensure that data adheres to predefined rules and relationships, preventing errors, duplicates, and invalid data from entering the system. By using constraints, a DBMS can enforce rules for data correctness, such as uniqueness, referential integrity, and valid ranges.

### SQL vs DBMS

SQL (Structured Query Language) and DBMS (Database Management System) are closely related but serve different purposes in the context of managing and interacting with data in a database.

#### SQL (Structured Query Language):

* **Definition**: SQL is a programming language used to communicate with and manage databases. It is used for querying, inserting, updating, and deleting data from a database.
* **Functionality**:
  + SQL is primarily used to interact with a DBMS. It provides a standardized way to define and manipulate data.
  + SQL includes commands for data definition (e.g., CREATE, ALTER), data manipulation (e.g., INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE), and data querying (e.g., SELECT).
* **Examples of SQL Commands**:
  + **SELECT**: Retrieves data from a database.
  + **INSERT**: Adds new data to a table.
  + **UPDATE**: Modifies existing data.
  + **DELETE**: Removes data from a table.
* **Role**: SQL is a language used to perform operations on data stored in a DBMS. It allows users and applications to interact with the database by writing queries that the DBMS can execute.

#### DBMS (Database Management System):

* **Definition**: A DBMS is a software system that enables the creation, management, and manipulation of databases. It provides an interface for storing, retrieving, and managing data securely, efficiently, and consistently.
* **Functionality**:
  + DBMS handles the physical storage of data, including managing how data is organized, indexed, and retrieved.
  + It supports concurrent access, transaction management, security, and backup/recovery operations.
  + DBMS provides a controlled environment for accessing data while ensuring integrity and enforcing constraints (e.g., primary keys, foreign keys).
* **Examples of DBMS**:
  + Relational DBMS: PostgreSQL, MySQL, Oracle DB, SQL Server.
  + NoSQL DBMS: MongoDB, Cassandra, Redis.
* **Role**: A DBMS acts as a platform for storing and organizing data. It handles all interactions with the data, such as creating, updating, and deleting records, while ensuring data security and consistency.

#### Key Differences:

| **Aspect** | **SQL** | **DBMS** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Definition** | A programming language for interacting with databases. | A software system for managing databases. |
| **Purpose** | Used to write queries to retrieve or modify data. | Manages and organizes data storage and access. |
| **Scope** | Used for querying, inserting, updating, and deleting data. | Handles data storage, retrieval, concurrency, security, and more. |
| **Execution** | SQL queries are executed on a DBMS. | A DBMS executes SQL queries and manages data. |
| **Data Storage** | SQL does not store data; it operates on data within a DBMS. | DBMS stores and organizes data in databases. |
| **Examples** | SQL, PL/SQL, T-SQL. | MySQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle DB, MongoDB. |

#### Conclusion:

* **SQL** is the language used to query and manipulate data in a **DBMS**. While SQL provides the commands to interact with the database, the **DBMS** is the underlying system that stores, manages, and organizes the data.
* SQL is an essential tool for interacting with a DBMS, but the DBMS is the infrastructure that allows the management and organization of large amounts of data.

### Functional Dependency

**Functional Dependency (FD)** is a relationship between two attributes (or sets of attributes) in a database. It describes how one attribute (or set of attributes) uniquely determines another attribute (or set of attributes).

#### Definition:

A functional dependency exists when, for every valid instance of a database, if two tuples (rows) have the same value for one set of attributes (called the **determinant**), they must also have the same value for another set of attributes (called the **dependent**).

In notation, a functional dependency is represented as:

X → Y

Where:

* **X** is the determinant (the set of attributes that determine the other attribute).
* **Y** is the dependent (the attribute(s) that are determined by X).

#### Example:

Consider a table Employees with the following attributes: EmployeeID, Name, Department, and Salary.

* If EmployeeID → Name, it means that the **EmployeeID** uniquely determines the **Name** of the employee. In other words, for each unique EmployeeID, there will be exactly one Name.
* If EmployeeID → Department, it means that the **EmployeeID** uniquely determines the **Department** in which the employee works.

#### Types of Functional Dependencies:

1. **Trivial Functional Dependency**:
   * A functional dependency is trivial if the dependent set is a subset of the determinant set.
   * Example: EmployeeID, Name → EmployeeID (This is trivial because the determinant includes the dependent).
2. **Non-Trivial Functional Dependency**:
   * A functional dependency is non-trivial if the dependent set is not a subset of the determinant set.
   * Example: EmployeeID → Department (This is non-trivial because EmployeeID is not a subset of Department).
3. **Transitive Functional Dependency**:
   * A functional dependency is transitive if X → Y and Y → Z, then X → Z (i.e., there is an indirect dependency).
   * Example: If A → B and B → C, then A → C.
4. **Multivalued Dependency**:
   * A functional dependency is multivalued when one attribute determines multiple values of another attribute.
   * Example: EmployeeID →→ Project (An employee can work on multiple projects, but the employee ID determines which projects they are working on).

#### Importance of Functional Dependency:

* Functional dependencies are crucial in database normalization processes, especially for identifying candidate keys, primary keys, and ensuring data integrity.
* Understanding FDs helps in eliminating data redundancy, which is essential for maintaining consistent and accurate data.

#### Example in SQL (Not directly implemented):

Although functional dependencies are theoretical concepts used for normalization, you can design a table based on FDs to eliminate redundancy. For example, if you know that EmployeeID → Name, you can separate EmployeeID and Name into different tables to ensure minimal redundancy.

#### Conclusion:

Functional dependencies are the foundation of database normalization, as they help organize the data by determining the relationships between attributes and ensuring data integrity, consistency, and minimal redundancy in relational databases.

### Partial Dependency

**Partial Dependency** occurs when a non-prime attribute (an attribute that is not part of a candidate key) is functionally dependent on a part (subset) of a candidate key, rather than on the whole key. This type of dependency violates the Second Normal Form (2NF) of database normalization.

#### Example:

Consider a table with the following attributes: StudentID, CourseID, InstructorName, and InstructorPhone. Assume that the composite primary key is (StudentID, CourseID).

* StudentID, CourseID → InstructorName, InstructorPhone (Composite key as primary key)
* CourseID → InstructorName (Partial dependency)

In this example, InstructorName depends only on CourseID (part of the composite key), not the entire key (StudentID, CourseID). This is a **partial dependency** because the non-prime attribute InstructorName is dependent on only part of the composite primary key.

#### Impact of Partial Dependency:

* Partial dependencies cause redundancy and can lead to anomalies (insert, update, delete) in the database.
* To eliminate partial dependencies, a table needs to be normalized to **Second Normal Form (2NF)**, which requires that every non-prime attribute must depend on the whole candidate key.

#### How to Eliminate Partial Dependency:

To eliminate partial dependency, you would decompose the table into two or more tables. For example, separating InstructorName into a table where CourseID is the primary key would remove the partial dependency.

### Transitive Dependency

**Transitive Dependency** occurs when a non-prime attribute is functionally dependent on another non-prime attribute, which is in turn dependent on the primary key. This type of dependency violates the Third Normal Form (3NF) of database normalization.

#### Example:

Consider a table with the following attributes: StudentID, CourseID, InstructorName, InstructorPhone, and InstructorDepartment. Assume that StudentID, CourseID is the composite primary key.

* StudentID, CourseID → InstructorName, InstructorPhone, InstructorDepartment (Primary key determines all attributes)
* InstructorName → InstructorPhone (Transitive dependency)

In this example, InstructorPhone depends on InstructorName, and InstructorName depends on the composite key (StudentID, CourseID). Therefore, InstructorPhone is transitively dependent on the primary key through InstructorName.

#### Impact of Transitive Dependency:

* Transitive dependencies cause redundancy and increase the chance of update anomalies.
* To eliminate transitive dependencies, a table needs to be normalized to **Third Normal Form (3NF)**, which requires that all non-prime attributes are directly dependent on the primary key and not on other non-prime attributes.

#### How to Eliminate Transitive Dependency:

To eliminate transitive dependency, you can decompose the table into smaller tables. For example, separating InstructorPhone into a table where InstructorName is the primary key would break the transitive dependency.

### Key Differences:

| **Aspect** | **Partial Dependency** | **Transitive Dependency** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Definition** | A non-prime attribute depends on part of the composite key. | A non-prime attribute depends on another non-prime attribute. |
| **Violates** | 2NF (Second Normal Form) | 3NF (Third Normal Form) |
| **Example** | CourseID → InstructorName | InstructorName → InstructorPhone |
| **Resolution** | Eliminate by ensuring non-prime attributes depend on the whole candidate key. | Eliminate by ensuring non-prime attributes depend directly on the primary key. |

### Conclusion:

* **Partial dependencies** violate 2NF and cause redundancy when non-prime attributes depend only on a part of a composite primary key.
* **Transitive dependencies** violate 3NF and cause redundancy when non-prime attributes depend on other non-prime attributes, rather than directly on the primary key.

Both dependencies are removed through normalization, ensuring that the database is more efficient and less prone to anomalies.

### Third Normal Form (3NF)

**Third Normal Form (3NF)** is a database normalization standard used to eliminate transitive dependencies. A table is in **3NF** if it satisfies the following two conditions:

1. It is in **Second Normal Form (2NF)**.
2. It has no **transitive dependencies**.

In other words, 3NF requires that non-prime attributes (attributes that are not part of any candidate key) should depend only on the primary key, not on other non-prime attributes.

#### Definition:

A table is in **3NF** if for every non-prime attribute A, and for every functional dependency X → A, X must be a superkey (either the whole primary key or a superset of it).

### Key Points:

* **Transitive Dependency**: If A → B and B → C, then A → C is a transitive dependency. In 3NF, there should be no transitive dependency.
* **Superkey**: A superkey is a set of attributes that can uniquely identify any tuple (row) in a table.

### Example of 3NF:

Consider the following table Employee:

| **EmployeeID** | **Name** | **Department** | **DepartmentHead** | **DepartmentLocation** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | John | HR | Alice | New York |
| 2 | Emma | Finance | Bob | London |
| 3 | Mike | HR | Alice | New York |

#### Step-by-Step Process:

1. **1NF**: The table is in **First Normal Form (1NF)** because each column contains atomic values (no repeating groups or arrays).
2. **2NF**: The table is in **Second Normal Form (2NF)** because all non-prime attributes (Name, Department, DepartmentHead, DepartmentLocation) are fully functionally dependent on the whole composite primary key (in this case, EmployeeID as the primary key).
3. **3NF**: The table is **not in 3NF** because of a **transitive dependency**:
   * Department → DepartmentHead (Department determines the head).
   * Department → DepartmentLocation (Department determines the location).

The non-prime attributes DepartmentHead and DepartmentLocation depend on Department, which is not a candidate key. This violates 3NF.

#### How to Bring it to 3NF:

To bring the table to 3NF, we need to remove the transitive dependencies by decomposing the table.

1. **Create a new table** for Department to store the department information:
   * DepartmentID (Primary Key), DepartmentName, DepartmentHead, DepartmentLocation
2. **Update the original table** to remove DepartmentHead and DepartmentLocation and only store the DepartmentID:
   * EmployeeID (Primary Key), Name, DepartmentID

The normalized tables would look like this:

**Employee Table** (in 3NF):

| **EmployeeID** | **Name** | **DepartmentID** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | John | 1 |
| 2 | Emma | 2 |
| 3 | Mike | 1 |

**Department Table** (in 3NF):

| **DepartmentID** | **Department** | **DepartmentHead** | **DepartmentLocation** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | HR | Alice | New York |
| 2 | Finance | Bob | London |

#### Conclusion:

* **3NF** eliminates transitive dependencies by ensuring that non-prime attributes depend only on the primary key and not on other non-prime attributes.
* By achieving 3NF, a database minimizes redundancy and maintains data integrity.

### View Concept

A **View** in SQL is a virtual table that provides a way to present data from one or more tables. It is essentially a stored query that can be treated like a regular table, but it does not store data itself. Instead, a view derives its data from the base tables through a query.

#### Key Characteristics:

* **Virtual Table**: A view doesn't store data physically; it displays the result of a query on the base tables.
* **Simplifies Complex Queries**: Views can simplify complex queries by encapsulating them into a single virtual table, making them reusable.
* **Data Security**: Views can be used to restrict access to certain columns or rows in a table, providing a layer of abstraction and data security.
* **Read-Only or Updatable**: Depending on the view's complexity and how it's defined, it can either be read-only or allow updates (if the view directly maps to the underlying table).

### Syntax for Creating a View:

CREATE VIEW view\_name AS

SELECT column1, column2, ...

FROM table\_name

WHERE condition;

#### Example:

CREATE VIEW EmployeeDetails AS

SELECT EmployeeID, Name, Department

FROM Employee

WHERE Department = 'HR';

This creates a view EmployeeDetails that shows only the employees in the 'HR' department. You can now query this view like a regular table.

#### Querying a View:

SELECT \* FROM EmployeeDetails;

This will return the data for employees in the 'HR' department from the Employee table through the view.

### Key Operations on Views:

1. **Create a View**: Define a view with a CREATE VIEW statement.
2. **Update a View**: If the view is updatable, you can update the underlying base table through the view.
   * **Example**:
   * UPDATE EmployeeDetails
   * SET Department = 'Finance'
   * WHERE EmployeeID = 2;
3. **Drop a View**: To remove a view from the database:
4. DROP VIEW view\_name;

### Types of Views:

1. **Simple View**: A view based on a single table, without any complex joins or aggregations.
2. **Complex View**: A view that is based on multiple tables, often involving joins, subqueries, or aggregate functions.

### Advantages of Views:

* **Simplify Complex Queries**: By encapsulating a complex query, views make it easier for users to query the data.
* **Data Abstraction**: Users can interact with the data at a higher level, without needing to know the details of the underlying tables.
* **Security**: Views can be used to expose only specific columns or rows to users, hiding sensitive data.
* **Reusability**: Once a view is defined, it can be used in multiple queries, avoiding the need to rewrite the same complex logic.

### Limitations:

* **Performance**: Views can sometimes lead to performance issues, especially if they are complex or based on large datasets.
* **Updatability**: Not all views are updatable. Views with joins, aggregations, or other complex operations may be read-only.

### Conclusion:

A **View** is a powerful tool in SQL that allows you to create reusable, virtual tables for querying. It simplifies data retrieval, enforces security, and can provide abstraction from underlying database structures. However, views need to be used carefully to avoid performance problems, especially with large or complex queries.

### TRUNCATE vs DELETE

**TRUNCATE** and **DELETE** are both SQL commands used to remove data from a table, but they differ in their behavior, performance, and use cases. Here's a comparison of the two:

#### **1. TRUNCATE**

* **Definition**: TRUNCATE is a Data Definition Language (DDL) command that removes all rows from a table, effectively resetting it. It is a fast and efficient way to delete all data from a table.
* **Syntax**:
* TRUNCATE TABLE table\_name;

#### Key Characteristics of TRUNCATE:

* **Faster**: TRUNCATE is generally faster than DELETE because it does not log individual row deletions. It deallocates the data pages used by the table, making it more efficient.
* **Cannot Be Rolled Back (in some cases)**: TRUNCATE is a DDL command, and its operation cannot be rolled back once committed in most databases, although in some cases, it may be rolled back if executed within a transaction.
* **No Triggers**: TRUNCATE does not activate any DELETE triggers because it does not process individual rows.
* **Cannot Be Used with a WHERE Clause**: TRUNCATE removes all rows from the table; you cannot specify a condition or a subset of rows to delete.
* **Resets Identity Column**: If the table contains an IDENTITY column (auto-increment column), TRUNCATE will reset the counter back to its seed value.

#### Example:

TRUNCATE TABLE Employees;

This will remove all rows from the Employees table.

#### **2. DELETE**

* **Definition**: DELETE is a Data Manipulation Language (DML) command used to remove rows from a table based on a condition. It can delete specific rows or all rows from a table.
* **Syntax**:
* DELETE FROM table\_name WHERE condition;

If you omit the WHERE clause, all rows are deleted, similar to TRUNCATE.

#### Key Characteristics of DELETE:

* **Slower**: DELETE is generally slower than TRUNCATE because it logs each row deletion and processes individual row deletions.
* **Can Be Rolled Back**: DELETE is a DML command, and it can be rolled back if wrapped in a transaction. You can undo a DELETE operation if needed.
* **Triggers Are Fired**: DELETE activates any DELETE triggers defined on the table, which might cause additional overhead.
* **Can Use a WHERE Clause**: DELETE allows you to specify a condition (using the WHERE clause) to delete only specific rows. Without the WHERE clause, all rows are deleted.
* **Does Not Reset Identity Column**: Unlike TRUNCATE, DELETE does not reset the IDENTITY column.

#### Example:

DELETE FROM Employees WHERE Department = 'HR';

This will delete all employees in the 'HR' department from the Employees table.

### ****Key Differences Between TRUNCATE and DELETE:****

| **Feature** | **TRUNCATE** | **DELETE** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Command Type** | DDL (Data Definition Language) | DML (Data Manipulation Language) |
| **Performance** | Faster, more efficient | Slower due to row-by-row logging |
| **Rollback** | Cannot be rolled back in most cases | Can be rolled back if within a transaction |
| **Where Clause** | Cannot use a WHERE clause | Can use a WHERE clause to delete specific rows |
| **Triggers** | Does not fire triggers | Fires DELETE triggers |
| **Identity Column** | Resets the identity column | Does not reset the identity column |
| **Use Case** | Best for removing all rows from a table | Best for removing specific rows or with conditions |

### ****Conclusion****:

* **Use TRUNCATE** when you need to quickly remove all rows from a table and do not need to worry about triggers, rolling back, or resetting the identity column.
* **Use DELETE** when you need to remove specific rows, need to use a WHERE clause, or need to ensure the operation can be rolled back.

Each command has its own use case depending on your requirements for performance, flexibility, and transaction management.

### Advantages of View and Stored Procedure

#### **View**

A **View** is a virtual table based on the result of a query, and it provides a way to simplify complex queries and improve data security.

##### **Advantages of Views**:

1. **Simplifies Complex Queries**:
   * Views allow users to encapsulate complex SQL logic into a single virtual table. Users can access the result of complex joins or aggregations without writing the query repeatedly.
   * **Example**: If you have a complex query involving multiple tables and joins, you can create a view to make it reusable.
2. **Improves Data Security**:
   * Views can provide controlled access to sensitive data by exposing only selected columns or rows. You can restrict access to specific parts of a table by creating a view that hides other data.
   * **Example**: Users can be given access to a view that shows only employee names and departments, but not their salaries.
3. **Data Abstraction**:
   * Views provide a layer of abstraction between the user and the underlying database schema. This means that users do not need to understand the structure of underlying tables.
   * **Example**: A user may interact with a view that abstracts complex relationships between tables without knowing how data is stored.
4. **Reusability**:
   * Once a view is created, it can be used in multiple queries. This promotes consistency in data retrieval and reduces redundancy.
   * **Example**: A view for employee details can be used by multiple departments without having to rewrite the same logic.
5. **Performance Optimization**:
   * In some cases, views can help optimize query performance by centralizing and optimizing the logic in the view itself, especially for complex aggregation or filtering operations.

#### **Stored Procedure**

A **Stored Procedure** is a precompiled collection of one or more SQL statements that can be executed as a single unit. It allows users to perform operations like data modification, calculations, or business logic in the database.

##### **Advantages of Stored Procedures**:

1. **Encapsulation of Business Logic**:
   * Stored procedures allow you to encapsulate complex business logic inside the database, ensuring that the logic is consistent and reusable across multiple applications or users.
   * **Example**: A stored procedure can handle the calculation of employee bonuses based on their performance and department.
2. **Improved Performance**:
   * Stored procedures are precompiled and stored in the database, which means the SQL query execution plan is already optimized. This can result in faster execution times, especially for repetitive tasks.
   * **Example**: Running a stored procedure for data aggregation will execute faster than executing a similar query repeatedly.
3. **Security**:
   * Stored procedures provide an additional layer of security. Instead of giving users direct access to tables, you can grant permission to execute a stored procedure, thus limiting the scope of what a user can do.
   * **Example**: Users can execute a stored procedure that updates customer records without being able to directly modify the Customers table.
4. **Error Handling**:
   * Stored procedures allow you to implement error handling mechanisms like TRY-CATCH, which helps to handle exceptions or unexpected situations in SQL code.
   * **Example**: If a procedure encounters an error while updating the database, you can handle the error gracefully and log it.
5. **Transaction Control**:
   * Stored procedures can be used to manage transactions by using COMMIT and ROLLBACK statements. This ensures that a series of related operations are executed as a single transaction, ensuring data consistency.
   * **Example**: A stored procedure for transferring money between two accounts can ensure that the transaction is rolled back if any step fails.
6. **Code Reusability and Maintainability**:
   * Stored procedures allow developers to centralize business logic in the database, making the code more maintainable. Changes in the logic can be made in one place without affecting the application code.
   * **Example**: If you need to change the logic for applying discounts to orders, you only need to modify the stored procedure instead of updating the application code in multiple places.
7. **Reduces Network Traffic**:
   * Since stored procedures execute on the database server, only the procedure call is sent over the network, rather than sending multiple SQL queries. This can reduce network overhead and improve application performance.
   * **Example**: Instead of sending multiple queries to update records, you can execute a stored procedure that performs all necessary updates in one call.

