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>>> A crash course in SQL  
>>> Statistical Society of Australia
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>>> Overview

Day 1

1. Introduction
2. Intro to relational model
3. Tables and relationships
4. Programming in SQL
5. Basic SQL
6. Search conditions
7. Subqueries
8. Joining and join exercises

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Day 2

1. Reading the docs
2. Aggregating
3. Expanding the toolkit
4. Creating and editing tables
5. Independent development

Send me questions and give feedback

[Click here to find the day 2 slides.](#)

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>>> Daily schedule
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Timetable				
9:00am	-	10:30am	lecture 1	(1.5 hr)
10:30am	-	11:00am	morning tea	(30 min)
11:00am	-	12:30pm	lecture 2	(1.5 hr)
12:30pm	-	1:30pm	lunch	(1 hr)
1:30pm	-	3:00pm	guided exercises	(1.5 hr)
3:00pm	-	5:00pm	one-on-one help	(2 hr)

>>> How to pronounce SQL

- * S. Q. L. (Structured Query Language)
- * 'SEQUEL' (Structured English Query Language)

We will be boldly using two dialects of (ISO/ANSI) SQL:

- * T-SQL (Microsoft, proprietary)
- * MySQL (Oracle, open-source)


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>>> Show of hands
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Past experience

>>> The Kahoots!

Definition

A Kahoot is a fun group quiz that we'll do here and there throughout the course. Join in to test your skills.

And now for a practice Kahoot...

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>>> Let the learning begin
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A Relational Database Management System (RDBMS).

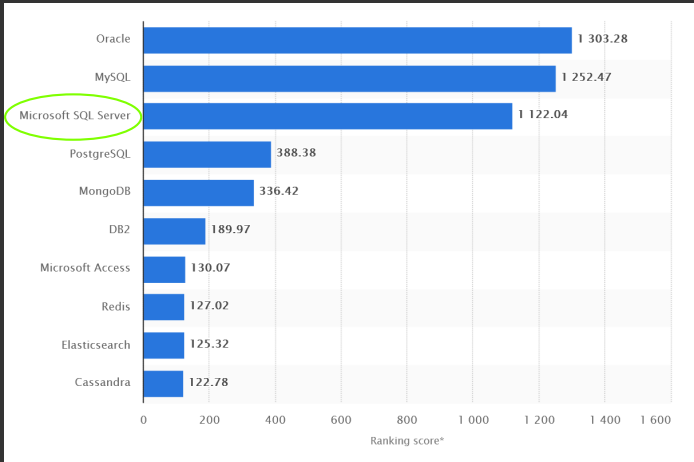
Definition

A DBMS is a large collection of interdependent programs all working together to define, construct, manipulate, protect and otherwise manage a database. An RDBMS is the most popular kind of DBMS.

SQL is a programming language for talking to your RDBMS.

>>> RDBMS

The most popular Relational Database Management Systems



Source: [statista.com](https://www.statista.com)

