

MORE SQL DATA DEFINITION

Database Systems

IN THIS LECTURE

More SQL

- DROP TABLE
- ALTER TABLE
- INSERT, UPDATE, and DELETE
- Data dictionary
- Sequences

For more information

- Connolly and Begg chapters 5 and 6

CREATING TABLES

From last lecture...

- CREATE TABLE
- Columns
 - Data types
 - [NOT] NULL, DEFAULT values
- Constraints
 - Primary keys
 - Unique columns
 - Foreign keys

```
CREATE TABLE
<name> (
    <col-def-1>,
    <col-def-2>,
        :
    <col-def-n>,
    <constraint-1>,
        :
    <constraint-k>)
```

DELETING TABLES

To delete a table use

DROP TABLE

[IF EXISTS]

<name>

Example:

DROP TABLE Module

BE CAREFUL with any SQL statement with DROP in it

- You will delete any information in the table as well
- You won't normally be asked to confirm
- There is no easy way to undo the changes

CHANGING TABLES

Sometimes you want to change the structure of an existing table

- One way is to DROP it then rebuild it
- This is dangerous, so there is the ALTER TABLE command instead

ALTER TABLE can

- Add a new column
- Remove an existing column
- Add a new constraint
- Remove an existing constraint

ALTERING COLUMNS

To add or remove columns use

```
ALTER TABLE <table>  
  ADD COLUMN <col>
```

```
ALTER TABLE <table>  
  DROP COLUMN <name>
```

Examples

```
ALTER TABLE Student  
  ADD COLUMN  
    Degree VARCHAR(50)
```

```
ALTER TABLE Student  
  DROP COLUMN Degree
```

ALTERING CONSTRAINTS

Examples

To add or remove columns use

```
ALTER TABLE <table>  
    ADD CONSTRAINT  
        <definition>
```

```
ALTER TABLE <table>  
    DROP CONSTRAINT  
        <name>
```

```
ALTER TABLE Module  
    ADD CONSTRAINT  
        ck UNIQUE (title)
```

```
ALTER TABLE Module  
    DROP CONSTRAINT ck
```

INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE

INSERT - add a row to a table

UPDATE - change row(s) in a table

DELETE - remove row(s) from a table

UPDATE and **DELETE** use '**WHERE** clauses' to specify which rows to change or remove

