# Common SQL Data Types

DATA TYPE	FORMAT	COMMENTS
Numeric	NUMBER(L,D) or NUMERIC(L,D)	The declaration NUMBER(7,2) or NUMERIC(7,2) indicates that numbers will be stored with two decimal places and may be up to seven digits long, including the sign and the decimal place (for example, $12.32$ or $-134.99$ ).
	INTEGER	May be abbreviated as INT. Integers are (whole) counting numbers, so they cannot be used if you want to store numbers that require decimal places.
	SMALLINT	Like INTEGER but limited to integer values up to six digits. If your integer values are relatively small, use SMALLINT instead of INT.
	DECIMAL(L,D)	Like the NUMBER specification, but the storage length is a <i>minimum</i> specification. That is, greater lengths are acceptable, but smaller ones are not. DECIMAL(9,2), DECIMAL(9), and DECIMAL are all acceptable.
Character	CHAR(L)	Fixed-length character data for up to 255 characters. If you store strings that are not as long as the CHAR parameter value, the remaining spaces are left unused. Therefore, if you specify CHAR(25), strings such as <i>Smith</i> and <i>Katzenjammer</i> are each stored as 25 characters. However, a U.S. area code is always three digits long, so CHAR(3) would be appropriate if you wanted to store such codes.
	VARCHAR(L) or VARCHAR2(L)	Variable-length character data. The designation VARCHAR2(25) or VARCHAR(25) will let you store characters up to 25 characters long. However, unlike CHAR, VARCHAR will not leave unused spaces. Oracle automatically converts VARCHAR to VARCHAR2.
Date	DATE	Stores dates in the Julian date format.

## SQL Date and DateTime Data Types

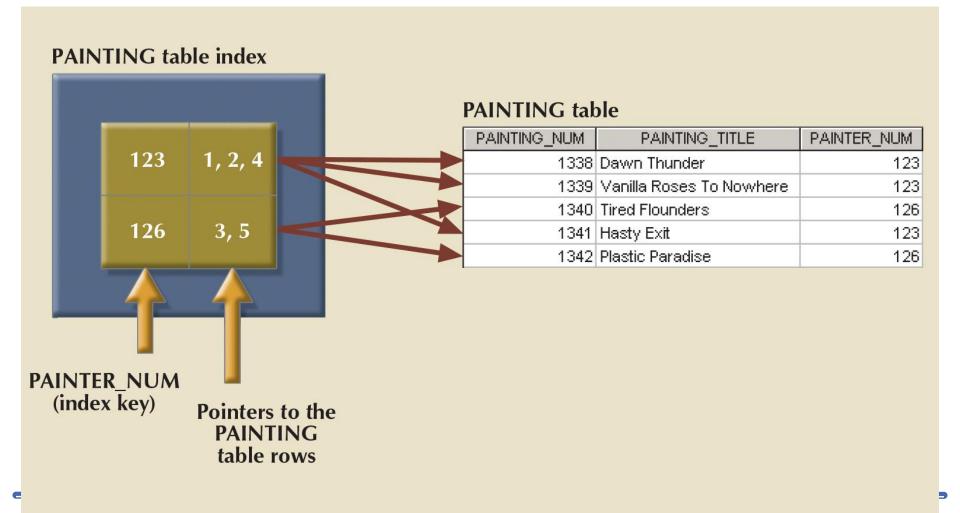
- The DATE type is used for values with a date part but no time part.
  - MySQL retrieves and displays DATE values in 'YYYY-MM-DD' format.
  - The supported range is '1000-01-01' to '9999-12-31'.
- The DATETIME type is used for values that contain both date and time parts.
  - MySQL retrieves and displays DATETIME values in 'YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS' format.
  - The supported range is '1000-01-01 00:00:00' to '9999-12-31 23:59:59'
- TIMESTAMP is used to record the date and time of an event
  - The time zone used is the server's time zone
  - The supported range is '1970-01-01 00:00:01' UTC to '2038-01-19 03:14:07' UTC

Indexes

#### Indexes

- Indexes are created to provide quick access to data
  - Orderly arrangement to logically access rows in a table
- Index key: Index's reference point that leads to data location identified by the key
- Unique index: Index key can have only one pointer value associated with it
- Each index is associated with only one table
  - One table can have several indexes
  - Index is automatically created on the primary key column

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- When primary key is declared, DBMS automatically creates unique index
- The **CREATE INDEX** command can be used to create indexes on the basis of any selected attribute
- UNIQUE qualifier prevents a value that has been used before
  - Composite indexes prevent data duplication
- To delete an index use the DROP INDEX command