>>> The SQL bridge

Data Analyst

Responsibilities

- Curate the data
- Visualize and report data

Tools

- Excel
- SQL
- Tableau

Skills

- Analytics
- Communication & Visualization

Business Facing

- Sometimes

Salary

\$65,000



Data Scientist

Responsibilities

- Source data
- Analyze data
- Run experiments

Tools

- Python
- R
- SQL

Business Facing

- Yes

Responsibilities

- Build models
- Recommend solutions
- Storytell

Skills

- Analytics
- Communication
- Story-tell
- Model building
- Math
- Coding

Salary

\$120,000



Data Engineer

Responsibilities

- Build data pipelines and warehouse
- Manage scalability of data products

Tools

- Java
- C++
- Kubernetes
- Hadoop
- Spark
- Python

Skills

- Coding
- Model implementation

Business Facing

- Not Really

Salary

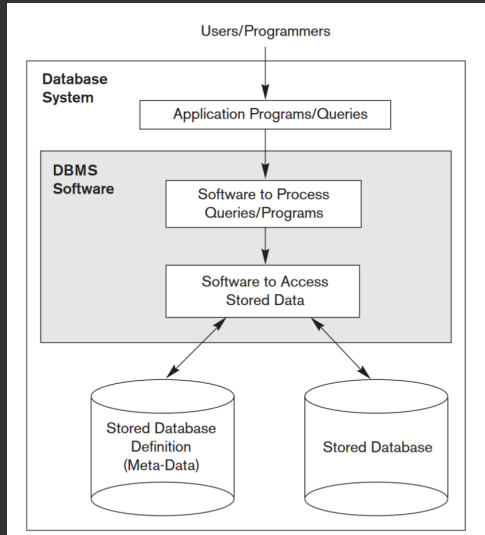
\$110,000



*Matha*Magicians

>>> DBMS

A layer of abstraction between human and machine



>>> RDBMS

Grandfather of SQL and RDBMS, in the 1970s:

'Future users of databases should be protected from having to know how the data is organised in the machine.' - Ted Codd (IBM researcher).

>>> RDBMS

To talk to humans and machines, the RDBMS should have a model of the world that is intuitive to both. This model is called the **Relational Model**.

Intuition

The Relational Model is the 'common tongue' between the humans and the machines. It has a nice formal mathematical definition, so it is easy for machines to work with. For the humans, it has a simple intuitive description in terms of tables and relationships between tables!

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>>> Our very first table
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Friends			
FriendID	FirstName	LastName	FavColour
1	<i>X</i>	<i>A</i>	red
2	<i>Y</i>	<i>B</i>	blue
3	<i>Z</i>	<i>C</i>	NULL

>>> What's the takeaway from all this??

When using SQL, you'll always be working with tables. This is (deceptively) simple and intuitive. Underlying that, there is a really powerful system that let's you talk to the machine in a fairly ideal way. This makes SQL **very efficient**.

The tradeoff? Some parts of SQL will be really simple and intuitive. Others can at first be frustrating and confusing. A little practice goes a loooooong way.

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>>> The anatomy of a table
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Row
(record)

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Column (attribute)

>>> The anatomy of a table

Column names (attribute names)

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- * Every table should have a primary key
- * No two rows can have the same entry
- * There must be no NULL entries


```
>>> One more thing: The data types of attributes
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```
Friends(FriendID, FirstName, LastName, FavColour)
```

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```
Friends(FriendID, FirstName, LastName, FavColour)
         int
```

Definition

An integer is a positive or negative whole number.

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```
Friends(FriendID, FirstName, LastName, FavColour)
                varchar      varchar      varchar
```

Definition

Varchar stands for 'variable length character.'
It is a string of characters of undetermined length.

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>>> What are relationships between tables?



>>> Relationships between tables overview

1. One-to-many relationships
2. Primary and foreign keys
3. Many-to-many relationships
4. One-to-one relationships

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- * One bank can have *many* accounts.
But each account belongs to *one* bank.

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1	X	...	NULL	NULL
2	Y	...	Chikin	NULL
3	Z	...	Cauchy	Gauss

```
>>> Problems with putting them in the same table
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Ideas?

Friends				
FriendID	FirstName	...	PetName ₁	PetName ₂
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>>> So what do we do instead?
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Suspense.
The second Kahoot.

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>>> What if we do this instead?
```

Friends			
FriendID	FirstName	...	PetName
1	X	...	NULL
2	Y	...	Chikin
3	Z	...	Cauchy
3	Z	...	Gauss

```
>>> What if we do this instead?
```

Friends			
FriendID	FirstName	...	PetName
1	X	...	NULL
2	Y	...	Chikin
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This causes data redundancy

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Pets			
PetID	PetName	PetDOB	FriendID
1	Chikin	24/09/2016	2
2	Cauchy	01/03/2012	3
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Foreign key

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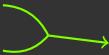
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>>> Check that we fixed all these problems

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```
>>> Joining the tables
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FriendsPets						
PetID	PetName	...	FriendID	FriendID	FirstName	...
1	Chikin	...	2	2	Y	...
2	Cauchy	...	3	3	Z	...
3	Gauss	...	3	3	Z	...

