# STRUCTURED QUERY LANGUAGE(SQL)

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**Data**:- Raw facts and figures which are useful to an organization. We cannot take decisions on the basis of data.

**Information:-** Well processed data is called information. We can take decisions on the basis of information

**Field**: Set of characters that represents specific data element.

**Record**: Collection of fields is called a record. A record can have fields of different data types.

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**Database**: Collection of logically related data along with its description is termed as database.

**Tuple:** A row in a relation is called a tuple.

**Attribute:** A column in a relation is called an attribute. It is also termed as field or data item.

**Degree:** Number of attributes in a relation is called degree of a relation.

**Cardinality:** Number of tuples in a relation is called cardinality of a relation.

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**Primary Key:** Primary key is a key that can uniquely identifies the records/tuples in a relation. This key can never be duplicated and NULL.

**Foreign Key:** Foreign Key is a key that is defined as a primary key in some other relation. This key is used to enforce referential integrity in RDBMS.

Candidate Key: Set of all attributes which can serve as a primary key in a relation.

**Alternate Key:** All the candidate keys other than the primary keys of a relation are alternate keys for a relation.

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**DBA:** Data Base Administrator is a person (manager) that is responsible for defining the data base schema, setting security features in database, ensuring proper functioning of the data bases etc.

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# STRUCTURED QUERY LANGUAGE (SQL)

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**SQL** is a non procedural language that is used to create, manipulate and process the databases(relations).

#### **Characteristics of SQL**

- ✓ It is very easy to learn and use.
- ✓ Large volume of databases can be handled quite easily.
- ✓It is non procedural language. It means that we do not need to specify the procedures to accomplish a task but just to give a command to perform the activity.
- ✓SQL can be linked to most of other high level languages that makes it first choice for the database programmers.

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#### **Processing Capabilities of SQL**

The following are the processing capabilities of SQL.

#### 1.Data Definition Language (DDL)

DDL contains commands that are used to create the tables, databases, indexes, views, sequences and synonyms etc.

e.g: Create table, create view, create index, alter table

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#### **Processing Capabilities of SQL**

#### 2. Data Manipulation Language (DML)

DML contains command that can be used to manipulate the data base objects and to query the databases for information retrieval.

e.g Select, Insert, Delete, Update.

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#### **Processing Capabilities of SQL**

#### 3. View Definition:

DDL contains set of command to create a view of a relation.

e.g: create view

#### 4. Data Control Language:

This language is used for controlling the access to the data. The commonly used commands DCL are,

**GRANT, REVOKE** 

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#### **Processing Capabilities of SQL**

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

TCL include commands to control the transactions in a data base system. The commonly used commands in TCL are

**COMMIT, ROLLBACK** 

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Just like any other programming language, the facility of defining data of various types is available in SQL also. Following are the most common data types of SQL.

- 1. NUMBER
- 2. CHAR
- 3. VARCHAR / VARCHAR2
- 4. DATE
- 5. LONG
- 6. RAW/LONG RAW

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#### 1. NUMBER

Used to store a numeric value in a field/column. It may be decimal, integer or a real value. General syntax is:

#### Number(n,d)

Where **n** specifies the number of digits and

**d** specifies the number of digits to the right of the decimal point.

e.g marks number(3) declares marks to be of type number with maximum value 999.

pct number(5,2) declares pct to be of type number of 5 digits with two digits to the right of decimal point.

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#### 2. CHAR

Used to store character type data in a column. General syntax is

#### Char (size)

where size represents the maximum number of characters in a column. The CHAR type data can hold at most 255 characters.

e.g name char(25) declares a data item name of type character of upto 25 size long.

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#### 3. VARCHAR/VARCHAR2

This data type is used to store variable length alphanumeric data. General syntax is,

#### varchar(size) / varchar2(size)

where size represents the maximum number of characters in a column. The maximum allowed size in this data type is 2000 characters.

#### e.g address varchar(50);

address is of type varchar of upto 50 characters long.

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#### 4. DATE

Date data type is used to store dates in columns. SQL supports the various date formats other that the standard DD-MON-YY.

e.g dob date; declares dob to be of type date.

#### 5. LONG

This data type is used to store variable length strings of upto 2 GB size.

