



Stored Functions

LECTURE 4: PROGRAMMING CONSTRUCTS FOR USER-DEFINED FUNCTIONS

General

- ▶ The programming power of MySQL **is limited** when compared to other languages.
- ▶ MySQL language constructs are **designed specifically to work with MySQL databases** rather than as a general-purpose programming language.
- ▶ MySQL provided **extensions to SQL** known as stored programs. **Stored programs** can include procedural code that controls the flow of execution of a database operation.
- ▶ **There are four types of stored programs:**
 - ▶ **Stored Procedure**
 - ▶ Can be called from an application that has access to the database.
 - ▶ **Stored Function**
 - ▶ Can be called from a SQL statement.
 - ▶ **Trigger**
 - ▶ Is executed in response to an INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE statement on a specific table.
 - ▶ **Event**
 - ▶ Is executed at a scheduled time.

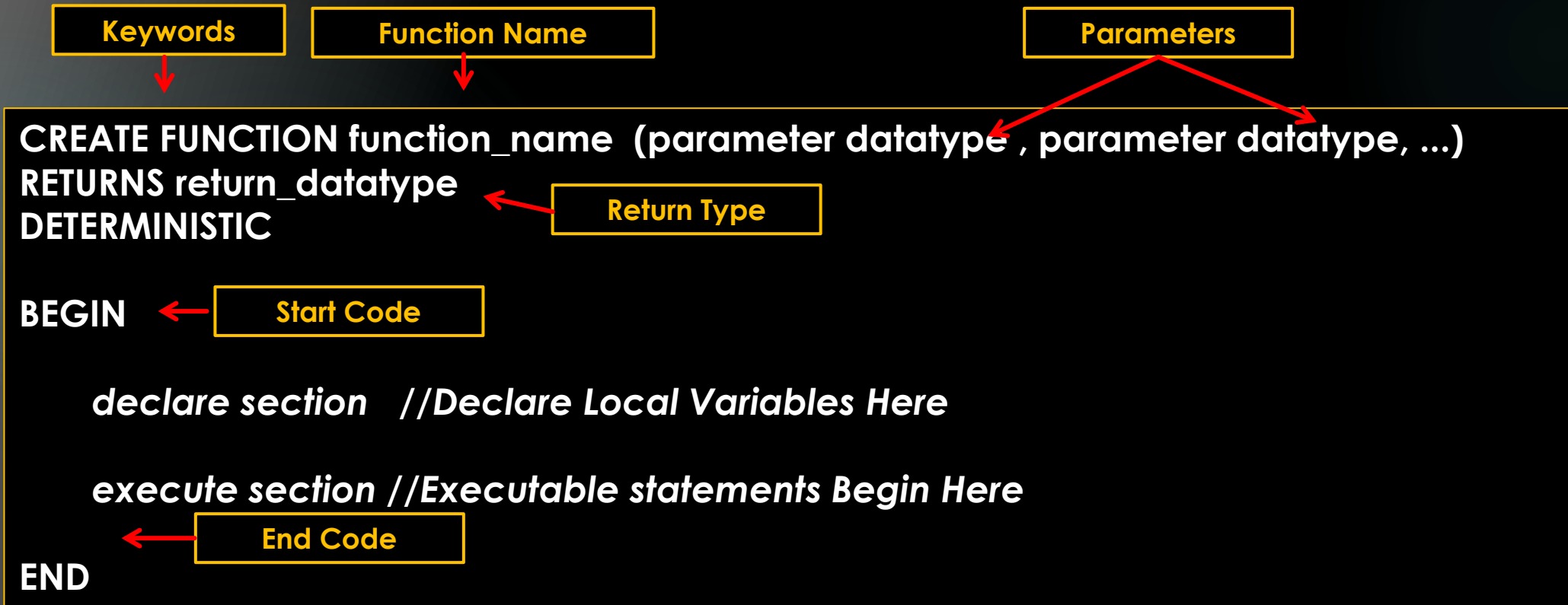
General

- MySQL supports three types of programming structures.

Types of Stored Programs		
Type		Description
Stored Routines	Stored Procedure	Can be called from a SQL statement Can be called from an application that has access to the database.
	Stored Function	Can be called from a SQL statement. Can be considered a user-defined function.
Trigger		Is executed in response to an INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE statement on a specific table.
Event		Is executed at a scheduled time.