### ****Summary of Advantages:****

| **Feature** | **View** | **Stored Procedure** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Simplifies Complex Queries** | Yes (encapsulates queries) | No (requires calling stored procedure) |
| **Improves Data Security** | Yes (restricts access to specific data) | Yes (limits direct access to tables) |
| **Data Abstraction** | Yes (hides table structure) | No (doesn't abstract data structure) |
| **Reusability** | Yes (can be reused in multiple queries) | Yes (reusable across applications) |
| **Performance** | Can be optimized but slower for large data | Faster due to precompiled execution |
| **Transaction Handling** | No | Yes (supports COMMIT/ROLLBACK) |
| **Error Handling** | No | Yes (supports error handling mechanisms) |

### ****Conclusion:****

* **Use a View** when you need to simplify complex queries, provide data abstraction, improve security by restricting data access, and make queries more reusable.
* **Use a Stored Procedure** when you need to encapsulate business logic, improve performance, handle errors and transactions, and reduce network traffic by executing multiple operations in one call.

Both views and stored procedures are essential tools for working with databases, and their use depends on the specific requirements of your application.

### ****WHERE vs HAVING****

In SQL, both WHERE and HAVING are used to filter records, but they are used in different contexts and for different purposes.

#### **WHERE**

The WHERE clause is used to filter records **before** any grouping is done. It operates on individual rows in a table and is applied **directly** to the columns in the table.

##### **Key Points**:

* Filters rows **before** aggregation or grouping.
* Can be used with **any** SQL query that retrieves data from a table (whether or not aggregation is involved).
* Works with **individual rows** of a table, not the result of aggregations.

##### **Example**:

SELECT \*

FROM employees

WHERE salary > 50000;

* This filters the employees whose salary is greater than 50,000 before performing any other operations, like grouping.

#### **HAVING**

The HAVING clause is used to filter records **after** the data has been grouped (i.e., after aggregation). It is typically used with aggregate functions like COUNT(), SUM(), AVG(), etc., to filter the results based on conditions applied to grouped data.

##### **Key Points**:

* Filters **after** grouping and aggregation.
* Typically used in conjunction with GROUP BY to filter the aggregated data.
* Can be used with **aggregate functions** (e.g., COUNT(), SUM(), etc.).

##### **Example**:

SELECT department, AVG(salary)

FROM employees

GROUP BY department

HAVING AVG(salary) > 60000;

* This query groups employees by their department and then filters out departments where the average salary is not greater than 60,000.

### ****Key Differences****:

| **Aspect** | **WHERE** | **HAVING** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Purpose** | Filters rows **before** grouping/aggregation. | Filters rows **after** grouping/aggregation. |
| **Usage** | Can be used in any query. | Used in queries with GROUP BY or aggregate functions. |
| **Works on** | Individual rows. | Groups of rows (result of aggregation). |
| **When to Use** | When you want to filter rows **before** grouping or aggregation. | When you want to filter based on aggregate results (after GROUP BY). |

### ****Conclusion****:

* Use **WHERE** to filter records **before** aggregation, on individual row values.
* Use **HAVING** to filter records **after** aggregation, on aggregated values.

Both clauses can be used together in the same query, with WHERE filtering rows before GROUP BY and HAVING filtering the results after aggregation.

### ****Entities and Relationships****

#### **Entities**

In the context of a database, an **entity** refers to any object, concept, or thing that can have data stored about it. Entities are typically represented as **tables** in a relational database, where each row in the table represents an instance of that entity.

##### **Key Points**:

* An entity is a real-world object or concept (e.g., a person, product, or order).
* Each entity has a **unique identifier** (known as a primary key).
* The attributes of an entity are represented as **columns** in the database table.

##### **Example**:

For an entity like Employee, you might have a table with columns like EmployeeID, FirstName, LastName, DateOfBirth, etc.

| **EmployeeID** | **FirstName** | **LastName** | **DateOfBirth** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | John | Doe | 1985-06-15 |
| 2 | Jane | Smith | 1990-03-22 |

#### **Relationships**

A **relationship** in a database refers to the association between two or more entities. It describes how entities are related to each other and how they interact within the system. In relational databases, relationships are implemented through **foreign keys**, which link the columns of one table to the primary key of another table.

##### **Types of Relationships**:

1. **One-to-One (1:1)**: A record in one table is related to at most one record in another table.
   * **Example**: A Person can have one Passport.
2. **One-to-Many (1:M)**: A record in one table can be related to multiple records in another table.
   * **Example**: A Department can have many Employees.
3. **Many-to-Many (M:N)**: Multiple records in one table can be related to multiple records in another table. This is usually implemented with a **junction table**.
   * **Example**: A Student can enroll in many Courses, and a Course can have many Students.

##### **Example**:

For a one-to-many relationship between Department and Employee, you could have two tables:

**Department Table**:

| **DepartmentID** | **DepartmentName** |
| --- | --- |
| 1 | HR |
| 2 | IT |

**Employee Table**:

| **EmployeeID** | **FirstName** | **LastName** | **DepartmentID** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | John | Doe | 1 |
| 2 | Jane | Smith | 2 |

Here, DepartmentID in the Employee table is a **foreign key** that links to the DepartmentID in the Department table, establishing a one-to-many relationship between the Department and Employee.

### ****Conclusion****:

* **Entities** represent objects or concepts about which we store data in tables, with rows as instances and columns as attributes.
* **Relationships** define how entities interact with each other. These are often represented through foreign keys and can be one-to-one, one-to-many, or many-to-many.

### ****Joins vs UNION****

In SQL, both **JOIN** and **UNION** are used to combine data from multiple tables, but they are used in different scenarios and have different purposes.

### ****JOIN****

A **JOIN** is used to combine columns from two or more tables based on a related column between them, usually a primary key or a foreign key. Joins allow you to retrieve data from multiple tables in a single query by specifying how the tables are related.

#### **Types of Joins**:

1. **INNER JOIN**: Returns records that have matching values in both tables.
2. **LEFT JOIN (or LEFT OUTER JOIN)**: Returns all records from the left table and the matched records from the right table. If no match is found, NULL values are returned for columns from the right table.
3. **RIGHT JOIN (or RIGHT OUTER JOIN)**: Returns all records from the right table and the matched records from the left table. If no match is found, NULL values are returned for columns from the left table.
4. **FULL JOIN (or FULL OUTER JOIN)**: Returns all records when there is a match in either the left or right table. If no match is found, NULL values are returned for the missing side.

#### **Syntax**:

SELECT columns

FROM table1

JOIN table2

ON table1.column = table2.column;

#### **Example**:

To retrieve the names of employees along with their department names:

SELECT employees.EmployeeName, departments.DepartmentName

FROM employees

INNER JOIN departments

ON employees.DepartmentID = departments.DepartmentID;

### ****UNION****

The **UNION** operator is used to combine the result sets of two or more SELECT queries into a single result set. The number of columns and the data types in each SELECT query must be the same for the UNION to work. The result set includes all distinct records from the combined queries.

#### **Key Points**:

* **Combines rows vertically** from different queries.
* Eliminates duplicate rows (for duplicates, use UNION ALL).
* Each SELECT must return the same number of columns and compatible data types.
* The columns do not need to have the same names, though it's usually a good practice to match them.

#### **Syntax**:

SELECT columns

FROM table1

UNION

SELECT columns

FROM table2;

#### **Example**:

To retrieve all employee names from two departments:

SELECT EmployeeName

FROM employees

WHERE Department = 'HR'

UNION

SELECT EmployeeName

FROM employees

WHERE Department = 'IT';

### ****Key Differences****:

| **Aspect** | **JOIN** | **UNION** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Purpose** | Combines columns from multiple tables. | Combines rows from multiple queries. |
| **Operation** | Joins rows based on a related column (foreign key, primary key). | Combines results of multiple SELECT queries into a single result. |
| **Number of Tables** | Works with two or more tables. | Works with multiple SELECT queries. |
| **Duplicates** | Does not remove duplicates (use DISTINCT if needed). | Removes duplicates by default (use UNION ALL to include all). |
| **Result Format** | Returns a result with columns from each table. | Returns a result with rows from multiple queries. |
| **Example Use Case** | Retrieving related data from multiple tables. | Retrieving results from different queries that return the same type of data. |

### ****Conclusion****:

* Use **JOIN** when you need to retrieve data from multiple tables based on a relationship between them (e.g., retrieving employee and department data from different tables).
* Use **UNION** when you need to combine results from multiple SELECT queries that return similar data, merging them into one result set (e.g., combining employee names from two different departments).

### ****Global Temporary Tables vs Local Temporary Tables****

Temporary tables in SQL are used to store temporary data that is needed for the duration of a session or a specific operation. They are automatically deleted when the session ends or the operation is completed. The distinction between **global temporary tables** and **local temporary tables** primarily lies in their scope and availability.

### ****Local Temporary Tables****

A **Local Temporary Table** is a temporary table that is visible only within the session or connection where it was created. Other sessions or users cannot access it.

#### **Key Points**:

* **Scope**: Available only to the session in which it was created. It is automatically dropped when the session ends.
* **Naming Convention**: In most SQL systems (like SQL Server and PostgreSQL), local temporary tables are prefixed with a single hash (#).
* **Visibility**: Only accessible to the user or session that created it.
* **Lifetime**: The table exists only for the duration of the session or until the user explicitly drops it.

#### **Example**:

Creating and using a local temporary table in SQL Server:

CREATE TABLE #tempEmployees (

EmployeeID INT,

EmployeeName VARCHAR(100)

);

INSERT INTO #tempEmployees VALUES (1, 'John'), (2, 'Jane');

SELECT \* FROM #tempEmployees;

-- #tempEmployees will be automatically dropped when the session ends.

### ****Global Temporary Tables****

A **Global Temporary Table** is a temporary table that is available to all sessions and users, but its data is private to the session that inserts it. The structure of the table is visible to all sessions, but the data is session-specific.

#### **Key Points**:

* **Scope**: Available to all sessions and users, but data is specific to the session that created or inserted it.
* **Naming Convention**: In most SQL systems (like SQL Server and PostgreSQL), global temporary tables are prefixed with two hashes (##).
* **Visibility**: Visible to all sessions, but each session sees only its own data.
* **Lifetime**: The table exists until all sessions that are using it are closed. It is automatically dropped when the last session that is using it ends.

#### **Example**:

Creating and using a global temporary table in SQL Server:

CREATE TABLE ##tempDepartments (

DepartmentID INT,

DepartmentName VARCHAR(100)

);

INSERT INTO ##tempDepartments VALUES (1, 'HR'), (2, 'IT');

-- Any other session can access ##tempDepartments, but data is specific to the session.

SELECT \* FROM ##tempDepartments;

### ****Key Differences****:

| **Aspect** | **Local Temporary Table** | **Global Temporary Table** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Scope** | Visible only to the session that created it. | Visible to all sessions, but data is session-specific. |
| **Naming** | Prefixed with a single hash (#). | Prefixed with two hashes (##). |
| **Visibility** | Accessible only within the session. | Accessible to all sessions, but data is isolated per session. |
| **Lifetime** | Automatically dropped at the end of the session. | Remains until all sessions referencing it end. |
| **Use Case** | Temporary data for the current session. | Temporary data shared across multiple sessions. |

### ****Conclusion****:

* **Local Temporary Tables** are session-specific, ideal for temporary data that does not need to be shared between different sessions.
* **Global Temporary Tables** are accessible across sessions, useful when multiple sessions need access to the same structure, but each session works with its own data.

### ****User Grant Privileges****

In SQL, the **GRANT** statement is used to assign privileges (permissions) to a user or role. Privileges control what operations a user can perform on a database or its objects (like tables, views, and schemas). The GRANT command is an essential part of managing security and access in a database.

#### **Privileges**

Common privileges that can be granted to a user include:

* **SELECT**: Allows the user to query data from a table or view.
* **INSERT**: Allows the user to add new rows to a table.
* **UPDATE**: Allows the user to modify existing rows in a table.
* **DELETE**: Allows the user to remove rows from a table.
* **CREATE**: Allows the user to create new tables, views, or other objects.
* **ALTER**: Allows the user to modify the structure of an existing table or view.
* **DROP**: Allows the user to delete a table, view, or other database objects.
* **EXECUTE**: Allows the user to run stored procedures and functions.

#### **Syntax**:

GRANT privilege\_type

ON object\_name

TO user\_name;

* **privilege\_type**: The specific privilege you want to grant (e.g., SELECT, INSERT).
* **object\_name**: The name of the object (table, view, etc.) on which the privilege is being granted.
* **user\_name**: The username or role to which the privilege is being granted.

#### **Example**:

1. **Grant SELECT and INSERT privileges** to a user on a table:
2. GRANT SELECT, INSERT
3. ON employees
4. TO john\_doe;
   * This grants the user john\_doe the ability to SELECT and INSERT data into the employees table.
5. **Grant ALL privileges** to a user on a database:
6. GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES
7. ON DATABASE sales
8. TO admin\_user;
   * This grants the user admin\_user full access (all privileges) to the sales database.
9. **Grant EXECUTE privilege** on a stored procedure:
10. GRANT EXECUTE
11. ON PROCEDURE calculate\_bonus
12. TO employee\_user;
    * This grants the user employee\_user the ability to execute the stored procedure calculate\_bonus.

#### **GRANT with OPTION TO**:

You can also use WITH GRANT OPTION to allow the grantee to grant the same privileges to other users.

GRANT SELECT

ON employees

TO john\_doe

WITH GRANT OPTION;

* This gives john\_doe the ability to grant the SELECT privilege to other users as well.

#### **Revoking Privileges**:

To revoke privileges that were granted, you can use the REVOKE statement.

REVOKE SELECT

ON employees

FROM john\_doe;

* This revokes the SELECT privilege from the user john\_doe on the employees table.

### ****Key Points****:

* **GRANT** is used to assign permissions (like SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE) to users or roles.
* It controls access to database objects and is crucial for managing security.
* The WITH GRANT OPTION allows a user to further grant the privileges they have to others.
* Privileges can be granted for specific database objects like tables, views, and stored procedures.

### ****Is NULL Possible in Primary Key?****

No, a **primary key** cannot have NULL values.

#### **Reason**:

* **Uniqueness**: A primary key is used to uniquely identify each record in a table. Allowing NULL values would break this uniqueness, as NULL is not considered a value but rather an absence of a value, making it non-comparable. As a result, two rows with NULL in the primary key would not be considered duplicates, but they would also not be able to uniquely identify a record.
* **Not Null Constraint**: When you define a column as a **primary key**, the database automatically enforces a **NOT NULL** constraint. This means the column must have a value for every row, and NULL is not allowed.

#### **Example**:

If you try to insert a row with a NULL primary key, the database will return an error:

CREATE TABLE employees (

employee\_id INT PRIMARY KEY,

employee\_name VARCHAR(100)

);

-- This will fail because NULL cannot be inserted into the primary key

INSERT INTO employees (employee\_id, employee\_name)

VALUES (NULL, 'John Doe');

This will result in an error like:

ERROR: null value in column "employee\_id" violates not-null constraint

### ****Key Points****:

* **Primary Key**: Must have a unique and non-null value for each row.
* **NULL in Primary Key**: Not allowed, as it would violate the principle of uniqueness and identity.

### ****Composite Key****

A **composite key** is a primary key that consists of two or more columns in a table, used together to uniquely identify each record. Each individual column within the composite key may not be unique by itself, but the combination of these columns ensures the uniqueness of the record.

#### **Why Use a Composite Key?**

* A composite key is useful when no single column can uniquely identify a record in the table, but the combination of multiple columns can provide uniqueness.
* It is often used in situations where you need to model relationships between two or more entities.

#### **Syntax**:

To create a composite key, you define it using multiple columns during table creation or by using the PRIMARY KEY constraint with more than one column.

CREATE TABLE order\_details (

order\_id INT,

product\_id INT,

quantity INT,

PRIMARY KEY (order\_id, product\_id)

);

In this example, both order\_id and product\_id together form the **composite key**. This combination ensures that each pair of order\_id and product\_id is unique in the table.

#### **Example**:

Imagine a table that stores order details where an individual order\_id or product\_id alone is not unique, but their combination is.

CREATE TABLE order\_details (

order\_id INT,

product\_id INT,

quantity INT,

PRIMARY KEY (order\_id, product\_id)

);

-- Inserting data into the table

INSERT INTO order\_details (order\_id, product\_id, quantity)

VALUES (101, 1, 2),

(101, 2, 1),

(102, 1, 3);

-- The composite key ensures that each order-product pair is unique

#### **Key Points**:

* A **composite key** is made up of two or more columns that together ensure each record's uniqueness.
* It is commonly used when a single column is not sufficient to uniquely identify a record.
* In the example above, the combination of order\_id and product\_id ensures that each order-product pair is unique in the table.

### ****Cascading****

**Cascading** refers to a set of operations in relational databases that automatically propagate changes made to one table to other related tables, usually when dealing with foreign key constraints. Cascading actions are often used to ensure referential integrity by automatically updating or deleting dependent records when the referenced record is updated or deleted.

#### **Types of Cascading Actions**:

1. **CASCADE**: Automatically updates or deletes the corresponding records in the child table when the parent record is updated or deleted.
2. **SET NULL**: Sets the foreign key field in the child table to NULL when the parent record is deleted or updated.
3. **SET DEFAULT**: Sets the foreign key field to its default value when the parent record is deleted or updated.
4. **NO ACTION**: Prevents the operation if it would violate referential integrity, essentially doing nothing (this is the default behavior in some databases).
5. **RESTRICT**: Similar to NO ACTION, but it applies immediately, not waiting for the end of the transaction.

#### **Cascading with Foreign Keys**:

When defining a foreign key constraint, you can specify how updates and deletions to the parent table should be handled in the child table. This is done using the ON DELETE and ON UPDATE clauses.

#### **Syntax**:

CREATE TABLE child\_table (

child\_id INT,

parent\_id INT,

FOREIGN KEY (parent\_id)

REFERENCES parent\_table(parent\_id)

ON DELETE CASCADE

ON UPDATE CASCADE

);

In this example:

* **ON DELETE CASCADE**: If a record in the parent\_table is deleted, the corresponding records in child\_table will also be deleted automatically.
* **ON UPDATE CASCADE**: If the parent\_id in the parent\_table is updated, the parent\_id in the child\_table will also be updated automatically.

#### **Example**:

Consider two tables: orders (parent table) and order\_items (child table).

CREATE TABLE orders (

order\_id INT PRIMARY KEY,

order\_date DATE

);

CREATE TABLE order\_items (

item\_id INT PRIMARY KEY,

order\_id INT,

product\_name VARCHAR(100),

FOREIGN KEY (order\_id)

REFERENCES orders(order\_id)

ON DELETE CASCADE

ON UPDATE CASCADE

);

* **CASCADING DELETE**: If an order is deleted from the orders table, all corresponding items in the order\_items table will also be deleted automatically.
* **CASCADING UPDATE**: If the order\_id in the orders table is updated, the corresponding order\_id in the order\_items table will also be updated automatically.

#### **Key Points**:

* **Cascading** ensures referential integrity by automatically reflecting changes in related tables.
* It can help avoid manual updates or deletions of dependent records.
* Different cascading actions can be defined for **delete** and **update** operations (e.g., CASCADE, SET NULL, NO ACTION).

### ****Combination of Columns (Composite Keys)****

In database design, a **combination of columns** refers to using multiple columns together to uniquely identify a record in a table. This is commonly achieved through a **composite key**.

#### **What is a Composite Key?**

A **composite key** is a primary key made up of two or more columns in a table. It ensures that the combination of values across these columns is unique for each row, rather than requiring a single column to maintain uniqueness.

#### **Why Use a Combination of Columns?**

* A **composite key** is necessary when no single column is sufficient to uniquely identify a row. The combination of values across multiple columns can provide the uniqueness required.
* It is commonly used in many-to-many relationships or cases where data inherently has a combined uniqueness across columns.

#### **Example**:

Consider a scenario where we want to track students enrolled in courses. Both the student\_id and course\_id together must uniquely identify an enrollment, as a student can be enrolled in multiple courses and each course can have multiple students.

CREATE TABLE enrollments (

student\_id INT,

course\_id INT,

enrollment\_date DATE,

PRIMARY KEY (student\_id, course\_id)

);

In this example:

* The combination of student\_id and course\_id forms the **composite primary key**.
* This ensures that each student can only be enrolled in a particular course once, while the same student can enroll in different courses.

#### **Combining Columns in Queries**:

You can also use combinations of columns to perform operations like filtering, joining, or grouping data.

**Example 1: Using a Combination of Columns in a JOIN**:

SELECT students.student\_id, students.name, courses.course\_name

FROM students

JOIN enrollments ON students.student\_id = enrollments.student\_id

JOIN courses ON enrollments.course\_id = courses.course\_id;

**Example 2: Using a Combination of Columns for Grouping**:

SELECT student\_id, course\_id, COUNT(\*)

FROM enrollments

GROUP BY student\_id, course\_id;

#### **Key Points**:

* A **combination of columns** (or **composite key**) ensures that multiple columns together uniquely identify a record.
* It is useful when individual columns alone are not sufficient to maintain uniqueness in a table.
* You can create composite keys during table creation using the PRIMARY KEY constraint or as part of a **foreign key** relationship.

### ****CASE WHEN****

The **CASE WHEN** expression in SQL is used to perform conditional logic directly within queries. It allows you to evaluate conditions and return specific values based on the result of those conditions. It is often used in SELECT, UPDATE, and INSERT statements to dynamically change values based on certain criteria.