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FriendsPets						
PetID	PetName	...	FriendID	FriendID	FirstName	...
1	Chikin	...	2	2	Y	...
2	Cauchy	...	3	3	Z	...
3	Gauss	...	3	3	Z	...

Primary/foreign key pair


```
>>> Challenge
```

Challenge: Can you create a one-to-many relationship between `Friends` and `Friends`? How will you model it?

```
>>> A solution to the challenge question
```

- * Game in which friends fight to the death. A friend can beat many others, but can only be beaten by one at most.

Friends				
FriendID	FirstName	LastName	FavColour	DefeatedByID
1	<i>X</i>	<i>A</i>	red	2
2	<i>Y</i>	<i>B</i>	blue	NULL
3	<i>Z</i>	<i>C</i>	NULL	2

>>> Primary and foreign keys

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For example, a company might sell group holiday packages and the primary key of their **Customer** table might be made of a GroupID and GroupMemberNumber.

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Friends				
FriendID	FirstName	LastName	FavColour	DefeatedByID
1	<i>X</i>	<i>A</i>	red	4
2	<i>Y</i>	<i>B</i>	blue	NULL
3	<i>Z</i>	<i>C</i>	NULL	2

```
>>> Identifying a primary / foreign key pair?
```

A foreign key is any column (or collection of columns) where each record is **guaranteed** to equal one, and only one, primary key entry in the other table.

Problem: What happens if the database is sloppy, and there aren't any foreign keys??


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>>> An example to contemplate
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```
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```

```
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- * From 1: can't be sure which suburb a house is in.
- * From 1: joining can lead to unexpected duplicates.
- * From 2: can't find any matching suburb.

>>> Many-to-many relationship

- * A class has many students,
and a student attends many classes.
- * A company has many investors,
and an investor invests in many companies.
- * A person engages with many government departments,
and a government department engages with many people.

>>> Many-to-many relationship

- * Each friend can scratch many backs, and a back can be scratched by many friends

Friends		
FriendID	FirstName	...
1	X	...
2	Y	...
3	Z	...

Friends		
FriendID	FirstName	...
1	X	...
2	Y	...
3	Z	...

Scratched			
ScratcherID	Date	Time	ScratcheeID
1	05/09/2018	12:00pm	2
1	05/09/2018	12:30pm	3
2	06/09/2018	11:00am	1
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Friend_Scratched_Friend

FrID	FriendName	...	SrID	...	SeID	FrID	FriendName	...
1	X	...	1	...	2	2	Y	...
1	X	...	1	...	3	3	Z	...
2	Y	...	2	...	1	1	X	...
3	Z	...	3	...	1	1	X	...

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3	Z	...	3	...	1	1	X	...

Pair 1

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1	X	...	1	...	3	3	Z	...
2	Y	...	2	...	1	1	X	...
3	Z	...	3	...	1	1	X	...

Pair 2

>>> Will see again during the exercises

- * A friend can play with many pets,
and a pet can play with many friends

Pets		
PetID	PetName	...
1	Chikin	
2	Cauchy	
3	Gauss	

Friends		
FriendID	FirstName	...
1	X	
2	Y	
3	Z	

PlayCount		
PetID	Count	FriendID
1	3	1
1	5	2
3	4	2

```
>>> One-to-one relationship
```

- * A person can have at most one head,
and each head belongs to only one person
- * A table record has exactly one primary key value,
and each primary key value belongs to exactly one record
- * A user has one set of log-in details,
and each set of log-in details belong to one user

```
>>> One-to-one relationship
```

- * One friend can have at most one passport, and each passport belongs to only one friend

Friends					
FriendID	FirstName	...	PptCountry	PptNo	PptExpiry
1	X		Australia	E1321	12/03/2021
2	Y		New Zealand	LA123	01/09/2032
3	Z		Monaco	S9876	19/06/2028

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- * Dependence: Delete friend → delete passport.