User Defined Functions

- ▶ A **user-defined function** (UDF) is a way to extend MySQL with a new function that works like a native (built-in) MySQL function.
- ▶ The syntax for a UDF is:



User-Defined Functions

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The screenshot shows a SQL IDE window titled "functionTesting.sql - Su...". The code is as follows:

```
1 DROP DATABASE IF EXISTS functionDEMO;
2 CREATE DATABASE functionDEMO;
3 USE functionDEMO;
4
5 DELIMITER //
6 CREATE FUNCTION addMe(A INT, B INT)
7 RETURNS INT
8 DETERMINISTIC
9
10 BEGIN
11     DECLARE C INT;
12     SET C = A + B;
13     RETURN C;
14
15 END //
16 DELIMITER ;
17
18 SELECT addMe(10,20) AS VALUE;
19
```

Callouts in the image:

- Parameters:** Points to the parameters `A INT, B INT` in the function definition on line 6.
- Statements:** Points to the `SET C = A + B;` statement on line 12.
- Arguments:** Points to the arguments `10,20` in the function call on line 18.

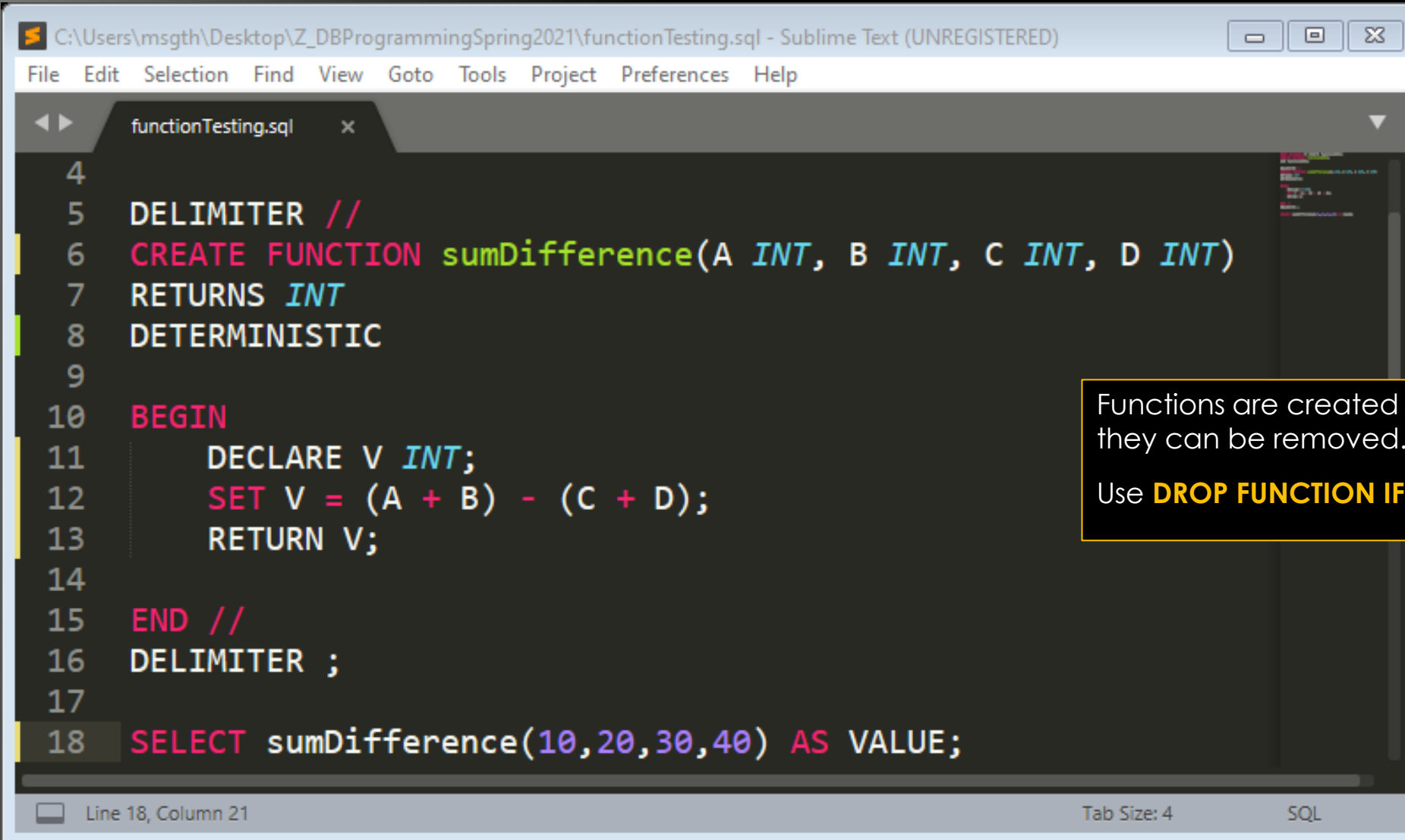
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A MySQL 5.7 Command Window is open in the bottom right, showing the result of the query:

