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Introduction to Databases and SQL

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#### What is a Database?

- A database is a collection of data that exists over a long period of time (Persistent storage)
- This collection should be logically coherent and have some inherent meaning, typically about an enterprise → it may not be a random pile of data

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#### **Examples of Databases**

- List of names, addresses, and phone numbers of your friends
- Information about employees, departments, salaries, managers, etc. in a COMPANY
- Information about students, courses, grades, professors, etc. in a UNIVERSITY
- Information about books, users, etc. in a LIBRARY

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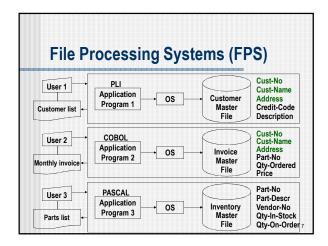
# **Database Management System (DBMS)**

- A DBMS is a complex software package developed to store and "manage" databases
- Note the distinction between DB, DBS, and DBMS:

Database system = Database + DBMS

# What does a DBMS provide?

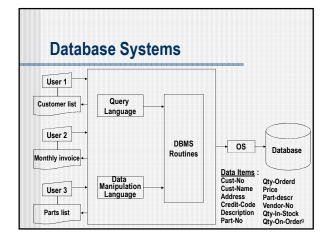
- Supports convenient, efficient, and secure access and manipulation of large amounts of data
- (high-level) Programming interface: Gives users the ability to create, query, and modify the data
- Persistent storage. Supports the storage of data over a long period of time
- Transaction management and recovery. Controls access to shared data from multiple, simultaneous users with properties Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, Durability (ACID)



# **Disadvantages of FPS**

- Redundancy of data: Identical data are distributed over various files – a major source of problems
  - Waste of storage space: When the same field is stored in several files, the required storage space is needlessly high → high storage cost
  - Multiple updates: One field may be updated in one file but not in others → (nconsistency) and lack of data integrity and hence potential conflicting reports
  - Multiple programming languages: Dealing with several programming languages which are often not user friendly → high system maintenance cost

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# **Advantages of Databases**

- Minimize data redundancy and avoid inconsistency They provide:
- Concurrent access to shared data
- Centralized control over data management
- Security and authorization
- Integrity and reliability
- Data abstraction and independence

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# **Aspects of Database Studies**

- Modeling and design of databases ✓
- Database programming ✓
- DBMS implementation

The first two aspects are studied in COMP 353
The third one is studied in COMP 451

#### What is this course about?

- A database is a "collection of data." This data is managed by a DBMS
- Databases are essential today to support commercial, engineering, and scientific applications.
- They are at the core of many scientific investigations.
- Their power comes from a rich body of knowledge and technology developed over several decades
- In this course, we study fundamental concepts, techniques, and tools for database design and programming.
- In COMP451, we study details of DB *implementation*

#### A quick test!

- Which one of the following is the main source of the problems in file processing systems, addressed by databases?
  - A. Waste of storage space.
  - B. Update anomalies, which result in lack of data integrity.
  - C. Data redundancy.
  - D. Data inconsistency.

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# Data Modeling and Database Design

#### **An Overview**

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# **Types of Data Models**

- A Data Model is a collection of concepts, describing
  - data and relationships among data
  - data semantics and data constraints
- (Entity-Relationship (ER) Model √
- Relational Model √
- Object-Oriented Data Model (ODL) √
- Logical Data Model (Datalog) √
- Earlier "record" based Data Models
  - Network
  - Hierarchical

#### **Relational Model**

■ Data is organized in relations (tables)

The user should/need not be concerned with the underlying storage data structure.

- Relational database schema:
  - Set of table names  $D = \{R_1, ..., R_n\}$
  - Set of attributes for each table  $R_i = \{A_1, ..., A_k\}$
- Examples of tables:
  - Account= {accNum, branchNam, amount, customerId}
  - Movie= {title, year, director, studio}

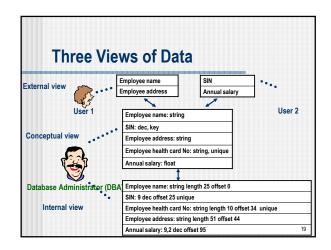
#### **Relational Model**

- Most widely used model
  - Vendors: Oracle, IBM, Informix, Microsoft, Sybase, etc.
- Competitor: object-oriented model
  - ObjectStore, Postgres, etc.
- Another approach: object-relational model

#### **Objectives of Database Systems**

- A DB system should be simple, so that many users with little skills could interact with the system conveniently
- It should be complex, so that many (complex) queries and transactions could be handled/processed efficiently

But these objectives are contradictory! So how to achieve both?



