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History

- IBM Sequel language developed as part of System R project at the IBM San Jose Research Laboratory
- Renamed Structured Query Language (SQL)
- ANSI and ISO standard SQL:
 - SQL-86, SQL-89, SQL-92
 - SQL:1999, SQL:2003, SQL:2008
- Commercial systems offer most, if not all, SQL-92 features, plus varying feature sets from later standards and special proprietary features.
 - Not all examples here may work on your particular system.



Data Definition Language

The SQL **data-definition language (DDL)** allows the specification of information about relations, including:

- The schema for each relation.
- The domain of values associated with each attribute.
- Integrity constraints
- And as we will see later, also other information such as
 - The set of indices to be maintained for each relations.
 - Security and authorization information for each relation.
 - The physical storage structure of each relation on disk.



Domain Types in SQL

- **char(*n*)**. Fixed length character string, with user-specified length *n*.
- **varchar(*n*)**. Variable length character strings, with user-specified maximum length *n*.
- **int**. Integer (a finite subset of the integers that is machine-dependent).
- **smallint**. Small integer (a machine-dependent subset of the integer domain type).
- **numeric(*p,d*)**. Fixed point number, with user-specified precision of *p* digits, with *n* digits to the right of decimal point.
- **real, double precision**. Floating point and double-precision floating point numbers, with machine-dependent precision.
- **float(*n*)**. Floating point number, with user-specified precision of at least *n* digits.
- More are covered in Chapter 4.



Create Table Construct

- An SQL relation is defined using the **create table** command:

```
create table  $r$  ( $A_1 D_1, A_2 D_2, \dots, A_n D_n,$   
                (integrity-constraint1),  
                ...,  
                (integrity-constraintk))
```

- r is the name of the relation
- each A_i is an attribute name in the schema of relation r
- D_i is the data type of values in the domain of attribute A_i

- Example:

```
create table instructor (  
    ID           char(5),  
    name        varchar(20) not null,  
    dept_name varchar(20),  
    salary     numeric(8,2))
```

- **insert into** *instructor* **values** ('10211', 'Smith', 'Biology', 66000);
- **insert into** *instructor* **values** ('10211', null, 'Biology', 66000);



Integrity Constraints in Create Table

- not null
- primary key (A_1, \dots, A_n)
- foreign key (A_m, \dots, A_n) references r

Example: Declare *dept_name* as the primary key for *department*

.

```
create table instructor (  
    ID          char(5),  
    name        varchar(20) not null,  
    dept_name   varchar(20),  
    salary      numeric(8,2),  
    primary key (ID),  
    foreign key (dept_name) references department)
```

primary key declaration on an attribute automatically ensures **not null**



And a Few More Relation Definitions

- **create table** *student* (
 ID **varchar**(5),
 name **varchar**(20) not null,
 dept_name **varchar**(20),
 tot_cred **numeric**(3,0),
 primary key (*ID*),
 foreign key (*dept_name*) **references** *department*);
- **create table** *takes* (
 ID **varchar**(5),
 course_id **varchar**(8),
 sec_id **varchar**(8),
 semester **varchar**(6),
 year **numeric**(4,0),
 grade **varchar**(2),
 primary key (*ID*, *course_id*, *sec_id*, *semester*, *year*),
 foreign key (*ID*) **references** *student*,
 foreign key (*course_id*, *sec_id*, *semester*, *year*) **references** *section*);
- Note: *sec_id* can be dropped from primary key above, to ensure a student cannot be registered for two sections of the same course in the same semester

These are tables!



And more still

- **create table** *course* (
 course_id **varchar**(8) **primary key**,
 title **varchar**(50),
 dept_name **varchar**(20),
 credits **numeric**(2,0),
 foreign key (*dept_name*) **references** *department*));
- Primary key declaration can be combined with attribute declaration as shown above



Drop and Alter Table Constructs

- **drop table** *student*
 - Deletes the table and its contents
- **delete from** *student*
 - Deletes all contents of table, but retains table
- **alter table**
 - **alter table** *r* **add** *A D*
 - ▶ where *A* is the name of the attribute to be added to relation *r* and *D* is the domain of *A*.
 - ▶ All tuples in the relation are assigned *null* as the value for the new attribute.
 - **alter table** *r* **drop** *A*
 - ▶ where *A* is the name of an attribute of relation *r*
 - ▶ Dropping of attributes not supported by many databases



Basic Query Structure

- The SQL **data-manipulation language (DML)** provides the ability to query information, and insert, delete and update tuples
- A typical SQL query has the form:

select A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n
from r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m
where P

- A_i represents an attribute
 - R_i represents a relation
 - P is a predicate.
- The result of an SQL query is a relation.