Value
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The screenshot shows a Sublime Text editor window titled "C:\Users\msgth\Desktop\Z_DBProgrammingSpring2021\functionTesting.sql - Sublime Text (UNREGISTERED)". The editor contains the following SQL code:

```
4
5 DELIMITER //
6 CREATE FUNCTION sumDifference(A INT, B INT, C INT, D INT)
7 RETURNS INT
8 DETERMINISTIC
9
10 BEGIN
11     DECLARE V INT;
12     SET V = (A + B) - (C + D);
13     RETURN V;
14
15 END //
16 DELIMITER ;
17
18 SELECT sumDifference(10,20,30,40) AS VALUE;
```

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Functions are created on the server (Globally) and they can be removed.

Use **DROP FUNCTION IF EXISTS...**

Functions and Flow Control

- ▶ MySQL provides statements that can be used within scripts to add functionality similar to that provided by procedural languages.
- ▶ **Flow Control** allows the function to **create branches in execution** based on conditions.

Flow Control	
Keyword	Description
IF...THEN ELSEIF...ELSE...END IF	Controls the flow of execution based on a condition.
CASE...WHEN...ELSE...END CASE	

IF...THEN

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1 DROP DATABASE IF EXISTS functionDEMO;
2 CREATE DATABASE functionDEMO;
3 USE functionDEMO;
4
5 DELIMITER //
6 CREATE FUNCTION bigSmallValue(A INT, B INT, C INT)
7 RETURNS VARCHAR(20)
8 DETERMINISTIC
9
10 BEGIN
11     DECLARE S INT;
12     DECLARE V VARCHAR(20);
13     SET S = (A + B + C);
14     IF S > 99 THEN
15         SET V = 'Big Value';
16     END IF;
17     IF S < 99 THEN
18         SET V = 'Small Value';
19     END IF;
20     RETURN V;
21
22 END //
23 DELIMITER ;
24
25 SELECT bigSmallValue(10,20,30) AS MSG;
26
```

Line 25, Column 39

Conditional Statements

- The **IF...THEN** statement is used to execute one or more statements depending on a Boolean expressions.
- **IF...THEN** statements can be nested within another **IF...THEN** statement.

```
+-----+
| MSG    |
+-----+
| Small Value |
+-----+
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```


IF...THEN ELSE

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8 DETERMINISTIC
9
10 BEGIN
11     DECLARE S INT;
12     DECLARE V VARCHAR(20);
13     SET S = (A + B + C);
14     IF S > 99 THEN
15         SET V = 'Big Value';
16     ELSE
17         SET V = 'Small Value';
18     END IF;
19     RETURN V;
20
21 END //
22 DELIMITER ;
23
24 SELECT bigSmallValue(80,20,30) AS MSG;
25
```

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- The **IF...THEN ELSE** statement is used to execute one or more statements depending on one or more Boolean expressions.

```
+-----+
| MSG   |
+-----+
| Big Value |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Nested IF

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5 DELIMITER //
6 CREATE FUNCTION bigSmallValue(A INT, B INT, C INT)
7 RETURNS VARCHAR(20)
8 DETERMINISTIC
9
10 BEGIN
11     DECLARE S INT;
12     DECLARE V VARCHAR(20);
13     SET S = (A + B + C);
14     IF S > 99 THEN
15         SET V = 'Big Value';
16         IF S = 100 THEN
17             SET V = 'Value is 100';
18         END IF;
19     ELSE
20         SET V = 'Small Value';
21     END IF;
22     RETURN V;
23
24 END //
25 DELIMITER ;
26
27 SELECT bigSmallValue(80,20,0) AS MSG;
28
```

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Nested IF Statement

MSG
Value is 100
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

- **Nested IF statements** allow the testing of multiple conditions.
- Is considered poor style but sometimes may be expedient.

IF...THEN...ELSEIF ELSE

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8 DETERMINISTIC
9
10 BEGIN
11     DECLARE S INT;
12     DECLARE V VARCHAR(20);
13     SET S = (A + B + C);
14     IF S > 99 THEN
15         SET V = 'Big Value';
16     ELSEIF S = 100 THEN
17         SET V = 'Value is 100';
18     ELSEIF S = 150 THEN
19         SET V = 'Value is 150';
20     ELSE
21         SET V = 'Small Value';
22     END IF;
23     RETURN V;
24
25 END //
26 DELIMITER ;
27
28 SELECT bigSmallValue(80,60,10) AS MSG;
29
```