## SQL Indexes - Examples

#### **Syntax:**

```
CREATE [UNIQUE] INDEX indexname ON tablename (col1 [, col2]);
```

#### **Examples:**

```
CREATE UNIQUE INDEX P_CODEX

ON PRODUCT (P_CODE); -- Creates index on column P_CODE

CREATE INDEX PROD_PRICEX

ON PROD (P_PRICE DESC); -- Creates index in desc. order

DROP INDEX PROD PRICEX; -- Deletes index PROD_PRICEX
```

Modifying Table Structure

## Modifying Table Structure

- ALTER TABLE command: To make changes in the table structure
- Keywords used with the command
  - ADD Adds a column
  - MODIFY Changes column characteristics
  - DROP Deletes a column
- Also used to:
  - Add table constraints
  - Remove table constraints

# Changing a Column's Data Type and Data Characteristics

- ALTER used to change data type and characteristics
  - Some RDBMSs do not permit changes to data types unless column is empty
  - Changes in characteristics are permitted if they do not alter the existing data type
- Syntax:
  - Data Type: ALTER TABLE tablename MODIFY (columnname(datatype));
  - Data Characteristic: ALTER TABLE tablename MODIFY (columnname(characteristic));

## Adding and Dropping Columns

- Adding a column
  - Use ALTER and ADD
  - Do not include the NOT NULL clause for new column
- Dropping a column
  - Use ALTER and DROP
  - Some RDBMSs impose restrictions on the deletion of an attribute

### ALTER TABLE – Examples

This command adds a new column to the PRODUCT table

ALTER TABLE PRODUCT

ADD (P\_SALECODE CHAR(1));

This command modifies the column width

ALTER TABLE PRODUCT

MODIFY P\_SALECODE CHAR(2);

This command deletes the column

ALTER TABLE PRODUCT

DROP COLUMN P\_SALECODE;

#### Deleting a Table from the Database

- **DROP TABLE**: Deletes table from database
  - Syntax DROP TABLE tablename;
  - Can drop a table only if it is not the one side of any relationship
    - RDBMS generates a foreign key integrity violation error message if you try to drop a referenced table

SQL's Data Manipulation Language (DML)

## Adding Data to a Table

• Add Table rows using the INSERT command

INSERT INTO tablename

VALUES (value1, value2, ..., valueN);

• Example:

INSERT INTO VENDOR

```
VALUES (21225, 'Bryson, Inc.', 'Smithson', '615', '223-3234', 'TN', 'Y');
```

• To view all data in the table, use the following command:

```
SELECT * FROM VENDOR
```

More on SELECT later

## Adding Rows with Optional Attributes

- All NOT NULL columns need to be included in the INSERT command for adding a table row
- What to do when tables have several optional columns and no data needs to be added yet?
  - Use list of column names to specify what data is being entered
  - Example:

INSERT INTO PRODUCT (P\_CODE, P\_DESCRIPT)

VALUES ('BRT-345', 'Titanium drill bit');

(Note: We are assuming here that only 2 columns are NOT NULL)

## Saving Table Changes

- Changes not made permanent until saved in database
  - Power outage may result in loss of data
- Table contents can be saved by using the COMMIT command
- Syntax:
   START TRANSACTION (or BEGIN [WORK])
   COMMIT [WORK];
- COMMIT command permanently saves all changes made to any table in the database.

### Restoring Table Contents

- Database can be restored to its previous condition using the ROLLBACK command
  - The changes should not have been permanently stored in the database through the COMMIT command
- Syntax:

#### ROLLBACK [WORK];

 COMMIT and ROLLBACK only work with the data manipulation commands that add, modify or delete table rows

#### Restoring Table Contents

#### • Example:

- 1. CREATE a table called SALES
- 2. INSERT 10 rows in the SALES table
- 3. UPDATE 2 rows in the SALES table
- 4. Execute the ROLLBACK command

- What does the ROLLBACK command do?
  - ROLLBACK will only undo the results of the INSERT and UPDATE commands

#### Deleting Table Rows

Syntax:

```
DELETE FROM tablename

[WHERE conditionlist];
```

- Examples:
  - To delete all data from the PRODUCT table DELETE FROM PRODUCT;
  - To delete all rows with P\_MIN = 5
     DELETE FROM PRODUCT
     WHERE P\_MIN = 5;

#### Inserting Table Rows with SELECT

- Select subquery can be used to add multiple rows to a table, using another table as the source of data
  - Subquery is also called a nested query or inner query
- Syntax:

```
INSERT INTO tablename
SELECT columnlist FROM tablename;
```

Example:

```
INSERT INTO TMP_PROD

SELECT P_CODE FROM PRODUCTS;
```

## Listing Table Data – The SELECT statement

- SELECT command is used to list table contents
- Syntax:

SELECT columnlist FROM tablename;

- Example:
  - Listing all table data

SELECT \* FROM VENDOR;

Listing selected columns

SELECT P\_DESCRIPT, P\_PRICE FROM PRODUCT;

#### **SELECT** with Conditional Restrictions

Syntax:

SELECT columnlist

FROM tablelist

[WHERE conditionlist];

Example: Display all products supplied by V\_CODE 21344

SELECT P\_DESCRIPT, P\_INDATE, P\_PRICE, V\_CODE

FROM PRODUCT

WHERE  $V_{CODE} = 21344$ 

P_DESCRIPT	P_INDATE	P_PRICE	V_CODE
7.25-in. pwr. saw blade	13-Dec-15	14.99	21344
9.00-in. pwr. saw blade	13-Nov-15	17.49	21344
Rat-tail file, 1/8-in. fine	15-Dec-15	4.99	21344

## **Comparison Operators**

Adds conditional restrictions on selected character attributes

and dates

#### **COMPARISON OPERATORS**

SYMBOL	MEANING
=	Equal to
<	Less than
<=	Less than or equal to
>	Greater than
>=	Greater than or equal to
<> or !=	Not equal to

#### **SELECT** with Conditional Restrictions

Example 2: Display all products not supplied by V\_CODE

= 21344

SELECT ,

FROM PRODUCT

WHERE  $V_{CODE} \ll 21344$ ;

 Example 3: Display description and price of products with price less than 10

SELECT P\_DESCRIPT, P\_PRICE

FROM PRODUCT

WHERE  $P_PRICE < 10;$ 

## Logical Operators: AND, OR and NOT

- OR and AND: Used to link multiple conditional expressions in a WHERE or HAVING clause
  - **OR** requires only one of the conditional expressions to be true
  - **AND** requires all of the conditional expressions to be true
- NOT is used to negate the result of a conditional expression

# Selected PRODUCT Table Attributes: The Logical OR

#### Return selected columns for products with V\_CODE = 21344 or 24288

P_DESCRIPT	P_INDATE	P_PRICE	V_CODE
7.25-in. pwr. saw blade	13-Dec-15	14.99	21344
9.00-in. pwr. saw blade	13-Nov-15	17.49	21344
B&D jigsaw, 12-in. blade	30-Dec-15	109.92	24288
B&D jigsaw, 8-in. blade	24-Dec-15	99.87	24288
Rat-tail file, 1/8-in. fine	15-Dec-15	4.99	21344
Hicut chain saw, 16 in.	07-Feb-16	256.99	24288

SELECT P\_DESCRIPT, P\_INDATE, P\_PRICE, V\_CODE FROM PRODUCT WHERE V CODE = 21344 OR V CODE = 24288;

# Selected PRODUCT Table Attributes: The Logical AND

Return selected columns for products with P\_PRICE < 50 AND P\_INDATE > '15-Jan-2016'

P_DESCRIPT	P_INDATE	P_PRICE	V_CODE
B&D cordless drill, 1/2-in.	20-Jan-16	38.95	25595
Claw hammer	20-Jan-16	9.95	21225
PVC pipe, 3.5-in., 8-ft	20-Feb-16	5.87	
1.25-in. metal screw, 25	01-Mar-16	6.99	21225
2.5-in. wd. screw, 50	24-Feb-16	8.45	21231

SELECT P\_DESCRIPT, P\_INDATE, P\_PRICE, V\_CODE

FROM PRODUCT

WHERE P\_PRICE < 50 AND P\_INDATE > '2016-01-15';

# Selected PRODUCT Table Attributes: The Logical AND and OR

Return selected columns for Products either with P\_PRICE < 50 AND P\_INDATE > '15-Jan-2016' OR with V\_CODE = 24288

P_DESCRIPT	P_INDATE	P_PRICE	V_CODE
B&D jigsaw, 12-in. blade	30-Dec-15	109.92	24288
B&D jigsavv, 8-in. blade	24-Dec-15	99.87	24288
B&D cordless drill, 1/2-in.	20-Jan-16	38.95	25595
Claw hammer	20-Jan-16	9.95	21225
Hicut chain saw, 16 in.	07-Feb-16	256.99	24288
PVC pipe, 3.5-in., 8-ft	20-Feb-16	5.87	
1.25-in. metal screw, 25	01-Mar-16	6.99	21225
2.5-in. wd. screw, 50	24-Feb-16	8.45	21231

SELECT

P\_DESCRIPT, P\_INDATE, P\_PRICE, V\_CODE

FROM

**PRODUCT** 

WHERE

(P\_PRICE < 50 AND P\_INDATE > '2016-01-15')