#### e.g description long;

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#### 6. RAW/LONG RAW

To store binary data (images/pictures/animation/clips etc.) RAW or LONG RAW data type is used. A column LONG RAW type can hold upto 2 GB of binary data.

e.g **image raw(2000)**;

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#### **CREATE TABLE Command:**

Create table command is used to create a table in SQL. It is a DDL type of command. The general syntax of creating a table is

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#### **CREATE TABLE Command:**

For each column, a name and a data type must be specified and the column name must be unique within the table definition. Column definitions are separated by comma. Uppercase and lowercase letters makes no difference in column names, the only place where upper and lower case letters matter are strings comparisons. A not null Constraint means that the column cannot have null value, that is a value needs to be supplied for that column. The keyword unique specifies that no two tuples can have the same attribute value for this column.

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#### **Constraints:**

Constraints are the conditions that can be enforced on the attributes of a relation. The constraints come in play when ever we try to insert, delete or update a record in a relation.

- 1. NOT NULL
- 2. UNIQUE
- 3. PRIMARY KEY
- 4. FOREIGN KEY
- 5. CHECK
- 6. DEFAULT

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#### **Constraints:**

- 1. NOT NULL: Ensures that we cannot leave a column as null. That is a value has to be supplied for that column.
- e.g name varchar(25) not null;
- 2. UNIQUE: Constraint means that the values under that column are always unique.
- e.g Roll\_no number(3) unique;

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#### **Constraints:**

3. PRIMARY KEY: Constraint means that a column can not have duplicate values and not even a null value.

e.g. Roll\_no number(3) primary key;

The main difference between unique and primary key constraint is that a column specified as unique may have null value but primary key constraint does not allow null values in the column.

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#### **Constraints:**

4. FOREIGN KEY: Is used to enforce referential integrity and is declared as a primary key in some other table.

e.g cust\_id varchar(5) references master(cust\_id);

it declares cust\_id column as a foreign key that refers to cust\_id field of table master. That means we cannot insert that value in cust\_id filed whose corresponding value is not present in cust\_id field of master table.

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#### **Constraints:**

**5. CHECK:** Constraint limits the values that can be inserted into a column of a table.

e.g marks number(3) check(marks>=0);

The above statement declares marks to be of type number and while inserting or updating the value in marks it is ensured that its value is always greater than or equal to zero.

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#### **Constraints:**

**6. DEFAULT:** Constraint is used to specify a default value to a column of a table automatically. This default value will be used when user does not enter any value for that column. e.g balance number(5) default = 0;

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CREATE TABLE student (
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Roll\_no number(3) primary key,

Name varchar(25) not null,

Class varchar(10),

Marks number(3) check(marks>0),

City varchar(25) );

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#### **Operators in SQL:**

The following are the commonly used operators in SQL

- ✓Arithmetic Operators +, -, \*, /
- √Relational Operators =, <, >, <=, >=, <>
- ✓ Logical Operators
  OR, AND, NOT
- ✓ Arithmetic operators are used to perform simple arithmetic operations.
- ✓ Relational Operators are used when two values are to be compared and
- ✓ Logical operators are used to connect search conditions in the WHERE Clause in SQL.

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#### **Data Modifications in SQL**

After a table has been created using the create table command, tuples can be inserted into the table, or tuples can be deleted or modified.

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#### **Data Modifications in SQL**

#### **INSERT Statement**

The simplest way to insert a tuple into a table is to use the insert statement

insert into [(<column i, . . . , column j>)] values (<value i, . . . , value j>);

# INSERT INTO student VALUES(101,'Rohan','XI',400,'Chennai');

While inserting the record it should be checked that the values passed are of same data types as the one which is specified for that particular column.

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#### **Data Modifications in SQL**

#### **INSERT Statement**

For inserting a row interactively (from keyboard) & operator can be used.

e.g INSERT INTO student VALUES(&Roll\_no','&Name','&Class','&Marks','&City');

In the above command the values for all the columns are read from keyboard and inserted into the table student.

NOTE:- In SQL we can repeat or re-execute the last command typed at SQL prompt by typing "/" key and pressing enter.