```
>>> Goodbye, Mr. X
```

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Mr. X

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Deleting a friend will delete the owner's name


```
>>> Any idea how to fix this?
```

We should avoid keeping the person's name in both tables, since otherwise we have **redundant data**.

```
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```
* Create 'people' table with binary variable for friend?
```

Definition

A binary variable is always either 0, 1 or NULL.
Usually, 0 represents `false` and 1 represents `true`.

```
>>> Any idea how to fix this?
```

- * Create 'people' table with **binary** variable for friend?
- * Create separate tables for friends, enemies, etc...?

Leave it to the database designers.

>>> How a database design can damage research

- * Missing information
- * Conflicting information (due to redundancy)
- * Not enough levels of a categorical variable
- * Binary answer when binary is not appropriate
- * Hard to join the tables and connect records
- * Hard to search for information in the database
- * Many more, keep eyes open...

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>>> Walk-through of SQL Server

Time for the real deal

If you've completed set-up, that's great!
Otherwise, we can troubleshoot it this afternoon.

If you're on macOS, don't worry!
I'll be giving a demo of Sequel Ace later.

>>> Demonstration

In Azure Data Studio, I'll do the following:

- * Connect to 'localhost'.
- * Open a new query tab.
- * Change between databases.
- * Figure out what tables are in a database.
- * Explain what a schema is.
- * Figure out what columns are in a table.
- * Figure out what the data types are.
- * Figure out what the primary/foreign keys are.
- * Figure out if NULL values are allowed.


```
>>> Bonus demo
```

Sneak preview of SQL code

- * The `USE` clause.
- * Retrieve `Friends`.
- * Retrieve `Pets`.
- * Join `Friends` with `Pets`.
- * Aliases.
- * Quoting identifiers.

>>> A note on syntax

```
SeLeCt*FrOm[NoTeS].  
[pEtS]rIpHaRaMbE20160528
```

- * Upper/lower-case has no effect
- * Spaces usually have no effect
- * Square brackets can be omitted
- * New lines have no effect
- * **Alias** can be almost anything

So pay attention to style

The concept of an **alias** is explained on the next slide.

>>> A note on syntax

Aliases give temporary names to tables, and should be used to simplify and shorten your queries.

Without aliases:

```
SELECT *  
FROM Notes.Friends JOIN Notes.Pets  
ON Notes.Friends.friendID = Notes.Pets.friendID;
```

With aliases:

```
SELECT *  
FROM Notes.Friends F JOIN Notes.Pets P  
ON F.friendID = P.friendID;
```

From now on, we will **always use aliases**.

>>> A note on syntax

Another (optional) way to write aliases

```
SELECT *  
FROM Notes.Friends AS F JOIN Notes.Pets AS P  
ON F.friendID = P.friendID;
```

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>>> SQL clause: FROM
```

The `FROM` clause specifies table(s) to access in the `SELECT` statement (and others).

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Remember: MySQL doesn't have schemas (but don't Google it)


```
>>> SQL clause: SELECT
```

The `SELECT` clause allows you to choose columns.
You can select all columns with `SELECT *`

We will look at the execution of this query:

```
SELECT F.FirstName, F.FavColour  
FROM Notes.Friends F;
```

Note: the alias `F` seems to have been used before it was created! We will learn about the (sometimes confusing) SQL **order of execution**.

```
>>> SELECT execution
```

```
FROM Notes.Friends
```

Friends			
FriendID	FirstName	LastName	FavColour
1	<i>X</i>	<i>A</i>	red
2	<i>Y</i>	<i>B</i>	blue
3	<i>Z</i>	<i>C</i>	NULL

```
>>> SELECT execution
```

```
SELECT F.FirstName, F.FavColour
```

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```
>>> SELECT execution
```

result

Unnamed	
FirstName	FavColour
X	red
Y	blue
Z	NULL

```
>>> Order of execution
```

But did you see that order of execution?