**OR**  $V_{CODE} = 24288;$ 

# Comparison Operators: Computed Columns and Column Aliases

- SQL accepts any valid expressions/formulas in the computed columns
- Alias: Alternate name given to a column or table in any SQL statement to improve the readability
- Computed column, an alias, and date arithmetic can be used in a single query

#### Arithmetic Operators

- The Rule of Precedence: Establish the order in which computations are completed
- Performed in this order:
  - Operations within parentheses
  - Power operations
  - Multiplications and divisions
  - Additions and subtractions
- Remember BODMAS?
  - Bracket, Order, Division, Multiplication, Addition,
     Subtraction

#### The Arithmetic Operators

#### THE ARITHMETIC OPERATORS

OPERATOR	DESCRIPTION
+	Add
-	Subtract
*	Multiply
/	Divide
٨	Raise to the power of (some applications use ** instead of ^)

Note: MySQL uses the function Power(a,b) or Pow(a,b) to return a<sup>b</sup>.

-e.g. pow(3,2) returns 9

## **Special Operators**

#### **BETWEEN**

• Checks whether attribute value is within a range

#### IS NULL

• Checks whether attribute value is null

#### LIKE

• Checks whether attribute value matches given string pattern

#### IN

• Checks whether attribute value matches any value within a value list

#### **EXISTS**

Checks if subquery returns any rows

### Examples – BETWEEN and IS NULL

#### **BETWEEN**

- SELECT \* FROM PRODUCT
   WHERE P\_PRICE BETWEEN 50 AND 100;
   is the same as:
- SELECT \* FROM PRODUCT
   WHERE P\_PRICE >= 50 AND P\_PRICE <= 100;</li>
- Note: BETWEEN 100 AND 50 would be the same as
   WHERE P\_PRICE <= 50 AND P\_PRICE >= 100; this will be incorrect.

#### IS NULL

SELECT \* FROM PRODUCT WHERE V\_CODE IS NULL;

### Example - LIKE

- SELECT \* FROM VENDOR
   WHERE V\_CONTACT LIKE 'SMITH%';
   (returns Smith and Smithson from the VENDOR data file shown earlier)
- SELECT \* FROM VENDOR
   WHERE V\_CONTACT LIKE 'S%';
   (returns Singh, Smith and Smithson from the data file shown earlier)
- SELECT \* FROM VENDOR
   WHERE V\_CONTACT NOT LIKE 'S%';
   (returns everyone except Singh, Smith and Smithson from the data file shown earlier)

#### Wildcards

- % sign = all *following* or *preceding* characters
  - Examples:

```
J% => Jim, Jane, Jules, Jones, Johnson, July, ...
Jo% => Jones, Johnson
%ul% => Jules, July
```

- \_ character = any one character
  - Example

```
23-456-6789 \Rightarrow 123-456-6789, 223-456-6789, \dots
123-456-6\underline{\phantom{0}}9 \Rightarrow 123-456-6119, 123-456-6129, \dots
```

#### Example – IN

- SELECT \* FROM PRODUCT
   WHERE V\_CODE IN (21344, 24288);
- SELECT \* FROM VENDOR
   WHERE V\_CODE
   IN (SELECT V\_CODE FROM PRODUCT)
  - Inner query executed first, returning a list of V\_CODEs from the PRODUCT table
  - The IN operator compares the values generated from the sub-query to the V\_CODE in the VENDOR table, and select only rows with matching values

## Example – EXISTS

- Used to execute a command based on the results of another query
- SELECT \* FROM VENDOR
   WHERE EXISTS (SELECT \* FROM PRODUCT
   WHERE P\_QOH <= P\_MIN);</li>
  - The main query will execute only if the sub-query returns any rows. It will not be executed otherwise
- SELECT V\_CONTACT FROM VENDOR
   WHERE EXISTS (SELECT \* FROM PRODUCT
   WHERE P\_QOH < P\_MIN\*2);</li>

## Ordering a Listing

- ORDER BY clause is useful when listing order is important
- Syntax SELECT columnlist

FROM tablelist

[WHERE conditionlist]

[ORDER BY columnlist [ASC | DESC]];

- Cascading order sequence: Multilevel ordered sequence
  - Created by listing several attributes after the ORDER BY clause

## Ordering a Listing

- SELECT \* FROM PRODUCT
   ORDER BY P\_PRICE
   (lists all products in ascending order of their price)
- SELECT P\_DESCRIPT, P\_PRICE FROM PRODUCT WHERE P\_DESCRIPT LIKE '%hammer%'
   ORDER BY P\_PRICE DESC
- SELECT \* FROM PRODUCT
   ORDER BY P\_DESCRIPT, P\_PRICE DESC
   (lists all products ordered by description in ascending order and then by their price in descending order)