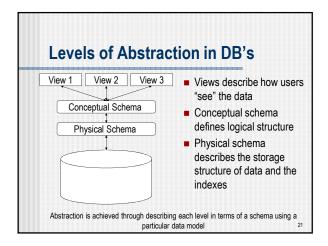


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■ External (logical) level

View 1 : (emp.name, emp.address) View 2 : (emp.SIN, emp.salary)

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# Schemas at different levels of abstraction

- View (or External users): are typically determined during requirements analysis (often defined as views over some of the concepts in the logical DB schema)
- Conceptual (or Logical) Schema: an outcome of a database design (a main focus in this course)
- Physical Schema: storage and index structures associated with relations

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#### **Schemas and Instances**

- A database instance is the current content of the DB
- A database schema is the structure of the data (relations/classes), described in some suitable data model e.g. relation:

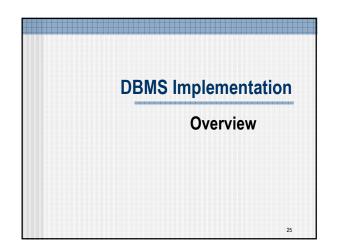
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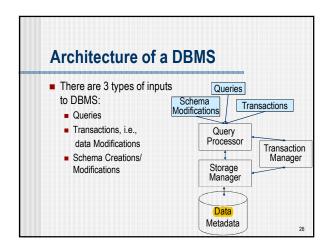
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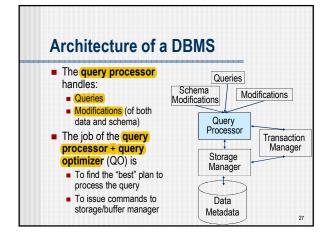
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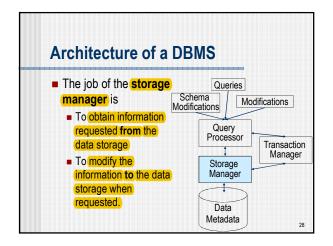
#### **Data Independence**

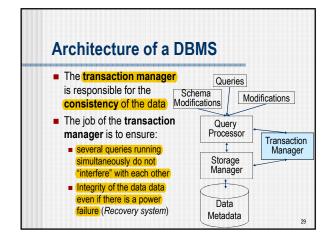
- Defn: the ability to modify definition of schema at one level without affecting the schema definition(s) at a higher level
  - Achieved through the use of three levels of data abstraction
- Logical Data Independence
  - Ability to modify logical schema without causing application programs to be rewritten
  - E.g., adding new fields to a record or changing the type of a field
- Physical Data Independence
  - Ability to modify physical schema without causing the conceptual schema or the applications to be modified, i.e., the possibility of having separate schemas at the physical and conceptual levels
  - E.g., changing a file structure from sequential to direct access

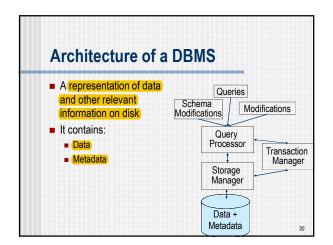


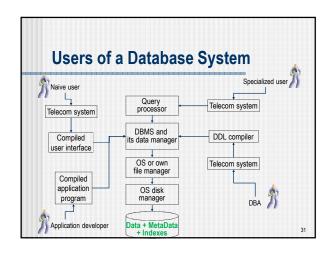


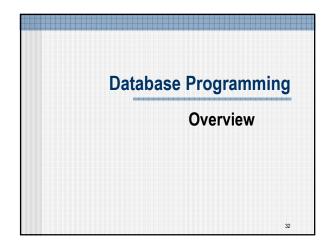












#### **Database Languages**

- A Database Management System (DBMS) provides two types of languages, which may also be viewed as components of the DBMS language:
  - Data Definition Language (DDL)
    - Language (notation) for defining a database schema
    - It includes syntax for declaring tables, indexes, views, constraints, etc.)
  - Data Manipulation Language (DML)
    - Language for accessing and manipulating the data (organized/stored according to the appropriate data model),

#### **Query Languages**

- Commercial:
  - SQL√
- Theoretical/Abstract:
  - Relational Algebra √
  - Relational Calculus
  - Datalog √

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#### SQL

- Developed originally at IBM in 1976
  - First standard: SQL-86
  - Second standard: SQL-92
  - Latest standard: SQL-99, or SQL3, well over 1,000 pages of document
- De-facto standard of the relational database world; replaced all other DB languages
- The SQL query language components:
  - DDL
  - DML

# **Simple SQL Queries**

A SQL query has a form:

SELECT ...