ELSEIF Statement

- **IF... THEN...ELSEIF** tests multiple conditions and **executes the first** true condition.
- This condition is the **MOST** true but it is not the first true statement

```
ELSEIF S = 150 THEN
    SET V = 'Value is 150';
```

```
+-----+
| MSG    |
+-----+
| Big Value |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

CASE...END CASE

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4
5 DELIMITER //
6 CREATE FUNCTION bigSmallValue(A INT, B INT, C INT)
7 RETURNS VARCHAR(20)
8 DETERMINISTIC
9
10 BEGIN
11     DECLARE testMe INT;
12     DECLARE V VARCHAR(20);
13     SET testMe = (A + B + C);
14     CASE testMe
15         WHEN 100 THEN
16             SET V = '100';
17         WHEN 150 THEN
18             SET V = '150';
19         ELSE
20             SET V = '???';
21     END CASE;
22     RETURN V;
23
24 END //
25 DELIMITER ;
26
27 SELECT bigSmallValue(80,60,10) AS MSG;
28
```

CASE Statement

- **CASE statement structure** allow the testing of multiple conditions using pattern matching.
- The first true 'CASE' is executed.

```
+-----+
| MSG   |
+-----+
| 150   |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Functions and Loops

- MySQL provides three types of loops.

Loops	
Keyword	Description
WHILE...DO..END WHILE	Repeats statements while a condition is true.
LOOP...LEAVE...END LOOP	
REPEAT...UNTIL...END REPEAT	

WHILE...DO...END WHILE Loop

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4
5 DELIMITER //
6 CREATE FUNCTION incrementBy10(A INT)
7 RETURNS VARCHAR(20)
8 DETERMINISTIC
9
10 BEGIN
11     DECLARE I INT;
12     DECLARE V VARCHAR(20);
13     SET I = 0;
14     SET V = 0;
15     WHILE I < A DO
16         SET V = V + 10;
17         SET I = I + 1;
18     END WHILE;
19     RETURN V;
20
21 END //
22 DELIMITER ;
23
24 SELECT incrementBy10(4) AS MSG;
25
```

WHILE DO Loop

- The **WHILE DO** loop executes as long as the loop continuation condition is true.

```
+-----+
| MSG   |
+-----+
| 40    |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

LOOP...LEAVE...END LOOP Loop

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5 DELIMITER //
6 CREATE FUNCTION incrementBy10(A INT)
7 RETURNS VARCHAR(20)
8 DETERMINISTIC
9
10 BEGIN
11     DECLARE I INT;
12     DECLARE V VARCHAR(20);
13     SET I = 0;
14     SET V = 0;
15     myLoop: LOOP
16         SET V = V + 10;
17         SET I = I + 1;
18     IF I = A THEN
19         LEAVE myLoop;
20     END IF;
21     END LOOP myLoop;
22     RETURN V;
23
24 END //
25 DELIMITER ;
26
27 SELECT incrementBy10(4) AS MSG;
```

LOOP END LOOP Loop

- The **LOOP END LOOP** loop executes if the loop continuation condition is true.
- The loop continuation condition is specified by use of a conditional statement as uses the **LEAVE** keyword.

```
+-----+
| MSG   |
+-----+
| 40    |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

REPEAT...UNTIL...END REPEAT Loop

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6 CREATE FUNCTION incrementBy10(A INT)
7 RETURNS VARCHAR(20)
8 DETERMINISTIC
9
10 BEGIN
11     DECLARE I INT;
12     DECLARE V VARCHAR(20);
13     SET I = 0;
14     SET V = 0;
15     REPEAT
16         SET V = V + 10;
17         SET I = I + 1;
18     UNTIL I = A
19     END REPEAT;
20     RETURN V;
21
22 END //
23 DELIMITER ;
24
25 SELECT incrementBy10(4) AS MSG;
26
```