```
>>> Order of execution
```

But did you see that order of execution?

- * Syntactic order of execution
- * **Logical** order of execution
- * Optimal order of execution

```
>>> SQL clause: WHERE
```

The WHERE clause allows you to choose rows, using a search condition.

We will look at the execution of this query:

```
SELECT F.firstName, F.lastName  
FROM Notes.Friends F  
WHERE favColour = 'red';
```

```
>>> WHERE execution
```

```
FROM Notes.Friends
```

Friends			
FriendID	FirstName	LastName	FavColour
1	<i>X</i>	<i>A</i>	red
2	<i>Y</i>	<i>B</i>	blue
3	<i>Z</i>	<i>C</i>	NULL

WHERE FavColour = 'red'

Friends			
FriendID	FirstName	LastName	FavColour
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3	<i>Z</i>	<i>C</i>	NULL

```
SELECT FirstName, LastName
```

Unnamed			
ID	FirstName	LastName	FavColour
1	X	A	red

result

Unnamed	
FirstName	LastName
X	A

```
>>> Order of execution
```

1. FROM
2. WHERE
3. SELECT

```
>>> Order of execution
```

Order of execution is irrelevant, Danny!

```
>>> Order of execution
```

Order of execution is irrelevant, Danny!

Wrong you are.

Aliases can be created in the `SELECT` clause too!

```
SELECT F.FirstName AS Nombre, F.FavColour AS ColorFavorito  
FROM Notes.Friends F  
WHERE ColorFavorito = 'red';
```

Let's try executing the above. What will happen?

```
>>> Why do you keep saying 'clause'?
```

SQL is like speaking ... or cooking.

- * **Clauses** are components of **statements**.
- * The statements we're learning are called **queries**.
- * A statement is somewhat comparable to a 'sentence'.
- * Better to think of them as ingredients in a recipe?

>>> Chopping and changing

- * We've seen how to 'chop' (with `SELECT` and `WHERE`).
- * We've seen how to 'change' (with table/column aliases).

Can we also change the entries?

>>> Chopping and changing

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- * We've seen how to 'change' (with table/column aliases).

Can we also change the entries?

Change entries with the `CASE WHEN` expression.

```
SELECT *, CASE WHEN FavColour = 'red' THEN 'rojo'
            WHEN FavColour = 'blue' THEN 'azul'
            ELSE FavColour END AS ColorFavorito
FROM Notes.Friends;
```

Let's execute the above. What will it do?

>>> Ordering

We can also reorder the results!

```
SELECT *  
FROM Notes.Friends  
ORDER BY FriendID DESC;
```

Let's execute it to experiment.

```
>>> Lexicographic ordering
```

What happens if we order by a character string?

Numbers	
Num	NumString
111	'111'
31	'31'
32	'32'
211	'211'

```
SELECT *  
FROM Notes.Numbers  
ORDER BY NumString;
```

Let's execute it to find out.

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Definition

A comparison operator is used to compare two things and return `true`, `false` or `NULL`.

- * [Click here](#) for comparison operators in the T-SQL docs.
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Definition

Logical operators compare `true`, `false` or `NULL` and also return `true`, `false` or `NULL`.

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Definition

MySQL and T-SQL disagree on where to put this category of operators. I just call them 'other operators'. They include `IN`, `LIKE`, `BETWEEN`, `EXISTS` and more.

- * [Click here](#) for other operators in the T-SQL docs.
- * [Click here](#) for other operators in the MySQL docs.


```
>>> Comparison operators
```

```
* WHERE FavColour = 'blue' (equal)
```

>>> Comparison operators

- * WHERE FavColour = 'blue' (equal)
- * WHERE FavColour <> 'blue' (not equal)
- * WHERE FavColour != 'blue' (also not equal)

>>> Comparison operators

- * WHERE FavColour = 'blue' (equal)
- * WHERE FavColour <> 'blue' (not equal)
- * WHERE FavColour != 'blue' (also not equal)
- * WHERE Age > 35 (greater than)
- * WHERE Year <= 1995 (less than or equal)

>>> Logical operators

AND				
true	AND	true	=	true
false	AND	true	=	false
true	AND	false	=	false
false	AND	false	=	false

OR				
true	OR	true	=	true
false	OR	true	=	true
true	OR	false	=	true
false	OR	false	=	false

NOT				
NOT	true	=	false	
NOT	false	=	true	