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# **TABLE: STUDENT**

Roll_no	Name	Class	Marks	City
101	Rohan	ΧI	400	Chennai
102	Aneeta	XII	390	Bengaluru
103	Pawan Kumar	IX	298	Mysore
104	Rohan	IX	376	Mangalore
105	Sanjay	VII	240	Mumbai
106	Anju	VIII	432	Delhi

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#### **Queries:**

To retrieve information from a database we can query the databases. SQL SELECT statement is used to select rows and columns from a database/relation

#### **SELECT Command**

This command can perform **selection** as well as **projection**.

**Selection:** This capability of SQL can return you the tuples form a relation with all the attributes.

**Projection:** This is the capability of SQL to return only specific attributes in the relation.

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#### **SELECT Command**

- ✓ SELECT \* FROM student; command will display all the tuples in the relation student
- ✓ SELECT \* FROM student WHERE Roll\_no <=102;
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The above command display only those records whose Roll\_no less than or equal to 102.

Select command can also display specific attributes from a relation.

✓ SELECT name, class FROM student;

The above command displays only name and class attributes from student table.

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#### **SELECT Command**

✓ SELECT count(\*) AS "Total Number of Records" FROM student;

Display the total number of records with title as "Total Number of Records" i.e an alias

We can also use arithmetic operators in select statement, like

- ✓ SELECT Roll\_no, name, marks+20 FROM student;
- ✓ SELECT name, (marks/500)\*100 FROM student WHERE Roll\_no > 103;

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#### **Eliminating Duplicate/Redundant data**

**DISTINCT** keyword is used to restrict the duplicate rows from the results of a **SELECT statement**.

#### e.g. **SELECT DISTINCT name FROM student**;

The above command returns,

#### **Name**

Rohan

Aneeta

Pawan Kumar

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#### Conditions based on a range

SQL provides a **BETWEEN** operator that defines a range of values that the column value must fall for the condition to become true.

# e.g. SELECT Roll\_no, name FROM student WHERE Roll\_no BETWENN 100 AND 103;

The above command displays Roll\_no and name of those students whose Roll\_no lies in the range 100 to 103 (both 100 and 103 are included in the range).

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#### **Conditions based on a list**

To specify a list of values, IN operator is used. This operator select values that match any value in the given list.

e.g. SELECT \* FROM student WHERE city IN ('Bengaluru','Delhi','Chennai');

The above command displays all those records whose city is either **Bengaluru or Delhi or Chennai** 

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### **Conditions based on Pattern**

SQL provides two wild card characters that are used while comparing the strings with LIKE operator.

- a. **percent (%)** Matches any string
- **b.** Underscore ( \_ ) Matches any one character

e.g SELECT Roll\_no, name, city FROM student WHERE Roll\_no LIKE "%3";

displays those records where last digit of Roll\_no is 3 and may have any number of characters in front.

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#### **Conditions based on Pattern**

e.g SELECT Roll\_no, name, city FROM student WHERE Roll\_no LIKE "1\_3";

displays those records whose Roll\_no starts with 1 and second letter may be any letter but ends with digit 3.

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#### **ORDER BY Clause**

**ORDER BY** clause is used to display the result of a query in a specific order(sorted order).

The sorting can be done in ascending or in descending order. It should be kept in mind that the actual data in the database is not sorted but only the results of the query are displayed in sorted order.

# e.g. SELECT name, city FROM student ORDER BY name;

The above query returns name and city columns of table student sorted by name in increasing/ascending order.

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#### **ORDER BY Clause**

# e.g. SELECT \* FROM student ORDER BY city DESC;

It displays all the records of table student ordered by city in descending order.

Note:-If order is not specifies that by default the sorting will be performed in ascending order.

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#### **GROUP BY Clause**

The GROUP BY clause can be used in a SELECT statement to collect data across multiple records and group the results by one or more columns.

The syntax for the GROUP BY clause is:

SELECT column1, column2, ... column\_n, aggregate\_function (expression)
FROM tables
WHERE conditions
GROUP BY column1, column2, ... column n;

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### **GROUP BY Clause**

aggregate\_function can be a function such as SUM, COUNT, MAX, MIN, AVG etc.

e.g SELECT name, COUNT(\*) as "Number of employees" FROM student WHERE marks>350 GROUP BY city;

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#### **HAVING Clause**

The **HAVING** clause is used in combination with the GROUP BY clause. It can be used in a **SELECT** statement to filter the records that a **GROUP BY** returns.