The select Clause

- The **select** clause list the attributes desired in the result of a query
 - corresponds to the projection operation of the relational algebra
- Example: find the names of all instructors:

select *name*
from *instructor*
- NOTE: SQL names are case insensitive (i.e., you may use upper- or lower-case letters.)
 - E.g. *Name* \equiv *NAME* \equiv *name*
 - Some people use upper case wherever we use bold font.



The select Clause (Cont.)

- SQL allows duplicates in relations as well as in query results.
- To force the elimination of duplicates, insert the keyword **distinct** after select.
- Find the names of all departments with instructor, and remove duplicates

```
select distinct dept_name  
from instructor
```

- The keyword **all** specifies that duplicates not be removed.

```
select all dept_name  
from instructor
```



The select Clause (Cont.)

- An asterisk in the select clause denotes “all attributes”

```
select *  
from instructor
```

- The **select** clause can contain arithmetic expressions involving the operation, +, −, *, and /, and operating on constants or attributes of tuples. [**Generalized Projection**]
- The query:

```
select ID, name, salary/12  
from instructor
```

would return a relation that is the same as the *instructor* relation, except that the value of the attribute *salary* is divided by 12.



The where Clause

- The **where** clause specifies conditions that the result must satisfy
 - Corresponds to the selection predicate of the relational algebra.
- To find all instructors in Comp. Sci. dept with salary > 80000

```
select name
from instructor
where dept_name = 'Comp. Sci.' and salary > 80000
```
- Comparison results can be combined using the logical connectives **and**, **or**, and **not**.
- Comparisons can be applied to results of arithmetic expressions.



The from Clause

- The **from** clause lists the relations involved in the query
 - Corresponds to the Cartesian product operation of the relational algebra.

- Find the Cartesian product *instructor X teaches*

```
select *  
from instructor, teaches
```

- generates every possible instructor – teaches pair, with all attributes from both relations
- Cartesian product not very useful directly, but useful combined with where-clause condition (selection operation in relational algebra)



Cartesian Product: *instructor X teaches*

instructor

ID	name	dept_name	salary
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000
12121	Wu	Finance	90000
15151	Mozart	Music	40000
22222	Einstein	Physics	95000
32343	El Said	History	60000

teaches

ID	course_id	sec_id	semester	year
10101	CS-101	1	Fall	2009
10101	CS-315	1	Spring	2010
10101	CS-347	1	Fall	2009
12121	FIN-201	1	Spring	2010
15151	MU-199	1	Spring	2010
22222	PHY-101	1	Fall	2009

inst.ID	name	dept_name	salary	teaches.ID	course_id	sec_id	semester	year
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000	10101	CS-101	1	Fall	2009
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000	10101	CS-315	1	Spring	2010
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000	10101	CS-347	1	Fall	2009
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000	12121	FIN-201	1	Spring	2010
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000	15151	MU-199	1	Spring	2010
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000	22222	PHY-101	1	Fall	2009
...
...
12121	Wu	Finance	90000	10101	CS-101	1	Fall	2009
12121	Wu	Finance	90000	10101	CS-315	1	Spring	2010
12121	Wu	Finance	90000	10101	CS-347	1	Fall	2009
12121	Wu	Finance	90000	12121	FIN-201	1	Spring	2010
12121	Wu	Finance	90000	15151	MU-199	1	Spring	2010
12121	Wu	Finance	90000	22222	PHY-101	1	Fall	2009
...
...