REPEAT LOOP Loop

- The **REPEAT...UNTIL LOOP** loop executes if the loop continuation condition is true.
- The loop continuation condition is specified by use of the UNTIL keyword.

```
+-----+
| MSG   |
+-----+
| 40    |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```


UDF inside UDF

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1 DROP DATABASE IF EXISTS functionDEMO;
2 CREATE DATABASE functionDEMO;
3 USE functionDEMO;
4
5 DELIMITER //
6 CREATE FUNCTION plusDifference(A DECIMAL(10,2), B INT)
7 RETURNS DECIMAL(10,2)
8 DETERMINISTIC
9
10 BEGIN
11     DECLARE S DECIMAL(10,2);
12     DECLARE T DECIMAL(10,2);
13     DECLARE U DECIMAL(10,2);
14
15     SET S = addMe(A,B);
16     SET T = subtractMe(A,B);
17     SET U = S + T;
18     RETURN U;
19
20 END //
21 DELIMITER ;
22
23 SELECT plusDifference(10,20) AS MSG;
```

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functionTesting.sql
25 DELIMITER //
26 CREATE FUNCTION addMe(A INT, B INT)
27 RETURNS INT
28 DETERMINISTIC
29
30 BEGIN
31     DECLARE C INT;
32     SET C = A + B;
33     RETURN C;
34
35 END //
36 DELIMITER ;

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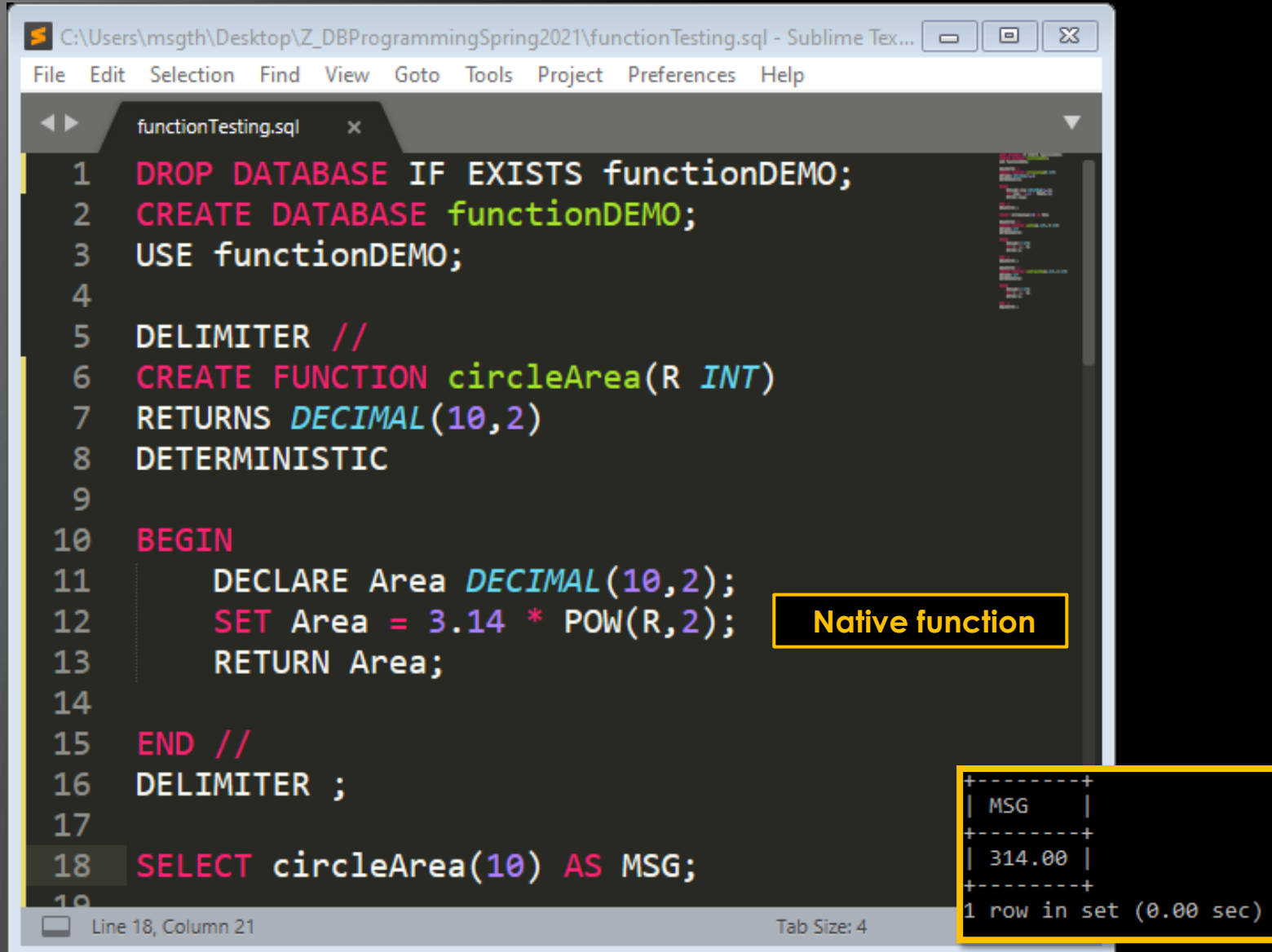
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functionTesting.sql
38 DELIMITER //
39 CREATE FUNCTION subtractMe(A INT, B INT)
40 RETURNS INT
41 DETERMINISTIC
42
43 BEGIN
44     DECLARE C INT;
45     SET C = A - B;
46     RETURN C;
47
48 END //
49 DELIMITER ;

