

Cross
Products &
Databases

SQL is set notation

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## **Cross Products & Databases**

- We are in the "Information Age" where knowledge is now computerized
- Information is stored in databases
- These systems are based on tuples and sets



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## **Fields**

- Fields contain the smallest unit of data
  - e.g. Number, Text
  - So, each can be seen as a tuple (it can be a set, but rarely so)
- Each field has a unique field name
  - Name
  - Age

etc....

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## Records

- A record is a set of data fields
  - · represents a logical group of data
  - these include related numbers, text, images, etc...
- Examples
  - · Course: department, number, section
  - Student: name, age, class
  - Computer: brand, speed, cost, etc...

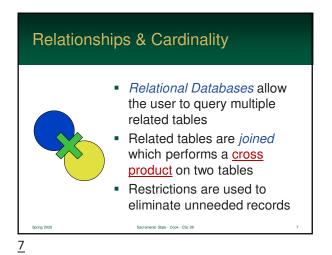
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**Database Example** First Last Major Greek Griffen Und Tappa Kegga Bru Peter CSc Cuppa Kappa Chino Joe Gunchy Record elta Phart Rick Sanchez Sci Eric Cartman Bus Eta Lotta Pi

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A query language is used to:

locate information
sort records
change data in records

Examples:

SQL (Structured Query Language)
Natural language queries – not used often
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Abstract Data
Types

What int really means
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Application of Sets

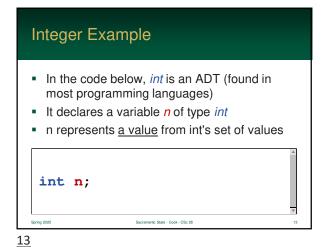
An abstract data type (ADT) defines:

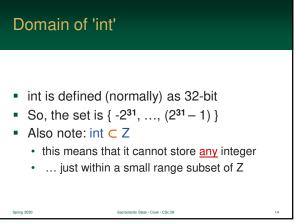
a set of possible values and
operations (functions) that an be performed on those values

These are the basis for all classes and data structures in programming languages

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What Java's notation means

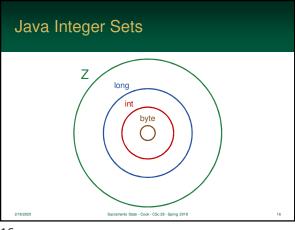
When you declare a variable, you are stating that it is a member of a set

In the example below, the two statements mean <a href="mailto:same">same</a> thing: set notation vs. Java notation

Int n;

Java notation

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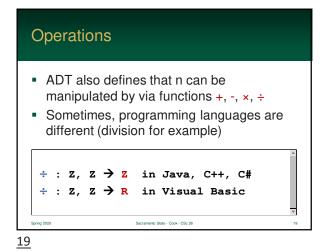


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Possible Set Violation

void test(int x)
{
    ...
}
int main()
{
    long n;
    test(n);
    int may not able be able to store n
}

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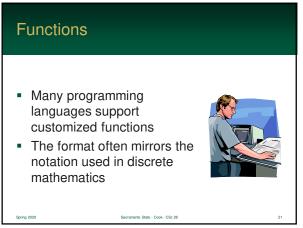
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Functions

Notation varies, but logic the same

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C Family

C programming language family includes:
C, C++, Java, and C#
The notation is very terse, but includes all the same information

name: int → int Discrete math
int name(int n)

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Visual Basic evolved from the original BASIC programming language

The notation is far more verbose

name: Integer → Integer

Function name (n As Integer) As Integer

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Pascal

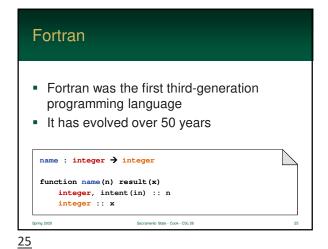
Pascal was very popular in the 1980's and 90's

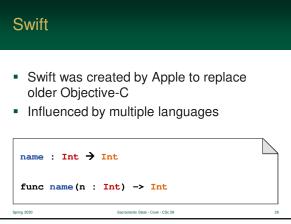
Created many concepts that were integrated into other languages

name : integer → integer

function name(n : integer) : integer

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