The syntax for the **HAVING** clause is:

SELECT column1, column2, ... column\_n, aggregate\_function (expression)
FROM tables
WHERE predicates
GROUP BY column1, column2, ... column\_n
HAVING condition1 ... condition n;

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#### **HAVING Clause**

e.g SELECT SUM(marks) as "Total marks" FROM student GROUP BY department HAVING SUM(sales) > 1000;

Note: select statement can contain only those attribute which are already present in the group by clause.

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## Functions available in SQL

SQL provide large collection of inbuilt functions also called library functions that can be used directly in SQL statements.

- 1. Mathematical functions
- 2. String functions
- 3. Date & Time functions

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#### Functions available in SQL

#### 1. Mathematical functions

Some of the commonly used mathematical functions are sum() avg(), count(), min(), max() etc.

e.g. SELECT sum(marks) FROM student;

displays the sum of all the marks in the table student.

e.g. SELECT min(Roll\_no), max(marks) FROM student;

displays smallest Roll\_no and highest marks in the table student.

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# Functions available in SQL

#### 2. String functions

These functions are used to deal with the string type values like

ASCII, LOWEWR, UPPER, LEN, LEFT, RIGHT, TRIM, LTRIM, RTRIM etc.

**ASCII:** Returns the ASCII code value of a character (leftmost character of string).

Syntax: **ASCII(character)** 

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### Functions available in SQL

# 2. String functions

SELECT ASCII('a') returns
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SELECT ASCII('A') returns 65

SELECT ASCII('1') returns 49

SELECT ASCII('ABC') returns 65

For Upper character 'A' to 'Z' ASCII value 65 to 90 For Lower character 'A' to 'Z' ASCII value 97 to 122 For digit '0' to '9' ASCII value 48 to 57

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## Functions available in SQL

# 2. String functions

For Upper character 'A' to 'Z' ASCII value 65 to 90

For Lower character 'A' to 'Z' ASCII value 97 to 122

For digit '0' to '9' ASCII value 48 to 57

NOTE: If no table name is specified then SQL uses Dual table which is a dummy table used for performing operations

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# Functions available in SQL

#### 2. String functions

**LOWER**: Convert character strings data into lowercase.

Syntax: LOWER(string)

**SELECT LOWER('STRING FUNCTION')** 

returns **string function** 

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## Functions available in SQL

#### 2. String functions

**UPPER**: Convert character strings data into Uppercase.

Syntax: UPPER(string)

**SELECT UPPER('string function')** 

returns **STRING FUNCTION** 

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# Functions available in SQL

#### 2. String functions

**LEN**: Returns the length of the character string.

Syntax: LEN(string)

**SELECT LEN('STRING FUNCTION')** 

returns 15

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#### Functions available in SQL

#### 2. String functions

**REPLACE**: Replaces all occurrences of the second string(string2) in the first string(string1) with a third string(string3).

Syntax: REPLACE('string1','string2','string3')

SELECT REPLACE('STRING FUNCTION', 'STRING', 'SQL')

returns SQL Function

Returns NULL if any one of the arguments is NULL.

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#### Functions available in SQL

#### 2. String functions

**LEFT:** Returns left part of a string with the specified number of characters counting from left.LEFT function is used to retrieve portions of the string.

Syntax: LEFT(string,integer)

**SELECT LEFT('STRING FUNCTION', 6)** 

returns STRING

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#### Functions available in SQL

#### 2. String functions

**RIGHT:** Returns right part of a string with the specified number of characters counting from right.RIGHT function is used to retrieve portions of the string.