WHERE ...;

- The SELECT clause indicates which attributes should appear in the output.
- The FROM gives the relation(s) the query refers to
- The WHERE clause is a Boolean expression indicating which tuples are of interest.
- A query result is a bag, in general
- A query result is unnamed.

# **Example SQL Query**

- Relation schema:
  - Course (courseNumber, name, noOfCredits)
- Query:

Find all the courses stored in the database

Query in SQL:

SELECT \*

FROM Course;

Note: " \* " means all attributes in the relation(s) involved.

# **Example SQL Query**

- Relation schema:
  - Movie (title, year, length, filmType)
- Query:

Find the titles of all movies stored in the database

Query in SQL:

**SELECT** title

FROM Movie;

# **Example SQL Query**

- Relation schema:
  - Student (ID, firstName, lastName, address, GPA)
- Query:
  - Find the ID of every student whose GPA is more than 3
- Query in SQL:

SELECT ID

**FROM** Student

WHERE GPA > 3;

## **Example SQL Query**

- Relation schema:
  - Student (ID, firstName, lastName, address, GPA)
- Query:

Find the ID and last name of every student with first name 'John', who has a GPA > 3

- Query in SQL:
  - SELECT ID, lastName
  - **FROM** Student

WHERE firstName = 'John' AND GPA > 3:

#### WHERE clause

- The expressions that may follow WHERE are conditions
  - Standard comparison operators includes { =, <>, <, >, <=, >= }
  - The values that may be compared include constants and attributes of the relation(s) mentioned in FROM clause
    - · Simple expression
      - A op ValueA op B
  - where A, B are attributes and op is a comparison operator
  - We may also apply the usual arithmetic operators, +,-,\*,/, etc. to numeric values before comparing them
    - (year 1930) \* (year 1930) < 100
  - The result of a comparison is a Boolean value, TRUE or FALSE
  - Boolean expressions can be combined by the logical operators AND, OR, and NOT

# **Example SQL Query**

- Relation schema:
  - Movie (title, year, length, filmType)
- Query:

Find the titles of all color movies produced in 1990

- Query in SQL:
  - **SELECT** title
  - **FROM** Movie

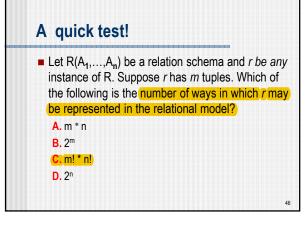
WHERE filmType = 'color' AND year = 1990;

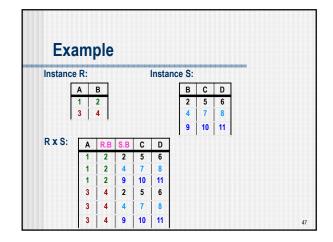
# Relation schema: Movie (title, year, length, filmType) Query: Find the titles of color movies that are either made after 1970 or are less than 90 minutes long Query in SQL: SELECT title FROM Movie WHERE (year > 1970 OR length < 90) AND filmType = 'color'; Note the precedence rules, when parentheses are absent:

AND takes precedence over OR, and NOT takes precedence over AND and OR

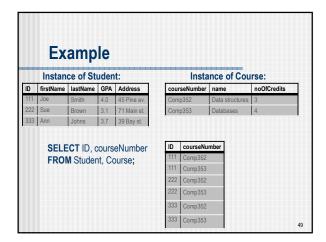
# Products and Joins ■ SQL has a simple way to "couple" relations in one query ■ How? By "listing" the relevant relation(s) in the FROM clause ■ All the relations in the FROM clause are coupled through Cartesian product (shown as × in algebra notation)