#### **Syntax**:

CASE

WHEN condition1 THEN result1

WHEN condition2 THEN result2

...

ELSE result\_default

END

* **condition**: A boolean expression that evaluates to TRUE or FALSE.
* **result**: The value to be returned if the corresponding condition is TRUE.
* **ELSE**: Optional. The value to be returned if no conditions are TRUE.

#### **Usage in SELECT Queries**:

You can use CASE WHEN in a SELECT statement to evaluate different conditions and return values accordingly.

**Example 1: Classifying Data with CASE WHEN**: Imagine you have a sales table with a column amount that represents the sale amount. You want to categorize the sales as 'High', 'Medium', or 'Low'.

SELECT amount,

CASE

WHEN amount > 1000 THEN 'High'

WHEN amount BETWEEN 500 AND 1000 THEN 'Medium'

ELSE 'Low'

END AS sale\_category

FROM sales;

* **Output**: The query will return the amount along with a new column sale\_category, where each sale is categorized as 'High', 'Medium', or 'Low'.

**Example 2: Applying CASE WHEN with Aggregation**: You can also use CASE WHEN inside aggregation functions like COUNT, SUM, etc.

SELECT department,

COUNT(CASE WHEN salary > 50000 THEN 1 END) AS high\_salary\_count

FROM employees

GROUP BY department;

* **Explanation**: This query counts the number of employees in each department with a salary greater than 50,000.

#### **Nested** CASE WHEN:

You can also nest CASE WHEN statements for more complex logic.

SELECT employee\_id,

CASE

WHEN salary > 70000 THEN 'High'

WHEN salary > 50000 THEN

CASE

WHEN years\_of\_experience > 5 THEN 'Medium'

ELSE 'Low'

END

ELSE 'Low'

END AS salary\_level

FROM employees;

#### **Key Points**:

* The CASE WHEN expression checks conditions sequentially, returning the result of the first true condition.
* It is commonly used to implement if-else logic directly in SQL queries.
* CASE WHEN can be used in SELECT statements, but also in UPDATE or INSERT operations to conditionally set column values.

The CASE WHEN expression adds flexibility and dynamic behavior to your queries, allowing you to implement complex logic directly within SQL.

### ****Data Definition Language (DDL)****

**Data Definition Language (DDL)** is a subset of SQL used to define and manage database structures such as tables, schemas, indexes, and views. It includes commands that allow you to create, alter, and drop database objects.

#### **Common DDL Commands**:

1. **CREATE**: Used to create new database objects like tables, views, indexes, and schemas.
   * **Example**: Creating a table
2. CREATE TABLE employees (
3. employee\_id INT PRIMARY KEY,
4. name VARCHAR(100),
5. department VARCHAR(50),
6. salary DECIMAL(10, 2)
7. );
8. **ALTER**: Used to modify existing database objects, such as adding, deleting, or modifying columns in a table.
   * **Example**: Adding a column
9. ALTER TABLE employees
10. ADD date\_of\_birth DATE;
11. **DROP**: Used to delete an existing database object, such as a table, view, or index.
    * **Example**: Dropping a table
12. DROP TABLE employees;
13. **TRUNCATE**: Used to delete all records from a table, but it does not remove the table structure.
    * **Example**: Truncating a table
14. TRUNCATE TABLE employees;
15. **RENAME**: Used to rename an existing database object, such as a table or column.
    * **Example**: Renaming a table
16. RENAME TABLE employees TO staff;

#### **Key Points**:

* **DDL** statements define and manage the structure of database objects but do not modify the actual data inside them (this is done by DML, Data Manipulation Language).
* DDL commands are permanent; once executed, changes are committed to the database.
* **Transaction Control**: DDL commands are auto-committed in most databases, meaning that changes made by DDL cannot be rolled back unless explicitly handled by the system.

#### **Conclusion**:

DDL is a critical part of database management that allows the creation, alteration, and deletion of structures in a database. It helps in organizing and defining how data is stored, accessed, and related within the database system.

### ****Default Constraint****

A **Default Constraint** in SQL is used to assign a default value to a column when no value is provided during an INSERT operation. This helps ensure that the column always has a valid value, even if the user doesn't explicitly specify one.

#### **Syntax**:

CREATE TABLE table\_name (

column\_name data\_type DEFAULT default\_value

);

#### **Example**: Creating a Table with a Default Constraint

CREATE TABLE employees (

employee\_id INT PRIMARY KEY,

name VARCHAR(100),

hire\_date DATE DEFAULT CURRENT\_DATE,

status VARCHAR(10) DEFAULT 'Active'

);

* In this example, if no value is provided for the hire\_date, it will automatically be set to the current date.
* Similarly, if no value is provided for status, it will default to 'Active'.

#### **Example 2**: Inserting Data Without Specifying Default Values

INSERT INTO employees (employee\_id, name)

VALUES (1, 'John Doe');

* **Output**:
  + The hire\_date will automatically be set to the current date (because of the default CURRENT\_DATE).
  + The status will be set to 'Active' (because of the default 'Active').

#### **Key Points**:

* The **DEFAULT** keyword is used to set default values in SQL.
* Default values are applied when no value is explicitly provided for the column during data insertion.
* It helps ensure data integrity by avoiding NULL values in columns where a value is expected.
* Default values can be constants, expressions, or built-in functions like CURRENT\_DATE or CURRENT\_TIMESTAMP.

#### **Conclusion**:

The **Default Constraint** ensures that a column always has a value, either explicitly provided during an insert or implicitly set to a predefined default. This is particularly useful for setting consistent and meaningful default values in database records.

### ****NOT IN****

The **NOT IN** operator in SQL is used to filter results that do not match any of the values in a specified list or subquery. It is commonly used in WHERE clauses to exclude rows based on a set of conditions.

#### **Syntax**:

SELECT column\_name(s)

FROM table\_name

WHERE column\_name NOT IN (value1, value2, ...);

* **column\_name**: The column you want to filter on.
* **value1, value2, ...**: A list of values you want to exclude.

#### **Example 1: Using** NOT IN **with a List of Values**:

Suppose you have a students table and you want to find all students who are **not** in the "Math" or "Science" departments.

SELECT student\_name, department

FROM students

WHERE department NOT IN ('Math', 'Science');

* **Explanation**: This query will return all students whose department is neither "Math" nor "Science".

#### **Example 2: Using** NOT IN **with a Subquery**:

Suppose you want to find all employees whose IDs are not in the list of employees who have taken a training course. You can use a subquery to filter out those employee IDs.

SELECT employee\_name

FROM employees

WHERE employee\_id NOT IN (SELECT employee\_id FROM training);

* **Explanation**: This query will return all employees whose IDs are **not** present in the training table (i.e., employees who haven't attended any training).

#### **Key Points**:

* **NOT IN** is often used to exclude specific values from a result set.
* It can be used with a list of values or a subquery to filter out unwanted data.
* It’s important to handle NULL values carefully when using NOT IN. If any value in the list or subquery is NULL, the query will return no rows, because comparisons with NULL yield UNKNOWN, which excludes all rows.

#### **Handling NULLs**:

If a subquery or list contains NULL, the result might be unexpected. For example:

SELECT employee\_name

FROM employees

WHERE department NOT IN ('Sales', 'HR', NULL);

* **Explanation**: The query would return no results if NULL is included, because NULL is not comparable.

#### **Conclusion**:

The **NOT IN** operator is useful for excluding values from query results. It can be applied to static values or the result of a subquery, but special care should be taken to avoid issues with NULL values, which can impact the outcome.

### ****PostgreSQL Concurrent Transactions****

In PostgreSQL, **concurrent transactions** refer to multiple transactions that are executed at the same time (concurrently) in the database. PostgreSQL uses a mechanism called **Multi-Version Concurrency Control (MVCC)** to manage concurrent transactions, ensuring that each transaction is isolated and operates as if it's the only transaction happening in the system.

#### **Key Concepts**:

1. **MVCC (Multi-Version Concurrency Control)**:
   * MVCC allows multiple transactions to access the database simultaneously without conflicting with each other.
   * PostgreSQL does this by maintaining multiple versions of data. Each transaction sees a consistent snapshot of the data, and changes made by one transaction are not visible to other transactions until committed.
2. **Isolation Levels**: PostgreSQL provides different isolation levels to control how concurrent transactions interact with each other. These isolation levels are part of the SQL standard and are supported in PostgreSQL:
   * **Read Uncommitted** (Lowest level): Transactions can see uncommitted changes from other transactions.
   * **Read Committed** (Default): A transaction can only see committed changes from other transactions. However, this can lead to **non-repeatable reads** (the data may change during the transaction).
   * **Repeatable Read**: A transaction sees a consistent snapshot of the data as it was at the start of the transaction. It prevents **non-repeatable reads**, but still allows **phantom reads** (new rows may appear in a query due to inserts in other transactions).
   * **Serializable** (Highest level): Ensures the transactions are executed in a way that guarantees they would have the same effect as if they were executed sequentially, without any interference. This isolation level eliminates both **non-repeatable reads** and **phantom reads**.
3. **Transaction Locks**: PostgreSQL uses locks to manage concurrent access to data. There are different types of locks:
   * **Row-level locks**: These locks prevent other transactions from modifying the same row.
   * **Table-level locks**: These locks prevent other transactions from modifying the structure of the table.
   * **Advisory locks**: These are user-defined locks that can be used to control access to certain parts of the database explicitly.

The database uses locking mechanisms to ensure that multiple transactions do not interfere with each other in ways that would result in inconsistent data.

1. **Deadlocks**: When two or more transactions wait for each other to release locks, a **deadlock** can occur. PostgreSQL automatically detects deadlocks and resolves them by aborting one of the transactions.
2. **Serializable Snapshot Isolation (SSI)**: PostgreSQL uses **Serializable Snapshot Isolation (SSI)** as part of the **Serializable** isolation level to prevent anomalies in concurrent transactions. SSI ensures that the database remains in a consistent state and avoids situations where transactions might conflict in ways that lead to incorrect results.
3. **Transaction Commit and Rollback**:
   * **Commit**: When a transaction is committed, all changes made by the transaction become permanent in the database, and they become visible to other transactions.
   * **Rollback**: If a transaction is rolled back, all the changes made by the transaction are discarded, and the database returns to its state before the transaction started.

#### **Concurrency Control Example**:

Imagine two transactions:

* **Transaction 1**: Updates a row in a table.
* **Transaction 2**: Reads the same row and tries to update it.

If both transactions attempt to modify the same row at the same time, PostgreSQL uses locks to ensure that one transaction waits for the other to finish, thus preventing conflicts.

#### **Example**: Demonstrating Read Committed Isolation Level

BEGIN;

-- Transaction 1: Updating data

UPDATE employees SET salary = salary + 1000 WHERE employee\_id = 101;

-- Transaction 2: Attempting to read the same row

SELECT \* FROM employees WHERE employee\_id = 101;

-- Transaction 1 commits

COMMIT;

* **Transaction 2** will only see the value after **Transaction 1** commits because of the Read Committed isolation level.

#### **Conclusion**:

PostgreSQL ensures that concurrent transactions are handled efficiently and without data inconsistency by using **MVCC**, transaction **isolation levels**, and various **locking mechanisms**. By controlling how transactions interact with each other, PostgreSQL ensures that data integrity is maintained while allowing for high levels of concurrency.

### ****DDL (Data Definition Language) Commands****

DDL commands are used to define, modify, and remove database structures like tables, views, indexes, and schemas. These commands affect the structure of the database and do not manipulate data directly.

#### **Common DDL Commands**:

1. **CREATE**: Used to create new database objects (e.g., tables, databases, views, etc.).
   * Example:
   * CREATE TABLE employees (
   * employee\_id INT PRIMARY KEY,
   * first\_name VARCHAR(50),
   * last\_name VARCHAR(50),
   * hire\_date DATE
   * );
2. **ALTER**: Used to modify the structure of an existing database object (e.g., adding a column to a table).
   * Example:
   * ALTER TABLE employees ADD COLUMN email VARCHAR(100);
3. **DROP**: Used to delete database objects (e.g., tables, views, indexes).
   * Example:
   * DROP TABLE employees;
4. **TRUNCATE**: Used to remove all rows from a table without deleting the table structure.
   * Example:
   * TRUNCATE TABLE employees;
5. **RENAME**: Used to rename a database object like a table or a column.
   * Example:
   * RENAME TABLE employees TO staff;

#### **Key Points about DDL**:

* DDL commands generally **do not** require a commit (automatic commit after execution).
* They modify the database schema and object structures.

### ****TCL (Transaction Control Language) Commands****

TCL commands are used to manage the transactions within a database. These commands are responsible for ensuring that the database maintains consistency even in the case of errors or failures.

#### **Common TCL Commands**:

1. **COMMIT**: Finalizes a transaction, making all changes permanent and visible to other transactions.
   * Example:
   * COMMIT;
2. **ROLLBACK**: Reverts any changes made in the current transaction, rolling back to the last committed state.
   * Example:
   * ROLLBACK;
3. **SAVEPOINT**: Creates a point within a transaction to which you can later roll back if necessary.
   * Example:
   * SAVEPOINT my\_savepoint;
4. **RELEASE SAVEPOINT**: Removes a previously set savepoint in a transaction.
   * Example:
   * RELEASE SAVEPOINT my\_savepoint;
5. **SET TRANSACTION**: Used to define the properties of the transaction, such as isolation level.
   * Example:
   * SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL SERIALIZABLE;

#### **Key Points about TCL**:

* TCL commands help in managing transactions to ensure the **ACID** properties (Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, Durability).
* Changes are not permanent until **COMMIT** is executed; if a problem arises, a **ROLLBACK** can be used to undo the changes.

**Conclusion**:

* **DDL commands** manage the structure of the database, allowing you to create, modify, and delete database objects.
* **TCL commands** manage the transactions themselves, ensuring data consistency and durability. They help you control how changes are committed and rolled back.

### ****Backup and Restore in PostgreSQL****

Backup and restore are critical operations for safeguarding data and ensuring that it can be recovered in the event of failure, corruption, or loss. PostgreSQL provides several ways to backup and restore databases.

### ****Backup in PostgreSQL****

A backup refers to creating a copy of your database to protect against data loss. PostgreSQL offers two main types of backups: **Logical backups** and **Physical backups**.

#### **1. Logical Backup**:

Logical backups involve exporting the database schema and data into a readable format like SQL. This can be done using the pg\_dump command.

* **pg\_dump**: This is used to create a backup of a specific database. The output can be saved as a file that contains SQL commands for recreating the database structure and data.

**Syntax**:

pg\_dump dbname > backupfile.sql

* + dbname: Name of the database to back up.
  + backupfile.sql: Name of the file where the backup will be saved.

**Example**:

pg\_dump my\_database > my\_database\_backup.sql

You can also create a compressed backup using:

pg\_dump my\_database | gzip > my\_database\_backup.sql.gz

#### **2. Physical Backup**:

Physical backups involve copying the entire database directory (data files) while the database is offline or using tools that allow online backups, like pg\_basebackup.

* **pg\_basebackup**: A utility that creates a physical backup by copying the entire database cluster.

**Syntax**:

pg\_basebackup -D /path/to/backupdir -Ft -z -P

* + -D /path/to/backupdir: Directory where the backup will be saved.
  + -Ft: Specifies the format as tar (you can also use -Fp for plain format).
  + -z: Compresses the backup.
  + -P: Displays progress information.

**Example**:

pg\_basebackup -D /var/backups/my\_database\_backup -Ft -z -P

### ****Restore in PostgreSQL****

Restoring a backup involves recreating the original database and its data from a backup file.

#### **1. Restoring a Logical Backup**:

If you created a logical backup with pg\_dump, you can restore it using the psql command or the pg\_restore command, depending on the format of the backup.

* **Using psql**: If the backup is in plain SQL format, you can restore it using psql to execute the SQL commands.

**Syntax**:

psql dbname < backupfile.sql

**Example**:

psql my\_database < my\_database\_backup.sql

* **Using pg\_restore**: If the backup is in a custom format (created with pg\_dump using -Fc), you can restore it with pg\_restore.

**Syntax**:

pg\_restore -d dbname backupfile

**Example**:

pg\_restore -d my\_database my\_database\_backup.dump

You can also use additional options like -C to create the database before restoring, or -j for parallel restoration (useful for large backups).

#### **2. Restoring a Physical Backup**:

Restoring a physical backup generally involves copying the database directory back to its original location, followed by starting the PostgreSQL server.

* **Restoring from pg\_basebackup**:
  1. Stop the PostgreSQL server.
  2. Restore the files from the backup directory to the original data directory.
  3. Start the PostgreSQL server again.

**Example**:

pg\_basebackup -D /path/to/restoredir -Fp -C -v

* 1. -D /path/to/restoredir: The directory where the backup is located.
  2. -Fp: Specifies the format as plain.

### ****Key Points:****

* **Logical backups** are more flexible and portable because they export the database structure and data in SQL format, which can be restored on different systems or PostgreSQL versions.
* **Physical backups** are faster and more efficient for large databases but require you to manage data directories and PostgreSQL's internal mechanisms.
* PostgreSQL also supports **Point-in-Time Recovery (PITR)**, which allows you to restore a database to a specific moment by combining base backups with WAL (Write-Ahead Logs) files.

### ****Conclusion:****

Backing up and restoring databases in PostgreSQL ensures data integrity and recovery options in case of failure. Both logical and physical backups have their use cases, and the choice depends on the scale, speed, and flexibility required for your system.

### ****Types of SQL Queries****

SQL (Structured Query Language) is used to interact with relational databases. Queries can be categorized based on their function and the type of operation they perform on the data. Below are the common types of SQL queries:

### ****1. Data Query Language (DQL)****

DQL is used to query or retrieve data from a database.

#### **SELECT Query**:

The SELECT query is the most common query type used to fetch data from one or more tables in the database.

**Syntax**:

SELECT column1, column2 FROM table\_name WHERE condition;

**Example**:

SELECT name, age FROM employees WHERE department = 'HR';

### ****2. Data Definition Language (DDL)****

DDL queries are used to define and manage the database structure, including creating, altering, and deleting tables and other objects.

#### **CREATE**:

Used to create a new table, database, index, or other database objects.

**Syntax**:

CREATE TABLE table\_name (

column1 datatype,

column2 datatype,

...

);

#### **ALTER**:

Used to modify an existing database object, like adding, deleting, or modifying columns in a table.

**Syntax**:

ALTER TABLE table\_name ADD column\_name datatype;

#### **DROP**:

Used to delete a table, database, or any other object from the database.

**Syntax**:

DROP TABLE table\_name;

#### **TRUNCATE**:

Used to remove all records from a table without deleting the table structure itself.

**Syntax**:

TRUNCATE TABLE table\_name;

### ****3. Data Manipulation Language (DML)****

DML queries are used to manipulate data in the database, including inserting, updating, and deleting data.

#### **INSERT**:

Used to add new records to a table.

**Syntax**:

INSERT INTO table\_name (column1, column2) VALUES (value1, value2);

**Example**:

INSERT INTO employees (name, age, department) VALUES ('John Doe', 30, 'HR');

#### **UPDATE**:

Used to modify existing records in a table.

**Syntax**:

UPDATE table\_name SET column1 = value1 WHERE condition;

**Example**:

UPDATE employees SET age = 31 WHERE name = 'John Doe';

#### **DELETE**:

Used to delete records from a table.

**Syntax**:

DELETE FROM table\_name WHERE condition;

**Example**:

DELETE FROM employees WHERE name = 'John Doe';

### ****4. Data Control Language (DCL)****

DCL queries are used to control access to the database, including granting and revoking user privileges.

#### **GRANT**:

Used to give users specific privileges on the database objects.

**Syntax**:

GRANT privilege ON object TO user;

**Example**:

GRANT SELECT, INSERT ON employees TO user\_name;

#### **REVOKE**:

Used to remove privileges from users.

**Syntax**:

REVOKE privilege ON object FROM user;

**Example**:

REVOKE INSERT ON employees FROM user\_name;

### ****5. Transaction Control Language (TCL)****

TCL queries manage the changes made by DML queries, including committing or rolling back changes.

#### **COMMIT**:

Used to save the changes made by a transaction.

**Syntax**:

COMMIT;

#### **ROLLBACK**:

Used to undo changes made by a transaction.

**Syntax**:

ROLLBACK;

#### **SAVEPOINT**:

Used to set a point within a transaction to which you can later roll back.

**Syntax**:

SAVEPOINT savepoint\_name;

### ****6. Data Integrity and Constraints Queries****

These are used to define and enforce rules in the database, such as enforcing uniqueness or defining relationships between tables.

#### **Constraints**:

* PRIMARY KEY: Uniquely identifies each record in a table.
* FOREIGN KEY: Ensures that a column value must match a value in another table.
* UNIQUE: Ensures that all values in a column are distinct.
* CHECK: Ensures that values in a column satisfy a specific condition.
* NOT NULL: Ensures that a column cannot have a NULL value.

### ****Conclusion:****

* **DQL (SELECT)**: Retrieve data from the database.
* **DDL**: Define database structure (CREATE, ALTER, DROP).
* **DML**: Manipulate data (INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE).
* **DCL**: Control user access (GRANT, REVOKE).
* **TCL**: Manage transactions (COMMIT, ROLLBACK, SAVEPOINT).

These types of SQL queries form the foundation of interacting with a relational database. Each category is essential for managing, manipulating, and securing the data within the system.