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```

UDF and Native Function

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The screenshot shows a Sublime Text editor window with the file path `C:\Users\msgth\Desktop\Z_DBProgrammingSpring2021\functionTesting.sql`. The editor contains SQL code for creating and testing a native function. A yellow box highlights the function definition, and another yellow box highlights the execution result.

```
1 DROP DATABASE IF EXISTS functionDEMO;
2 CREATE DATABASE functionDEMO;
3 USE functionDEMO;
4
5 DELIMITER //
6 CREATE FUNCTION circleArea(R INT)
7 RETURNS DECIMAL(10,2)
8 DETERMINISTIC
9
10 BEGIN
11     DECLARE Area DECIMAL(10,2);
12     SET Area = 3.14 * POW(R,2);
13     RETURN Area;
14
15 END //
16 DELIMITER ;
17
18 SELECT circleArea(10) AS MSG;
```

Native function

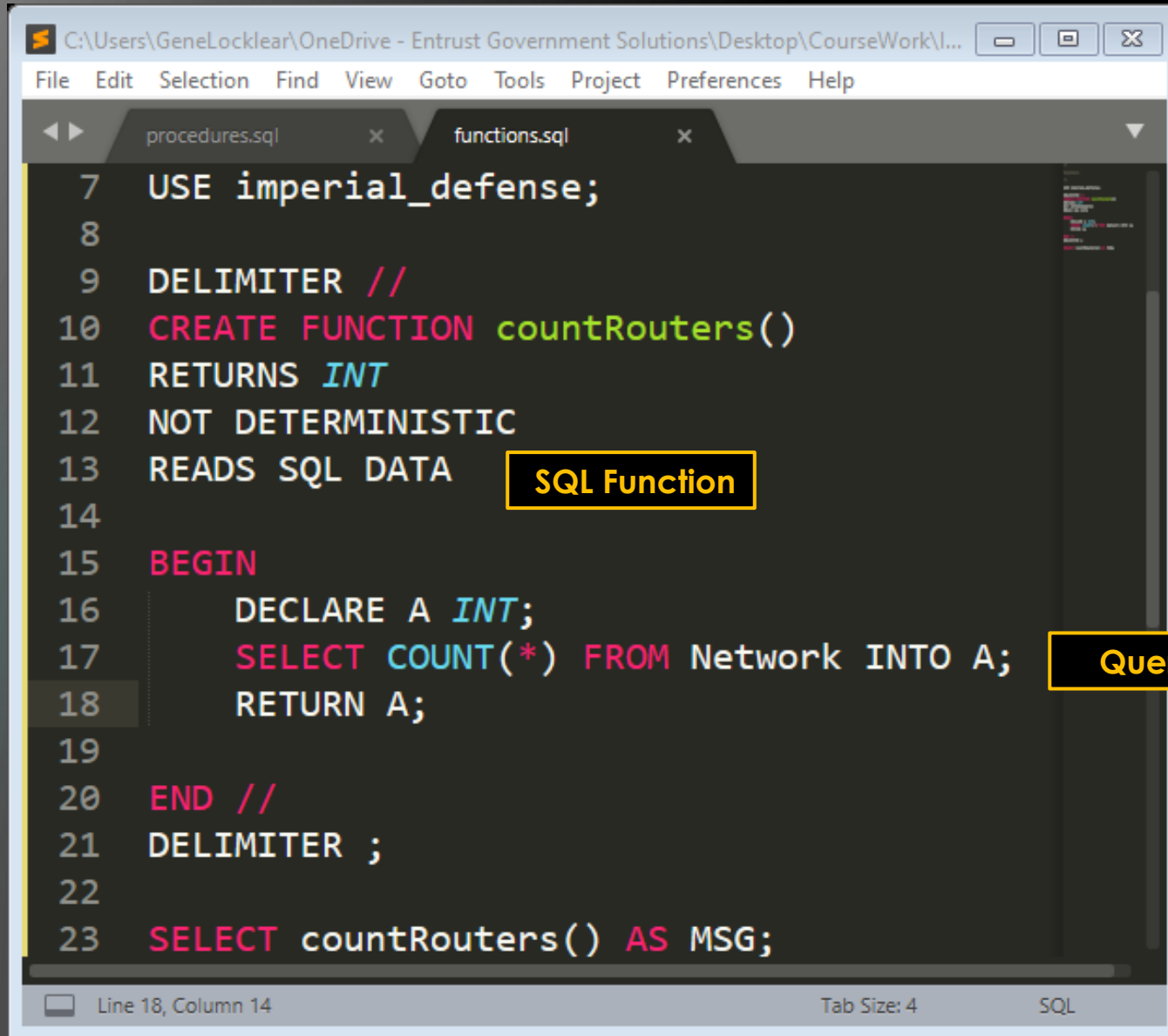
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SQL and User-Defined Functions

