

FunSQL:  
A library for compositional construction  
of SQL queries

*Find all patients born at or after 1950.*

```
function find_patients(conn)
    sql = """
    SELECT person_id
    FROM patient
    WHERE year_of_birth >= 1950
    """
    DBInterface.execute(conn, sql)
end
```

- What is SQL? Data is often stored in relational databases, and to retrieve it, we write queries in SQL.
- Popular databases with SQL interface include MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQLite, Microsoft SQL Server, Redshift, BigQuery, and many others.
- Julia already has a number of libraries that let you interact with SQL databases.
- Why another tool?

*Find all patients born between*

1950

*and*

```
function find_patients(conn; start_year = nothing,  
                        end_year = nothing)  
  
    sql = ""  
    SELECT person_id  
    FROM patient  
    ""  
  
    conditions = String[]  
    if start_year != nothing  
        push!(conditions, "year_of_birth >= $start_year")  
    end  
    if end_year != nothing  
        push!(conditions, "year_of_birth <= $end_year")  
    end  
    if !isempty(conditions)  
        sql *= "\nWHERE " * join(conditions, " AND ")  
    end  
    DBInterface.execute(conn, sql)  
end
```

*Find all patients born between*

*and*

*living in*

*with conditions*

*who visited a doctor*

"location"

"condition\_occurrence"

"visit\_occurrence"

```
function find_patients(conn; start_year = nothing,  
                          end_year = nothing,  
                          state = nothing,  
                          conditions = []  
                          last_visit = nothing)
```

```
    sql = ""
```

```
    SELECT person_id
```

```
    FROM patient
```

```
    ""
```

```
    ???
```

```
    DBInterface.execute(conn, sql)
```

```
end
```

- Clearly, a more systematic approach is necessary.



- A small diversion to introduce the database schema which we will use in subsequent examples.
- OMOP Common Data Model is a popular open-source used in healthcare of observational research.
- As typical in healthcare, the schema is patient-centric. The *person* table stores information about patients including basic demographic information. Their address is stored in a separate table called *location*.
- Most of the patient data consists of clinical events: encounters with healthcare providers, recorded observations, diagnosed conditions, performed procedures, etc.

```
using FunSQL: SQLTable

const person =
  SQLTable(name = :person,
    columns = [:person_id, :year_of_birth, :location_id])

const location =
  SQLTable(name = :location,
    columns = [:location_id, :city, :state, :zip])

const condition_occurrence =
  SQLTable(name = :condition_occurrence,
    columns = [:condition_occurrence_id, :person_id,
      :condition_concept_id,
      :condition_start_date, :condition_end_date])

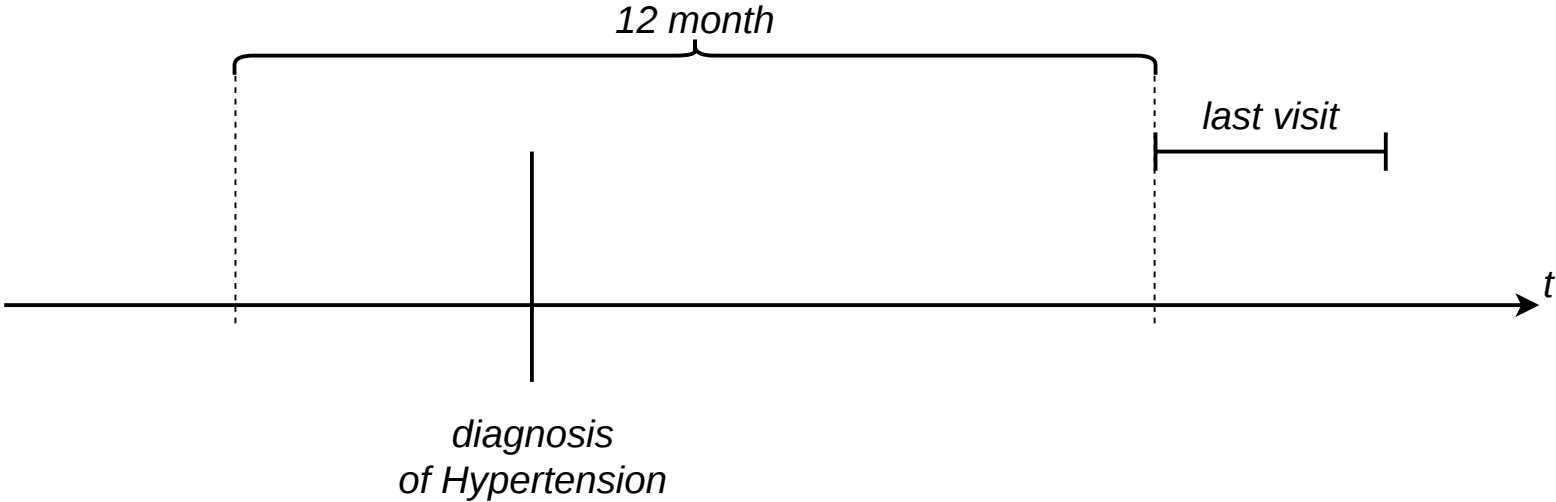
const visit_occurrence =
  SQLTable(name = :visit_occurrence,
    columns = [:visit_occurrence_id, :person_id,
      :visit_concept_id,
      :visit_start_date, :visit_end_date])
```