Syntax: RIGHT(string,integer)

**SELECT RIGHT('STRING FUNCTION', 8)** 

returns **FUNCTION** 

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## Functions available in SQL

#### 2. String functions

**LTRIM**: Returns a string after removing leading blanks on Left side.(Remove left side space or blanks)

Syntax: LTRIM(string)

SELECT LTRIM(' STRING FUNCTION')

returns **STRING FUNCTION** 

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### Functions available in SQL

# 2. String functions

RTRIM: Returns a string after removing leading blanks on Right side. (Remove right side space or blanks)

Syntax: RTRIM( string )

SELECT RTRIM('STRING FUNCTION')

returns **STRING FUNCTION** 

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# Functions available in SQL

# 2. String functions

**REVERSE**: Returns reverse of a input string.

Syntax: REVERSE(string)

**SELECT REVERSE('STRING FUNCTION')** 

returns **NOITCNUF GNIRTS** 

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## Functions available in SQL

# 2. String functions

**REPLICATE**: Repeats a input string for a specified number of times.

Syntax: REPLICATE (string, integer)

**SELECT REPLICATE('FUNCTION', 3)** 

returns FUNCTIONFUNCTION

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#### Functions available in SQL

#### 2. String functions

**SPACE**: Returns a string of repeated spaces. The SPACE function is an equivalent of using REPLICATE function to repeat spaces.

Syntax: **SPACE (integer)** 

(If integer is negative, a null string is returned.)

SELECT ('STRING') + SPACE(1) + ('FUNCTION')

returns STRING FUNCTION

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#### Functions available in SQL

### 2. String functions

**SUBSTRING**: Returns part of a given string.

**SUBSTRING** function retrieves a portion of the given string starting at the specified character(startindex) to the number of characters specified(length).

Syntax: SUBSTRING (string, startindex, length)

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### Functions available in SQL

# 2. String functions

**SUBSTRING:** Returns part of a given string.

**SELECT SUBSTRING('STRING FUNCTION', 1, 6)** 

returns **STRING** 

**SELECT SUBSTRING('STRING FUNCTION', 8, 8)** 

returns FUNCTION

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#### **DELETE Command**

To delete the record fro a table SQL provides a delete statement. General syntax is:-

### **DELETE FROM <table\_name> [WHERE <condition>]**;

e.g. DELETE FROM student WHERE city = 'Chennai';

This command deletes all those records whose city is Chennai.

<u>NOTE:</u> It should be kept in mind that while comparing with the string type values lowercase and uppercase letters are treated as different. That is 'Jammu' and 'jammu' is different while comparing.

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### **UPDATE Command**

To update the data stored in the data base, UOPDATE command is used.

e. g. **UPDATE student SET marks = marks + 100**;

Increase marks of all the students by 100.

e. g. **UPDATE student SET City = 'Hydrabad' WHERE city = 'Bangaluru'**;

changes the city of those students to Hydrabad whose city is Bangaluru.

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#### **UPDATE Command**

We can also update multiple columns with update command, like

e. g. **UPDATE student set marks = marks + 20, city** 

= 'Mangalore'

WHERE city NOT IN ('Delhi', 'Mysore');

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### **CREATE VIEW Command**

In SQL we can create a view of the already existing table that contains specific attributes of the table.

e. g. the table student that we created contains following fields:

Student (Roll\_no, Name, Marks, Class, City)

Suppose we need to create a view **v\_student** that contains Roll\_no,name and class of student table, then Create View command can be used:

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### **CREATE VIEW Command**

# CREATE VIEW v\_student AS SELECT Roll\_no, Name, Class FROM student;

The above command create a virtual table (view) named **v\_student** that has three attributes as mentioned and all the rows under those attributes as in student table.

We can also create a view from an existing table based on some specific conditions, like

CREATE VIEW v\_student AS SELECT Roll\_no, Name, Class FROM student WHERE City <>'Delhi';

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#### **CREATE VIEW Command**

The main difference between a Table and view is that:

A **Table** is a repository of data. The table resides physically in the database.

A **View** is not a part of the database's physical representation. It is created on a table or another view. It is precompiled, so that data retrieval behaves faster, and also provides a secure accessibility mechanism.

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#### **ALTER TABLE Command**

In SQL if we ever need to change the structure of the database then ALTER TABLE command is used. By using this command we can add a column in the existing table, delete a column from a table or modify columns in a table.

#### Adding a column

The syntax to add a column is:-

ALTER TABLE table\_name ADD column\_name datatype;

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#### **ALTER TABLE Command**

# e.g ALTER TABLE student ADD(Address varchar(30));

The above command add a column Address to the table student.