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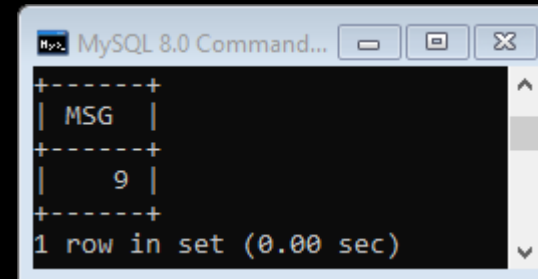
The screenshot shows a SQL IDE window with the following code in the 'functions.sql' tab:

```
7 USE imperial_defense;
8
9 DELIMITER //
10 CREATE FUNCTION countRouters()
11 RETURNS INT
12 NOT DETERMINISTIC
13 READS SQL DATA
14
15 BEGIN
16     DECLARE A INT;
17     SELECT COUNT(*) FROM Network INTO A;
18     RETURN A;
19
20 END //
21 DELIMITER ;
22
23 SELECT countRouters() AS MSG;
```

Annotations in the image:

- A yellow box labeled "SQL Function" points to the `CREATE FUNCTION` statement (lines 10-13).
- A yellow box labeled "Query" points to the `SELECT COUNT(*) FROM Network INTO A;` statement (line 17).

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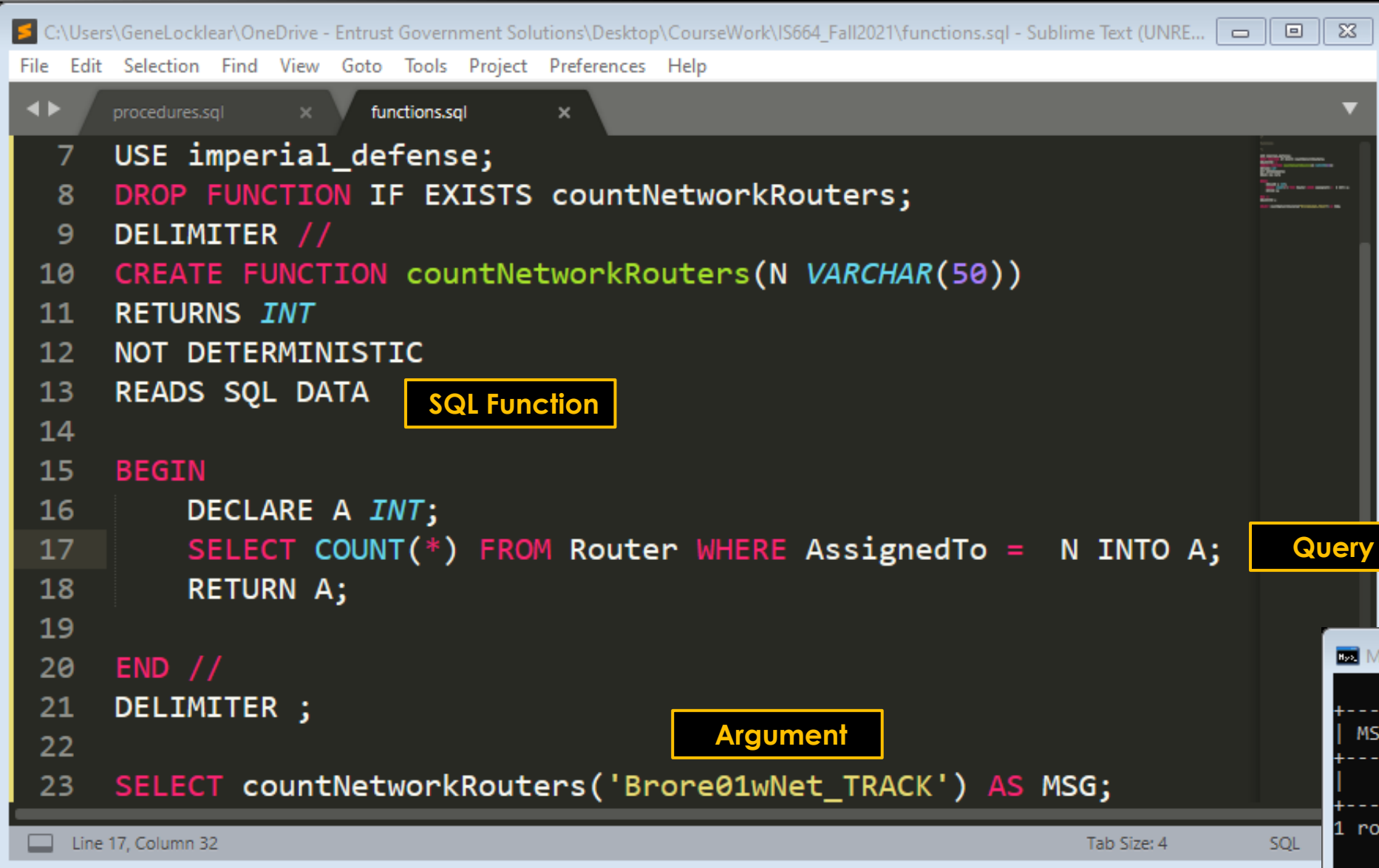


The screenshot shows the MySQL 8.0 Command Line window with the following output:

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| MSG   |
+-----+
|      9 |
+-----+
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```

SQL and User-Defined Functions

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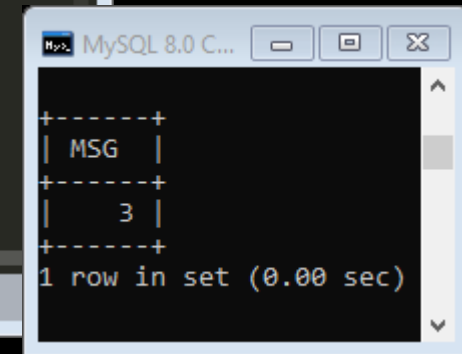
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7 USE imperial_defense;
