



Database Systems

Lecture 10: Intermediate SQL (part 2)

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based on the slides of the course book



Outline

- Join Expressions
- Views
- Transactions
- Integrity Constraints
- **SQL Data Types and Schemas**
- Authorization



Built-in Data Types in SQL

- **date**: Dates, containing a (4 digit) year, month and date
 - Example: **date** '2005-7-27'
- **time**: Time of day, in hours, minutes and seconds.
 - Example: **time** '09:00:30' **time** '09:00:30.75'
- **timestamp**: date plus time of day
 - Example: **timestamp** '2005-7-27 09:00:30.75'
- **interval**: period of time
 - Example: interval '1' day
 - Subtracting a date/time/timestamp value from another gives an interval value
 - Interval values can be added to date/time/timestamp values



Default Values

- **create table** *student*
(*ID* **varchar** (5),
name **varchar** (20) **not null**,
dept_name **varchar** (20),
tot_cred **numeric** (3,0) **default** 0,
primary key (*ID*))

insert into *student*(*ID*,*name*,*dept_name*)
values('12789', 'Newman', 'Comp. Sci.');



Index Creation

- **create table** *student*
(*ID* **varchar** (5),
name **varchar** (20) **not null**,
dept_name **varchar** (20),
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primary key (*ID*))

create index *studentID_index* **on** *student*(*ID*)



Index Creation

- Indices are data structures used to speed up access to records with specified values for index attributes

- e.g. **select** *
 from *student*
 where *ID* = '12345'

can be executed by using the index to find the required record, without looking at all records of *student*

More on indices in Chapter 11



Large-Object Types

- Large objects (photos, videos, CAD files, etc.) are stored as a *large object*.
 - **blob**: binary large object -- object is a large collection of uninterpreted binary data (whose interpretation is left to an application outside of the database system)
 - **clob**: character large object -- object is a large collection of character data

book_review **clob**(10KB)

image **blob**(10MB)

movie **blob**(2GB)



Large-Object Types

- When a query returns a large object, a “locator” is returned rather than the large object itself.
- The locator can then be used to fetch the large object in small pieces, rather than all at once
- Much like reading data from an operating system file using a read function call



User-Defined Types

- SQL supports two forms of user-defined data types:
 - distinct types
 - structured data types
 - allows the creation of complex data types with nested record structures, arrays and multisets (Chapter 22)



User-Defined Types

- **create type** construct in SQL creates user-defined type

create type *Dollars* as numeric (12,2) final

- **create table** *department*
 (*dept_name* **varchar** (20),
 building **varchar** (15),
 budget Dollars);
- NOTE: The keyword final isn't really meaningful in this context but is required by the SQL:1999 standard; some implementations allow the final keyword to be omitted.



User-Defined Types

- It is possible for several attributes to have the same data type.
 - e.g., the name attributes for student name and instructor (the set of all person names)
 - but not instructor name and dept_name (we would normally not consider the query “Find all instructors who have the same name as a department”)
- ⇒ assigning an instructor’s name to a department name is probably a programming error
- Similarly, comparing a monetary value expressed in dollars and pounds

```
create type Dollars as numeric (12,2) final  
create type Pounds as numeric (12,2) final
```



User-Defined Types

- Declaring different types for different attributes results to strong type checking
 - e.g., (department.budget+20) would not be accepted
 - The attribute and the integer constant 20 have different types
- Solution:
 - Values of one type can be cast (converted) to another domain:

cast (*department.budget to numeric (12,2)*)



Domains

- **create domain** construct in SQL-92 creates user-defined domain types

```
create domain person_name char(20) not null
```

- Types and domains are similar. Domains can have constraints, such as **not null**, specified on them.
- **create domain** *degree_level* **varchar**(10)
constraint *degree_level_test*
check (**value in** ('Bachelors', 'Masters', 'Doctorate'));



Create Table Extensions

- Creating tables that have the same schema as an existing table.

```
create table temp_instructor like instructor
```

```
create table t1 as  
  (select *  
   from instructor  
   where dept_name= 'Music')  
with data
```



Create Table Extensions

- **create table ... as** statement closely resembles the create view statement and both are defined by using queries.
- The main difference is that the contents of the table are set when the table is created, whereas the contents of a view always reflect the current query result



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Authorization

- Forms of authorization on parts of the database:
 - **Read** - allows reading, but not modification of data.
 - **Insert** - allows insertion of new data, but not deletion or updating of existing data.
 - **Update** - allows updating, but not insertion or deletion of data.
 - **Delete** - allows deletion of data, but not insertion or updating.
- Each of these authorization types is called a **privilege**
- A user who creates a new relation is given all privileges on that relation automatically



Authorization

Forms of authorization to modify the database schema

- **Index** - allows creation and deletion of indices.
- **Resources** - allows creation of new relations.
- **Alteration** - allows addition or deletion of attributes in a relation.
- **Drop** - allows deletion of relations.



Authorization Specification in SQL

- The **grant** statement is used to confer authorization
 - grant** <privilege list>
 - on** <relation name or view name>
 - to** <user/role list>
- <user list> is:
 - a user-id
 - **public**, which allows all valid users the privilege granted
- Granting a privilege on a view does not imply granting any privileges on the underlying relations.
- The grantor of the privilege must already hold the privilege on the specified item (or be the database administrator).