If we give command

#### **SELECT** \* **FROM** student;

The following data gets displayed on screen:

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**TABLE: STUDENT** 

Roll_no	Name	Class	Marks	City	Address
101	Rohan	ΧI	400	Chennai	
102	Aneeta	XII	390	Bengaluru	
103	Pawan Kumar	IX	298	Mysore	
104	Rohan	IX	376	Mangalore	
105	Sanjay	VII	240	Mumbai	
106	Anju	VIII	432	Delhi	

Note that we have just added a column and there will be no data under this attribute. UPDATE command can be used to supply values / data to this column.

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### **ALTER TABLE Command**

## Removing a column

ALTER TABLE table\_name DROP COLUMN column\_name;

e.g ALTER TABLE Student DROP COLUMN Address;

The column Address will be removed from the table student

#### **SQL Commands**

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#### **DROP TABLE Command**

Sometimes you may need to drop a table which is not in use. DROP TABLE command is used to Delete / drop a table permanently. It should be kept in mind that we can not drop a table if it contains records. That is first all the rows of the table have to be deleted and only then the table can be dropped.

The general syntax of this command is:-

DROP TABLE <table\_name>;
e.g DROP TABLE student;

This command will remove the table student

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It is the collections of rules and operations on relations(tables). The various operations are selection, projection, Cartesian product, union, set difference and intersection, and joining of relations.

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#### **Define the terms:**

#### i. Database Abstraction

Ans: Database system provides the users only that much information that is required by them, and hides certain details like, how the data is stored and maintained in database at hardware level. This concept/process is Database abstraction.

#### ii. Data inconsistency

Ans: When two or more entries about the same data do not agree i.e. when one of them stores the updated information and the other does not, it results in data inconsistency in the database.

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#### **Define the terms:**

#### iii. Conceptual level of database implementation/abstraction

Ans: It describes what data are actually stored in the database. It also describes the relationships existing among data. At this level the database is described logically in terms of simple data-structures.

#### iv. Primary Key

Ans: It is a key/attribute or a set of attributes that can uniquely identify tuples within the relation.

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#### **Define the terms:**

#### v. Candidate Key

Ans: All attributes combinations inside a relation that can serve as primary key are candidate key as they are candidates for being as a primary key or a part of it.

#### vi. Relational Algebra

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#### **Define the terms:**

#### vii. Domain

Ans: it is the pool or collection of data from which the actual values appearing in a given column are drawn.

## Q: What are the types of commands are available in SQL?

Ans: SQL have five types of commands

- 1. DDL (Data Definition Language)
  Commands
- 2. DML (Data Manipulation Language)
  Commands
- 3. TCL (Transaction Control Language)
  Commands
- 4. Session Control Commands
- 5. System Control Commands

#### Q: What is the purpose of DDL Commands in SQL?

Ans: DDL Commands are used for

- 1. Creating a database,
- 2. Creating tables in a database,
- 3. Creating Views based on Tables
- 4. Modifying structure of a table
- 5. Deleting table / View / Database

# Q: Write name of some DDL commands available given in your textbook.

Ans: Following DDL commands are available in SQL and in given in our textbook:

- 1. CREATE DATABASE
- 2. CREATE TABLE
- 3. CREATE VIEW
- 4. ALTER TABLE
- DROP TABLE

Q: How we can create a database in SQL? Write command syntax for creating a database with the name **School**.

Ans: The SQL CREATE DATABASE command / statement is used to create a new database.

Syntax: The basic syntax of this CREATE DATABASE statement is as follows

CREATE DATABASE DatabaseName;

Always the database name should be unique within the RDBMS (Relational Data Base Management System).

Example:

mysql> CREATE DATABSE School;

# SQL COMMANDS

### Q: How we can see that the School database has been created in SQL?

Ans: The SQL SHOW DATABASES command / statement is used to view the list of databases exists in SQL.

Example:

mysql> SHOW DATABSES;

+----+

Database

+----+

information schema

**AMROOD** 

TUTORIALSPOINT

mysql

orig

test

School

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7 rows in set (0.00 sec)

List of database containing School

#### Q: How we can select a database for operations from the list of existing database in SQL?

Ans: When you have multiple databases in your SQL Schema, then before starting your operation, you would need to select a database where all the operations would be performed.

