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-- Comparisons to NULL always evaluate to UNKNOWN, and WHERE is too picky to
-- include UNKNOWNNS.
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-- All our courses have a value in every cell, except that there is one NULL
-- in CSC100: we don't know whether or not it is a breadth course.
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csc343h-dianeh=> select * from course;
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cnum	name	dept	breadth
343	Intro to Databases	CSC	f
207	Software Design	CSC	f
148	Intro to Comp Sci	CSC	f
263	Data Struct & Anal	CSC	f
320	Intro to Visual Computing	CSC	f
200	Intro Archaeology	ANT	t
203	Human Biol & Evol	ANT	f
150	Organisms in Environ	EEB	f
216	Marine Mammal Bio	EEB	f
263	Compar Vert Anatomy	EEB	f
110	Narrative	ENG	t
205	Rhetoric	ENG	t
235	The Graphic Novel	ENG	t
200	Environmental Change	ENV	f
320	Natl & Intl Env Policy	ENV	f
220	Mediaeval Society	HIS	t
296	Black Freedom	HIS	t
222	COBOL programming	CSC	f
100	CSC for Future Prime Ministers	CSC	

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-- We can see the courses that have breadth true.
-- The course with NULL for breadth does not satisfy this, as expected.
-- WHERE is picky!
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csc343h-dianeh=> select * from course where breadth;
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cnum	name	dept	breadth
200	Intro Archaeology	ANT	t
110	Narrative	ENG	t
205	Rhetoric	ENG	t
235	The Graphic Novel	ENG	t
220	Mediaeval Society	HIS	t
296	Black Freedom	HIS	t

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-- The course with NULL for breadth does not satisfy
-- the condition "not breadth" either.
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csc343h-dianeh=> select * from course where not breadth;
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cnum	name	dept	breadth
343	Intro to Databases	CSC	f
207	Software Design	CSC	f
148	Intro to Comp Sci	CSC	f
263	Data Struct & Anal	CSC	f
320	Intro to Visual Computing	CSC	f
203	Human Biol & Evol	ANT	f
150	Organisms in Environ	EEB	f
216	Marine Mammal Bio	EEB	f
263	Compar Vert Anatomy	EEB	f
200	Environmental Change	ENV	f
320	Natl & Intl Env Policy	ENV	f

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222 | COBOL programming      | CSC | f
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-- But our course NULL for breadth doesn't satisfy the condition
-- "breadth or not breadth", even though it is a tautology.
-- This is a bit of a surprise, but it makes sense when we
-- remember the truth table for OR:
--   The value of "breadth" is unknown.
--   The value of "not breadth" is unknown.
--   The OR of two unknowns is unknown.
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csc343h-dianeH=> select * from course where breadth or not breadth;
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cnum	name	dept	breadth
343	Intro to Databases	CSC	f
207	Software Design	CSC	f
148	Intro to Comp Sci	CSC	f
263	Data Struct & Anal	CSC	f
320	Intro to Visual Computing	CSC	f
200	Intro Archaeology	ANT	t
203	Human Biol & Evol	ANT	f
150	Organisms in Environ	EEB	f
216	Marine Mammal Bio	EEB	f
263	Compar Vert Anatomy	EEB	f
110	Narrative	ENG	t
205	Rhetoric	ENG	t
235	The Graphic Novel	ENG	t
200	Environmental Change	ENV	f
320	Natl & Intl Env Policy	ENV	f
220	Mediaeval Society	HIS	t
296	Black Freedom	HIS	t
222	COBOL programming	CSC	f

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