BE CAREFUL with these - an incorrect **WHERE** clause can destroy lots of data

INSERT

INSERT INTO

<table>

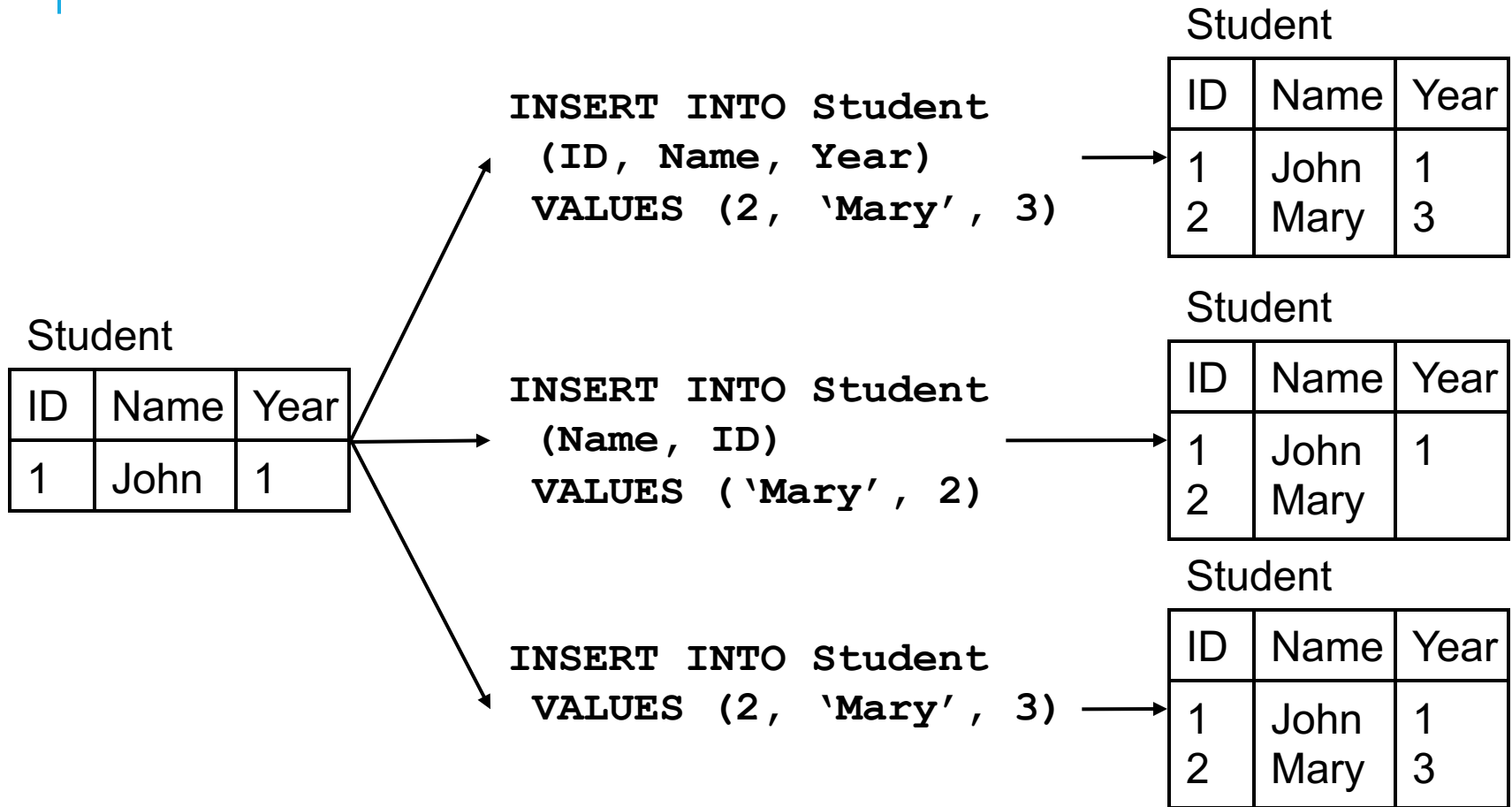
(col1, col2, ...)

VALUES

(val1, val2, ...)

- The number of columns and values must be the same
- If you are adding a value to every column, you don't have to list them
- SQL doesn't require that all rows are different (unless a constraint says so)

INSERT



UPDATE

```
UPDATE <table>  
SET col1 = val1  
    [,col2 = val2...]  
[WHERE  
    <condition>]
```

- All rows where the condition is true have the columns set to the given values
- If no condition is given all rows are changed so BE CAREFUL
- Values are constants or can be computed from columns

UPDATE

Student

| ID | Name | Year |
|----|------|------|
| 1 | John | 1 |
| 2 | Mark | 3 |
| 3 | Anne | 2 |
| 4 | Mary | 2 |

```
UPDATE Student
SET Year = 1,
    Name = 'Jane'
WHERE ID = 4
```

Student

| ID | Name | Year |
|----|------|------|
| 1 | John | 1 |
| 2 | Mark | 3 |
| 3 | Anne | 2 |
| 4 | Jane | 1 |

```
UPDATE Student
SET Year = Year + 1
```

Student

| ID | Name | Year |
|----|------|------|
| 1 | John | 2 |
| 2 | Mark | 4 |
| 3 | Anne | 3 |
| 4 | Mary | 3 |