8 DROP FUNCTION IF EXISTS countNetworkRouters;
9 DELIMITER //
10 CREATE FUNCTION countNetworkRouters(N VARCHAR(50))
11 RETURNS INT
12 NOT DETERMINISTIC
13 READS SQL DATA
14
15 BEGIN
16     DECLARE A INT;
17     SELECT COUNT(*) FROM Router WHERE AssignedTo = N INTO A;
18     RETURN A;
19
20 END //
21 DELIMITER ;
22
23 SELECT countNetworkRouters('Brore01wNet_TRACK') AS MSG;
```

SQL Function

Query

Argument

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```
MySQL 8.0 C...
+-----+
| MSG |
+-----+
| 3 |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Practical Exercise

- ▶ Create a single **.sql** script which accomplishes the following task.
 1. Create the function **displayScriptAuthor** which displays your name.
 1. Call the function displayScriptAuthor.
 2. Create the function **average5** which accepts 5 integer parameters and returns their average.
 1. Call the function with the parameters 1,2,3,4,5
 3. Create the function **varianceA** which accepts a single numeric parameter (A) and calculates the variance of the numbers 1 to A
 1. Call the function with the parameter 5
 4. Create the function **sigmaA** which accepts a single numeric parameter (A) and calculates the standard deviation of the numbers 1 to A
 1. Call the function with the parameter 5