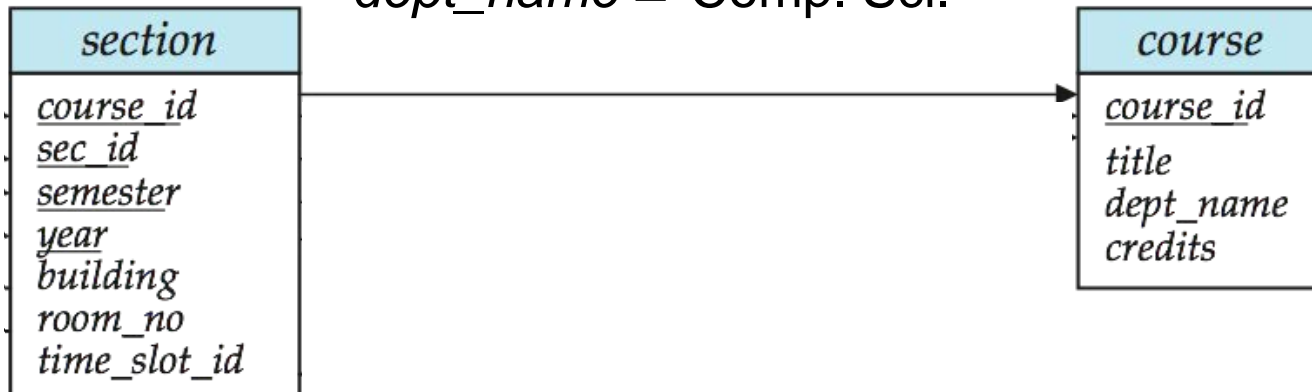
Joins

- For all instructors who have taught some course, find their names and the course ID of the courses they taught.

```
select name, course_id
from instructor, teaches
where instructor.ID = teaches.ID
```

- Find the course ID, semester, year and title of each course offered by the Comp. Sci. department

```
select section.course_id, semester, year, title
from section, course
where section.course_id = course.course_id and
dept_name = 'Comp. Sci.'
```





Natural Join

- Natural join matches tuples with the same values for all common attributes, and retains only one copy of each common column
- **select ***
from instructor natural join teaches;

ID	name	dept_name	salary	course_id	sec_id	semester	year
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000	CS-101	1	Fall	2009
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000	CS-315	1	Spring	2010
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000	CS-347	1	Fall	2009
12121	Wu	Finance	90000	FIN-201	1	Spring	2010
15151	Mozart	Music	40000	MU-199	1	Spring	2010
22222	Einstein	Physics	95000	PHY-101	1	Fall	2009
32343	El Said	History	60000	HIS-351	1	Spring	2010
45565	Katz	Comp. Sci.	75000	CS-101	1	Spring	2010
45565	Katz	Comp. Sci.	75000	CS-319	1	Spring	2010
76766	Crick	Biology	72000	BIO-101	1	Summer	2009
76766	Crick	Biology	72000	BIO-301	1	Summer	2010



Natural Join Example

- List the names of instructors along with the course ID of the courses that they taught.

- **select** *name, course_id*
from *instructor, teaches*
where *instructor.ID = teaches.ID;*
- **select** *name, course_id*
from *instructor* **natural join** *teaches;*

This is a relation.





Danger in Natural Join

- Beware of unrelated attributes with same name which get equated incorrectly
- List the names of instructors along with the titles of courses that they teach
 - **Incorrect** version (makes `course.dept_name = instructor.dept_name`)
 - ▶ **select** *name, title*
from *instructor natural join teaches natural join course*;
 - Why incorrect?
 - Instructor = (ID, name, dept_name, salary)
 - Teaches = (ID, course_id, sec_id, semester, year)
 - Course = (**course_id**, title, **dept_name**, credits)
 - Instructor **natural join** teaches = (ID, name, **dept_name**, salary, **course_id**, sec_id, semester, year)
 - ▶ The 2nd natural join requires the values of two attributes be the same.
 - ▶ The result will not include “[Moon of CSE dept teaching at ECE dept.](#)”



Danger in Natural Join (Cont.)

