



# Week 2: SQL Notes

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## What is a database?

A structured set of data held in a computer, especially one that is accessible in various ways.

Its good to divide names into structures with labels. This makes it easier to process.

# Terminology

- **Column** — Database tables are composed of individual columns corresponding to the attributes of the object.
- **Row** — A row consists of one set of attributes corresponding to one instance that a table describes. Also known as Records or Tuples. 
- **Table** — A table is a predefined format of rows and columns that define an entity. Also known as a File.
- **DBMS** — A DataBase Management System allows a computer to perform database functions of storing, retrieving, adding, deleting and modifying data.

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# Types of Database

- **Flat-file Database**
  - Stores everything in one Table. Good for small numbers of records related to a single topic.
- **Relational Database**
  - Gives you the ability to separate masses of data into numerous tables.
  - They are linked to each other through the use of keys.
- **Big Data**
  - MongoDB, Vertica etc.
  - Used for Data Analytics and Business Intelligence
  - Digital Age and Internet of Things

# Relationship Types

- **One to One**

- Each row in Table A is linked to no more than one row in Table B. This is an attribute of the relationship not the tables. A student may have one row in the Contact Info table.

- **One to Many**

- Each row in the table can be related to many rows in the relating table.
- This allows frequently used information to be saved only once in a table and referenced many times in all other tables.

- **Many to Many**

- One or more rows in a table can be related to 0,1 or many rows in another table.
- A 3rd table called a mapping or link table is required in order to implement such a relationship. For example Customers can purchase many Products.

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## Primary Key Constraints

- A Primary Key must be unique
- Must always have an entry
  - cannot be blank or Null
- The value must never change
- Each table may have a maximum of one Primary Key

# Foreign Key

- Natural relationships exist between tables in most database structures, foreign keys are used to create solid relationships.
- Foreign keys ensure that the row of information in Table A corresponds to the correct row of information in Table B.
- The constraint is used to prevent actions that would destroy links between tables.
- It prevents invalid data from being inserted into the foreign key column, because it has to be one of the values contained in the table it points to.
- There is no Uniqueness Constraint for Foreign Keys.
- A table can have any number of Foreign Keys.
- A row cannot be deleted from a reference table if it is in use via a foreign key.

# Structured Query Language

- Data Manipulation Language
- Data Definition Language
- Data Control Language
- Transaction Control Language

- DML

- SELECT
- INSERT
- UPDATE
- DELETE

- DDL

- CREATE
- ALTER
- DROP
- TRUNCATE

- DCL

- GRANT
- REVOKE

- TCL

- COMMIT
- ROLLBACK
- SAVEPOINT

```
INSERT INTO your_table
(
    column_name1, column_name2, ...
)
VALUES
(
    'value1', 'value2', ...
);
```

```
UPDATE people
  SET person_id=1
  WHERE person_id=2
```

If you need to change the contents of a table, use the UPDATE statement.

Beware of leaving out the WHERE clause, this will update the entire table.





# Database Considerations

- Data Security
- Data Recovery
- Data Integrity
- Normal Form

# 1st Normal Form

A database is in First Normal Form when the following conditions are satisfied:

- **Make everything Atomic**
  - Data must be presented as small as it can be.
- **There should be no repeating groups**
  - For example, a table that records data on a book and its author(s) with the following columns: [Book ID], [Author 1], [Author 2], [Author 3] is not in 1NF because [Author 1], [Author 2], and [Author 3] are all repeating the same attribute

## SELECT \* FROM Customers

- An Asterisk \* means to select *all columns*
- i.e. **SELECT** *all columns* **FROM** *the Customers table*

```
SELECT TOP 100 CompanyName, City FROM Customers  
WHERE Country = 'France'
```

SELECT TOP will allow you to run test queries against very large tables without hitting performance issues

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here are a number of other operators that we can use

**<> Or !=** Not equal to

**<** Less than

**>** More than

**<=** Less than or equal to

**>=** Greater than or equal to

# Wildcards

Wildcards can be used as a substitute for any other characters in a string when using the **LIKE** operator

%	A substitute for zero or more characters
_	A substitute for a single character
[charlist]	Sets and ranges of characters to match i.e. LIKE [ABC]% This will bring back anything starting with any of those letters.
[^charlist]	Sets and ranges of characters that don't match i.e. LIKE [^ABC]% This will bring back anything that does not start with those letters.

```
142 FROM Customers c WHERE COUNTRY LIKE '[UAM]%'
143
144 /*Countries either ending with U or A or M in descending order
145 SELECT DISTINCT c.Country
146 FROM Customers c WHERE COUNTRY LIKE '%[UAM]%'
147 ORDER BY c.Country DESC
148
149 /*Countries either ending with U or A or M in ascending order
150 SELECT DISTINCT c.Country
151 FROM Customers c WHERE COUNTRY LIKE '%[UAM]%'
152 ORDER BY c.Country
153
154 /*Countries not starting with U or A or M
155 SELECT DISTINCT c.Country
156 FROM Customers c WHERE COUNTRY LIKE '[^UAM]%'
157
158
159
```

Write queries to find out the following from Northwind:

- What are the names and product IDs of the products with a unit price below 5.00?
- Which categories have a category name with initials beginning with B or S?
- How many orders are there for EmployeeIDs 5 and 7 (The total for both)

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## Arithmetic Operators

The following arithmetic operators can be used to perform calculations in the SELECT clause:

+	Add (can be used on DATETIME columns)
-	Subtract (can be used on DATETIME columns)
*	Multiply
/	Divide
%	Percentage (Modulo) Returns the integer remainder of a division. For example, 12 % 5 = 2 because the remainder of 12 divided by 5 is 2.