*Find all patients born in 1970 or later and living in Illinois who have been diagnosed with Hypertension no more than 12 months before their last visit to a healthcare provider.*

- To demonstrate FunSQL, we will use it to construct one SQL query.
- We will state the full query in English, then construct it using FunSQL step by step.
- This will also give us an opportunity to discuss different capabilities of FunSQL.

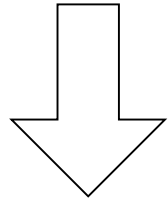
*Find patients*

- *born in 1970 or later,*
- *living in Illinois,*
- *such that their last visit to the healthcare provider satisfies:*

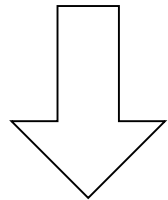


*Find all patients born in 1970 or later.*

FROM person p

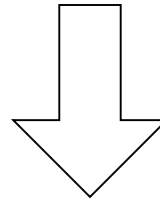


FROM person p  
WHERE p.year\_of\_birth >= 1950

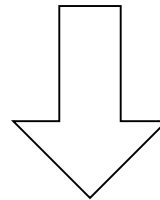


SELECT p.person\_id  
FROM person p  
WHERE p.year\_of\_birth >= 1950

From(person)



From(person) |>  
Where(Get.year\_of\_birth .>= 1950)



From(person) |>  
Where(Get.year\_of\_birth .>= 1950) |>  
Select(Get.person\_id)

- A SQL query starts with a FROM clause, where you can choose the starting table.
- What follows it is a sequence of operations which let you shape the output.
- The final clause is always SELECT, which is written at the top, but is always performed last.
- In FunSQL, we replicate the structure of the query using appropriate constructors and the chain operator for composing them.



## Bound References

`q.year_of_birth`                      `q.person_id`

```
q = From(person)
q = q |> Where(q.year_of_birth .>= 1950)
q = q |> Select(q.person_id)
```

- Both bound and unbound references are supported.
- Unbound references make decomposition easier.

## Unbound References

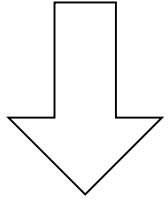
`Get.year_of_birth`                      `Get.person_id`

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  Where(Get.year_of_birth .>= 1950) |>
  Select(Get.person_id)
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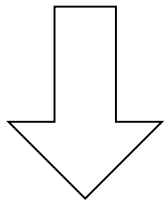
```
BornInOrLater(y) =
  Get.year_of_birth .>= y
```

```
q = From(person) |>
  Where(BornInOrLater(1950)) |>
  Select(Get.person_id)
```

FROM person p

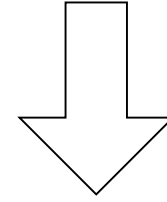


```
FROM person p
JOIN location l
  ON (p.location_id = l.location_id)
```

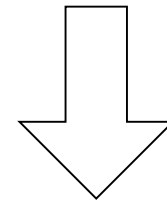


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SELECT p.person_id, l.state
FROM person p
JOIN location l
  ON (p.location_id = l.location_id)
```

From(person)

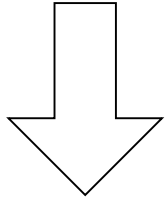


```
From(person) |>
Join(:location => location,
      Get.location_id .==
      Get.location.location_id)
```

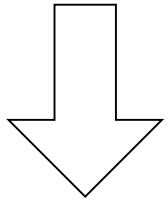


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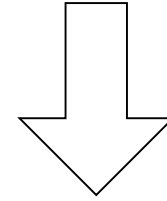


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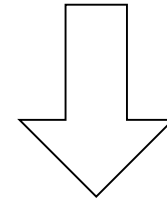


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