- List the names of instructors along with the titles of courses that they teach
 - Correct version
 - ▶ **select** *name, title*
from *instructor* **natural join** *teaches, course*
where *teaches.course_id = course.course_id;*
 - Another correct version : a form of natural join
 - ▶ **Select** *name, title*
from (*instructor* **natural join** *teaches*)
join *course* **using**(*course_id*);



The Rename Operation

- The SQL allows renaming relations and attributes using the **as** clause:
old-name as new-name
- E.g.
 - **select** *ID, name, salary/12 as monthly_salary*
from *instructor*
- Find the names of all instructors who have a higher salary than some instructor in 'Comp. Sci'. [**Self Join**]
 - **select distinct** *T. name*
from *instructor as T, instructor as S*
where *T.salary > S.salary and S.dept_name = 'Comp. Sci.'*
- Keyword **as** is optional and may be omitted
instructor as T \equiv *instructor T*
 - Keyword **as** must be omitted in Oracle



String Operations

- SQL includes a string-matching operator for comparisons on character strings. The operator “**like**” uses patterns that are described using two special characters:
 - percent (%). The % character matches any substring.
 - underscore (_). The _ character matches any character.
- Find the names of all instructors whose name includes the substring “dar”.

```
select name  
from instructor  
where name like '%dar%'
```

- Match the string “100 %”

```
like '100\%' escape '\'  
like '%ab\%cd%' escape '\'
```

Define an escape character.



String Operations (Cont.)

- Patterns are case sensitive.
- Pattern matching examples:
 - 'Intro%' matches any string beginning with "Intro".
 - '%Comp%' matches any string containing "Comp" as a substring.
 - '___' matches any string of exactly three characters.
 - '___ %' matches any string of at least three characters.
- SQL supports a variety of string operations such as
 - concatenation (using "||")
 - converting from upper to lower case (and vice versa)
 - finding string length, extracting substrings, etc.



Ordering the Display of Tuples

- List in alphabetic order the names of all instructors
select distinct *name*
from *instructor*
order by *name*
- We may specify **desc** for descending order or **asc** for ascending order, for each attribute; ascending order is the default.
 - Example: **order by** *name* **desc**
- Can sort on multiple attributes
 - Example: **order by** *dept_name, name*



Where Clause Predicates

- SQL includes a **between** comparison operator
- Example: Find the names of all instructors with salary between \$90,000 and \$100,000 (that is, $\geq \$90,000$ and $\leq \$100,000$)
 - **select** *name*
from *instructor*
where *salary* **between** 90000 **and** 100000
- Tuple notation
 - **select** *name, course_id*
from *instructor, teaches*
where (*instructor.ID, dept_name*) = (*teaches.ID, 'Biology'*);
 - **select** *name, course_id*
from *instructor, teaches*
where *instructor.ID* = *teaches.ID* **and** *dept_name* = 'Biology';



Set Operations

- Find courses that ran in Fall 2009 or in Spring 2010

(**select** *course_id* **from** *section* **where** *sem* = 'Fall' **and** *year* = 2009)

union

(**select** *course_id* **from** *section* **where** *sem* = 'Spring' **and** *year* = 2010)

- Find courses that ran in Fall 2009 and in Spring 2010

(**select** *course_id* **from** *section* **where** *sem* = 'Fall' **and** *year* = 2009)

intersect

(**select** *course_id* **from** *section* **where** *sem* = 'Spring' **and** *year* = 2010)

- Find courses that ran in Fall 2009 but not in Spring 2010

(**select** *course_id* **from** *section* **where** *sem* = 'Fall' **and** *year* = 2009)

except

(**select** *course_id* **from** *section* **where** *sem* = 'Spring' **and** *year* = 2010)



Set Operations

- Set operations **union**, **intersect**, and **except**
 - Each of the above operations automatically eliminates duplicates
- To retain all duplicates use the corresponding multiset versions **union all**, **intersect all** and **except all**.

Suppose a tuple occurs m times in r and n times in s , then, it occurs:

- $m + n$ times in r **union all** s
- $\min(m, n)$ times in r **intersect all** s
- $\max(0, m - n)$ times in r **except all** s



Null Values

- It is possible for tuples to have a null value, denoted by *null*, for some of their attributes
- *null* signifies an unknown value or that a value does not exist.
- The result of any arithmetic expression involving *null* is *null*
 - Example: $5 + \text{null}$ returns null
- The predicate **is null** can be used to check for null values.
 - Example: Find all instructors whose salary is null.

```
select name  
from instructor  
where salary is null
```