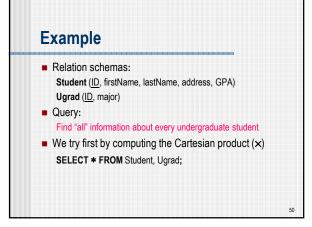
# Cartesian Product ■ From Set Theory: ■ The Cartesian Product of two sets R and S is the set of all pairs (a, b) such that: a ∈ R and b ∈ S. ■ Denoted as R × S ■ Note: • In general, R × S ≠ S × R

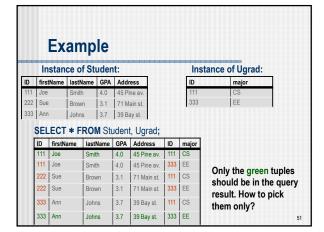


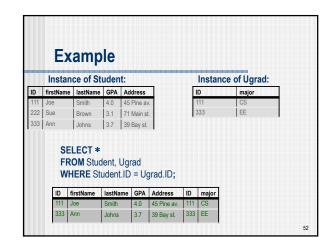


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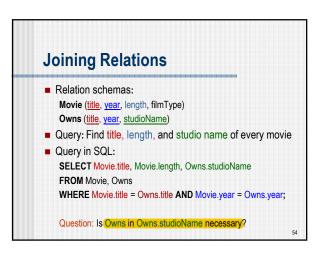








# Join in SQL The above query is an example of Join operation There are different kinds of joins, which we will studyl To join relations R<sub>1</sub>,...,R<sub>n</sub> in SQL: List all these relations in the FROM clause Express the conditions in the WHERE clause in order to get the "desired" join



# Joining Relations

■ Relation schemas:

Movie (<u>title</u>, <u>year</u>, length, filmType)
Owns (<u>title</u>, <u>year</u>, <u>studioName</u>)

Query:

Find the title and length of every movie produced by Disney studio.

Query in SQL:

SELECT Movie.title, length

FROM Movie, Owns

WHERE Movie.title = Owns.title AND

Movie.year = Owns.year AND studioName = 'Disney';

# **Joining Relations**

Relation schemas:

Movie (title, year, length, filmType)
Owns (title, year, studioName)
StarsIn (title, year, starName)

Query:

Find the title and length of Disney movies with JR as an actress.

Query in SQL:

SELECT Movie.title, Movie.length FROM Movie, Owns, StarsIn

WHERE Movie title = Owns title AND Movie year = Owns year
AND Movie title = StarsIn title AND Movie year = StarsIn year
AND studioName = 'Disney' AND starName = 'JR';

# **Example**

Movie							
title	year	length	filmType				
T1	1990	124	color				
T2	1991	144	color				

 title
 year
 studioName

 T1
 1990
 Disney

 T2
 1991
 MGM

 StarsIn

 title
 year
 starName

 T1
 1990
 JR

 T2
 1991
 JR

title length T1 124

Owns

SELECT Movie.title, Movie.length
FROM Movie, Owns, StarsIn
WHERE Movie.title = Owns.title AND Movie.year =
Owns.year AND Movie.title = StarsIn.title AND
Movie.year = StarsIn.year AND studioName = 'Disney'
AND starName = 'JR';

# **Aggregation in SQL**

- SQL provides 5 operators that can be applied to a column of a relation in order to produce some kind of "summary"
- These operators are called aggregations
- They are used in a SELECT clause and often applied to a scalar-valued attribute (column) or an expression in general.

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# **Aggregation Operators**

- SUM
  - Returnes the sum of values in the column
- AVG
  - Returns the average of values in the column
- MIN
  - Returns the least value in the column
- MAX
  - Returns the greatest value in the column
- COUNT
  - Returns the number of values in the column, including the duplicates, unless the keyword DISTINCT is used explicitly

#### **Example**

- Relation schema:
  - Exec(name, address, cert#, netWorth)
- Query:

Find the average net worth of the movie executives

Query in SQL:

SELECT AVG(netWorth)

FROM Exec;

- The sum of "all" values in the column netWorth divided by the number of these values
- In general, if a value v appears n times in the column, it contributes the value n\*v to computing the average

# Example

Relation schema:

Exec (name, address, cert#, netWorth)

Query:

How many movie executives are there in the Exec relation?

Query in SQL:

SELECT COUNT(\*)

FROM Exec;

■ The use of \*as a parameter is unique to COUNT; Its use for other aggregation operations makes no sense.