### ****Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF)****

**BCNF** is an advanced version of the Third Normal Form (3NF), designed to eliminate certain types of redundancy and anomalies that can still persist in 3NF. A table is in BCNF if it satisfies the following conditions:

1. The table must be in **Third Normal Form (3NF)**.
2. For every functional dependency (X → Y), **X** must be a **superkey**.

In simpler terms, a table is in BCNF if every determinant (the attribute or set of attributes that determines the value of another attribute) is a **superkey**. A **superkey** is any set of attributes that uniquely identifies a record in the table.

### ****Functional Dependency and Superkey****

* A **functional dependency** (X → Y) means that for a given value of X, there is exactly one corresponding value of Y.
* A **superkey** is a set of one or more attributes that can uniquely identify each tuple (row) in a relation.

### ****Why BCNF?****

The goal of BCNF is to ensure that there are no redundant data entries that could cause anomalies like update anomalies, insert anomalies, and delete anomalies. It eliminates situations where a non-superkey attribute (i.e., a non-primary attribute) determines another attribute, which can cause inconsistencies.

### ****BCNF vs 3NF****

* **3NF** ensures that no transitive dependencies exist, i.e., non-key attributes must not depend on other non-key attributes.
* **BCNF** is stricter: It ensures that no attribute (non-key or key) should depend on anything other than a superkey, eliminating any possibility of dependencies that could still lead to redundancy.

### ****Example of BCNF****

#### **Non-BCNF Example:**

Consider the following table:

| **StudentID** | **CourseID** | **Instructor** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | C101 | Dr. Smith |
| 2 | C102 | Dr. Johnson |
| 3 | C101 | Dr. Smith |

In this case, **StudentID → Instructor** because each student is assigned a specific instructor for a course. However, **Instructor** is not a superkey because an instructor can teach multiple students, and thus, the table does not meet BCNF.

#### **BCNF Example:**

We can decompose the table into two tables to ensure BCNF:

1. **Table 1: Student-Course Relationship**

| **StudentID** | **CourseID** |
| --- | --- |
| 1 | C101 |
| 2 | C102 |
| 3 | C101 |

1. **Table 2: Course-Instructor Relationship**

| **CourseID** | **Instructor** |
| --- | --- |
| C101 | Dr. Smith |
| C102 | Dr. Johnson |

Now, both tables are in BCNF because:

* **StudentID → CourseID** and **CourseID → Instructor** are valid functional dependencies.
* **CourseID** is a superkey in the second table, and there are no dependencies that violate the BCNF condition.

### ****Conclusion:****

BCNF is a stricter version of 3NF that aims to ensure that each determinant is a superkey, eliminating redundancy and potential anomalies in relational databases. Converting a table to BCNF may involve decomposing it into multiple smaller tables to eliminate dependencies that violate this rule.

### ****Trigger Syntax****

A **trigger** in SQL is a special kind of stored procedure that automatically runs when a specific event (like an INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE) occurs on a particular table or view. Triggers are useful for maintaining data integrity, auditing changes, or enforcing business rules.

#### **Trigger Syntax:**

CREATE TRIGGER trigger\_name

{ BEFORE | AFTER | INSTEAD OF }

{ INSERT | UPDATE | DELETE }

ON table\_name

[ FOR EACH ROW ]

[ WHEN (condition) ]

BEGIN

-- Trigger logic (SQL statements)

END;

### ****Components:****

1. **CREATE TRIGGER trigger\_name**:
   * Defines the name of the trigger.
2. **BEFORE | AFTER | INSTEAD OF**:
   * **BEFORE**: The trigger is fired before the event (INSERT/UPDATE/DELETE) occurs.
   * **AFTER**: The trigger is fired after the event has occurred.
   * **INSTEAD OF**: The trigger is fired instead of the event (mostly used for views).
3. **INSERT | UPDATE | DELETE**:
   * Specifies the event that causes the trigger to be activated.
4. **ON table\_name**:
   * Specifies the table or view that the trigger is related to.
5. **FOR EACH ROW** (optional):
   * Specifies that the trigger should execute for each affected row.
   * Commonly used in row-level triggers (such as updating fields in related tables).
6. **WHEN (condition)** (optional):
   * A conditional expression that can be specified to decide if the trigger should fire.
7. **Trigger Logic (SQL statements)**:
   * The set of SQL statements that the trigger executes when the condition is met.

### ****Example 1: BEFORE INSERT Trigger****

This trigger ensures that every time a new row is inserted into the employees table, the created\_at field is automatically set to the current timestamp.

CREATE TRIGGER before\_employee\_insert

BEFORE INSERT

ON employees

FOR EACH ROW

BEGIN

SET NEW.created\_at = NOW();

END;

* **Explanation**:
  + This trigger fires before inserting a new record into the employees table.
  + The NEW keyword refers to the new row that is being inserted.
  + NOW() is used to set the current timestamp to the created\_at field.

### ****Example 2: AFTER UPDATE Trigger****

This trigger ensures that every time an UPDATE occurs on the employees table, a log entry is created in the audit\_log table.

CREATE TRIGGER after\_employee\_update

AFTER UPDATE

ON employees

FOR EACH ROW

BEGIN

INSERT INTO audit\_log (employee\_id, action, timestamp)

VALUES (NEW.employee\_id, 'UPDATE', NOW());

END;

* **Explanation**:
  + This trigger fires after an UPDATE operation on the employees table.
  + It inserts a record into the audit\_log table, capturing the employee\_id, the type of action (UPDATE), and the current timestamp.
  + NEW refers to the updated row.

### ****Example 3: BEFORE DELETE Trigger****

This trigger ensures that before a record is deleted from the employees table, a backup is made in a backup\_employees table.

CREATE TRIGGER before\_employee\_delete

BEFORE DELETE

ON employees

FOR EACH ROW

BEGIN

INSERT INTO backup\_employees (employee\_id, name, department)

VALUES (OLD.employee\_id, OLD.name, OLD.department);

END;

* **Explanation**:
  + This trigger fires before a delete operation on the employees table.
  + It backs up the row to the backup\_employees table using the OLD keyword (which refers to the row before the deletion).

### ****Key Points:****

* **Row-level triggers**: The trigger is executed for each row affected by the query (e.g., for every inserted, updated, or deleted row).
* **Statement-level triggers**: The trigger is executed once for the entire query, regardless of how many rows are affected.
* **NEW and OLD keywords**:
  + NEW refers to the values of the new row (for INSERT and UPDATE).
  + OLD refers to the values of the old row (for DELETE and UPDATE).

Triggers help automate tasks like auditing changes, validating input, and ensuring data integrity without requiring manual intervention.

### ****PostgreSQL****

**PostgreSQL** is an open-source, object-relational database management system (ORDBMS) that is known for its robustness, flexibility, and support for advanced data types. It is a highly extensible database system that can handle large amounts of data and complex queries while ensuring data integrity and security.

### ****Key Features of PostgreSQL:****

1. **ACID Compliant**:
   * PostgreSQL ensures that database transactions are Atomic, Consistent, Isolated, and Durable (ACID properties). This guarantees the reliability of transactions and ensures data integrity.
2. **Extensibility**:
   * PostgreSQL is highly extensible, allowing developers to define their own data types, operators, functions, and even languages. You can create custom index types and add new features without modifying the core system.
3. **Support for Advanced Data Types**:
   * PostgreSQL supports a wide variety of data types, including JSON, XML, HSTORE (key-value store), geometric types, and full-text search data types. This flexibility allows it to be used in a wide range of applications.
4. **Concurrency Control**:
   * It uses Multi-Version Concurrency Control (MVCC), which allows for high levels of concurrency while maintaining consistency, meaning that multiple transactions can occur simultaneously without interfering with each other.
5. **Complex Queries**:
   * PostgreSQL supports complex SQL queries, including JOINs, subqueries, and complex aggregates. It is known for its advanced query optimizer, which helps efficiently execute these queries.
6. **Referential Integrity**:
   * PostgreSQL provides foreign key constraints, ensuring the integrity of the relationships between tables. It also supports cascading updates and deletes, helping maintain data consistency.
7. **Foreign Keys, Triggers, and Views**:
   * PostgreSQL supports the use of foreign keys to define relationships between tables, triggers to automatically execute certain actions, and views to abstract and simplify complex queries.
8. **Replication**:
   * PostgreSQL supports various types of replication, including streaming replication and logical replication, which help scale the database and improve its availability.
9. **Full-Text Search**:
   * PostgreSQL has built-in support for full-text search, allowing for efficient searching of text-based data.
10. **Cross-Platform**:
    * It works on various platforms, including Linux, Windows, macOS, and others.

### ****Common PostgreSQL Commands:****

1. **Creating a Database**:
2. CREATE DATABASE database\_name;
3. **Creating a Table**:
4. CREATE TABLE table\_name (
5. column1 datatype CONSTRAINT,
6. column2 datatype CONSTRAINT,
7. ...
8. );
9. **Inserting Data**:
10. INSERT INTO table\_name (column1, column2, ...)
11. VALUES (value1, value2, ...);
12. **Updating Data**:
13. UPDATE table\_name
14. SET column1 = value1, column2 = value2
15. WHERE condition;
16. **Deleting Data**:
17. DELETE FROM table\_name
18. WHERE condition;
19. **Selecting Data**:
20. SELECT column1, column2, ...
21. FROM table\_name
22. WHERE condition;
23. **Joining Tables**:
24. SELECT column1, column2
25. FROM table1
26. INNER JOIN table2 ON table1.id = table2.id;
27. **Creating a Foreign Key**:
28. ALTER TABLE table\_name
29. ADD CONSTRAINT fk\_name
30. FOREIGN KEY (column\_name)
31. REFERENCES other\_table (column\_name);
32. **Creating a Trigger**:
33. CREATE TRIGGER trigger\_name
34. BEFORE INSERT ON table\_name
35. FOR EACH ROW
36. EXECUTE FUNCTION trigger\_function();
37. **Backup a Database**:
38. pg\_dump database\_name > backup\_file.sql
39. **Restoring a Database**:
40. psql database\_name < backup\_file.sql

### ****Conclusion:****

PostgreSQL is a powerful and flexible relational database management system suitable for a wide range of applications, from small projects to large-scale enterprise systems. It offers advanced features, such as full-text search, custom data types, and extensibility, that make it ideal for handling complex data management tasks. Whether you're working on a web application, data warehousing, or analytics, PostgreSQL provides a reliable and scalable solution.

### ****UNION vs UNION ALL****

In SQL, both UNION and UNION ALL are used to combine the results of two or more SELECT queries. However, they have important differences regarding handling duplicate rows.

### ****1. UNION****

* **Definition**: The UNION operator combines the results of two or more SELECT queries and removes **duplicate rows** from the result set.
* **Duplicate Removal**: Automatically removes any duplicate rows from the final output.
* **Performance**: May be slower than UNION ALL because it needs to perform the additional step of checking for and removing duplicates.
* **Usage**: Use when you want to eliminate duplicates and only keep distinct rows across the combined queries.

#### Example:

SELECT column1 FROM table1

UNION

SELECT column1 FROM table2;

* **Result**: Returns a list of distinct values from both table1 and table2 for column1, removing duplicates.

### ****2. UNION ALL****

* **Definition**: The UNION ALL operator combines the results of two or more SELECT queries **without removing duplicates**.
* **Duplicate Inclusion**: Includes all rows, even if they are duplicates across the combined SELECT queries.
* **Performance**: Generally faster than UNION because it doesn't have to check for duplicates.
* **Usage**: Use when you want to include all rows from the combined queries, including duplicates.

#### Example:

SELECT column1 FROM table1

UNION ALL

SELECT column1 FROM table2;

* **Result**: Returns all values from both table1 and table2 for column1, including any duplicates.

### ****Key Differences****:

| **Feature** | **UNION** | **UNION ALL** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Duplicate Removal** | Removes duplicates | Does not remove duplicates |
| **Performance** | Slower due to duplicate removal | Faster, no checking for duplicates |
| **Use Case** | When you need distinct rows | When duplicates are allowed or needed |

### ****Conclusion****:

* Use UNION when you need to ensure that the final result set contains only distinct rows.
* Use UNION ALL when you want to retain all rows, including duplicates, and need better performance.

### ****Joins vs UNION****

Both **Joins** and **UNION** are used to combine data from multiple tables in SQL, but they work in different ways and serve different purposes.

### ****1. Joins****

* **Definition**: A JOIN is used to combine rows from two or more tables based on a related column between them.
* **Types of Joins**:
  + **INNER JOIN**: Returns only the rows that have matching values in both tables.
  + **LEFT JOIN (or LEFT OUTER JOIN)**: Returns all rows from the left table and the matched rows from the right table. If no match, NULL values are returned for the right table.
  + **RIGHT JOIN (or RIGHT OUTER JOIN)**: Returns all rows from the right table and the matched rows from the left table. If no match, NULL values are returned for the left table.
  + **FULL JOIN (or FULL OUTER JOIN)**: Returns rows when there is a match in one of the tables. If no match, NULL values are returned for the table that doesn't have a match.
  + **CROSS JOIN**: Returns the Cartesian product of both tables, i.e., all combinations of rows.
* **How it works**: Joins combine data horizontally (side by side), based on a condition (e.g., matching columns).
* **Use case**: Use JOIN when you need to combine data from multiple tables based on some relational column.

#### Example: INNER JOIN

SELECT employees.name, departments.name

FROM employees

INNER JOIN departments ON employees.department\_id = departments.department\_id;

* **Result**: Combines employees and departments tables by matching department\_id and returns the names of employees and their corresponding department.

### ****2. UNION****

* **Definition**: The UNION operator is used to combine the results of two or more SELECT queries into a single result set.
* **Behavior**:
  + UNION removes duplicate rows (only distinct results are returned).
  + The columns in the SELECT queries involved must have the same number of columns and compatible data types.
* **How it works**: Combines data vertically (stacking rows on top of each other), so it is like merging two result sets into one.
* **Use case**: Use UNION when you need to combine data from the same columns (but possibly from different tables or queries) into a single result set.

#### Example: UNION

SELECT name FROM employees

UNION

SELECT name FROM contractors;

* **Result**: Combines the name column from both employees and contractors tables into a single result set, removing any duplicate names.

### ****Key Differences****

| **Feature** | **JOIN** | **UNION** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Purpose** | Combines data horizontally (side by side) | Combines data vertically (stacking rows) |
| **Combines** | Rows based on matching columns | Entire result sets from multiple SELECT queries |
| **Result Structure** | Columns from multiple tables | Stacks rows from multiple SELECT queries |
| **Duplicate Handling** | Does not remove duplicates (unless using DISTINCT) | Removes duplicates (unless using UNION ALL) |
| **Use Case** | Combining rows based on relationships between tables | Combining similar data from multiple queries or tables |
| **Types** | Various types: INNER JOIN, LEFT JOIN, RIGHT JOIN, FULL JOIN, CROSS JOIN | Primarily UNION, UNION ALL |

### ****Conclusion****

* Use **Joins** when you want to combine related rows from different tables based on common columns (relationships between the tables).
* Use **UNION** when you want to combine the results of multiple SELECT statements into a single result set, stacking rows from different queries.

### ****DROP vs TRUNCATE****

Both **DROP** and **TRUNCATE** are used to remove data from database tables, but they work differently in terms of scope, performance, and behavior.

### ****1. DROP****

* **Definition**: The DROP statement is used to completely remove a database object, such as a table, view, or index, from the database.
* **Scope**:
  + Removes the entire table, along with its structure (schema), and all its data.
  + It completely deletes the table or object from the database, and it cannot be recovered unless backed up.
* **Performance**: Generally faster for removing a table and its structure compared to deleting rows using DELETE.
* **Transaction Control**: DROP is a DDL (Data Definition Language) operation. Once executed, it cannot be rolled back (unless used within a transaction in some databases, but typically, it’s a permanent action).
* **Use Case**: Use DROP when you want to completely remove a table (or another database object) from the database, including its data and schema.

#### Example:

DROP TABLE employees;

* **Result**: The entire employees table, including its structure and data, is permanently removed from the database.

### ****2. TRUNCATE****

* **Definition**: The TRUNCATE statement is used to remove all rows from a table, but it keeps the table structure intact. This means the table remains in the database, but all its data is deleted.
* **Scope**:
  + Removes **all rows** from a table.
  + The table structure (schema) remains, so you can insert new rows into the table afterward.
  + Unlike DROP, the table itself is not deleted; only the data within it is removed.
* **Performance**: TRUNCATE is faster than DELETE because it does not generate individual row delete logs or fire triggers (in most cases).
* **Transaction Control**: TRUNCATE is a DDL operation, but it is usually **transactional** in many database systems, meaning it can be rolled back if done within a transaction. However, some databases might not allow rolling back.
* **Use Case**: Use TRUNCATE when you want to quickly delete all data from a table but keep the table structure intact for future use.

#### Example:

TRUNCATE TABLE employees;

* **Result**: All data is deleted from the employees table, but the table itself (structure) remains intact.

### ****Key Differences****

| **Feature** | **DROP** | **TRUNCATE** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Operation Type** | Removes the entire table (structure + data) | Removes only the data, not the structure |
| **Scope** | Table, view, index, or other objects are completely removed | Only the rows are removed, table structure remains |
| **Performance** | Generally slower, especially for large tables | Faster than DELETE for large datasets |
| **Transaction Control** | Non-transactional (generally permanent) | Transactional in many DBMS, can be rolled back |
| **Use Case** | When you want to completely remove a table or object | When you want to clear all data but keep the table |
| **Trigger Behavior** | Triggers are not fired | Triggers are not fired (in most databases) |

### ****Conclusion****

* Use **DROP** when you need to **completely remove a table** (or any other object like view, index) and its data from the database.
* Use **TRUNCATE** when you want to **delete all data** from a table while retaining the table structure for future use. It is typically faster than using DELETE for removing all rows.

### ****Properties of Transaction (ACID)****

A **transaction** in a database is a sequence of operations performed as a single unit of work. The properties of a transaction are essential to ensuring data integrity, consistency, and reliability, especially in multi-user and multi-transaction environments. These properties are commonly known as **ACID** (Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, and Durability). Let’s explore each property:

### ****1. Atomicity****

* **Definition**: Atomicity ensures that all operations within a transaction are treated as a single unit. Either all operations are successfully completed, or none of them are applied.
* **Implication**: If a transaction is interrupted or fails, the database will revert to its previous state, as if the transaction never occurred.
* **Example**: If a bank transfer involves two operations: deducting money from one account and adding money to another. If the deduct operation succeeds but the add operation fails, the transaction will roll back, and neither operation will be applied.

### ****2. Consistency****

* **Definition**: Consistency ensures that a transaction brings the database from one valid state to another. After the transaction, the database must meet all predefined rules, including integrity constraints, triggers, and any other business logic.
* **Implication**: A transaction may not violate any data integrity constraints (like primary keys, foreign keys, etc.) and must maintain the consistency of the database.
* **Example**: If you transfer money from one account to another, the total amount of money in both accounts must remain the same after the transaction.

### ****3. Isolation****

* **Definition**: Isolation ensures that transactions are executed independently of one another. Even though multiple transactions may run concurrently, the operations of one transaction should not affect the operations of others.
* **Implication**: Intermediate results of a transaction are not visible to other transactions until the transaction is complete. Different isolation levels (like **Read Uncommitted**, **Read Committed**, **Repeatable Read**, and **Serializable**) define the degree of visibility between concurrent transactions.
* **Example**: If two users attempt to transfer money from the same bank account at the same time, the system should prevent conflicting transactions from causing incorrect results (e.g., overdrawing the account).

### ****4. Durability****

* **Definition**: Durability ensures that once a transaction is committed, it is permanent, even in the case of a system crash or failure.
* **Implication**: After the transaction has been successfully completed, its effects are guaranteed to persist, and the changes will not be lost, even if the database system crashes.
* **Example**: If a user completes a purchase, the transaction details (such as items purchased, amounts, etc.) are permanently recorded in the database, even if the system unexpectedly shuts down afterward.

### ****Conclusion****

The **ACID** properties ensure the reliable and predictable functioning of transactions within a database system, maintaining data integrity, preventing conflicts, and ensuring that the database remains in a consistent state throughout its operations. These properties are critical for applications that rely on database transactions to function correctly, especially in environments where multiple transactions occur concurrently.

### ****ROLLBACK****

The ROLLBACK command in SQL is used to undo or revert the changes made by a transaction that has not yet been committed. It restores the database to its previous consistent state before the transaction started, ensuring that no partial or incorrect changes are applied. This is especially useful when an error or issue occurs during a transaction, allowing the system to maintain data integrity.

### ****Syntax:****

ROLLBACK;

* **No parameters are needed** for a basic rollback. However, you can also roll back to a specific **savepoint** in a transaction, which is a point within the transaction that you can return to if needed.

### ****How It Works:****

* If a transaction is in progress and you encounter an error or need to revert the changes for any other reason, the ROLLBACK command will undo all the changes made during that transaction.
* It can only be used within a **transaction block**. Once the transaction has been committed, ROLLBACK will not have any effect.

### ****Example 1: Basic Rollback****

BEGIN;

-- Making some changes

INSERT INTO employees (id, name, salary) VALUES (1, 'John Doe', 50000);

UPDATE employees SET salary = 60000 WHERE id = 1;

-- Something went wrong or an error occurs

ROLLBACK;

* **Result**: All changes made after the BEGIN statement will be undone, and the database will remain unchanged.