Null Values and Three Valued Logic

- Any comparison with *null* returns *unknown*
 - Example: $5 < null$ or $null <> null$ or $null = null$
- Three-valued logic using the truth value *unknown*:
 - OR: $(unknown \text{ or } true) = true$,
 $(unknown \text{ or } false) = unknown$
 $(unknown \text{ or } unknown) = unknown$
 - AND: $(true \text{ and } unknown) = unknown$,
 $(false \text{ and } unknown) = false$,
 $(unknown \text{ and } unknown) = unknown$
 - NOT: $(\text{not } unknown) = unknown$
 - “*P* is **unknown**” evaluates to true if predicate *P* evaluates to *unknown*
- Result of **where** clause predicate is treated as *false* if it evaluates to *unknown*



Aggregate Functions

- These functions operate on the multiset of values of a column of a relation, and return a value

avg: average value

min: minimum value

max: maximum value

sum: sum of values

count: number of values



Aggregate Functions (Cont.)

- Find the average salary of instructors in the Computer Science department
 - **select avg** (*salary*)
from *instructor*
where *dept_name*= 'Comp. Sci.';
- Find the total number of instructors who teach a course in the Spring 2010 semester
 - **select count** (**distinct** *ID*)
from *teaches*
where *semester* = 'Spring' **and** *year* = 2010
- Find the number of tuples in the *course* relation
 - **select count** (*)
from *course*;



Aggregate Functions – Group By

- Find the average salary of instructors in each department
 - **select** *dept_name*, **avg** (*salary*)
from *instructor*
group by *dept_name*;
 - Note: departments with no instructor will not appear in result

<i>ID</i>	<i>name</i>	<i>dept_name</i>	<i>salary</i>
76766	Crick	Biology	72000
45565	Katz	Comp. Sci.	75000
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000
83821	Brandt	Comp. Sci.	92000
98345	Kim	Elec. Eng.	80000
12121	Wu	Finance	90000
76543	Singh	Finance	80000
32343	El Said	History	60000
58583	Califieri	History	62000
15151	Mozart	Music	40000
33456	Gold	Physics	87000
22222	Einstein	Physics	95000

<i>dept_name</i>	<i>avg_salary</i>
Biology	72000
Comp. Sci.	77333
Elec. Eng.	80000
Finance	85000
History	61000
Music	40000
Physics	91000



Aggregation (Cont.)

- Attributes in **select** clause outside of aggregate functions must appear in **group by** list
 - */* erroneous query */*
select *dept_name*, *ID*, **avg** (*salary*)
from *instructor*
group by *dept_name*;



Aggregate Functions – Having Clause

- Find the names and average salaries of all departments whose average salary is greater than 42000

```
select dept_name, avg (salary)
from instructor
group by dept_name
having avg (salary) > 42000;
```

Note: predicates in the **having** clause are applied **after** the formation of groups whereas predicates in the **where** clause are applied **before** forming groups



Null Values and Aggregates

- Total all salaries up

```
select sum (salary)  
from instructor
```

- Above statement ignores null amounts
- Result is *null* if there is no non-null amount
- All aggregate operations except **count(*)** ignore tuples with null values on the aggregated attributes
- What if collection has only null values?
 - count returns 0
 - all other aggregates return null



Nested Subqueries

- SQL provides a mechanism for the nesting of subqueries.
- A **subquery** is a **select-from-where** expression that is nested within another query.
- A common use of subqueries is to perform tests for set membership, set comparisons, and set cardinality.



Example Query

- Find courses offered in Fall 2009 and in Spring 2010

```
select distinct course_id
from section
where semester = 'Fall' and year= 2009 and
       course_id in (select course_id
                       from section
                       where semester = 'Spring' and year= 2010);
```

- Find courses offered in Fall 2009 but not in Spring 2010

```
select distinct course_id
from section
where semester = 'Fall' and year= 2009 and
       course_id not in (select course_id
                              from section
                              where semester = 'Spring' and year= 2010);
```



Example Query

- Find the total number of (distinct) students who have taken course sections taught by the instructor with *ID* 10101

```
select count (distinct ID)  
from takes  
where (course_id, sec_id, semester, year) in  
      (select course_id, sec_id, semester, year  
       from teaches  
       where teaches.ID= 10101);
```

- **Note:** Above query can be written in a much simpler manner. The formulation above is simply to illustrate SQL features.