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#### **Example**

Relation schema:

Exec (name, address, cert#, netWorth)

Query:

How many different names are there in the Exec relation?

Query in SQL:

SELECT COUNT (DISTINCT name)

FROM Exec;

 In query processing time, the system first eliminates the duplicates from the column name, and then counts the number of present values

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# **Aggregation -- Grouping**

- To answer a query, we may need to "group"the tuples according to the values of some other column(s)
- Example: Suppose we want to find:

Total length in minutes of movies produced by each studio:

Movie(title, year, length, filmType, studioName, producerC#)

We must group the tuples in the Movie relation according to their studio, and then find the sum of the lengths within each group. The result displayed would look like:

studio SUM(length)

Disney 12345

MGM 54321

1 54321

#### **Aggregation - Grouping**

■ Relation schema:

**Movie**(<u>title</u>, <u>year</u>, length, filmType, studioName, producerC#)

- Query: What is the total length in minutes produced by each studio?
- Query formulated/expressed in SQL: SELECT studioName, SUM(length)

**FROM** Movie

**GROUP BY** studioName;

- Whatever aggregation used in the SELECT clause will be applied only within groups
- Only those attributes mentioned in the GROUP BY clause may appear unaggregated in the SELECT clause
- Can we use GROUP BY without using aggregation?

# **Aggregation -- Grouping**

Relation schema:

Movie(<u>title</u>, <u>year</u>, <u>length</u>, filmType, studioName, producerC#)

Exec(name, address, cert#, netWorth)

Query:

For each producer (name), list the total length of the films produced

Query in SQL:

SELECT Exec.name, SUM(Movie.length)

FROM Exec, Movie

WHERE Movie.producerC# = Exec.cert#

GROUP BY Exec.name;

#### A rule about null values!

 Nulls are counted when grouping but ignored when aggregating.

Example: Consider the instance below of R(A,B). Which one of the following tuples will *not* be in the output?

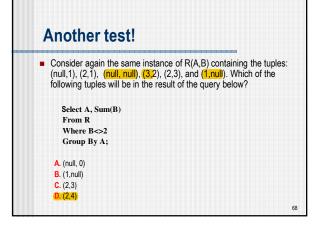
Select A, Sum(B) From R Group By A;

A. (null, null)

B. (2,4) C. (1,null) D. (null,1) A B
null 1
2 1
null null

3 2 2 3 1 null

#### A rule about null values! ■ The answer: A B null 1 Select A, Sum(B) From R Group By A; null null √ (null, null) 3 null **(2,4)** ■ (1,null) ■ (null,1)



#### Answer!

■ Consider an instance of R(A,B) with the tuples (null,1), (2,1), (null, null), (3,2), (2,3), and (1,null). Which one of the following tuples will be present in the result of the query below?

Select A, Sum(B) From R Where B <> 2 Group By A;

- (null, 0)
- (1.null)
- (2,3) √ (2,4)

null 1

2 1

## Aggregation - HAVING clause

- We might be interested in not all but some groups of tuples that satisfy certain conditions
- We can follow a **GROUP BY** clause with a **HAVING** clause
- **HAVING** is followed by some conditions about the group
- We can not use a HAVING clause without GROUP BY

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# Aggregation - HAVING clause

Relation schema:

Movie (title, year, length, filmType, studioName, producerC#) Exec(name, address, cert#, netWorth)

Query:

or those producers who made at least one film prior to 1930, list the total length of the films produced

Query in SQL:

SELECT Exec.name, SUM(Movie.length)

FROM Exec, Movie

WHERE producerC# = cert#

**GROUP BY** Exec.name

HAVING MIN(Movie.year) < 1930;

#### Aggregation – HAVING clause

■ This query chooses the group based on the property of each group SELECT Exec.name, SUM(Movie.length)

FROM Exec, Movie

WHERE producerC# = cert#

**GROUP BY Exec.name** 

HAVING MIN(Movie.year) < 1930;

Consider the following query which chooses the movies based on the property of  $\ \mbox{each movie tuple}:$ 

SELECT Exec.name, SUM(Movie.length)

FROM Exec. Movie

WHERE producerC# = cert# AND Movie.year < 1930

GROUP BY Exec.name;

#### **Order By**

The SQL statements/queries we looked at so far return an unordered relation/bag. What if we want the result displayed in a certain order? Movie (title, year, length, filmType, studioName, producerC#)