### ****Example 2: Rollback to a Savepoint****

BEGIN;

-- Making some changes

INSERT INTO employees (id, name, salary) VALUES (2, 'Jane Smith', 55000);

SAVEPOINT my\_savepoint;

-- Further changes

UPDATE employees SET salary = 60000 WHERE id = 2;

-- Rolling back to the savepoint

ROLLBACK TO SAVEPOINT my\_savepoint;

* **Result**: The update to the salary of Jane Smith will be undone, but the insert operation will be kept.

### ****Key Points:****

* **Atomicity**: ROLLBACK is part of the **ACID** properties and ensures that if a transaction fails or encounters an issue, all changes made in that transaction are discarded.
* **Undo Changes**: ROLLBACK reverts any modifications (like INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE) that were made in the current transaction.
* **Usage**: ROLLBACK is typically used in error-handling scenarios to preserve the integrity and consistency of the database.

### ****Conclusion:****

ROLLBACK is an essential SQL command for transaction management. It ensures that only valid and complete transactions are applied to the database, and any errors during a transaction can be gracefully handled by undoing the changes. It is crucial for maintaining data consistency and reliability in multi-step operations.

### ****COMMIT****

The COMMIT command in SQL is used to permanently save all the changes made during the current transaction to the database. Once a transaction is committed, the changes become visible to other transactions and are permanent, meaning they cannot be undone (unless explicitly rolled back through another transaction). It is the final step in a transaction that signifies that all operations within the transaction have been successfully completed.

### ****Syntax:****

COMMIT;

* **No parameters** are needed for the basic COMMIT command.

### ****How It Works:****

* A transaction begins with the BEGIN command (or automatically at the start of a session in some cases).
* Operations like INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE are performed within the transaction.
* Once all operations are complete and you are satisfied with the changes, the COMMIT command is issued to make those changes permanent.
* After a COMMIT, all changes are saved to the database, and the transaction is considered complete. If you try to issue a ROLLBACK after a COMMIT, it will have no effect since the changes are already permanent.

### ****Example 1: Basic Commit****

BEGIN;

-- Making some changes

INSERT INTO employees (id, name, salary) VALUES (1, 'John Doe', 50000);

UPDATE employees SET salary = 60000 WHERE id = 1;

-- Committing the transaction to make changes permanent

COMMIT;

* **Result**: The changes made to the employees' table are now permanent. If you query the employees table, the new records and updated salaries will be visible.

### ****Example 2: Commit after Successful Operations****

BEGIN;

-- Performing some operations

DELETE FROM employees WHERE id = 2;

UPDATE employees SET salary = 65000 WHERE id = 3;

-- Committing the transaction to save all changes

COMMIT;

* **Result**: The deletion of the employee with id = 2 and the salary update for employee id = 3 are permanently saved to the database.

### ****Key Points:****

* **Atomicity**: A COMMIT ensures that all operations within a transaction are permanently saved and visible to other transactions.
* **Visibility**: After COMMIT, changes made within the transaction become permanent and can be seen by other users or transactions accessing the database.
* **Permanent Changes**: Once committed, the changes cannot be rolled back unless a new transaction performs a rollback.
* **Database Integrity**: The COMMIT command guarantees the database remains in a consistent state after the successful completion of a transaction.

### ****Conclusion:****

The COMMIT command is essential for making sure that all the modifications in a transaction are saved permanently to the database. It marks the end of a transaction, ensuring that the database state is updated consistently and that all changes are made visible to other users and transactions. It is the opposite of ROLLBACK, which undoes changes.

### ****Types of Relationships in Databases****

In relational databases, relationships between tables are established through **keys** (primary and foreign) and are categorized based on the number of entities involved. Here are the main types of relationships:

### ****1. One-to-One (1:1) Relationship****

In a **one-to-one** relationship, a record in one table is related to exactly one record in another table.

#### Example:

* **Employee** and **Employee Details** tables, where each employee has only one corresponding employee detail record.

#### Example SQL:

CREATE TABLE Employees (

EmployeeID INT PRIMARY KEY,

Name VARCHAR(100)

);

CREATE TABLE EmployeeDetails (

EmployeeID INT PRIMARY KEY,

Address VARCHAR(255),

FOREIGN KEY (EmployeeID) REFERENCES Employees(EmployeeID)

);

### ****2. One-to-Many (1:N) Relationship****

In a **one-to-many** relationship, a record in one table (the "one" side) can be associated with multiple records in another table (the "many" side). However, each record in the "many" side relates to only one record in the "one" side.

#### Example:

* **Department** and **Employee** tables, where each department can have multiple employees, but each employee belongs to only one department.

#### Example SQL:

CREATE TABLE Department (

DepartmentID INT PRIMARY KEY,

DepartmentName VARCHAR(100)

);

CREATE TABLE Employee (

EmployeeID INT PRIMARY KEY,

Name VARCHAR(100),

DepartmentID INT,

FOREIGN KEY (DepartmentID) REFERENCES Department(DepartmentID)

);

### ****3. Many-to-Many (M:N) Relationship****

In a **many-to-many** relationship, multiple records in one table can be associated with multiple records in another table. This is typically handled through a **junction table** (also known as a **link table**) to represent the relationship.

#### Example:

* **Students** and **Courses** tables, where a student can enroll in multiple courses, and each course can have multiple students.

#### Example SQL:

CREATE TABLE Students (

StudentID INT PRIMARY KEY,

Name VARCHAR(100)

);

CREATE TABLE Courses (

CourseID INT PRIMARY KEY,

CourseName VARCHAR(100)

);

-- Junction table to represent the many-to-many relationship

CREATE TABLE Enrollment (

StudentID INT,

CourseID INT,

PRIMARY KEY (StudentID, CourseID),

FOREIGN KEY (StudentID) REFERENCES Students(StudentID),

FOREIGN KEY (CourseID) REFERENCES Courses(CourseID)

);

### ****4. Self-Referencing (Recursive) Relationship****

A **self-referencing relationship** occurs when a table has a relationship with itself. This is commonly used in hierarchical structures, such as organizational charts or category trees.

#### Example:

* **Employee** table, where each employee may have a manager, who is also an employee.

#### Example SQL:

CREATE TABLE Employee (

EmployeeID INT PRIMARY KEY,

Name VARCHAR(100),

ManagerID INT,

FOREIGN KEY (ManagerID) REFERENCES Employee(EmployeeID)

);

### ****Key Points:****

* **One-to-One**: Each record in Table A is linked to exactly one record in Table B.
* **One-to-Many**: One record in Table A is linked to multiple records in Table B.
* **Many-to-Many**: Multiple records in Table A are linked to multiple records in Table B, typically managed using a junction table.
* **Self-Referencing**: A table contains a relationship to itself, often used for hierarchical data.

### ****Conclusion:****

Understanding the types of relationships is fundamental for designing a normalized database schema. They ensure that data is properly structured and can be queried efficiently, maintaining data integrity and avoiding redundancy.

### ****DB (Database) vs Table****

In relational databases, both a **Database (DB)** and a **Table** are essential components, but they serve different purposes. Here's a concise explanation of each:

### ****Database (DB)****

A **Database (DB)** is a structured collection of data that is organized and stored in a way that allows for easy access, management, and updating. A database contains one or more tables, as well as other objects like views, indexes, and procedures.

#### Characteristics of a Database:

* **Container**: A database acts as a container for storing related data in the form of tables.
* **Multiple Tables**: A database can contain many tables, each storing different pieces of information.
* **Schemas**: It may include schemas to organize objects (like tables, indexes, and views) into logical groups.
* **Access Control**: Databases typically include features for managing user access, such as granting privileges and roles.
* **Data Integrity**: Ensures data consistency through rules, constraints, and relationships between tables.

#### Example:

* A **University DB** might contain tables like Students, Courses, and Enrollments to store information about students, courses offered, and student enrollments in courses.

### ****Table****

A **Table** is a collection of related data organized in rows and columns within a database. Each row represents a record, and each column represents a data attribute or field. Tables are the fundamental structure for storing data within a database.

#### Characteristics of a Table:

* **Structure**: Tables have a predefined structure with columns and data types.
* **Rows**: Each row (also called a record) contains data for a specific entity or instance.
* **Columns**: Columns represent individual attributes or fields for each record. Each column has a data type (e.g., INT, VARCHAR).
* **Primary Key**: Tables often have a primary key to uniquely identify each record.
* **Foreign Keys**: A table can have foreign keys to establish relationships with other tables in the database.

#### Example:

* A **Students Table** might have columns like StudentID, FirstName, LastName, and DateOfBirth, where each row represents a specific student.

### ****Key Differences:****

| **Aspect** | **Database (DB)** | **Table** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Definition** | A container for storing related data | A collection of rows and columns storing specific data |
| **Purpose** | Organizes and manages data in a structured way | Stores specific data about entities (like students, employees, etc.) |
| **Components** | Can contain multiple tables, indexes, views, etc. | Contains rows (records) and columns (attributes) |
| **Scope** | A database can contain several tables | A table is a single entity within a database |
| **Data Organization** | Holds data across multiple tables | Holds data in the form of rows and columns |
| **Example** | University DB, Employee DB | Students Table, Employee Table |

### ****Conclusion:****

A **database (DB)** is the overall container for organizing and storing data, while a **table** is the individual unit within the database where actual data is stored in a structured format. Tables represent specific entities, and databases contain multiple tables that are related or organized to serve a broader purpose.

### put vs patch

In PostgreSQL, **PUT** and **PATCH** are not native SQL concepts but are associated with RESTful APIs built on top of PostgreSQL using frameworks like Django REST Framework, Flask, or other tools for building web APIs. These methods define how updates to the database are handled.

When working with PostgreSQL as the database for a REST API, the **PUT** and **PATCH** methods translate to different SQL operations depending on the logic implemented in the backend.

**1. PUT in PostgreSQL**

* **Purpose**: When using PUT, the intention is to replace an entire row in the database table.
* **SQL Translation**:
  + A **PUT** request typically involves a REPLACE or UPDATE query, where all fields of the resource are updated with new values provided in the request.
  + If the record does not exist, some implementations might first INSERT the data.

**Example**: Suppose we have a table users:

CREATE TABLE users (

id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,

name TEXT,

email TEXT

);

A **PUT** request to /users/1 with the body:

{

"id": 1,

"name": "Bob",

"email": "bob@example.com"

}

Would translate to an SQL UPDATE query like:

UPDATE users

SET name = 'Bob', email = 'bob@example.com'

WHERE id = 1;

If the row does not exist, some implementations might use an INSERT instead:

INSERT INTO users (id, name, email) VALUES (1, 'Bob', 'bob@example.com');

**2. PATCH in PostgreSQL**

* **Purpose**: A PATCH request updates only the specified fields of a resource (partial update).
* **SQL Translation**:
  + PATCH typically translates to an UPDATE query that modifies only the fields provided in the request, leaving others unchanged.

**Example**: A **PATCH** request to /users/1 with the body:

{

"email": "bob\_new@example.com"

}

Would translate to an SQL UPDATE query like:

UPDATE users

SET email = 'bob\_new@example.com'

WHERE id = 1;

Here, only the email field is updated, and the name field remains unchanged.

**Key Differences in PostgreSQL Context**

| **Aspect** | **PUT** | **PATCH** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Operation** | Replaces the entire row (resource). | Updates specific fields in the row. |
| **SQL Query** | UPDATE (with all fields) or INSERT. | UPDATE (only specified fields). |
| **When to Use** | When the entire resource needs to be replaced. | When only a part of the resource needs modification. |
| **Example Data** | All fields must be sent. | Only updated fields are sent. |

**Backend Implementation**

* Frameworks like Django REST Framework or Flask handle the logic for PUT and PATCH and map these to the appropriate SQL queries.
* PostgreSQL itself doesn't inherently support PUT or PATCH; it's the API layer that translates these into SQL operations.

### OFFSET

In PostgreSQL, the **OFFSET** clause is used in a query to skip a specified number of rows before returning the result set. It is often used in conjunction with the LIMIT clause to implement pagination in queries.

### Syntax

SELECT column1, column2, ...

FROM table\_name

ORDER BY column\_name

OFFSET number\_of\_rows;

* **number\_of\_rows**: The number of rows to skip.

### Key Features

1. **Skips Rows**: OFFSET tells the database to ignore the first n rows of the result set.
2. **Use in Pagination**: When combined with LIMIT, it enables paginated results, such as showing 10 records per page.

### Example

#### Query:

SELECT name, age

FROM employees

ORDER BY age DESC

OFFSET 5;

#### Explanation:

This query retrieves all employees, ordered by age in descending order, but skips the first 5 rows.

### Pagination Example

#### Query:

SELECT name, age

FROM employees

ORDER BY age DESC

LIMIT 10 OFFSET 10;

#### Explanation:

* Skips the first 10 rows (OFFSET 10) and retrieves the next 10 rows (LIMIT 10).
* Useful for retrieving the second page of results in a paginated dataset.

### Important Notes

* **Performance**: Using large OFFSET values can lead to performance degradation as the database still processes all skipped rows.
* **Alternative**: For large datasets, consider using indexed column filtering for better performance.

### SQL INJECTION

SQL injection is a security vulnerability that allows attackers to interfere with the queries an application makes to its database. It occurs when user input is improperly sanitized and directly included in SQL queries. In PostgreSQL, as in other databases, SQL injection can lead to unauthorized data access, data modification, or even system compromise.

### Stored Procedure

A **stored procedure** in PostgreSQL is a precompiled collection of SQL statements and optional procedural logic stored on the database server. It allows you to encapsulate complex business logic, enhance performance, and improve security by controlling access to the underlying data.

Stored procedures in PostgreSQL are created using the CREATE PROCEDURE statement (introduced in **PostgreSQL 11**). They can also use control structures such as loops, conditions, and error handling using **PL/pgSQL** or other procedural languages.

### ****Features of Stored Procedures****

1. **Encapsulation**: Encapsulates SQL logic into reusable blocks.
2. **Performance**: Reduces network traffic by executing logic on the database server.
3. **Transaction Control**: Unlike functions, stored procedures can include explicit transaction management (BEGIN, COMMIT, ROLLBACK).
4. **Security**: Provides controlled access to the database.

### ****Creating a Stored Procedure****

Here is an example of creating a simple stored procedure using **PL/pgSQL**:

#### Example 1: Inserting a Record into a Table

CREATE PROCEDURE insert\_user(name TEXT, email TEXT)

LANGUAGE plpgsql

AS $$

BEGIN

INSERT INTO users (name, email) VALUES (name, email);

END;

$$;

* **Explanation**:
  + LANGUAGE plpgsql: Specifies the procedural language.
  + name TEXT, email TEXT: Procedure parameters.
  + The BEGIN ... END block contains the SQL logic.

#### Calling the Procedure

CALL insert\_user('Alice', 'alice@example.com');

### ****Stored Procedure with Transaction Control****

Unlike functions, stored procedures allow transaction control, which is helpful for complex operations.

#### Example 2: Procedure with Transaction Management

CREATE PROCEDURE transfer\_funds(sender\_id INT, receiver\_id INT, amount NUMERIC)

LANGUAGE plpgsql

AS $$

BEGIN

-- Begin transaction

BEGIN;

-- Deduct amount from sender

UPDATE accounts SET balance = balance - amount WHERE id = sender\_id;

-- Add amount to receiver

UPDATE accounts SET balance = balance + amount WHERE id = receiver\_id;

-- Commit transaction

COMMIT;

EXCEPTION

WHEN OTHERS THEN

-- Rollback transaction if there is an error

ROLLBACK;

RAISE NOTICE 'Transaction failed: %', SQLERRM;

END;

$$;

#### Calling the Procedure

CALL transfer\_funds(1, 2, 100.00);

### ****Procedure with Conditional Logic****

Stored procedures can include control structures like IF, LOOP, and CASE.

#### Example 3: Conditional Logic

CREATE PROCEDURE update\_salary(employee\_id INT, percentage NUMERIC)

LANGUAGE plpgsql

AS $$

BEGIN

IF percentage > 0 THEN

UPDATE employees SET salary = salary \* (1 + percentage / 100) WHERE id = employee\_id;

ELSE

RAISE NOTICE 'Invalid percentage value';

END IF;

END;

$$;

#### Calling the Procedure

CALL update\_salary(101, 10); -- Increase salary by 10%

### ****Dropping a Stored Procedure****

To delete a stored procedure, use the DROP PROCEDURE command:

DROP PROCEDURE update\_salary;

### ****Advantages of Using Stored Procedures****

1. **Improved Performance**: Reduces network latency by running logic on the database server.
2. **Reusability**: Encapsulates logic for repeated use.
3. **Security**: Restricts direct access to database tables and applies business rules.
4. **Maintainability**: Centralizes logic, making it easier to update.

### ****Use Cases****

* Encapsulating business logic, such as calculating salaries or generating reports.
* Automating recurring tasks like data cleanup or summary table updates.
* Enforcing security policies by restricting direct table access.

Stored procedures in PostgreSQL are powerful tools for database developers and administrators to optimize, secure, and streamline database operations.

### KEYS

In PostgreSQL, **keys** are attributes (or sets of attributes) that establish relationships between tables and ensure data integrity. Different types of keys serve specific purposes in relational database design.

### ****Types of Keys in PostgreSQL****

#### 1. **Primary Key**

* A **primary key** uniquely identifies each record in a table.
* It enforces **uniqueness** and **NOT NULL** constraints automatically.
* A table can have only one primary key.

**Syntax**:

CREATE TABLE employees (

emp\_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,

name VARCHAR(100),

department VARCHAR(50)

);

* In the above example, emp\_id is the primary key.
* The database automatically creates a unique index on the primary key column.

#### 2. **Unique Key**

* Ensures that all values in a column (or combination of columns) are **unique** across rows.
* A table can have multiple unique keys.

**Syntax**:

CREATE TABLE students (

student\_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,

email VARCHAR(255) UNIQUE

);

* Here, email must be unique, but NULL values are allowed (unlike a primary key).

#### 3. **Foreign Key**

* A **foreign key** establishes a relationship between two tables by referencing a column in another table (usually the primary key).
* Enforces referential integrity.

**Syntax**:

CREATE TABLE orders (

order\_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,

customer\_id INT REFERENCES customers(customer\_id),

order\_date DATE

);

* Here, customer\_id in the orders table references the customer\_id column in the customers table.
* If you try to insert a customer\_id in the orders table that does not exist in the customers table, PostgreSQL will raise an error.

**Cascading Options**: Foreign keys support cascading actions:

* ON DELETE CASCADE: Deletes child rows if the parent row is deleted.
* ON UPDATE CASCADE: Updates child rows if the parent key changes.

**Example**:

CREATE TABLE orders (

order\_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,

customer\_id INT REFERENCES customers(customer\_id) ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE

);

#### 4. **Candidate Key**

* A **candidate key** is any column (or combination of columns) that can uniquely identify a record.
* A table can have multiple candidate keys, but only one can be chosen as the **primary key**.

**Example**: In a table with student\_id and email, both could serve as candidate keys because each uniquely identifies a row.

#### 5. **Composite Key**

* A **composite key** is a primary key or unique key that consists of two or more columns.

**Syntax**:

CREATE TABLE course\_enrollments (

student\_id INT,

course\_id INT,

enrollment\_date DATE,

PRIMARY KEY (student\_id, course\_id)

);

* Here, the combination of student\_id and course\_id uniquely identifies each record in the table.

#### 6. **Super Key**

* A **super key** is a superset of a candidate key. It can uniquely identify a record but may include additional unnecessary columns.
* Example: If student\_id is a candidate key, then {student\_id, email} is a super key.

#### 7. **Alternate Key**

* When there are multiple candidate keys, the one not chosen as the primary key is referred to as an **alternate key**.
* Example: In a table with emp\_id (primary key) and email (candidate key), email becomes an alternate key.

### ****Key Constraints in PostgreSQL****

When defining keys, you often use constraints to enforce their behavior:

1. **Primary Key Constraint**:
2. PRIMARY KEY (column\_name)
3. **Unique Constraint**:
4. UNIQUE (column\_name)
5. **Foreign Key Constraint**:
6. FOREIGN KEY (column\_name) REFERENCES table\_name(column\_name)
7. **Check Constraint** (for additional validation):
8. CHECK (condition)

### ****Practical Example****

Let’s create a database schema to demonstrate all key types:

CREATE TABLE customers (

customer\_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,

email VARCHAR(255) UNIQUE,

phone\_number VARCHAR(15) UNIQUE

);

CREATE TABLE orders (

order\_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,

customer\_id INT REFERENCES customers(customer\_id) ON DELETE CASCADE,

product\_id INT,

PRIMARY KEY (customer\_id, product\_id) -- Composite key

);

### ****Querying Information About Keys****

To view information about keys in a table, use the pg\_catalog system catalog or information\_schema.

* View Primary Key:
* SELECT
* conname AS constraint\_name,
* conkey AS column\_indexes
* FROM
* pg\_constraint
* WHERE
* contype = 'p' AND conrelid = 'table\_name'::regclass;
* View Foreign Keys:
* SELECT
* conname AS constraint\_name,
* conrelid::regclass AS table\_name,
* confrelid::regclass AS referenced\_table
* FROM
* pg\_constraint
* WHERE
* contype = 'f';

### ****Summary of Keys****

| **Key Type** | **Description** | **Purpose** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Primary Key** | Uniquely identifies each record in a table | Uniqueness and integrity |
| **Unique Key** | Ensures column values are unique | Enforces uniqueness |
| **Foreign Key** | Links two tables and maintains referential integrity | Relational data consistency |
| **Composite Key** | Combination of columns to uniquely identify a record | Handles complex uniqueness requirements |
| **Candidate Key** | Potential key that could act as a primary key | Ensures multiple options for uniqueness |
| **Alternate Key** | Candidate key not chosen as the primary key | Backup option for primary key |
| **Super Key** | A superset of a candidate key | Redundant uniqueness |

Understanding and using keys effectively ensures robust, consistent, and well-structured database design.