```
>>> Other operators
```

```
* WHERE FavColour IN ('blue', 'red', 'green')
```

```
>>> Other operators
```

```
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```

```
* WHERE Age BETWEEN 25 AND 35
```

```
>>> Other operators
```

```
* WHERE FavColour IN ('blue', 'red', 'green')  
* WHERE Age BETWEEN 25 AND 35  
* WHERE FirstName LIKE 'b%'
```

```
>>> Other operators
```

```
* WHERE FavColour IN ('blue', 'red', 'green')
```

```
* WHERE Age BETWEEN 25 AND 35
```

```
* WHERE FirstName LIKE 'b%'
```

```
* WHERE FirstName LIKE '%b'
```



```
>>> Other operators
```

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```

```
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```

```
* WHERE FirstName LIKE 'b%'
```

```
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```

```
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```

```
>>> Other operators
```

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```
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```

```
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```

```
* WHERE FirstName LIKE '%b'
```

```
* WHERE FirstName LIKE '%b%'
```

```
* WHERE FirstName LIKE 'b__%'
```

>>> Operator precedence

Precedence	Operators
1	Anything in round brackets
2	=,<,>,<=,>=,!=,<!,> (comparison operators)
3	NOT
4	AND
5	OR, ALL, ANY, SOME, EXISTS, BETWEEN, IN, LIKE

>>> Examples

1. $2 = 1 \text{ AND } 1 = 1$

2. $1 = 1 \text{ OR } 2 = 1 \text{ AND } 1 = 1$

3. $(\text{'red'} \text{ IN } (\text{'green'}, \text{'red'})) \text{ AND } (\text{'red'} \text{ LIKE } \text{'r%'})$

4. $\text{NOT } (1 = 1 \text{ AND } 2 = 2 \text{ AND } 3 = 3)$

>>> Solution

1. $2 = 1 \text{ AND } 1 = 1$
2. $1 = 1 \text{ OR } 2 = 1 \text{ AND } 1 = 1$
3. $(\text{'red'} \text{ IN } (\text{'green'}, \text{'red'})) \text{ AND } (\text{'red'} \text{ LIKE } \text{'r%'})$
4. $\text{NOT } (1 = 1 \text{ AND } 2 = 2 \text{ AND } 3 = 3)$

```
>>> Solution
```

1. `2 = 1 AND true`
2. `1 = 1 OR 2 = 1 AND 1 = 1`
3. `('red' IN ('green', 'red')) AND ('red' LIKE 'r%')`
4. `NOT (1 = 1 AND 2 = 2 AND 3 = 3)`

```
>>> Solution
```

1. `false AND true`
2. `1 = 1 OR 2 = 1 AND 1 = 1`
3. `('red' IN ('green', 'red')) AND ('red' LIKE 'r%')`
4. `NOT (1 = 1 AND 2 = 2 AND 3 = 3)`

```
>>> Solution
```

```
1. false
```

```
2. 1 = 1 OR 2 = 1 AND 1 = 1
```

```
3. ('red' IN ('green', 'red')) AND ('red' LIKE 'r%')
```

```
4. NOT ( 1 = 1 AND 2 = 2 AND 3 = 3 )
```



```
>>> Solution
```

```
1. false
```

```
2. 1 = 1 OR false
```

```
3. ('red' IN ('green', 'red')) AND ('red' LIKE 'r%')
```

```
4. NOT ( 1 = 1 AND 2 = 2 AND 3 = 3 )
```

```
>>> Solution
```

```
1. false
```

```
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```

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```

```
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```
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```

```
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```

```
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```

```
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```