DELETE

Removes all rows which satisfy the condition

DELETE FROM

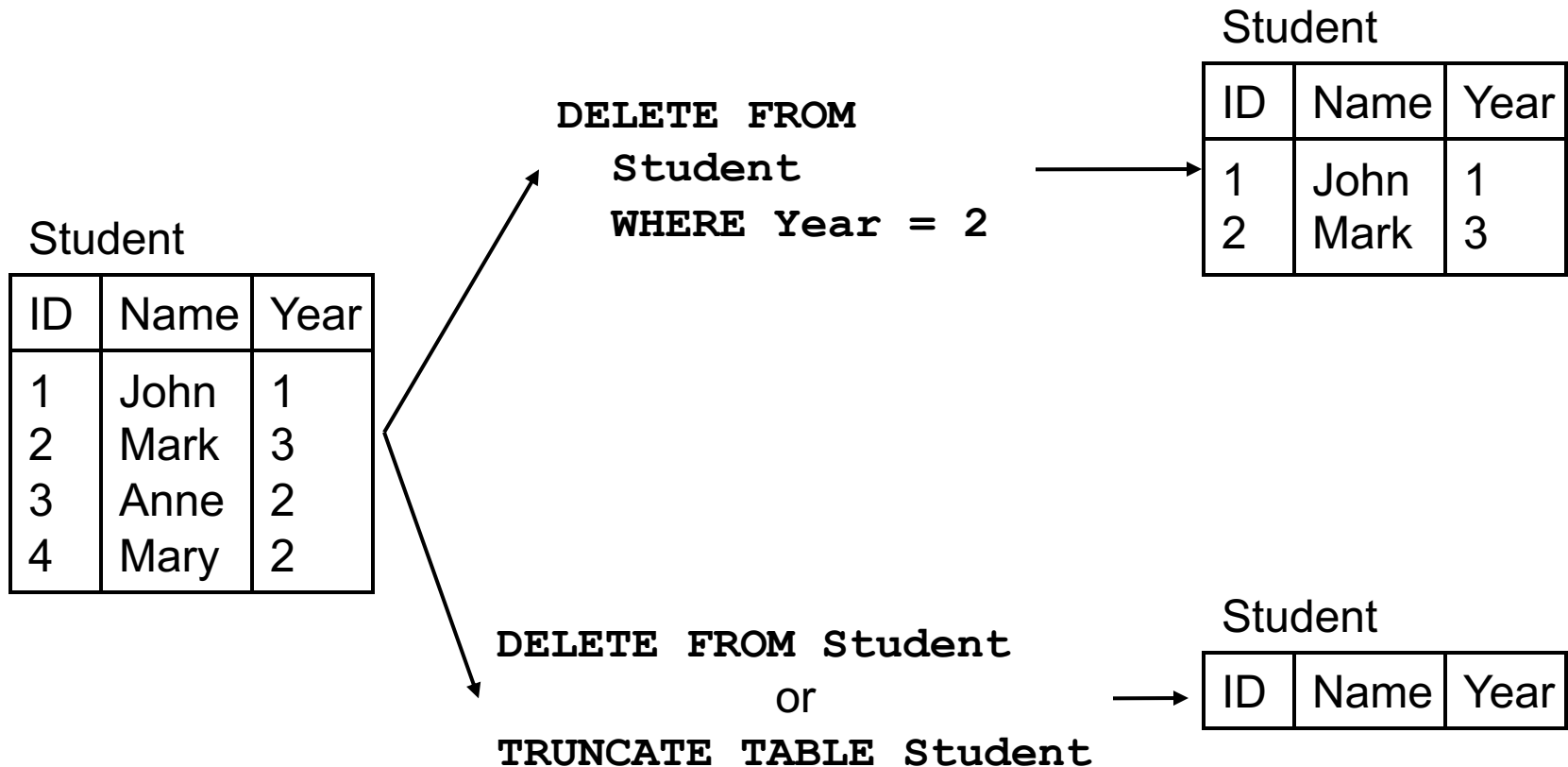
<table>

[WHERE

<condition>]

- If no condition is given then ALL rows are deleted - BE CAREFUL
- Some versions of SQL also have **TRUNCATE TABLE <T>** which is like **DELETE FROM <T>** but it is quicker as it doesn't record its actions