### Schema

In **PostgreSQL (psql)**, a **schema** is a logical structure that organizes database objects such as tables, views, functions, sequences, and more. It acts as a namespace within the database, allowing you to group related objects together and avoid naming conflicts.

**Key Concepts of Schemas in PostgreSQL**

1. **Default Schema (public)**:
   * By default, PostgreSQL creates a schema named public in every database.
   * If you don’t specify a schema when creating or accessing objects, PostgreSQL assumes they belong to the public schema.
2. **Creating a Schema**:
   * You can create custom schemas to organize your objects.
   * Syntax:

sql

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CREATE SCHEMA schema\_name;

* + Example:

sql

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CREATE SCHEMA sales;

1. **Setting a Schema**:
   * Use the SET search\_path command to define which schema(s) PostgreSQL should search when accessing objects without a fully qualified name.
   * Syntax:

sql

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SET search\_path TO schema\_name;

* + Example:

sql

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SET search\_path TO sales;

1. **Accessing Objects in a Schema**:
   * You can reference an object in a schema explicitly using the schema\_name.object\_name format.
   * Example:

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SELECT \* FROM sales.customers;

1. **Listing Schemas**:
   * To list all schemas in the current database:

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* + Output includes all user-defined schemas and built-in system schemas (e.g., pg\_catalog, information\_schema).

1. **Granting Permissions on a Schema**:
   * You can control access to schemas using the GRANT and REVOKE commands.
   * Syntax:

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GRANT ALL ON SCHEMA schema\_name TO username;

* + Example:

sql

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GRANT USAGE ON SCHEMA sales TO john;

1. **Dropping a Schema**:
   * If you no longer need a schema, you can drop it.
   * Syntax:

sql

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DROP SCHEMA schema\_name [CASCADE];

* + Example:

sql

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DROP SCHEMA sales CASCADE;

* + Use CASCADE to remove all objects within the schema.

1. **Schema Search Path**:
   * PostgreSQL uses a search path to determine the order of schemas it looks through when resolving unqualified object names.
   * View the current search path:

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SHOW search\_path;

* + Modify the search path for the session:

sql

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SET search\_path TO schema1, schema2;

**Example Workflow with Schemas in PostgreSQL**

1. Create a schema:

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CREATE SCHEMA company;

1. Create a table inside the schema:

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CREATE TABLE company.employees (

id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,

name VARCHAR(100),

position VARCHAR(50)

);

1. Insert and query data:

sql

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INSERT INTO company.employees (name, position) VALUES ('Alice', 'Manager');

SELECT \* FROM company.employees;

1. Set the schema for easier access:

sql

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SET search\_path TO company;

SELECT \* FROM employees; -- No need to prefix with "company."

1. Drop the schema if needed:

sql

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DROP SCHEMA company CASCADE;

**Window Functions in SQL**

Window functions in SQL perform calculations across a set of table rows that are related to the current row. Unlike aggregate functions, which return a single value for a group, window functions retain the individual rows while calculating the result of a function over a defined "window" of rows.

**Key Features**

1. Operate on a subset of rows defined by a window or partition.
2. Do not group rows like aggregate functions but instead calculate values over a "window."
3. Use the OVER() clause to define the window of rows.

**Basic Syntax**

function\_name(expression) OVER (

[PARTITION BY column\_name]

[ORDER BY column\_name]

[frame\_clause]

)

* **function\_name**: The window function (e.g., RANK(), SUM(), AVG(), etc.).
* **PARTITION BY**: Divides the rows into groups (optional).
* **ORDER BY**: Specifies the order of rows in the window.
* **frame\_clause**: Defines the subset of rows within the partition (optional).

**Common Window Functions**

1. **Ranking Functions**:
   * RANK(): Assigns a rank to each row, with gaps for duplicate ranks.
   * DENSE\_RANK(): Assigns a rank without gaps for duplicate ranks.
   * ROW\_NUMBER(): Assigns a unique number to each row.

**Example**:

SELECT name, department, salary,

RANK() OVER (PARTITION BY department ORDER BY salary DESC) AS rank

FROM employees;

1. **Aggregate Functions**:
   * SUM(), AVG(), MIN(), MAX(), COUNT(): Calculate aggregates over a window.

**Example**:

SELECT department, name, salary,

SUM(salary) OVER (PARTITION BY department) AS total\_salary

FROM employees;

1. **Value Functions**:
   * LAG(): Access the value of a column from a previous row.
   * LEAD(): Access the value of a column from a following row.
   * FIRST\_VALUE(): Returns the first value in the window.
   * LAST\_VALUE(): Returns the last value in the window.

**Example**:

SELECT name, department, salary,

LAG(salary) OVER (PARTITION BY department ORDER BY salary) AS previous\_salary

FROM employees;

1. **Cumulative/Running Totals**:
   * Use SUM() or other aggregate functions with an ORDER BY clause.

**Example**:

SELECT name, salary,

SUM(salary) OVER (ORDER BY salary) AS running\_total

FROM employees;

**Frame Clause**

The frame clause refines the set of rows within the window.

* **Types of Frame Clauses**:
  + **ROWS**: Specifies rows relative to the current row.
  + **RANGE**: Specifies a range of values relative to the current row.

**Example**:

SELECT name, salary,

SUM(salary) OVER (ORDER BY salary ROWS BETWEEN 1 PRECEDING AND 1 FOLLOWING) AS moving\_sum

FROM employees;

**Practical Use Cases**

1. **Ranking Employees by Salary**:
2. SELECT name, department, salary,
3. RANK() OVER (PARTITION BY department ORDER BY salary DESC) AS rank
4. FROM employees;
5. **Calculating Running Totals**:
6. SELECT transaction\_id, amount,
7. SUM(amount) OVER (ORDER BY transaction\_date) AS running\_total
8. FROM transactions;
9. **Comparing Current and Previous Sales**:
10. SELECT product\_id, sales\_date, sales\_amount,
11. LAG(sales\_amount) OVER (PARTITION BY product\_id ORDER BY sales\_date) AS previous\_sales
12. FROM sales;
13. **Getting Percent of Total**:
14. SELECT department, salary,
15. salary \* 100.0 / SUM(salary) OVER (PARTITION BY department) AS percent\_of\_total
16. FROM employees;

**Key Notes**

1. Window functions require the OVER clause.
2. They cannot be used in WHERE clauses but can be used in SELECT, HAVING, or ORDER BY.
3. If PARTITION BY is omitted, the function operates over all rows.

### Rank

In PostgreSQL, the RANK() function is a **window function** that assigns a rank to each row in a result set based on the ordering of a specified column or columns. Rows with equal values in the ranking criteria receive the same rank, but the next rank will be skipped.

### Syntax

RANK() OVER ([PARTITION BY column] ORDER BY column)

* **PARTITION BY**: Divides the result set into partitions to which the RANK() function is applied independently. (Optional)
* **ORDER BY**: Specifies the order of rows for ranking within each partition.

### Example: Using RANK() in PostgreSQL

#### Example Table: sales

| **id** | **salesperson** | **region** | **total\_sales** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Alice | North | 5000 |
| 2 | Bob | North | 7000 |
| 3 | Charlie | South | 7000 |
| 4 | Diana | North | 6000 |
| 5 | Eve | South | 5000 |

#### Query: Rank Sales by Total Sales

SELECT

salesperson,

region,

total\_sales,

RANK() OVER (PARTITION BY region ORDER BY total\_sales DESC) AS rank

FROM

sales;

#### Output

| **salesperson** | **region** | **total\_sales** | **rank** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bob | North | 7000 | 1 |
| Diana | North | 6000 | 2 |
| Alice | North | 5000 | 3 |
| Charlie | South | 7000 | 1 |
| Eve | South | 5000 | 2 |

### Key Points

1. **Ranks are Assigned in Order**: The highest value gets rank 1, and ranks increase sequentially.
2. **Equal Values Share Ranks**: If two rows have the same ranking criteria, they will have the same rank.
3. **Skipped Ranks**: If ranks are shared, the next rank is skipped.

For example, if two rows tie for rank 1, the next rank will be 3.

Would you like to see examples using other ranking functions, such as DENSE\_RANK() or ROW\_NUMBER()?

### Subquery

A **subquery** in PostgreSQL is a query nested inside another query. It is often used to perform operations that involve multiple steps, allowing the result of one query to be used as input for another.

### Types of Subqueries in PostgreSQL

1. **Scalar Subquery**: Returns a single value.
2. **Row Subquery**: Returns a single row with multiple columns.
3. **Table Subquery**: Returns multiple rows and columns, like a table.
4. **Correlated Subquery**: Depends on columns from the outer query for its execution.

### Syntax

SELECT column(s)

FROM table

WHERE column = (SELECT value FROM another\_table WHERE condition);

### Examples of Subqueries

#### 1. **Scalar Subquery**

Find employees with the highest salary.

SELECT name, salary

FROM employees

WHERE salary = (SELECT MAX(salary) FROM employees);

* The subquery (SELECT MAX(salary) FROM employees) finds the highest salary.
* The outer query fetches employees with that salary.

#### 2. **Row Subquery**

Find the department and its highest salary.

SELECT department, MAX(salary)

FROM employees

GROUP BY department

HAVING MAX(salary) = (

SELECT MAX(salary)

FROM employees

);

* The subquery finds the highest salary across all departments.
* The outer query filters departments that have this salary.

#### 3. **Table Subquery**

List employees working in departments with more than 5 employees.

SELECT name, department

FROM employees

WHERE department IN (

SELECT department

FROM employees

GROUP BY department

HAVING COUNT(\*) > 5

);

* The subquery identifies departments with more than 5 employees.
* The outer query lists employees in those departments.

#### 4. **Correlated Subquery**

Find employees earning more than the average salary in their department.

SELECT name, department, salary

FROM employees e1

WHERE salary > (

SELECT AVG(salary)

FROM employees e2

WHERE e1.department = e2.department

);

* The subquery calculates the average salary for each department.
* The outer query fetches employees earning above that average.

#### 5. **Subqueries in the** FROM **Clause**

Using a subquery as a derived table.

SELECT department, avg\_salary

FROM (

SELECT department, AVG(salary) AS avg\_salary

FROM employees

GROUP BY department

) AS dept\_avg

WHERE avg\_salary > 50000;

* The subquery calculates the average salary for each department.
* The outer query filters departments with an average salary above 50,000.

### Notes

* Subqueries can be used in **SELECT**, **FROM**, and **WHERE** clauses.
* Subqueries are often replaced with **JOINs** for better performance in complex queries.
* Correlated subqueries can be slower because they execute for each row of the outer query.

Let me know if you’d like further clarification on any of these examples or need help with a specific use case!

### Order of execution of SQL queries

The order of execution in an SQL query follows a logical sequence that may not match the order in which the query is written. Below is the **logical execution order** of SQL query commands:

### Logical Order of Execution

1. **FROM**
   * Specifies the source tables or views.
   * Includes operations like JOIN, ON, and subqueries in the FROM clause.
2. **WHERE**
   * Filters rows based on specified conditions.
   * Eliminates rows that do not satisfy the condition.
3. **GROUP BY**
   * Groups rows into subsets based on specified columns.
   * Aggregations like SUM(), COUNT(), etc., are applied per group.
4. **HAVING**
   * Filters grouped data after the GROUP BY operation.
   * Acts as a WHERE clause for aggregated data.
5. **SELECT**
   * Determines the columns or expressions to include in the result set.
   * Includes calculations, aliases, and scalar subqueries.
6. **DISTINCT**
   * Removes duplicate rows from the result set.
7. **ORDER BY**
   * Sorts the result set in ascending (ASC) or descending (DESC) order.
8. **LIMIT / OFFSET**
   * Restricts the number of rows returned (e.g., LIMIT 10, OFFSET 5).

### Example Query with Logical Execution

SELECT department, COUNT(\*) AS employee\_count

FROM employees

WHERE salary > 50000

GROUP BY department

HAVING COUNT(\*) > 10

ORDER BY employee\_count DESC

LIMIT 5;

#### Logical Execution Breakdown

1. **FROM**: Identify the employees table as the source.
2. **WHERE**: Filter rows where salary > 50000.
3. **GROUP BY**: Group rows by the department column.
4. **HAVING**: Filter groups with more than 10 employees (COUNT(\*) > 10).
5. **SELECT**: Choose department and COUNT(\*) as employee\_count for the result set.
6. **ORDER BY**: Sort results by employee\_count in descending order.
7. **LIMIT**: Restrict the output to 5 rows.

### Notes

* **SELECT comes after WHERE, GROUP BY, and HAVING** in the logical order because filtering and grouping must happen before selecting columns or applying aggregate functions.
* SQL engines optimize queries internally, but understanding the logical order helps in writing efficient queries.

Would you like to see examples for more complex query execution orders, such as those with joins or subqueries?

### Clustered injection

**Clustered Injection** in PostgreSQL, as with other SQL databases, refers to a type of SQL injection attack that exploits vulnerabilities in clustered database systems or utilizes clustering mechanisms to execute malicious SQL statements. This is not a distinct type of SQL injection but rather a targeted approach to exploiting clustered databases or using PostgreSQL clustering features (like partitions or replicas) as attack vectors.

Here’s a comprehensive breakdown of clustered injection and how it might manifest in PostgreSQL:

### ****1. Understanding Clustering in PostgreSQL****

In PostgreSQL, clustering involves organizing data or tables for performance and scalability. Key clustering mechanisms include:

* **CLUSTER Command**: Organizes a table's data based on an index to improve query performance.
* **Partitioning**: Divides a table into smaller pieces (partitions) for faster query execution.
* **Replication**: Maintains copies of databases or tables for redundancy and load balancing.

Malicious actors may exploit these features in injection attacks.

### ****2. Possible Attack Vectors in Clustered Systems****

#### **a. Exploiting Partitioning Logic**

If a database uses partitioned tables, an attacker might manipulate SQL queries to:

* Access unintended partitions.
* Enumerate partition keys or bypass restrictions.

Example:

SELECT \* FROM sales WHERE region = 'north' -- AND id = 1;

An attacker could inject:

region = 'north'; DROP TABLE partition\_north; --

#### **b. Exploiting CLUSTER Commands**

The CLUSTER command reorders a table based on an index:

CLUSTER tablename USING indexname;

If inputs like tablename or indexname are unsanitized, attackers could inject malicious table names or execute additional commands.

Example of injection:

CLUSTER sales; DROP TABLE important\_table; -- USING sales\_index;

#### **c. Exploiting Replication Features**

PostgreSQL replication features, such as logical replication or streaming replication, could be abused:

* Using injections to manipulate what gets replicated.
* Exploiting logical replication by injecting malicious SQL into replication slots.

### ****3. Example of Clustered Injection****

Suppose an application executes a query that performs clustering dynamically based on user input:

def reorder\_table(index\_name):

query = f"CLUSTER my\_table USING {index\_name};"

cursor.execute(query)

If index\_name is not sanitized, an attacker could inject:

index\_name = "my\_index; DROP TABLE users; --"

Resulting SQL:

CLUSTER my\_table USING my\_index; DROP TABLE users; --

### ****4. Mitigating Clustered Injection in PostgreSQL****

To prevent such attacks:

1. **Use Parameterized Queries**: Always use parameterized queries or query builders to prevent SQL injection.
2. def reorder\_table(index\_name):
3. query = "CLUSTER my\_table USING %s;"
4. cursor.execute(query, (index\_name,))
5. **Validate User Input**: Ensure user inputs match expected patterns:
   * Validate table or column names using whitelists or regex.
   * Reject unexpected or malicious patterns.
6. **Least Privilege Principle**: Restrict database permissions:
   * Deny users the ability to execute CLUSTER, DROP, or ALTER commands unless necessary.
   * Use roles with minimal privileges.
7. **Escape Identifiers Properly**: When dynamically constructing queries involving table or column names, use proper escaping:
8. from psycopg2 import sql
9. def reorder\_table(index\_name):
10. query = sql.SQL("CLUSTER my\_table USING {}").format(sql.Identifier(index\_name))
11. cursor.execute(query)
12. **Monitor and Audit**: Regularly audit logs for unusual commands like CLUSTER, DROP TABLE, or DELETE.

### ****5. PostgreSQL Tools to Prevent Injection****

* **pg\_stat\_activity**: Monitor queries in real-time to detect suspicious activity.
* **pg\_hba.conf**: Use PostgreSQL's Host-Based Authentication (HBA) file to control access.
* **log\_statement**: Configure PostgreSQL to log all or specific types of SQL statements:
* ALTER SYSTEM SET log\_statement = 'all';

### ****6. Conclusion****

Clustered injection is a variant of SQL injection focusing on PostgreSQL's clustering features or clustered databases. By implementing strong input validation, parameterized queries, and strict user permissions, you can secure PostgreSQL against such attacks.

Would you like guidance on securing specific clustering features or simulating a safe environment to test vulnerabilities?

### ****Composite Keys in PostgreSQL****

A **composite key** in PostgreSQL (or any relational database) is a **primary key** that consists of **two or more columns** to uniquely identify a record in a table. This is useful when no single column is sufficient to ensure uniqueness, but a combination of columns can achieve this.

### ****Syntax to Create a Composite Key****

A composite key can be defined in PostgreSQL in two ways:

#### **1. Using** PRIMARY KEY **Constraint in Table Definition**

You can specify multiple columns as the primary key directly in the table definition.

CREATE TABLE orders (

order\_id INT,

product\_id INT,

quantity INT,

PRIMARY KEY (order\_id, product\_id)

);

Here, the combination of order\_id and product\_id uniquely identifies each record in the orders table.

#### **2. Using** UNIQUE **Constraint for Composite Key**

If you don't want a composite primary key but still need to ensure uniqueness, you can use a UNIQUE constraint instead.

CREATE TABLE orders (

order\_id INT,

product\_id INT,

quantity INT,

UNIQUE (order\_id, product\_id)

);

This allows other columns to serve as the primary key while still ensuring that the combination of order\_id and product\_id is unique.

### ****Example Use Case****

#### **Scenario: An E-commerce Application**

* A table for storing orders might require order\_id and product\_id to form a composite key since:
  + A single order can include multiple products.
  + Each combination of order\_id and product\_id should be unique.

CREATE TABLE order\_details (

order\_id SERIAL,

product\_id INT,

quantity INT NOT NULL,

PRIMARY KEY (order\_id, product\_id)

);

* **Benefits**:
  + Prevents duplicate entries for the same order\_id and product\_id.
  + Ensures that all rows in the table are uniquely identified.

### ****Adding Composite Keys to an Existing Table****

If you need to add a composite key to an existing table, you can use the ALTER TABLE statement:

ALTER TABLE orders

ADD CONSTRAINT orders\_pk PRIMARY KEY (order\_id, product\_id);

### ****Querying Tables with Composite Keys****

When querying a table with a composite key, you need to consider both columns in operations:

1. **Insert Data:**
2. INSERT INTO orders (order\_id, product\_id, quantity)
3. VALUES (1, 101, 5), (1, 102, 2);
4. **Select Data:**
5. SELECT \* FROM orders WHERE order\_id = 1 AND product\_id = 101;
6. **Update Data:**
7. UPDATE orders
8. SET quantity = 10
9. WHERE order\_id = 1 AND product\_id = 101;
10. **Delete Data:**
11. DELETE FROM orders WHERE order\_id = 1 AND product\_id = 102;

### ****Composite Key Constraints****

1. **Integrity Enforcement**:
   * PostgreSQL automatically enforces the uniqueness of the composite key.
   * It also ensures that the values in the composite key columns are not NULL.
2. **Indexing**:
   * When you create a composite key, PostgreSQL automatically creates a **composite index** to improve query performance on the key columns.

### ****Advantages of Composite Keys****

1. **Data Uniqueness**:
   * Helps enforce business rules by requiring multiple attributes to define uniqueness.
2. **Data Consistency**:
   * Ensures that no duplicate or inconsistent data exists for the given combination of attributes.
3. **Better Query Optimization**:
   * Composite keys create composite indexes, which improve query performance.

### ****Limitations of Composite Keys****

1. **Complex Queries**:
   * Queries involving composite keys can become verbose since multiple columns need to be included in WHERE conditions.
2. **Scalability**:
   * If the composite key involves many columns, it may impact query performance and table management.
3. **Foreign Key References**:
   * When referencing a table with a composite key as a foreign key, you must include all columns of the composite key in the child table's foreign key.

### ****Foreign Key with Composite Keys****

You can reference a composite key in another table as a foreign key:

CREATE TABLE order\_items (

order\_id INT,

product\_id INT,

item\_name TEXT,

FOREIGN KEY (order\_id, product\_id) REFERENCES orders (order\_id, product\_id)

);

### ****Conclusion****

Composite keys are an excellent choice for ensuring unique constraints based on multiple attributes. However, they should be used judiciously to avoid overly complex database designs and queries. For simpler cases, surrogate keys (like a single id column) might be more suitable.