Set Comparison

- Find names of instructors with salary greater than that of some (at least one) instructor in the Biology department.

```
select distinct T.name  
from instructor as T, instructor as S  
where T.salary > S.salary and S.dept_name = 'Biology';
```

- Same query using > **some** clause

```
select name  
from instructor  
where salary > some (select salary  
                        from instructor  
                        where dept_name = 'Biology');
```



Definition of Some Clause

- $F \text{ <comp> some } r \Leftrightarrow \exists t \in r \text{ such that } (F \text{ <comp> } t)$
Where <comp> can be: $<, \leq, >, =, \neq$

$(5 < \text{some } \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 0 \\ \hline 5 \\ \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array}) = \text{true}$ (read: 5 < some tuple in the relation)

$(5 < \text{some } \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 0 \\ \hline 5 \\ \hline \end{array}) = \text{false}$

$(5 = \text{some } \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 0 \\ \hline 5 \\ \hline \end{array}) = \text{true}$

$(5 \neq \text{some } \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 0 \\ \hline 5 \\ \hline \end{array}) = \text{true (since } 0 \neq 5)$

$(= \text{some}) \equiv \text{in.}$ However, $(\neq \text{some}) \not\equiv \text{not in}$



Example Query

- Find the names of all instructors whose salary is greater than the salary of all instructors in the Biology department.

```
select name
from instructor
where salary > all (select salary
                        from instructor
                        where dept_name = 'Biology');
```



Definition of all Clause

- $F \text{ <comp> all } r \Leftrightarrow \forall t \in r (F \text{ <comp> } t)$

$$(5 < \text{all } \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 0 \\ \hline 5 \\ \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array}) = \text{false}$$

$$(5 < \text{all } \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 6 \\ \hline 10 \\ \hline \end{array}) = \text{true}$$

$$(5 = \text{all } \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 4 \\ \hline 5 \\ \hline \end{array}) = \text{false}$$

$$(5 \neq \text{all } \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 4 \\ \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array}) = \text{true (since } 5 \neq 4 \text{ and } 5 \neq 6)$$

$(\neq \text{all}) \equiv \text{not in.}$ However, $(= \text{all}) \not\equiv \text{in}$



Test for Empty Relations

- The **exists** construct returns the value **true** if the argument subquery is nonempty.
- **exists** $r \Leftrightarrow r \neq \emptyset$
- **not exists** $r \Leftrightarrow r = \emptyset$



Correlation Variables

- Yet another way of specifying the query “Find all courses taught in both the Fall 2009 semester and in the Spring 2010 semester”

```
select course_id
from section as S
where semester = 'Fall' and year = 2009 and
      exists (select *
              from section as T
              where semester = 'Spring' and year = 2010
              and S.course_id = T.course_id);
```

- **Correlated subquery**
- **Correlation name** or **correlation variable**



Not Exists

- Find all students who have taken all courses offered in the Biology department.

```
select distinct S.ID, S.name  
from student as S  
where not exists ( (select course_id  
                    from course  
                    where dept_name = 'Biology')  
                  except  
                  (select T.course_id  
                   from takes as T  
                   where S.ID = T.ID));
```

- Note that $X - Y = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow X \subseteq Y$
- Note: Cannot write this query using = **all** and its variants



Test for Absence of Duplicate Tuples

- The **unique** construct tests whether a subquery has any duplicate tuples in its result.
 - (Evaluates to “true” on an empty set)
- Find all courses that were offered at most once in 2009

```
select T.course_id
from course as T
where unique (select R.course_id
                  from section as R
                  where T.course_id = R.course_id
                  and R.year = 2009);
```




Subqueries in the From Clause

- SQL allows a subquery expression to be used in the **from** clause
- Find the average instructors' salaries of those departments where the average salary is greater than \$42,000.

```
select dept_name, avg_salary  
from (select dept_name, avg (salary) as avg_salary  
      from instructor  
      group by dept_name)  
where avg_salary > 42000;
```

- Note that we do not need to use the **having** clause
- Another way to write above query

```
select dept_name, avg_salary  
from (select dept_name, avg (salary)  
      from instructor  
      group by dept_name)  
      as dept_avg (dept_name, avg_salary)  
where avg_salary > 42000;
```



