Introduction to SQL

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Basic Query Structure

A typical SQL query has the form:

select
$$A_1$$
, A_2 , ..., A_n
from r_1 , r_2 , ..., r_m
where P

			section	-	1		
ı		teaches	<u>course_id</u>	takes			ı
department	instructor	<u>ID</u>	<u>sec_id</u> semester	<u>ID</u> course id	student	course	
dept_name building budget	<u>ID</u> name dept_name salary	course_id sec_id semester year	year building room_number time_slot_id	sec id semester year grade	ID name dept_name tot_cred	course_id title dept_name credits	<i>advisor</i> <u>s_id</u> i_id



- 1. Find the names of all instructors
- 2. Find the department names of all instructors, and remove duplicates
- 3. Find the department names of all instructors, not removing duplicates
- 4. Find all attributes of instrctors
- 5. Find a relation that is the same as the *instructor* relation, except that the value of the attribute *salary* is divided by 12
- 6. Find all instructors in Comp. Sci. dept with salary > 70000
- 7. Find the names of all instructors who have taught some course and the course_id
- 8. Find the names of all instructors in the Art department who have taught some course and the course_id
- 9. Find the names of all instructors who have a higher salary than some instructor in 'Comp. Sci'.

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- Find the names of all instructors whose name includes the substring "in".
- String Operations
 - The operator like uses patterns that are described using two special characters:
 - percent (%). The % character matches any substring.
 - underscore (_). The _ character matches any character
- Find the names of all instructors whose name has 4 characters.
- Find the names of all instructors whose name has at leaset 4 characters.

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- 1. List in alphabetic order the names of all instructors
- 2. List in descending alphabetic order the names of all instructors
- 3. List in order of the combination of the names and salary of all instructors
- 4. Find the names of all instructors with salary between \$90,000 and \$100,000
- 5. Find courses that ran in Fall 2017 or in Spring 2018
- 6. Find courses that ran in Fall 2017 and in Spring 2018
- 7. Find courses that ran in Fall 2017 but not in Spring 2018
- 8. Find courses that ran in Fall 2017 or in Spring 2018, retain all duplications
- 9. Find all instructors whose salary is null
- 10. Find all instructors whose salary is not null
- 11. Null under and, or, with true/false

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 These functions operate on the multiset of values of a column of a relation, and return a value

avg: average valuemin: minimum valuemax: maximum valuesum: sum of values

count: number of values

- Find the average salary of instructors in the Computer Science department
- 2. Find the total number of instructors who teach a course in the Spring 2018 semester
- 3. Find the number of tuples in the course relation

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Aggregate – Group By - Having

- 1. Find the average salary of instructors in each department
- 2. Find the names and average salaries of all departments whose average salary is greater than 42000
 - Note: predicates in the **having** clause are applied after the formation of groups whereas predicates in the **where** clause are applied before forming groups

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Any questions?



Nested Subqueries

- A subquery is a select-from-where expression that is nested within another query.
- The nesting can be done in the following SQL query

select
$$A_1, A_2, ..., A_n$$
 from $r_1, r_2, ..., r_m$ **where** P

as follows:

- From clause: r_i can be replaced by any valid subquery
- Where clause: *P* can be replaced with an expression of the form:

B < operation > (subquery)

B is an attribute and operation> to be defined later.

Select clause:

 A_i can be replaced be a subquery that generates a single value.

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