# SQL Query Part 1



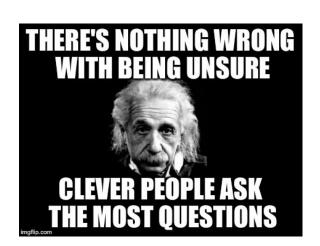
# Asking Questions in Class

#### **Traditional way (preferred)**

Say it!

#### **Ask** online

- Go to the link shown on Google slide
- Write your questions
  - Explain your question clearly
- And/or upvote/downvote already posted questions
- You can post question anonymously
- Do not misuse the system: We can look at the logs to identify users if required



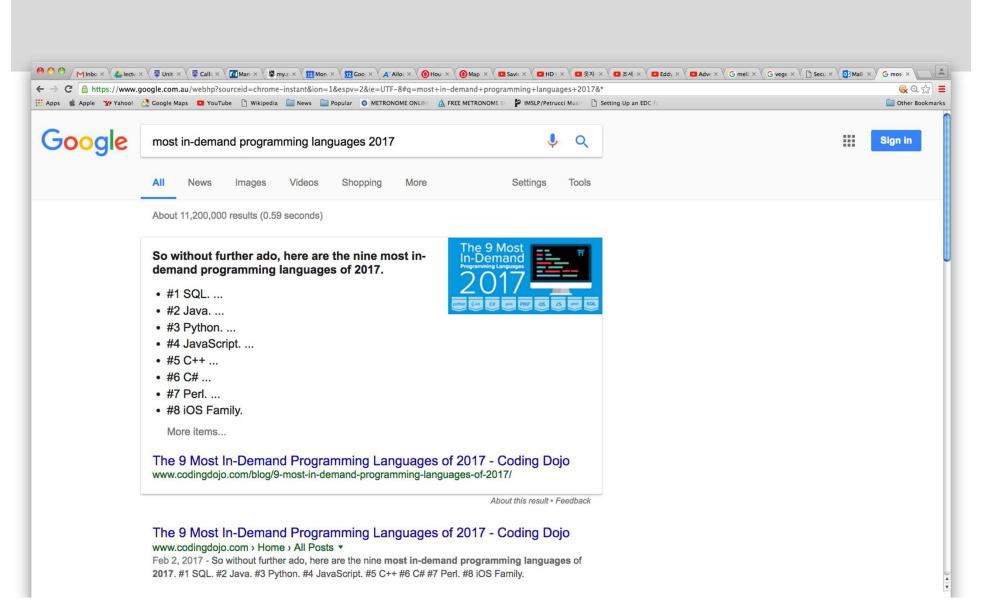


### Kahoot!

- We will play a round of Kahoot every week
- Questions will be based on the content covered during the lecture
- Top-3 will get chocolates

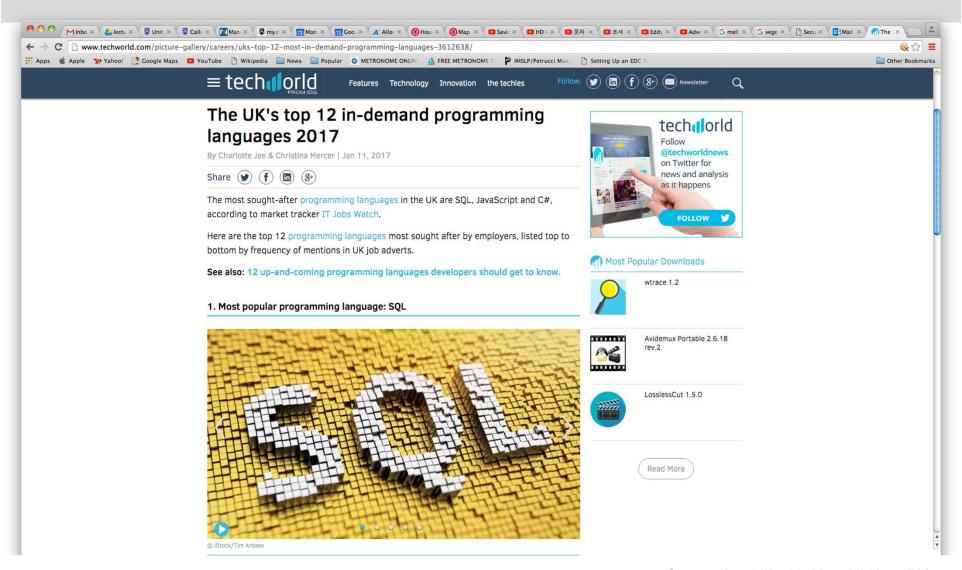
or simply "well done" if I forget to bring chocolates :P