### ****Pros and Cons of Indexing in Databases****

Indexing is a key optimization strategy in relational databases, but it comes with both benefits and drawbacks. Understanding these trade-offs is crucial for designing efficient databases.

### ****Pros of Indexing****

#### 1. **Faster Query Performance**

* **Benefit**: Indexes significantly speed up data retrieval by allowing the database to locate rows more quickly without scanning the entire table.
* **Example**: Searching for a specific record using a primary key or column with an index takes logarithmic time compared to linear time for a full table scan.

#### 2. **Efficient Sorting**

* **Benefit**: Queries that require sorting (e.g., ORDER BY clauses) can benefit from indexes, as indexed columns are often pre-sorted.
* **Example**: Indexes can optimize queries like SELECT \* FROM employees ORDER BY salary.

#### 3. **Support for Unique Constraints**

* **Benefit**: Indexes are used to enforce uniqueness in columns, such as primary keys or unique constraints.
* **Example**: Ensures no duplicate values for a column, like email.

#### 4. **Improved Join Performance**

* **Benefit**: Indexes on foreign keys improve the performance of joins between tables.
* **Example**: A join between two tables (orders and customers) is faster if the customer\_id column is indexed.

#### 5. **Better Performance for Range Queries**

* **Benefit**: Indexes are particularly effective for range queries (e.g., BETWEEN, <, >).
* **Example**: SELECT \* FROM products WHERE price BETWEEN 100 AND 500.

#### 6. **Increased Scalability**

* **Benefit**: As datasets grow, indexes help maintain query performance by avoiding full table scans.

### ****Cons of Indexing****

#### 1. **Increased Storage Requirements**

* **Drawback**: Indexes consume additional disk space to store the index structures.
* **Example**: Large tables with multiple indexes can require significant extra storage.

#### 2. **Slower Write Operations**

* **Drawback**: Insert, update, and delete operations become slower because the database must update the associated indexes.
* **Example**: A table with several indexes takes longer to insert a new row since all indexes need to be updated.

#### 3. **Maintenance Overhead**

* **Drawback**: Indexes require maintenance, especially for frequently changing data, which can increase CPU usage.
* **Example**: Rebuilding or reorganizing indexes is necessary over time to prevent fragmentation.

#### 4. **Risk of Over-Indexing**

* **Drawback**: Too many indexes can degrade overall database performance by:
  + Increasing storage usage.
  + Slowing down write operations.
  + Confusing the query planner, leading to suboptimal index selection.

#### 5. **Complexity in Query Optimization**

* **Drawback**: Choosing the right columns to index and the type of index (e.g., B-tree, hash) requires careful analysis.
* **Example**: Indexes on rarely queried columns can be wasteful.

#### 6. **Potential for Stale Indexes**

* **Drawback**: Indexes might become less effective as data evolves, requiring periodic updates.
* **Example**: Heavily fragmented indexes may slow down query performance.

#### 7. **Impact on Bulk Operations**

* **Drawback**: Operations like bulk inserts, updates, or deletes are slower with indexes in place.
* **Example**: Inserting a million rows into a table with multiple indexes takes significantly longer than inserting into an unindexed table.

### ****When to Use Indexes****

#### **Good Use Cases**

1. Frequently queried columns (e.g., columns in WHERE, GROUP BY, or ORDER BY clauses).
2. Columns used in joins.
3. Primary and foreign keys.
4. Columns with high cardinality (many unique values).

#### **Avoid Indexing**

1. Columns with low cardinality (e.g., gender with values male or female).
2. Columns that are rarely queried.
3. Tables with very few rows, where full table scans are efficient.

### ****Best Practices****

1. **Limit Indexes**: Use only necessary indexes to avoid over-indexing.
2. **Monitor Query Performance**: Use tools like EXPLAIN or ANALYZE to check if indexes are being used effectively.
3. **Rebuild Indexes Periodically**: Prevent fragmentation for tables with frequent updates.
4. **Combine Indexes**: Consider composite indexes for queries involving multiple columns.
5. **Test and Monitor**: Evaluate the performance trade-offs of indexes on both reads and writes.

### ****Conclusion****

Indexing is a powerful tool to optimize database performance, especially for read-heavy workloads. However, it comes with trade-offs in storage, write performance, and maintenance. Careful planning and monitoring are key to balancing the benefits and drawbacks of indexing in your database.

### Scaling

**Scaling in PostgreSQL** refers to the process of improving the database's capacity to handle increasing data and query loads while maintaining performance. PostgreSQL provides multiple ways to scale, depending on the specific use case and workload, such as vertical scaling, horizontal scaling, and using additional optimization techniques.

### ****1. Types of Scaling in PostgreSQL****

#### **a. Vertical Scaling (Scaling Up)**

* **Definition**: Adding more resources (CPU, RAM, or disk I/O) to the existing server hosting the PostgreSQL database.
* **How It Works**:
  + Increase hardware resources on the server.
  + Use faster SSDs for storage.
  + Optimize PostgreSQL configurations (e.g., work\_mem, shared\_buffers).
* **Advantages**:
  + Simple to implement and manage.
  + Does not require changes to application architecture.
* **Disadvantages**:
  + Limited by the physical limits of the server hardware.
  + Can result in downtime during upgrades.

#### **b. Horizontal Scaling (Scaling Out)**

* **Definition**: Distributing the database workload across multiple servers to increase capacity.
* **Techniques**:
  + **Replication**:
    - Create replicas of the primary database to handle read queries (read scaling).
    - Use PostgreSQL's built-in replication (streaming replication).
  + **Sharding**:
    - Split data into smaller subsets (shards) distributed across multiple servers.
    - Managed manually or with third-party tools like Citus or Vitess.
  + **Partitioning**:
    - Divide a large table into smaller tables (partitions) for improved performance.
    - PostgreSQL supports declarative partitioning for managing large datasets.
* **Advantages**:
  + High scalability and fault tolerance.
  + Handles both read-heavy and write-heavy workloads.
* **Disadvantages**:
  + Requires changes to application logic to manage distributed data.
  + Complexity in maintaining data consistency.

### ****2. Scaling Techniques in PostgreSQL****

#### **a. Replication**

* **Purpose**: To scale read operations and improve availability.
* **How It Works**:
  + The primary database continuously replicates data to one or more standby databases.
  + Read-heavy queries can be directed to replicas to reduce the load on the primary database.
* **Types of Replication**:
  + **Streaming Replication** (synchronous or asynchronous).
  + **Logical Replication** for selective replication or replication across different versions.
* **Example**:
* # Primary Server (master)
* wal\_level = replica
* max\_wal\_senders = 10
* # Standby Server (replica)
* recovery.conf:
* primary\_conninfo = 'host=primary\_ip user=replication password=replication\_password'

#### **b. Sharding**

* **Purpose**: To distribute data across multiple servers to improve write performance.
* **Tools**:
  + **Citus**: An extension that transforms PostgreSQL into a distributed database.
  + **pg\_shard**: Supports sharding by distributing rows across nodes.
* **Example**:
  + Divide users into shards by user\_id:
    - user\_id % shard\_count = shard\_number.

#### **c. Partitioning**

* **Purpose**: To improve query performance for large tables by splitting them into smaller, manageable pieces.
* **How It Works**:
  + Define partitions based on a key (e.g., date, region).
  + PostgreSQL automatically routes queries to the appropriate partition.
* **Example**:
* CREATE TABLE sales (
* id SERIAL,
* sale\_date DATE NOT NULL,
* amount NUMERIC NOT NULL
* ) PARTITION BY RANGE (sale\_date);
* CREATE TABLE sales\_2023 PARTITION OF sales
* FOR VALUES FROM ('2023-01-01') TO ('2024-01-01');

### ****3. Optimizing Scaling Efforts in PostgreSQL****

#### **a. Connection Pooling**

* **Purpose**: To manage and reuse database connections efficiently.
* **Tools**:
  + pgbouncer
  + PgPool-II
* **Example**:
  + Configure pgbouncer to limit and pool connections to the PostgreSQL server.

#### **b. Query Optimization**

* **Steps**:
  + Analyze slow queries using EXPLAIN and EXPLAIN ANALYZE.
  + Create appropriate indexes (e.g., B-tree, GIN, GiST).
  + Avoid over-fetching data (use LIMIT and OFFSET).

#### **c. Indexing**

* Create indexes to speed up read-heavy queries.
* Types of indexes:
  + B-tree (default).
  + GIN/GiST (useful for full-text search).
  + BRIN (efficient for large, sequentially ordered datasets).

#### **d. Caching**

* Use caching to reduce load on the database:
  + PostgreSQL internal caching (shared\_buffers).
  + External caching systems (e.g., Redis, Memcached).

#### **e. Parallel Query Execution**

* **Feature**: PostgreSQL supports parallel query execution for SELECT queries.
* **Configuration**:
  + max\_parallel\_workers\_per\_gather
  + parallel\_setup\_cost

### ****4. Challenges of Scaling PostgreSQL****

* **Data Consistency**: Ensuring consistency in distributed systems during scaling.
* **Application Complexity**: Adapting application logic for sharding or distributed queries.
* **Cost**: Maintaining additional servers or replicas increases infrastructure costs.
* **Replication Lag**: With asynchronous replication, replicas may not always have the latest data.

### ****5. Tools and Extensions for Scaling PostgreSQL****

* **Citus**: For sharding and distributed database functionality.
* **pglogical**: Logical replication for selective data replication.
* **PgPool-II**: For connection pooling and load balancing.
* **PostgreSQL FDW (Foreign Data Wrapper)**: Access data from other PostgreSQL servers or external systems.

### ****6. Example Use Case****

#### Scenario: Scaling an E-commerce Application

* **Problem**: The application experiences high traffic, causing slow query performance.
* **Solution**:
  + Add read replicas to offload read queries.
  + Partition the orders table by order\_date to improve performance.
  + Use pgbouncer to limit connection overhead.
  + Cache frequently accessed product data using Redis.

By leveraging these scaling strategies, PostgreSQL can handle large-scale applications while maintaining performance and reliability.

### VACCUM and VACCUM FULL

In PostgreSQL, VACUUM and VACUUM FULL are commands used to reclaim storage and optimize the performance of the database by removing obsolete or dead rows left behind after updates or deletions.

### ****1.**** VACUUM

The VACUUM command is used to clean up the database by removing **dead tuples**. When you delete or update rows in PostgreSQL, they are not immediately removed from disk. Instead, they are marked as dead, and the space they occupied is reclaimed by VACUUM.

#### **Key Features of** VACUUM**:**

* **Reclaims Space:** It removes dead rows and marks space as available for reuse. However, the space is not returned to the operating system immediately.
* **Improves Performance:** It prevents bloat and maintains efficient query performance by keeping indexes and tables optimized.
* **Does Not Lock Tables:** It works in the background and does not lock the table, allowing other transactions to continue while VACUUM is running.
* **Does Not Shrink Tables:** While it reuses space within the table, it does not reduce the physical file size.

#### **Usage:**

VACUUM;

* **Default:** It operates on all tables in the database.
* **Specific Table:** You can run it on a specific table by specifying the table name:
* VACUUM my\_table;

#### **Important Considerations:**

* While VACUUM reclaims space within the database, it doesn't immediately shrink the size of the table on disk.
* It is useful for maintaining the health of the database and ensuring that the vacuuming process runs periodically.

### ****2.**** VACUUM FULL

The VACUUM FULL command is a more aggressive version of VACUUM. It not only reclaims space from dead tuples but also attempts to **physically shrink the database files** and **compact** the table and indexes.

#### **Key Features of** VACUUM FULL**:**

* **Reclaims Space and Shrinks Files:** It reclaims space and compacts the tables and indexes by moving data around, thereby reducing the size of the table and freeing disk space.
* **Locks Tables:** Unlike VACUUM, VACUUM FULL takes an **exclusive lock** on the table being vacuumed. This prevents other transactions from modifying the table while the operation is in progress.
* **Slower Than VACUUM:** Because it physically compacts the table, it is slower and more resource-intensive compared to a regular VACUUM.

#### **Usage:**

VACUUM FULL;

* **Specific Table:** You can run it on a specific table:
* VACUUM FULL my\_table;

#### **Important Considerations:**

* **Locks Tables:** It locks the tables while performing the operation, which may lead to downtime or delays if the table is large or frequently accessed.
* **Disk Space:** Since it compacts the table, it is effective for situations where a lot of space has been freed due to massive deletions or updates, and you want to reduce the size of the database on disk.

### ****Comparison of**** VACUUM ****and**** VACUUM FULL****:****

| **Feature** | **VACUUM** | **VACUUM FULL** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Space Reclaimed** | Reclaims space for reuse internally | Reclaims space and reduces disk size |
| **Locks Tables** | Does not lock the table | Takes an exclusive lock on the table |
| **Performance Impact** | Lightweight and fast | More resource-intensive and slow |
| **Disk Space Impact** | Does not reduce physical file size | Shrinks the physical size of tables and indexes |
| **Usage Frequency** | Regularly for routine maintenance | For significant cleanup and when disk space reduction is needed |

### ****When to Use Each:****

* **Use VACUUM:** Regularly, as part of routine database maintenance. It helps prevent bloat and ensures efficient space usage without locking the database.
* **Use VACUUM FULL:** When you need to reclaim a large amount of space, such as after large-scale deletions or updates, or when you want to reduce the physical size of your tables and indexes on disk. However, it should be used sparingly due to the locking and resource-intensive nature of the operation.

### ****Autovacuum****

In PostgreSQL, autovacuum is enabled by default and runs automatically in the background to perform vacuuming tasks without manual intervention. It uses VACUUM to clean up the database and prevent bloat. However, for aggressive cleanup or disk space reclamation, VACUUM FULL may still be needed.

### ****Materialized View in PostgreSQL****

A **materialized view** in PostgreSQL is a database object that stores the result of a query physically, as opposed to a regular view, which is just a stored query that gets executed every time it's accessed. Materialized views provide a way to store complex or resource-intensive query results, allowing you to retrieve the data quickly without re-executing the query each time.

### ****Key Features of Materialized Views****

1. **Stored Results:** Unlike regular views, which are virtual, materialized views save the result of the query at the time of creation or refresh.
2. **Improved Performance:** Since the result of the query is precomputed and stored, materialized views can significantly speed up query performance, especially for complex queries or aggregations that are frequently used.
3. **Manual Refresh:** The data in a materialized view can become stale over time because it is not automatically updated. You need to manually refresh the materialized view to reflect the latest changes from the base tables.
4. **Snapshot of Data:** Materialized views give you a snapshot of the data at the time they were created or last refreshed.

### ****Syntax to Create a Materialized View****

CREATE MATERIALIZED VIEW view\_name AS

SELECT column1, column2, ...

FROM table\_name

WHERE conditions;

### ****Example:****

CREATE MATERIALIZED VIEW sales\_summary AS

SELECT store\_id, SUM(sales\_amount) AS total\_sales

FROM sales

GROUP BY store\_id;

In this example, a materialized view named sales\_summary is created that stores the sum of sales for each store.

### ****Refreshing a Materialized View****

To keep the materialized view up to date, you need to refresh it manually. The REFRESH MATERIALIZED VIEW command is used for this purpose.

#### **Basic Refresh:**

REFRESH MATERIALIZED VIEW sales\_summary;

#### **Options for Refreshing:**

* **Concurrent Refresh:** You can refresh a materialized view concurrently without locking the view for the duration of the refresh, but it requires that there is a unique index on the materialized view.
* REFRESH MATERIALIZED VIEW CONCURRENTLY sales\_summary;

This option allows the materialized view to be used during the refresh, but it requires more resources and is slower than a regular refresh.

### ****Dropping a Materialized View****

To remove a materialized view, use the DROP command:

DROP MATERIALIZED VIEW view\_name;

### ****Advantages of Materialized Views****

1. **Performance Improvement:** By storing the query result, it avoids recalculating complex queries every time they are accessed, which can lead to significant performance improvements.
2. **Efficiency:** Especially useful for reporting and analytical queries where data doesn't change frequently.
3. **Reduced Query Execution Time:** For frequently accessed data, a materialized view can reduce the load on the underlying tables and speed up query execution.

### ****Disadvantages of Materialized Views****

1. **Stale Data:** Since materialized views are not updated automatically, they can become outdated. Regular refreshes are needed to ensure they contain the latest data.
2. **Storage Overhead:** Materialized views consume storage space as they store the results physically, which can be a concern if the result set is large.
3. **Manual Maintenance:** You need to manually manage when to refresh the view, which may add overhead in terms of database maintenance.

### ****Use Cases for Materialized Views****

1. **Data Warehousing and Analytics:** Materialized views are often used in data warehouses or OLAP systems where preaggregated data is needed for fast querying.
2. **Reporting Systems:** For systems that require running complex reports on large datasets, materialized views allow for storing precomputed results to speed up report generation.
3. **Complex Joins or Subqueries:** When you have expensive joins or subqueries, materialized views can store the results, making queries faster by avoiding repetitive computations.

### ****Refreshing Strategies****

* **On-demand:** Manually refresh the materialized view whenever necessary.
* **Scheduled Refreshes:** Use scheduled tasks or jobs to refresh the materialized view at regular intervals (e.g., hourly, daily).

### ****Comparison with Regular Views****

| **Feature** | **Regular View** | **Materialized View** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Storage** | Does not store data, just a query | Stores the result of the query |
| **Performance** | Executes the query on each access | Provides fast access to precomputed results |
| **Update** | Always shows the latest data | Can become stale; needs refreshing |
| **Locking** | No locking during access | Requires locks when refreshing |

### ****Conclusion****

Materialized views in PostgreSQL are a powerful tool for improving query performance, especially for complex or frequently executed queries. However, they come with the trade-off of requiring manual updates and consuming additional storage space. They are most beneficial in scenarios where data doesn't change frequently and fast access to precomputed results is crucial.

### JSON and JSONB

In PostgreSQL, **JSON** and **JSONB** are two different data types used to store JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) data. Both allow you to store structured data in a flexible, schema-less format, but they differ in terms of storage, performance, and functionality.

### ****1. JSON Data Type****

The JSON data type stores the data as a plain text string. When you insert JSON data into a JSON column, PostgreSQL will store it as is, exactly as you provided it.

#### **Key Characteristics of JSON:**

* **Text-based Storage:** It stores the raw JSON as a string. This means that data is stored as plain text without any parsing or optimization for performance.
* **No Indexing Support:** JSON values in a JSON column cannot be indexed directly for efficient querying. You can index specific fields, but that requires extra steps and the use of expression indexes.
* **Parsing on Access:** When accessing JSON data in the JSON column, PostgreSQL will parse it every time a query is run, which can add overhead.
* **Flexibility:** It allows you to store data in a format that is easy to modify or change without affecting the database schema.

#### **Example:**

CREATE TABLE my\_table (

id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,

data JSON

);

INSERT INTO my\_table (data) VALUES ('{"name": "Alice", "age": 30}');

In the above example, the JSON data {"name": "Alice", "age": 30} is stored as a string in the data column.

### ****2. JSONB Data Type****

The JSONB (Binary JSON) data type stores the JSON data in a binary format, which is more efficient for storage and querying compared to the plain JSON format. It is optimized for fast query execution and indexing.

#### **Key Characteristics of JSONB:**

* **Binary Storage:** JSONB stores the data in a binary format, which allows for faster parsing, comparison, and indexing.
* **Indexing Support:** JSONB supports indexing on specific JSON fields using **GIN (Generalized Inverted Index)** or **GiST (Generalized Search Tree)** indexes, making it more efficient for large datasets.
* **Faster Querying:** Since JSONB is stored in a binary format, it can be queried more quickly than plain JSON, as there is no need to parse the data repeatedly.
* **No Order Preservation:** Unlike JSON, JSONB does not preserve the order of the keys in the object. This can be a disadvantage if the order of the keys is important, but for most use cases, it does not matter.
* **Smaller Size:** JSONB often uses less disk space than JSON because it eliminates redundancies like duplicate keys and normalizes the data during storage.
* **More Features:** JSONB provides additional functions for manipulation, such as deeper querying capabilities and more flexible indexing.

#### **Example:**

CREATE TABLE my\_table (

id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,

data JSONB

);

INSERT INTO my\_table (data) VALUES ('{"name": "Alice", "age": 30}');

In the above example, the JSON data is stored in the data column as binary JSON.

### ****Key Differences Between JSON and JSONB****

| **Feature** | **JSON** | **JSONB** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Storage Format** | Plain text (raw JSON) | Binary format (optimized) |
| **Parsing on Access** | Parsed every time the query runs | Parsed once during storage |
| **Performance** | Slower for querying and manipulation | Faster for querying and manipulation |
| **Indexing Support** | Limited, needs expression indexes | Full support for GIN and GiST indexes |
| **Order Preservation** | Preserves key order | Does not preserve key order |
| **Size** | Larger storage size | Smaller storage size, optimized |
| **Supported Operations** | Basic JSON operations | Advanced operations (e.g., indexing, searching) |

### ****When to Use JSON vs. JSONB****

* **Use JSON:**
  + When you need to store the raw, unmodified JSON text and the order of the keys matters.
  + If you're dealing with small datasets where performance is not a major concern and indexing is not necessary.
* **Use JSONB:**
  + For faster querying and manipulation of JSON data, especially when you need to index specific fields or perform complex searches.
  + For large datasets where performance and efficient storage are important.
  + When the order of keys in the JSON objects doesn't matter, as JSONB does not preserve key order.