```
>>> Solution
```

```
1. false
```

```
2. true
```

```
3. true AND ('red' LIKE 'r%')
```

```
4. NOT ( 1 = 1 AND 2 = 2 AND 3 = 3 )
```



```
>>> Perils of operator precedence
```

```
-- this one evaluates to FALSE
```

```
1 != 1 AND (2 < 3 OR 3 = 3)
```

```
-- but this one evaluates to TRUE
```

```
1 != 1 AND 2 < 3 OR 3 = 3
```

>>> Perils of operator precedence

-- this one evaluates to FALSE

1 != 1 AND (2 < 3 OR 3 = 3)

-- but this one evaluates to TRUE

1 != 1 AND 2 < 3 OR 3 = 3

More concretely, consider the following two:

-- matches 50 or 60 year old females only

Gender = 'F' AND (Age = 50 OR Age = 60)

-- matches 50 year old females, or anyone aged 60

Gender = 'F' AND Age = 50 OR Age = 60

>>> A note on NULL

NULL				
(anything	AND	NULL)	=	NULL
(anything	OR	NULL)	=	NULL
(anything	=	NULL)	=	NULL

We will get practice with NULLs during the exercises.

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```
>>> Basic subquery
```

Subqueries (next slide) are powerful with search conditions.
In fact, some logical operators only work with subqueries:

- * EXISTS
- * ALL
- * ANY

Subqueries are also known as **nested queries**.

```
>>> Class practice
```

Can anyone figure out what this does?
Note: the subquery is executed first.

```
SELECT *  
FROM Notes.Friends F  
WHERE F.friendID IN (SELECT P.friendID  
                     FROM Notes.Pets P);
```

```
>>> Solution
```

```
1. SELECT P.friendID FROM Notes.Pets P
```

>>> Solution

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Retrieves a table of all the FriendIDs in Notes.Pets.

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>>> Solution

1. `SELECT P.friendID FROM Notes.Pets P`

Retrieves a table of all the FriendIDs in `Notes.Pets`.

2. Let's refer to the output of Step 1 as `RESULT`.

3. `SELECT * FROM Notes.Friends F WHERE F.FriendID IN RESULT`

Retrieves only the rows of `Notes.Friends`
whose `FriendID` is in `RESULT`.

>>> Solution

1. `SELECT P.friendID FROM Notes.Pets P`

Retrieves a table of all the FriendIDs in `Notes.Pets`.

2. Let's refer to the output of Step 1 as `RESULT`.

3. `SELECT * FROM Notes.Friends F WHERE F.FriendID IN RESULT`

Retrieves only the rows of `Notes.Friends`
whose `FriendID` is in `RESULT`.

It retrieved the details of all friends who have pets.
Let's execute it to experiment.

>>> Subquery anywhere!

Quick note: a subquery does not have to be used only in the `WHERE` clause. It can be used almost anywhere, but we will look at this later.

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```
>>> SQL query: JOIN
```

A `JOIN` (also known as an `INNER JOIN`) pairs the records from one table with the records from another table, using a primary/foreign key pair.

We will look at the execution of this query:

```
SELECT F.firstName, P.petName  
FROM Notes.Friends F JOIN Notes.Pets P  
ON F.friendID = P.friendID;
```

```
>>> SQL query: JOIN
```

We will look at the execution of this query:

```
SELECT F.firstName, P.petName  
FROM Notes.Friends F JOIN Notes.Pets P  
ON F.friendID = P.friendID;
```

Another way to write the same query: **implicit syntax**

```
SELECT F.firstName, P.petName  
FROM Notes.Friends F, Notes.Pets P  
WHERE F.friendID = P.friendID;
```

```
>>> SQL query: JOIN
```

Yet another way to write the same query:

```
SELECT F.firstName, P.petName  
FROM Notes.Friends F INNER JOIN Notes.Friends P  
ON F.friendID = P.friendID
```

```
>>> SQL query: JOIN
```

Note that `JOIN` is an operator that is inside the `FROM` clause.

```
FROM Friends F JOIN Pets P ON F.FriendID = P.FriendID
```

Pets			
PetID	PetName	...	FriendID
1	Chikin		2
2	Cauchy		3
3	Gauss		3

Friends		
FriendID	FirstName	...
1	X	
2	Y	
3	Z	

```
>>> SQL query: JOIN
```

```
SELECT F.FirstName, P.PetName
```

Unnamed						
PetID	PetName	...	FriendID	FriendID	FirstName	...
1	Chikin	...	2	2	Y	...
2	Cauchy	...	3	3	Z	...
3	Gauss	...	3	3	Z	...