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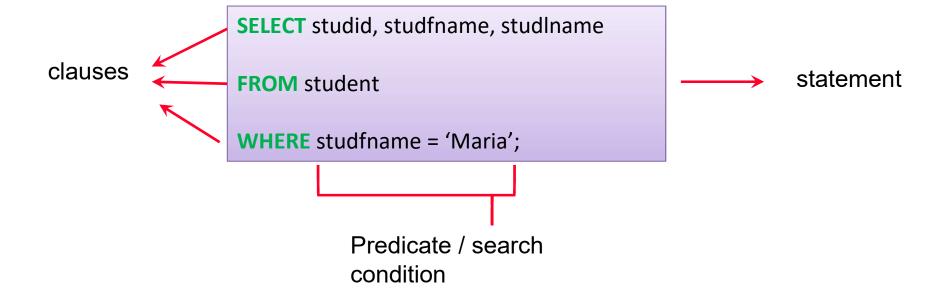




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# Anatomy of an SQL SELECT Statement





# SQL SELECT Statement - Usage

What column/s to display

SELECT studid, studfname, studIname

FROM student

where studfname = 'Maria';

What row/s to retrieve



## **SQL Predicates or Search Conditions**

The search conditions are applied on each row, and the row is returned
if the search conditions are evaluated to be TRUE for that row.

#### Comparison

- Compare the value of one expression to the value of another expression.
- Operators:

– Example: salary > 5000

#### Range

- Test whether the value of an expression falls within a specified range of values.
- Operators:
  - BETWEEN
- Example: salary BETWEEN 1000 AND 3000 (both are inclusive)

## **SQL Predicates or Search Conditions**

#### Set Membership

- To test whether the value of expression equals one of a set of values.
- Operator:
  - IN
- Example : city IN ('Melbourne', 'Sydney')

#### Pattern Match

- To test whether a string (text) matches a specified pattern.
- Operator:
  - LIKE
- Patterns:
  - % character represents any sequence of zero or more character.
  - \_ character represents **any single** character.
- Example:
  - WHERE city LIKE 'M%'
  - WHERE unitcode LIKE 'FIT91\_\_'



### **SQL Predicates or Search Conditions**

#### NULL

- To test whether a column has a NULL (unknown) value.
- Example: WHERE grade IS NULL.
- Use in subquery (to be discussed in the future)
  - ANY, ALL
  - EXISTS



#### What row will be retrieved?

- Predicate evaluation is done using three-valued logic.
   TRUE, FALSE and UNKNOWN
- DBMS will evaluate the predicate against each row.
- Row that is evaluated to be TRUE will be retrieved.
- NULL is considered to be UNKNOWN.



♦ STU_NBR ♦ UNIT_CODE	♦ ENROL_YEAR   ♦ ENROL_SEMESTER	
1 11111111 FIT1001	2012 1	78 D
2 11111111 FIT1002	20131	(null) (null)
3 11111111 FIT1004	20131	(null) (null)
4 11111112 FIT1001	2012 1	35N
5 11111112 FIT1001	20131	(null) (null)
6 11111113 FIT1001	2012 2	65 C
7 11111113 FIT1004	2013 1	(null) (null)
8 11111114 FIT1004	20131	(null) (null)

- 2. Consider the predicate "mark >= 50", what row(s) will be selected for this predicate by DBMS?
- a. 1, 4 and 6
- b. All rows
- c. 1 and 6
- d. All rows except row 4

Recall that SQL returns only the rows for which the predicate is evaluated to be TRUE



# **Combining Predicates**

- Logical operators
  - AND, OR, NOT
- Rules:
  - An expression is evaluated LEFT to RIGHT.
  - Sub-expression in brackets are evaluated first.
  - NOTs are evaluated before AND and OR
  - ANDs are evaluated before OR.