### ****Example Queries with JSON and JSONB****

#### **1. Accessing JSON Data**

-- Accessing a field from a JSON column

SELECT data->>'name' FROM my\_table WHERE id = 1;

#### **2. Accessing JSONB Data**

-- Accessing a field from a JSONB column

SELECT data->>'name' FROM my\_table WHERE id = 1;

#### **3. Indexing JSONB Data**

-- Creating a GIN index on a JSONB column

CREATE INDEX idx\_data\_name ON my\_table USING GIN (data jsonb\_path\_ops);

#### **4. Searching JSONB Data**

-- Searching for rows where the 'name' field is equal to 'Alice'

SELECT \* FROM my\_table WHERE data @> '{"name": "Alice"}';

### ****Conclusion****

* **JSON** is ideal when you need a simple, schema-less way to store JSON data without heavy query or performance requirements.
* **JSONB** is the better choice for performance, especially if you need to query, index, and manipulate large volumes of JSON data efficiently.

For most use cases in PostgreSQL where performance and scalability are important, **JSONB** is generally preferred.

### How do you optimize psql performance

Optimizing PostgreSQL (PSQL) performance involves improving query execution, database design, hardware utilization, and other aspects of the database system. Below are strategies to enhance the performance of PostgreSQL:

### ****1. Query Optimization****

* **Use Indexes Effectively**:
  + Create indexes on columns that are frequently used in WHERE clauses, JOIN conditions, and ORDER BY clauses.
  + Use multi-column indexes when queries filter or sort on multiple columns.
  + Avoid unnecessary indexes to reduce overhead during data modifications (INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE).
* **Analyze and Tune Queries**:
  + Use EXPLAIN or EXPLAIN ANALYZE to understand query execution plans and identify slow operations like full table scans.
  + Optimize queries by adjusting joins, subqueries, and indexing.
  + Avoid using SELECT \*. Always select only the columns you need.
* **Optimize Joins**:
  + Use proper join types (INNER JOIN, LEFT JOIN, etc.) and avoid unnecessary joins.
  + Use the most selective table as the first table in joins.
* **Limit Result Sets**:
  + Use LIMIT and OFFSET to avoid fetching unnecessary rows.
  + Ensure that queries return only relevant rows by applying efficient WHERE conditions.

### ****2. Indexing Optimization****

* **Choose the Right Index Type**:
  + **B-tree indexes** (default) are useful for equality and range queries.
  + **GIN (Generalized Inverted Index)** is useful for JSONB, array, and full-text search queries.
  + **GiST (Generalized Search Tree)** is used for geometric data types, full-text search, and certain other applications.
* **Avoid Over-indexing**:
  + Having too many indexes can hurt performance, especially for write-heavy workloads, because indexes need to be updated during INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE operations.
* **Partial Indexes**:
  + Use partial indexes when queries typically filter on a subset of data. This saves space and improves performance for those specific queries.

### ****3. Table Design and Data Modeling****

* **Normalize When Appropriate**:
  + Use normalization to reduce redundancy and maintain data integrity.
* **Avoid Over-Normalization**:
  + In some cases, denormalization can help improve performance by reducing the need for complex joins in read-heavy workloads.
* **Use Appropriate Data Types**:
  + Choose the most compact and appropriate data types (e.g., using INT instead of BIGINT when possible).
  + Avoid using TEXT for short strings (use VARCHAR(n)).
* **Partitioning**:
  + Use **table partitioning** to split large tables into smaller, more manageable pieces based on ranges or lists of values (e.g., date ranges, geographic regions).
* **Vacuuming**:
  + Regularly run VACUUM and VACUUM FULL to clean up dead tuples and reclaim disk space.
  + Set up **autovacuum** to run automatically, but adjust its settings based on the workload.

### ****4. Caching and Memory Management****

* **Tune Work Memory**:
  + Increase the work\_mem setting for complex queries with sorting, hashing, or large joins.
  + This is important for operations like ORDER BY, GROUP BY, and hash joins.
* **Effective Cache Size**:
  + Set effective\_cache\_size to reflect the available memory for caching. This setting helps the planner choose the best index strategy.
* **Shared Buffers**:
  + Increase shared\_buffers to allocate more memory for caching database pages, which reduces disk I/O for frequently accessed data.

### ****5. Connection Pooling****

* **Use Connection Pooling**:
  + Use connection pooling tools like **PgBouncer** or **pgpool-II** to manage database connections efficiently. Opening and closing connections can be expensive, so pooling helps reduce overhead.
* **Max Connections**:
  + Limit the number of concurrent connections by setting max\_connections. Too many connections can exhaust server resources, especially if each connection requires substantial memory.

### ****6. Disk and Storage Optimizations****

* **Use Faster Storage**:
  + Store your PostgreSQL data files on fast storage like SSDs to improve I/O performance.
* **Optimize Autovacuum**:
  + Ensure that **autovacuum** is running optimally to keep your database healthy and prevent bloat.
* **Table Compression**:
  + Use table compression techniques (e.g., **TOAST**) for large objects or columns that store large text, JSON, or binary data.

### ****7. Parallel Query Execution****

* **Enable Parallel Query**:
  + PostgreSQL supports parallel queries starting from version 9.6. Use max\_parallel\_workers\_per\_gather and parallel\_setup\_cost to control the number of workers used for parallel queries.
  + This can improve the performance of large scans, joins, and aggregations.

### ****8. PostgreSQL Configuration Tuning****

* **Adjust shared\_buffers**:
  + Increase shared\_buffers to cache more data in memory and reduce disk reads. This is crucial for read-heavy workloads.
* **Tune checkpoint\_segments and checkpoint\_timeout**:
  + Fine-tune these settings to optimize write-ahead logging (WAL) performance. Reducing checkpoint frequency can improve performance during heavy write loads.
* **Set wal\_level to minimal**:
  + If you don’t need full logical replication or point-in-time recovery, consider reducing wal\_level to **minimal**.

### ****9. Analyzing and Monitoring Performance****

* **Regularly Run ANALYZE**:
  + PostgreSQL uses statistics to generate query execution plans. Ensure that the database is regularly analyzed using the ANALYZE command to keep statistics up to date.
* **Use Performance Monitoring Tools**:
  + Use tools like **pg\_stat\_statements**, **pgBadger**, or **pg\_stat\_activity** to monitor slow queries and overall database performance.
* **Query Logging**:
  + Enable logging of slow queries with log\_min\_duration\_statement to identify performance bottlenecks.

### ****10. Maintenance Tasks****

* **Regular Backups and Restores**:
  + Regular backups and restores will help you identify potential issues early and ensure that the system can recover in case of failure.
* **Optimize Auto-vacuum Settings**:
  + Tune autovacuum settings (e.g., autovacuum\_vacuum\_cost\_limit, autovacuum\_vacuum\_scale\_factor) to keep your tables healthy without causing excessive overhead.

### ****Conclusion****

Optimizing PostgreSQL performance requires a combination of tuning hardware, PostgreSQL configurations, query optimization, and effective use of indexing and partitioning. Regular monitoring, maintenance, and query analysis play a critical role in identifying bottlenecks and ensuring that the database continues to perform efficiently as your workload grows.

### FDW

**FDW (Foreign Data Wrapper)** in PostgreSQL allows you to access and query data stored in external databases or data sources as if they were part of your PostgreSQL database. It provides a way to integrate and query external systems in a seamless manner, allowing you to work with data stored in other databases (e.g., MySQL, MongoDB, Oracle) or even external files (e.g., CSV, remote files).

### ****How FDW Works****

A **Foreign Data Wrapper** is a PostgreSQL extension that implements an interface to connect to an external data source. You create foreign tables that represent the data in external systems. When you query these foreign tables, PostgreSQL translates the queries into appropriate operations on the remote data source.

### ****Steps to Set Up FDW in PostgreSQL****

#### **1. Install FDW Extension**

PostgreSQL provides various FDW modules for different external systems. Some popular FDW modules include:

* **postgres\_fdw**: For connecting to other PostgreSQL databases.
* **mysql\_fdw**: For connecting to MySQL databases.
* **file\_fdw**: For accessing data in flat files (e.g., CSV files).
* **oracle\_fdw**: For connecting to Oracle databases.

You can install an FDW extension using the CREATE EXTENSION command. For example, to install the **postgres\_fdw** extension, you would run:

CREATE EXTENSION postgres\_fdw;

#### **2. Create a Foreign Server**

A foreign server defines the external data source you want to connect to. This includes the connection details such as the server address and port.

Example (for connecting to another PostgreSQL database):

CREATE SERVER foreign\_server

FOREIGN DATA WRAPPER postgres\_fdw

OPTIONS (host 'remote\_host', dbname 'remote\_db', port '5432');

#### **3. Create User Mapping**

User mapping allows a PostgreSQL user to authenticate and access the foreign server. It defines how the local user connects to the remote system.

Example:

CREATE USER MAPPING FOR local\_user

SERVER foreign\_server

OPTIONS (user 'remote\_user', password 'remote\_password');

#### **4. Create Foreign Tables**

Foreign tables are the PostgreSQL tables that correspond to the external data. They are defined with the same structure as the remote tables, and PostgreSQL uses them to execute queries on the remote data source.

Example:

CREATE FOREIGN TABLE foreign\_table (

id INT,

name VARCHAR(100)

)

SERVER foreign\_server

OPTIONS (schema\_name 'public', table\_name 'remote\_table');

#### **5. Query the Foreign Tables**

Once the foreign server and tables are set up, you can query the foreign tables just like any other PostgreSQL table.

Example:

SELECT \* FROM foreign\_table;

PostgreSQL will translate this query into a query that is sent to the remote server, fetch the results, and return them to the user.

### ****Advantages of FDW****

1. **Seamless Integration**: Allows you to access and query data from multiple databases or sources in a unified way.
2. **Transparency**: Foreign tables are treated just like regular PostgreSQL tables, making cross-database querying easier.
3. **Data Federation**: Combines data from different sources into a single view, making data integration simpler.
4. **Read-Only or Read-Write**: Depending on the FDW type and remote system capabilities, foreign tables can be read-only or read-write.

### ****Disadvantages of FDW****

1. **Performance Overhead**: Queries involving remote data sources may be slower due to network latency and the need for translation between different database engines.
2. **Limited Support for Complex Operations**: Some FDWs (like those for non-relational databases) may not support complex SQL features such as joins, aggregates, or transactions.
3. **Dependency on External Data Sources**: The performance of your PostgreSQL queries can be dependent on the external data source's availability and performance.

### ****Common Use Cases for FDW****

* **Data Integration**: When you need to combine data from multiple databases into one.
* **Data Migration**: When migrating data from one database to another, FDW can be used to temporarily access and transfer data.
* **Distributed Queries**: When querying data spread across multiple databases.
* **Third-Party Systems**: Accessing data from systems that PostgreSQL doesn't natively support (e.g., MongoDB, Oracle).

### ****Example: Using**** postgres\_fdw ****to Connect Two PostgreSQL Databases****

Let's say you have two PostgreSQL databases: local\_db and remote\_db, and you want to query remote\_db from local\_db.

1. **Install FDW Extension**:
2. CREATE EXTENSION postgres\_fdw;
3. **Create a Foreign Server**:
4. CREATE SERVER remote\_server
5. FOREIGN DATA WRAPPER postgres\_fdw
6. OPTIONS (host 'remote\_host', dbname 'remote\_db', port '5432');
7. **Create a User Mapping**:
8. CREATE USER MAPPING FOR local\_user
9. SERVER remote\_server
10. OPTIONS (user 'remote\_user', password 'remote\_password');
11. **Create Foreign Table**:
12. CREATE FOREIGN TABLE remote\_table (
13. id INT,
14. name VARCHAR(100)
15. )
16. SERVER remote\_server
17. OPTIONS (schema\_name 'public', table\_name 'remote\_table');
18. **Query the Foreign Table**:
19. SELECT \* FROM remote\_table;

This query will retrieve data from the remote\_table in remote\_db and display it in local\_db.

In summary, Foreign Data Wrappers (FDWs) provide a powerful way to integrate external data sources into PostgreSQL, enabling seamless cross-database querying and federation. However, you should be mindful of performance considerations and ensure that the appropriate FDW is selected for your use case.

### CASCADING

In PostgreSQL (and other relational databases), **cascading** refers to the automatic propagation of changes (like updates or deletes) from one table to related tables, maintaining referential integrity. Cascading is typically used in the context of **foreign keys** and defines what happens when a row in a parent table is modified or deleted.

Here’s a breakdown of how cascading works in PostgreSQL, especially when dealing with foreign keys:

### Types of Cascading Actions

When defining a foreign key constraint, you can specify one of the following actions for each operation:

1. **CASCADE**:
   * Automatically updates or deletes the rows in the child table when the corresponding row in the parent table is updated or deleted.
2. **SET NULL**:
   * When the parent row is deleted or updated, the foreign key in the child table is set to NULL (if the foreign key column allows NULL values).
3. **SET DEFAULT**:
   * When the parent row is deleted or updated, the foreign key in the child table is set to its default value.
4. **RESTRICT**:
   * Prevents the deletion or update of the parent row if there are any matching rows in the child table. In other words, it enforces that the operation cannot happen if there's a dependent record.
5. **NO ACTION**:
   * Similar to RESTRICT, but differs in the timing of the check. NO ACTION checks the condition after the statement execution, whereas RESTRICT checks it immediately. In most cases, they behave the same.

### Example of Cascading in PostgreSQL

Consider two tables: authors and books. The books table has a foreign key that references the authors table.

CREATE TABLE authors (

author\_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,

name VARCHAR(100)

);

CREATE TABLE books (

book\_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,

title VARCHAR(255),

author\_id INT,

FOREIGN KEY (author\_id) REFERENCES authors (author\_id) ON DELETE CASCADE

);

In this example, the books table has a foreign key author\_id referencing the authors table. If an author is deleted from the authors table, the ON DELETE CASCADE clause ensures that all books by that author are also automatically deleted from the books table.

### Example of Cascading on UPDATE

You can also specify cascading on update operations:

CREATE TABLE authors (

author\_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,

name VARCHAR(100)

);

CREATE TABLE books (

book\_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,

title VARCHAR(255),

author\_id INT,

FOREIGN KEY (author\_id) REFERENCES authors (author\_id) ON UPDATE CASCADE

);

In this case, if the author\_id is updated in the authors table, the change will automatically be reflected in the books table.

### Cascading Behavior

1. **DELETE CASCADE**:
   * When a row is deleted in the parent table (authors), all related rows in the child table (books) will be deleted automatically. This is useful when you want to avoid orphaned records in the child table.
2. **UPDATE CASCADE**:
   * When the author\_id of an author is changed in the authors table, all the corresponding author\_id values in the books table will be updated to match the new author\_id.
3. **SET NULL**:
   * If the author\_id in the authors table is deleted or updated, the author\_id in the books table will be set to NULL (assuming the author\_id column in books allows NULL).
4. **SET DEFAULT**:
   * If the author\_id in the authors table is deleted or updated, the author\_id in the books table will be set to its default value (if a default value is defined).

### Example of Foreign Key with SET NULL

CREATE TABLE authors (

author\_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,

name VARCHAR(100)

);

CREATE TABLE books (

book\_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,

title VARCHAR(255),

author\_id INT,

FOREIGN KEY (author\_id) REFERENCES authors (author\_id) ON DELETE SET NULL

);

In this case, if an author is deleted, the author\_id in the books table will be set to NULL instead of deleting the corresponding rows in the books table.

### When to Use Cascading

* **CASCADE**: Use when you want to ensure that when a row is deleted in the parent table, all dependent rows in the child table are automatically deleted.
* **SET NULL**: Useful when you want to "unlink" a row in the child table without actually deleting the child rows when the parent row is deleted.
* **SET DEFAULT**: Use when you want to set a default value for a foreign key when the corresponding parent row is deleted.
* **RESTRICT/NO ACTION**: Use when you want to enforce the existence of the parent row and prevent deleting or updating the parent row if there are dependent child rows.

### Conclusion

Cascading actions in PostgreSQL help maintain referential integrity automatically, making it easier to manage related data across tables without having to manually delete or update rows in child tables. Proper use of cascading ensures that your database remains consistent and avoids orphaned records.

### CASE and IF

In SQL, CASE and IF are both conditional expressions, but they have different syntaxes and use cases. Here's a comparison of the two:

### 1. CASE ****Expression in SQL****

The CASE expression in SQL is used to perform conditional logic within a query. It's more flexible than IF, and can be used in SELECT, UPDATE, and ORDER BY clauses.

#### Syntax:

* **Simple CASE**: Compares an expression to a set of values.

CASE expression

WHEN value1 THEN result1

WHEN value2 THEN result2

ELSE result\_default

END

* **Search CASE**: Allows complex conditions, usually in WHEN clauses.

CASE

WHEN condition1 THEN result1

WHEN condition2 THEN result2

ELSE result\_default

END

#### Example:

Suppose we have a students table and want to classify students based on their score:

SELECT student\_id, score,

CASE

WHEN score >= 90 THEN 'Excellent'

WHEN score >= 75 THEN 'Good'

WHEN score >= 50 THEN 'Average'

ELSE 'Poor'

END AS performance

FROM students;

This will classify students into Excellent, Good, Average, and Poor based on their score.

#### Use Cases:

* Often used in SELECT statements to return different values based on conditions.
* Can be used to replace IF or IIF in some cases.

### 2. IF ****Statement in SQL****

The IF statement is more commonly used for control flow in stored procedures, functions, or programming logic. In SQL, IF is used within procedural code blocks, not in regular queries.

#### Syntax:

* **IF Statement** (typically used inside stored procedures or functions):

IF condition THEN

-- SQL statements

ELSE

-- SQL statements

END IF;

* **IF() Function**: An inline IF function for conditional logic in a SELECT query (not to be confused with IF as a control-flow statement).

IF(condition, result\_if\_true, result\_if\_false)

#### Example with Control Flow (Stored Procedure or Function):

DELIMITER $$

CREATE PROCEDURE CheckScore(IN score INT)

BEGIN

IF score >= 90 THEN

SELECT 'Excellent';

ELSEIF score >= 75 THEN

SELECT 'Good';

ELSEIF score >= 50 THEN

SELECT 'Average';

ELSE

SELECT 'Poor';

END IF;

END$$

DELIMITER ;

#### Example with IF() Function in Query:

SELECT student\_id, score,

IF(score >= 90, 'Excellent', IF(score >= 75, 'Good', 'Needs Improvement')) AS performance

FROM students;

#### Use Cases:

* **Control Flow**: Inside stored procedures or functions to control execution based on conditions.
* **Inline Conditional Logic**: In a SELECT query with the IF() function to return different values based on conditions.

### Key Differences Between CASE and IF:

1. **Flexibility**:
   * CASE is more flexible and can handle complex conditions, making it useful in SELECT, UPDATE, and ORDER BY clauses.
   * IF is more restrictive in SQL queries and is primarily used in procedural programming (e.g., inside stored procedures).
2. **Where They're Used**:
   * CASE is used directly within SQL queries (e.g., in SELECT statements, UPDATE, etc.).
   * IF (control flow) is used within stored procedures, functions, or other procedural constructs.
3. **Structure**:
   * CASE is often used for comparing a given expression to a set of values or conditions, whereas IF is more focused on simple conditional checks.

### Conclusion:

* **Use CASE** when you need to perform conditional checks within a query and return different values based on conditions.
* **Use IF** when you need to control the flow of execution within a stored procedure or function, or use IF() function for simple conditions in a query.

### SELF JOIN

A **SELF JOIN** in SQL is a type of join where a table is joined with itself. This can be useful when you want to query hierarchical data or when a relationship exists within the same table. It helps to retrieve records that have relationships within the same table.

### Use Case for SELF JOIN:

A common scenario for a self join is when you have a table that references itself. For example, in an **employees** table, an employee might have a **manager**, who is also an employee. To get a list of employees with their managers, you can use a self join.

### Syntax:

The general syntax for a self join is the same as any other join. The difference is that you need to treat the same table as two different entities by giving each instance an alias.

SELECT a.column\_name, b.column\_name

FROM table\_name a

JOIN table\_name b

ON a.common\_field = b.common\_field;

### Example:

Consider an **employees** table like this:

| **id** | **name** | **manager\_id** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Alice | NULL |
| 2 | Bob | 1 |
| 3 | Charlie | 1 |
| 4 | David | 2 |

In this table, manager\_id refers to the id of another employee who is the manager. To list employees with their managers, you can perform a self join.

### Self Join Query:

SELECT e.name AS Employee, m.name AS Manager

FROM employees e

LEFT JOIN employees m ON e.manager\_id = m.id;

### Explanation:

* **employees e**: This is the first instance of the employees table (representing employees).
* **employees m**: This is the second instance of the same table, representing managers.
* **LEFT JOIN employees m ON e.manager\_id = m.id**: We join the table with itself, where the manager\_id of the employee (e.manager\_id) matches the id of the manager (m.id).
* The result will list each employee along with their manager's name.

### Result:

| **Employee** | **Manager** |
| --- | --- |
| Alice | NULL |
| Bob | Alice |
| Charlie | Alice |
| David | Bob |

In this case:

* Alice has no manager (shown as NULL).
* Bob and Charlie report to Alice.
* David reports to Bob.

### Key Points:

* A **self join** is useful for querying hierarchical data, such as finding parent-child relationships, employees and their managers, or products with related categories.
* It's essentially an aliasing technique to treat a table as two separate entities.