Privileges in SQL

- **select**: allows read access to relation, or the ability to query using the view

- Example: grant users U_1 , U_2 , and U_3 **select** authorization on the *instructor* relation:

grant select on *instructor* to U_1 , U_2 , U_3

- **update**:

grant update on *instructor* to U_1 , U_2 , U_3



Privileges in SQL

- The authorization may be given either on all attributes of the relation or on only some, but not on specific tuples.
- If the list of attributes is omitted, the privilege will be granted on all attributes of the relation.

grant update on *instructor* to U1, U2, U3

grant update (*name*) on *instructor* to U1, U2, U3



Revoking Authorization in SQL

- The **revoke** statement is used to revoke authorization.

revoke <privilege list>

on <relation name or view name>

from <user/role list>

- Example:

revoke select on *department* **from** U_1, U_2, U_3

revoke update (*budget*) **on** *department* **from** U_1, U_2, U_3



Roles

- Authorizations can be granted to roles, in exactly the same fashion as they are granted to individual users.
- Each database user is granted a set of roles that he/she is authorized to perform.

create role *lecturer*;

grant *lecturer* **to** U_1 ;

grant select on *takes* **to** *lecturer*;



Roles

- Roles can be granted to users, as well as to other roles

create role *teaching_assistant*

grant *teaching_assistant* **to** *lecturer*;

- *lecturer* inherits all privileges of *teaching_assistant*

- Chain of roles

create role *dean*;

grant *instructor* **to** *dean*;

grant *dean* **to** U_2 ;

- When a user logs in to the database system, the actions executed by the user during that session have
 - all the privileges granted directly to the user
 - all privileges granted to roles that are granted (directly or indirectly via other roles) to that user



Authorization on Views

- Authorization on view gives us the possibility to define authorization with respect to some specific tuples

```
create view geo_instructor as  
(select *  
from instructor  
where dept_name = 'Geology');
```

```
grant select on geo_instructor to geo_staff
```

- Then a *geo_staff* member can issue

```
select *  
from geo_instructor,
```



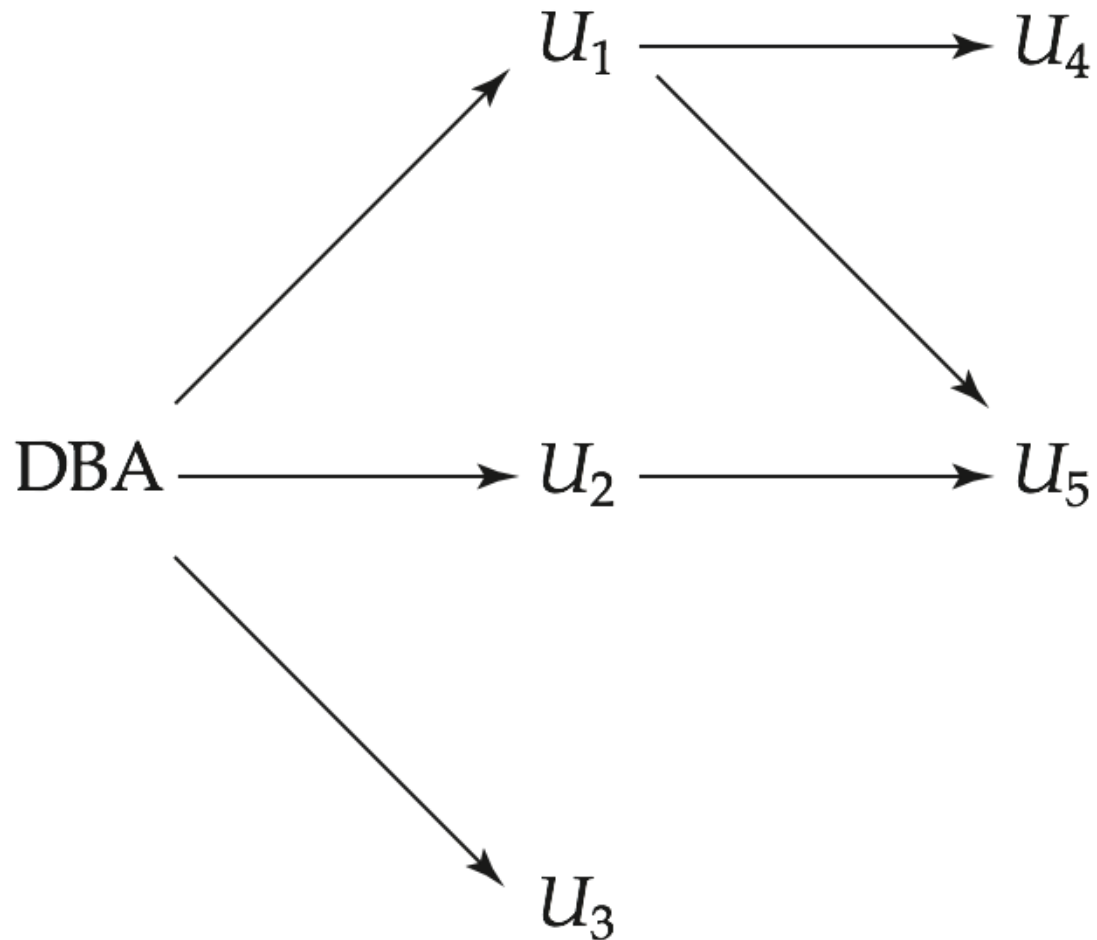
Other Authorization Features

- **references** privilege to create foreign key
 - **grant reference** (*dept_name*) **on** *department* **to** U_1 ;

- **transfer of privileges**
 - **grant select on** *department* **to** U_1 **with grant option**;
 - **revoke select on** *department* **from** U_1, U_2 **cascade**;
 - **revoke select on** *department* **from** U_1, U_2 **restrict**;



Transfer of privileges





Questions?