SELECT Exec.name, SUM(Movie.length)
FROM Exec, Movie
WHERE producerC# = cert#
GROUP BY Exec.name
HAVING MIN(Movie.year) < 1930
ORDER BY Exec.name ASC;

In general:

ORDER BY A ASC, B DESC, C ASC;

#### **Database Modifications**

- SQL & Database Modifications?
  - We now look at SQL statements that do not return tuples,
     but rather change the state (content) of the database
- There are three types of such statements/transactions:
  - Insert tuples into a relation
  - Delete certain tuples from a relation
  - Update values of certain attributes of certain existing tuples
     These types of operations that modify the database content are referred to as transactions

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#### Insertion

- The insertion statement consists of:
  - The keyword **INSERT INTO**
  - The name of a relation R
  - A parenthesized list of attributes of the relation R
  - The keyword **VALUES**
  - A tuple expression, that is, a parenthesized list of concrete values, one for each attribute in the attribute list
- The form of an insert statement:

#### INSERT INTO $R(A_1, ..., A_n)$ VALUES $(v_1, ..., v_n)$ ;

This command inserts the tuple (v<sub>1</sub>,...,v<sub>n</sub>) to table R, where v<sub>i</sub> is
the value of attribute A<sub>i</sub>, for i = 1,...,n

#### Insertion

- Relation schema:
  - StarsIn (title, year, starName)
- Update the database:
  - Add "Sydney Greenstreet" to the list of stars of The Maltese Falcon
- In SQL:

INSERT INTO StarsIn (title, year, starName)

VALUES('The Maltese Falcon', 1942, 'Sydney Greenstreet');

Another formulation of this query:

**INSERT INTO StarsIn** 

VALUES('The Maltese Falcon', 1942, 'Sydney Greenstreet');

#### Insertion

- The previous insertion statement was "simple" in that it added just one tuple into a relation
- Instead of using explicit values for one tuple, we can request a set of tuples to be inserted. For this we define, in a subquery, the set of tuples from an existing relation
- This subquery replaces the keyword VALUES and the tuple expression in the INSERT statement

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#### Insertion

Database schema:

Studio(name, address, presC#)

Movie(title, year, length, filmType, studioName, producerC#)

Update the database:

Add to **Studio**, all studio names mentioned in the **Movie** relation

- Note: If the list of attributes in an "insert" statement does not include all the attributes of the relation, the tuple created will have the default value for each missing attribute
- Since there is no way to determine an address or a presC# for a studio tuple, NULL will be used for these attributes.

#### Insertion

■ Database schema:

Studio(name, address, presC#)

Movie(title, year, length, filmType, studioName, producerC#)

Update the database:

Add to **Studio**, all studio names mentioned in the **Movie** relation

In SQL:

INSERT INTO Studio(name)

SELECT DISTINCT studioName

**FROM** Movie

WHERE studioName NOT IN (SELECT name

FROM Studio);

#### **Deletion**

- A delete statement consists of :
  - The keyword **DELETE FROM**
  - The name of a relation *R*
  - The keyword WHERE
- A condition
- The syntax of the delete statement:

#### DELETE FROM R WHERE < condition>;

- The effect of executing this statement is that "every tuple" in relation R satisfying the condition will be deleted from R
- Note: unlike the INSERT, we MAY need a WHERE clause here

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#### **Deletion**

■ Relation schema:

StarsIn(title, year, starName)

■ Update:

Delete the tuple that says:

Sydney Greenstreet was a star in The Maltese Falcon

In SQL:

**DELETE FROM StarIn** 

WHERE title = 'The Maltese Falcon' AND

starName = 'Sydney Greenstreet';

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#### **Deletion**

■ Relation schema:

Exec(name, address, cert#, netWorth)

■ Update:

Delete every movie executive whose net worth is < \$10,000,000

In SQL:

DELETE FROM Exec

WHERE netWorth < 10,000,000;

Anything wrong here?!

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#### **Deletion**

■ Relation schema:

Studio(name, address, presC#)

Movie(title, year, length, filmType, studioName, producerC#)

■ Update:

Delete from **Studio**, those studios not mentioned in **Movie** (i.e., we don't want to have non-productive studios!!)