```
>>> SQL query: JOIN
```

result

Unnamed	
PetName	FirstName
Chikin	Y
Cauchy	Z
Gauss	Z

```
>>> Order of execution
```

JOIN is technically an **operator**, not a clause.

1. FROM (and JOIN)
2. WHERE
3. SELECT


```
>>> Group practice
```

Table1		
A	B	C
1	Ignorance	is
2	War	is
3	Freedom	is
4	Friendship	is

Table2		
D	E	A
slavery.	3	1
weakness.	4	2
strength.	1	3
peace.	2	4

```
* SELECT B,C,D FROM Table1 T1, Table2 T2 WHERE T1.A = T2.A
```

```
* SELECT B,C,D FROM Table1 T1, Table2 T2 WHERE T1.A = T2.E
```

```
>>> Solutions
```

```
* SELECT B,C,D FROM Table1 T1, Table2 T2 WHERE T1.A = T2.A
```

B	C	D
Ignorance	is	slavery.
War	is	weakness.
Freedom	is	strength.
Friendship	is	peace.

>>> Solutions

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B	C	D
Ignorance	is	slavery.
War	is	weakness.
Freedom	is	strength.
Friendship	is	peace.

* SELECT B,C,D FROM Table1 T1, Table2 T2 WHERE T1.A = T2.E

B	C	D
Ignorance	is	strength.
War	is	peace.
Freedom	is	slavery.
Friendship	is	weakness.

```
>>> SQL query: LEFT JOIN
```

The join query below (that we looked at earlier) excludes any friends that have no pets (and vice versa).

```
SELECT F.firstName, P.petName  
FROM Notes.Friends F JOIN Notes.Pets P  
ON F.friendID = P.friendID;
```

```
>>> SQL query: LEFT JOIN
```

The join query below (that we looked at earlier) excludes any friends that have no pets (and vice versa).

```
SELECT F.firstName, P.petName
FROM Notes.Friends F JOIN Notes.Pets P
ON F.friendID = P.friendID;
```

LEFT JOIN keeps every row from the table on the left.

```
SELECT F.firstName, P.petName
FROM Notes.Friends F LEFT JOIN Notes.Pets P
ON F.friendID = P.friendID;
```

>>> SQL query: LEFT JOIN. Remember this?

FROM Friends F JOIN Pets P ON F.FriendID = P.FriendID

Pets			
PetID	PetName	...	FriendID
1	Chikin		2
2	Cauchy		3
3	Gauss		3

Friends		
FriendID	FirstName	...
1	X	
2	Y	
3	Z	

```
>>> The result was...
```

Unnamed						
PetID	PetName	...	FriendID	FriendID	FirstName	...
1	Chikin	...	2	2	Y	...
2	Cauchy	...	3	3	Z	...
3	Gauss	...	3	3	Z	...

```
>>> SQL operator: LEFT JOIN
```

If we did a LEFT JOIN instead we would get:

```
FROM Friends F LEFT JOIN Pets P ON F.FriendID = P.FriendID
```

Unnamed						
PetID	PetName	...	FriendID	FriendID	FirstName	...
NULL	NULL	...	NULL	1	X	...
1	Chikin	...	2	2	Y	...
2	Cauchy	...	3	3	Z	...
3	Gauss	...	3	3	Z	...


```
>>> SQL query: LEFT JOIN
```

result

Unnamed	
PetName	FirstName
NULL	X
Chikin	Y
Cauchy	Z
Gauss	Z

```
>>> SQL query: RIGHT JOIN
```

Question for the class:

What does RIGHT JOIN do?

>>> Exercises

Do exercises at the ends of Chapters 1 and 2.
That is, Sections 1.5, 2.6 and 2.7.

[Click here to find the textbook.](#)

```
>>> End of day 1
```

School's out