With Clause

- The **with** clause provides a way of defining a temporary view (or relation) whose definition is available only to the query in which the **with** clause occurs.
- Find all departments with the maximum budget

```
with max_budget (value) as  
    (select max(budget)  
     from department)  
select budget  
from department, max_budget  
where department.budget = max_budget.value;
```



Complex Queries using With Clause

- With clause is very useful for writing complex queries
- Supported by most database systems, with minor syntax variations
- Find all departments where the total salary is greater than the average of the total salary at all departments

```
with dept_total (dept_name, value) as  
    (select dept_name, sum(salary)  
    from instructor  
    group by dept_name),  
dept_total_avg(value) as  
    (select avg(value)  
    from dept_total)  
select dept_name  
from dept_total, dept_total_avg  
where dept_total.value >= dept_total_avg.value;
```



Scalar Subquery

- Scalar subquery is one which is used where a single value (i.e., a tuple containing a single attribute) is expected

- E.g.

```
select dept_name,  
       (select count(*)  
        from instructor  
        where department.dept_name = instructor.dept_name)  
       as num_instructors  
from department;
```

Returns a value for each department.

Returns a value for each instructor.

- E.g.

```
select name  
from instructor  
where salary * 10 >  
       (select budget from department  
        where department.dept_name = instructor.dept_name)
```

- Runtime error if subquery returns more than one result tuple



Modification of the Database

- Deletion of tuples from a given relation
- Insertion of new tuples into a given relation
- Updating values in some tuples in a given relation



Modification of the Database – Deletion

- Delete all instructors

delete from *instructor*

- Delete all instructors from the Finance department

delete from *instructor*
where *dept_name* = 'Finance';

- Delete all tuples in the *instructor* relation for those instructors associated with a department located in the Watson building.

delete from *instructor*
where *dept_name* in (**select** *dept_name*
 from *department*
 where *building* = 'Watson');



Deletion (Cont.)

- Delete all instructors whose salary is less than the average salary of instructors

delete from *instructor*
where *salary* < (**select avg** (*salary*) **from** *instructor*);

- Problem: *as we delete instructor tuples, the average salary changes!!*
- Solution used in SQL:
 1. First, compute **avg** salary and find all tuples to delete
 2. Next, delete all tuples found above (without recomputing **avg** or retesting the tuples)



Modification of the Database – Insertion

- Add a new tuple to *course*

insert into *course*

values ('CS-437', 'Database Systems', 'Comp. Sci.', 4);

If you don't remember the order of attributes, ...

- or equivalently

insert into *course* (*course_id*, *title*, *dept_name*, *credits*)

values ('CS-437', 'Database Systems', 'Comp. Sci.', 4);

- Add a new tuple to *student* with *tot_creds* set to null

insert into *student*

values ('3003', 'Green', 'Finance', *null*);



Insertion (Cont.)

- Add all instructors to the *student* relation with *tot_creds* set to 0

insert into *student*

select *ID, name, dept_name, 0*

from *instructor*

- The **select from where** statement is evaluated fully **before** any of its results are inserted into the relation (otherwise queries like

insert into *table1* **select * from** *table1*

would cause problems, if *table1* did not have any primary key defined.



Modification of the Database – Updates

- Increase salaries of instructors whose salary is over \$100,000 by 3%, and all others receive a 5% raise
 - Write two **update** statements:

```
update instructor
  set salary = salary * 1.03
  where salary > 100000;
update instructor
  set salary = salary * 1.05
  where salary <= 100000;
```
 - The order is important
 - Can be done better using the **case** statement (next slide)



Case Statement for Conditional Updates

- Same query as before but with case statement

update *instructor*

set *salary* = **case**

when *salary* <= 100000 **then** *salary* * 1.05

else *salary* * 1.03

end



Updates with Scalar Subqueries

- Recompute and update `tot_creds` value for all students

update *student* *S*

set *tot_cred* = (**select** `sum(credits)`
from *takes* **natural join** *course*
where *S.ID* = *takes.ID* **and**
takes.grade <> 'F' **and**
takes.grade **is not null**);

- Sets *tot_creds* to **null** for students who have not taken any course
- To set it to 0 instead of null, use instead of `sum(credits)`:

select case
when `sum(credits)` **is not null** **then** `sum(credits)`
else 0
end



End of Chapter 3