In SQL:

**DELETE FROM** Studio

WHERE name NOT IN (SELECT StudioName FROM Movie):

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#### **Update**

- Update statement consists of:
  - The keyword **UPDATE**
  - The name of a relation *R*
  - The keyword SET
  - A list of formulas, each of which will assign a value to an attribute of R
  - The keyword WHERE
  - A condition
- The syntax of the update statement:

**UPDATE** *R* **SET** <new-value assignments> **WHERE** <condition>;

# Update ■ Database schema: Studio(name, address, presC#) Exec(name, address, cert#, netWorth) ■ Update: Modify table Exec by attaching the title 'Pres.' in front of the name of every movie executive who is also the president of some studio ■ In SQL: UPDATE Exec SET name = 'Pres.' || name ← this line performs the update WHERE cert# IN (SELECT presC# FROM Studio):

# **Defining Database Schema**

- SQL includes two types of statements:
  - DML
  - DDL
- So far we looked at the DML part to specify or modify the relation/database instances.
- The DDL part allows us to define or modify the relation/database schemas.

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#### **Defining Database Schema**

- To create a table in SQL:
  - CREATE TABLE name (list of elements);
    - Principal elements are *attributes* and their *types*, but declarations of key and constraints may also appear
  - Example:

```
CREATE TABLE Star (
name CHAR(30),
address VARCHAR(255),
gender CHAR(1),
birthdate DATE
```

#### **Defining Database Schema**

- To delete a table from the database:
  - DROP TABLE name;
- Example:

**DROP TABLE Star**;

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### **Data types**

- INT or INTEGER
- REAL or FLOAT
- **DECIMAL**(n, d) NUMERIC(n, d)
  - **DECIMAL**(6, 2), e.g., 0123.45
- CHAR(n)/BIT(B) fixed length character/bit string
- Unused part is padded with the "pad character", denoted as ⊥
- VARCHAR(n) / BIT VARYING(n) variable-length strings up to n characters
- Oracle also uses VARCHAR2(n), which is truly varying length;
   Since VARCHAR uses fixed array with end-marker, it is not followed any longer in Oracle.

### Data types (cont'd)

- SQL2 Syntax for:
  - -- Time: 'hh:mm:ss[.ss...]'
  - -- Date: 'yyyy-mm-dd' (m =0 or 1)
- Example:

CREATE TABLE Days(d DATE); INSERT INTO Days VALUES('2012-12-23');

- Note 1: In Oracle, the default format of date is 'dd-mon-yy', e.g., INSERT INTO Days VALUES('22-jan-18');
- Note 2: The Oracle function to\_date converts a specified format into default, e.g., INSERT INTO Days VALUES (to\_date('2018-01-22', 'yyyy-mm-dd'));

#### **Altering Relation Schemas**

- Adding Columns
  - Add an attribute to an existing relation R:

ALTER TABLE R ADD < column declaration >;

- Example: Add attribute phone to table Star
  - ALTER TABLE Star ADD phone CHAR(16);
- Removing Columns
  - Remove an attribute from a relation **R** using DROP:
  - ALTER TABLE R DROP COLUMN <column\_name>;
- Example: Remove column phone from Star
  - ALTER TABLE Star DROP COLUMN phone;

Note: Can't drop a column, if it is the only column

# **Attribute Properties**

■ We can assert that the value of an attribute A to be:

#### NOT NULL

Then every tuple must have a "real" value (not null) for this attribute

#### ■ **DEFAULT** value

- · Null is the default value for every attribute
- However, we can consider/define any value we wish as the default for a column, when we create a table.

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# **Attribute Properties**

CREATE TABLE Star (

name CHAR(30),

address VARCHAR(255),

gender CHAR(1) DEFAULT '?',

birthdate DATE NOT NULL);

- Example: Add an attribute with a default value:
  - ALTER TABLE Star ADD phone CHAR(16) DEFAULT 'unlisted';
- INSERT INTO Star(name, birthdate) VALUES ('Sally', '0000-00-00')

name address
Sally NULL

ddress gender birthdate
NULL ? 0000-00-00

unlisted

- INSERT INTO Star(name, phone) VALUES ('Sally', '333-2255');
  - this insertion op. fails since the value for birthdate is not given, since Null was disallowed by the user.

# **Attribute Properties**

To add default value after an attribute is defined:

- ALTER TABLE Star ALTER phone SET DEFAULT 'no-phone';
- In Oracle:

ALTER TABLE Star MODIFY phone DEFAULT 'no-phone';