#### **Truth Table**

- AND is evaluated to be TRUE if and only if both conditions are TRUE
- OR is evaluated to be TRUE if and only if at least one of the conditions is TRUE

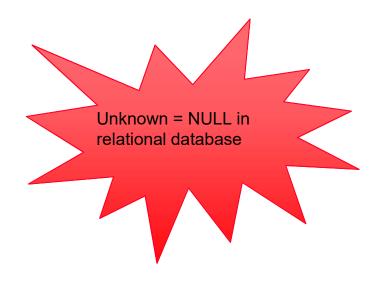
**AND** 

AB	Т	U	F
Т	Т	U	F
U	U	U	F
F	F	F	F

T = TRUE F = FALSE U = Unknown

OR

A	T	U	F
Т	Т	Т	Т
U	Т	U	U
F	Т	U	F





### **Quiz Question**

	V_CODE
1	21344
2	20001
3	24288
4	20001
5	24288

What row will be retrieved when the WHERE clause predicate is written as

- a. 1,3,5
- b. 1
- c. 3,5
- d. No row will be retrieved

Recall predicates are evaluated for each row and the row is returned if the predicates evaluate to TRUE.



### **Quiz Question**

	V_CODE
1	21344
2	20001
3	24288
4	20001
5	24288

What rows will be retrieved when the WHERE clause predicate is written as

V\_CODE <> 21344 OR V\_CODE <> 24288 ?

- a. 1,3,5
- b. 2,4
- c. 3,5
- d. 1,2,3,4,5

Recall predicates are evaluated for each row and the row is returned if the predicates evaluate to TRUE.

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3. What is the correct SQL predicate to retrieve those students who have passed and also those students who have not been awarded any mark?

- a. mark >= 50 AND mark IS NULL
- b. mark >= 50 OR mark IS NULL
- c. mark >= 50 AND mark IS NOT NULL
- d. mark >= 50 OR mark IS NOT NULL
- e. None of the above



# **Arithmetic Operations**

- Can be performed in SQL.
- For example:

SELECT stu\_nbr, mark/10

FROM enrolment;

	STU_NBR	
1	11111111	7.8
2	11111111	(null)
3	11111111	(null)
4	11111112	3.5
5	11111112	(null)
6	11111113	6.5
7	11111113	(null)
8	11111114	(null)



## Oracle NVL function

It is used to replace a NULL with a value.

SELECT stu\_nbr, NVL(mark,0), NVL(grade,'WH') FROM enrolment;



# Renaming Column

- Use the word "AS"
- Example

SELECT stu\_nbr, mark/10 AS new\_mark FROM enrolment;



# Sorting Query Result

- "ORDER BY" clause.
- Order can be ASCending or DESCending. The default is ASCending.
- NULL values can be placed first/last using "NULLS LAST" or "NULLS FIRST" command
- Sorting can be done for multiple columns.
  - order of the sorting is specified for each column.
- Example:

SELECT stu\_nbr, mark FROM enrolment ORDER BY mark DESC

	STU_NBR	MARK
	11111111	
2	11111111	(null)
3	11111114	(null)
4	11111112	(null)
5	11111113	(null)
6	11111111	78
7	11111113	65
8	11111112	35



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4. What will be the output of the following SQL statement?

SELECT stu\_nbr FROM enrolment WHERE mark IS NULL;

> a. 11111111 11111112 11111113 11111114

b.	11111111
	11111111
	11111112
	11111113
	11111114

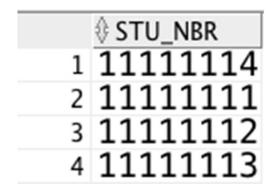
c. 11111111 11111112 11111113



### Removing Duplicate Rows in the Query Result

• Use "DISTINCT" as part of SELECT clause.