The SQL **USE** statement is used to select any existing database in the SQL.

#### **Syntax**

The basic syntax of the USE statement is as shown below – USE DatabaseName;

Always the database name should be unique within the RDBMS.

#### **Example**

mysql> **USE School**;

Database changed is displayed as a result of this command.

## Q: How we can create a Table in current database in use?

Ans: The SQL CREATE TABLE statement is used to create a new table in the current database.

Creating a basic table involves naming the table and defining its columns and each column's data type. The name must be unique.

The basic syntax of the CREATE TABLE statement is as follows –

CREATE TABLE TableName

```
column1 datatype [<(size)> <filed constraint>],
column2 datatype [<(size)> <filed constraint>],
column3datatype, [<(size)> <filed constraint>]
```

. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

```
columnN datatype [<(size)> <filed constraint>],
<Table Constraint>
```

);

Q: Explain the use of CREATE TABLE command with a suitable example.

Ans:

We will try to create a table employee with the following details in School.

mysql> CREATE TABLE EMPLOYEE

```
NAME VARCHAR (20) NOT NULL,
DEPT VARCHAR (20) NOT NULL,
DESIG VARCHAR (20) NOT NULL,
BASIC DECIMAL (8, 2),
)
```

Q: How we can come to know that that a table with the name EMPLOYEE has been created or not.?

Ans:

SHOW TABLES statement is used to list the tables present in selected database or current database.

```
mysql> SHOW TABLES;
+-----+
| Tables in School |
+-----+
| Employee |
+-----+
1 row in set <0.0 sec>
```

Q: How we can see the structure of a table created by CREATE TABLE Command?

Ans:

DESCRIBE TABLENAME or DESC TABLENAME statement is used to show the structure of the TableName used wit the DESCRIBE command.

mysql> **DESC** EMPLOYEE;

+	+	+	+	+	+
Field	Type 	Null	Key	Default	Extra
EMPID   NAME   DEPT   DESIG   BASIC	int(11)   varchar(20)   varchar(20)   varchar(20)   decimal(8,2)	NO   NO   NO   NO   YES	PRI         		

5 row in set <0.0 sec>

Q: How you can add a new field in the table employee at the end of the table structure.

Ans:

ALTER TABLE command /statement is used to add a new filed to the table that already exists. Syntax

ALTER TABLE < TABLENAME>

ADD column [<(size)>, [constraints>];

mysql> **ALTER TABLE** EMPLOYEE

ADD DA Decimal(5,2);

This command will add column DA at the end of the table structure. see the structure mysql> DESC EMPLOYEE;

Q: How we can add a column at the top of the table structure?

Ans: **FIRST** Clause is used with ALTER TABLE command / statement to add a new filed to the top of the table structure.

**Syntax** 

ALTER TABLE < TABLENAME >

ADD column [<(size)>, [constraints>]

FIRST;

mysql> **ALTER TABLE** EMPLOYEE ADD ROLL TINYINT NOT NULL **FIRST**;

mysql> DESC EMPLOYEE;

Q: How we can add a column before an existing column of the table structure?

Ans: **BEFORE filedname** Clause is used with ALTER TABLE command / statement to add a new filed to the top of the table structure.

**Syntax** 

ALTER TABLE < TABLENAME >

ADD column [<(size)>, [constraints>]

**BEFORE Filedname**;

mysql> **ALTER TABLE** EMPLOYEE **ADD** SEX CHAR(1) NOT NULL **BEFORE** DESIG;

mysql> DESC EMPLOYEE;

Q: How we can change name / rename an existing filed?

Ans: **CHANGE** Clause is used with ALTER TABLE command / statement to rename a new filed to the top of the table structure.

**Syntax** 

ALTER TABLE < TABLENAME >

CHANGE OldColName NewColName

[<(size)>, [constraints>];

mysql> **ALTER TABLE** EMPLOYEE **CHANGE** SEX GENDER CHAR(12) NOT NULL;

mysql> DESC EMPLOYEE;

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#### **Any Questions Please**

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# Thank You Very Much