DELETE



SELECT

The SQL command you will use most often

- Queries a set of tables and returns results as a table
- Lots of options, we will look at many of them
- Usually more than one way to do any given query

SQL SELECT OVERVIEW

SELECT

[DISTINCT | ALL] <column-list>

FROM <table-names>

[WHERE <condition>]

[ORDER BY <column-list>]

[GROUP BY <column-list>]

[HAVING <condition>]

(*[]* - optional, *|* - or)

SIMPLE SELECT

```
SELECT <columns>  
FROM <table>
```

<columns> can be

- A single column
- A comma-separated list of columns
- * for 'all columns'

Given a table Student with columns

- stuID
- stuName
- stuAddress
- stuYear

SAMPLE SELECTS

SELECT * FROM Student

| <i>stuID</i> | <i>stuName</i> | <i>stuAddress</i> | <i>stuYear</i> |
|--------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Anderson | 15 High St | 1 |
| 2 | Brooks | 27 Queen's Rd | 3 |
| 3 | Chen | Lenton Hall | 1 |
| 4 | D'Angelo | Derby Hall | 1 |
| 5 | Evans | Lenton Hall | 2 |
| 6 | Franklin | 13 Elm St | 3 |
| 7 | Gandhi | Lenton Hall | 1 |
| 8 | Harrison | Derby Hall | 1 |

SAMPLE SELECTS

```
SELECT stuName FROM Student
```

| <i>stuName</i> |
|----------------|
| Anderson |
| Brooks |
| Chen |
| D' Angelo |
| Evans |
| Franklin |
| Gandhi |
| Harrison |

SAMPLE SELECTS

```
SELECT stuName, stuAddress  
FROM Student
```

| <i>stuName</i> | <i>stuAddress</i> |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Anderson | 15 High St |
| Brooks | 27 Queen's Rd |
| Chen | Lenton Hall |
| D'Angelo | Derby Hall |
| Evans | Lenton Hall |
| Franklin | 13 Elm St |
| Gandhi | Lenton Hall |
| Harrison | Derby Hall |

BEING CAREFUL

When using DELETE and UPDATE

- You need to be careful to have the right WHERE clause
- You can check it by running a SELECT statement with the same WHERE clause first

Before running

```
DELETE FROM Student  
WHERE Year = 3
```

run

```
SELECT * FROM Student  
WHERE Year = 3
```

ORACLE DATA DICTIONARY

To find out what tables and sequences you have defined use

```
SELECT table_name  
FROM user_tables
```

- The user_tables table is maintained by Oracle
- It has *lots* of columns, so don't use

```
SELECT * FROM user_tables
```

ORACLE DATA DICTIONARY

To find the details of a table use

`DESCRIBE <table name>`

Example:

```
SQL> DESCRIBE Student;
```

| Name | Null? | Type |
|------------|----------|--------------|
| ----- | ----- | ----- |
| STUID | NOT NULL | NUMBER(38) |
| STUNAME | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(50) |
| STUADDRESS | | VARCHAR2(50) |
| STUYEAR | | NUMBER(38) |

EXERCISE

Track

| cID | Num | Title | Time | aID |
|-----|-----|------------|------|-----|
| 1 | 1 | Reason | 239 | 1 |
| 1 | 2 | I love you | 410 | 1 |
| 1 | 3 | Breathless | 217 | 1 |
| 1 | 4 | I am no 4 | 279 | 1 |
| 2 | 1 | Lion | 362 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | Catman | 417 | 2 |

CD

| cID | Title | Price |
|-----|-------------|-------|
| 1 | Mix | 19.99 |
| 2 | Compilation | 11.99 |

Artist

| aID | Name |
|-----|-------|
| 1 | Jango |
| 2 | Ranna |

1. Create the tables above using the create table query
2. Add the appropriate constraints.
3. Insert data using the insert query
4. Demonstrate a delete and edit query

PROVIDE THE SQL STATEMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING

1. All tracks having the number 1.
2. Track with the title “Lion”
3. CD with the price of below 12 dollars.
4. Artist named Jango
5. Track with time range of 200 to 300