SELECT DISTINCT stu\_nbr FROM enrolment WHERE mark IS NULL;





### **SQL JOIN**

#### **STUDENT**

sno	name
1	alex
2	maria
3	bob

SELECT \*
FROM student JOIN qualification ON student.sno = qualification.sno

#### **QUALIFICATION**

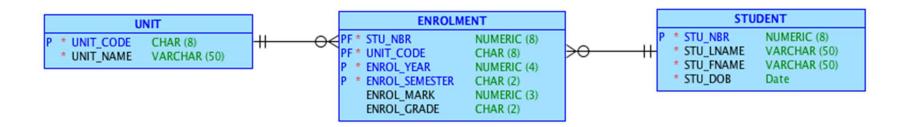
sno	degree	year
1	bachelor	1990
1	master	2000
2	PhD	2001

sno	name	sno	degree	year
1	alex	1	bachelor	1990
1	alex	1	master	2000
2	maria	2	PhD	2001



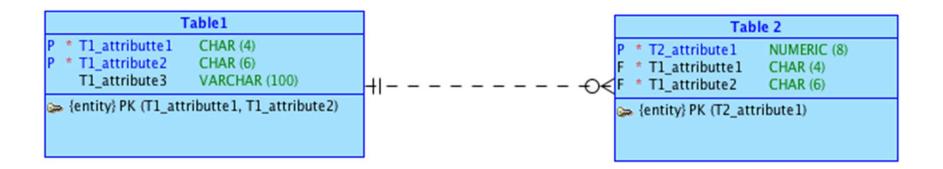
# JOIN-ing Multiple Tables

Pair the PK and FK in the JOIN condition.



SELECT s.stu\_nbr, s.stu\_lname, u.unit\_name FROM unit u JOIN enrolment e ON u.unit\_code=e.unit\_code JOIN student s ON e.stu\_nbr=s.stu\_nbr;





How many conditions will be used to join the two tables?

```
SELECT *
FROM table1 t1 JOIN table2 t2 ON
    (t1.T1_attribute1 = t2.T1_attribute1
    AND
    t1.T1_attribute2 = t2.T1_attribute2);
```



## Summary

- SQL statement, clause, predicate.
- Writing SQL predicates.
  - Comparison, range, set membership, pattern matching, is
     NULL
  - Combining predicates using logic operators (AND, OR, NOT)
- Arithmetic operation.
  - NVL function
- Column alias.
- Sorting result.
- Removing duplicate rows.
- JOIN-ing tables



### **Oracle Date Data Type**



- Dates are stored differently from the SQL standard
  - standard uses two different types: date and time
  - Oracle uses one type: DATE
    - Stored in internal format contains date and time
    - Output is controlled by formatting
      - select to\_char(sysdate,'dd-Mon-yyyy') from dual;01-Aug-2012
      - select to\_char(sysdate,'dd-Mon-yyyy hh:mi:ss PM') from dual;» 01-Aug-2012 10:56:50 AM



- DATE data type should be formatted with TO\_CHAR when selecting for display.
- Text representing date must be formatted with TO\_DATE when comparing or inserting/updating.
- Example:

```
select studid,
   studfname || ' ' || studlname as StudentName,
   to_char(studdob,'dd-Mon-yyyy') as StudentDOB
from uni.student
where studdob > to_date('01-Apr-1991','dd-Mon-yyyy')
order by studdob;
```



#### **Date Format**

Oracle SQL Language Reference Manual <a href="http://docs.oracle.com/cd/B19306\_01/server.102/b14200/sql\_elements004.htm">http://docs.oracle.com/cd/B19306\_01/server.102/b14200/sql\_elements004.htm</a> Example:

```
'dd-mon-yyyy' => '12-jan-2016'

'dd-mm-yyyy' => '12-01-2016'

'dd/mm/yyyy' => '12/1/2016'

'dd-mon-yyyy hh24:mi' => '12-jan-2016 14:15'
```



### **Current Date**

- Current date can be queried from the DUAL table using the SYSDATE attribute.
  - SELECT sysdate FROM dual;
- Oracle internal attributes include:
  - sysdate: current date/time
  - systimestamp: current date/time as a timestamp
  - user: current logged in user



### Practice

