

database and SQL

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roadmap

time	topic
8:30 – 9:30am	introduction
9:30 – 10:00am	query & filter data
10:00 – 10:15am	break
10:15 – 11:30am	query & filter data (cont.)
11:30 – 12:00am	Q & A
12:00 – 1:00pm	lunch
1:00 – 2:30pm	create & modify data
2:30 – 3:15pm	break
3:15 – 4:00pm	SQL and R



getting to know each other

- Get together with the person next to you to create a pair. Each pair will be given a number.
- Interview each other:
 - ☐ What did you do before NU?
 - ☐ Why do you want to pursue this degree?
 - ☐ If you can be an animal, what will you be? And why?



introduction

what is a database?
SQL and PostgreSQL
data type

what is a database?



unstructured
data

First name	Last name	DOB

structured
data

First name	Last name	DOB	Occ

database = a set of
structured data

scale of storage

complexity

accessibility

type of storage



flat file

text file or
spreadsheet

simple data
storage

not scalable



XML

tree structure
more advanced
data storage
somewhat
scalable



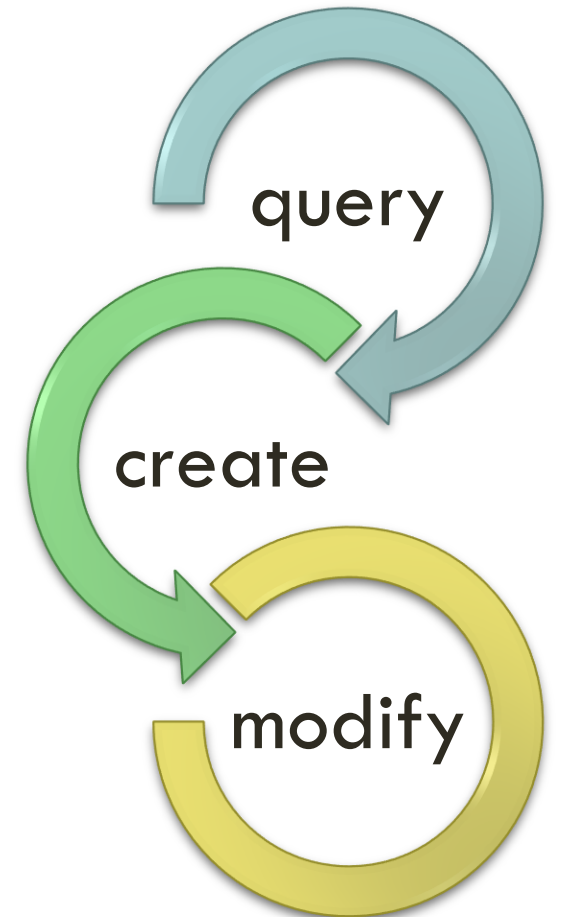
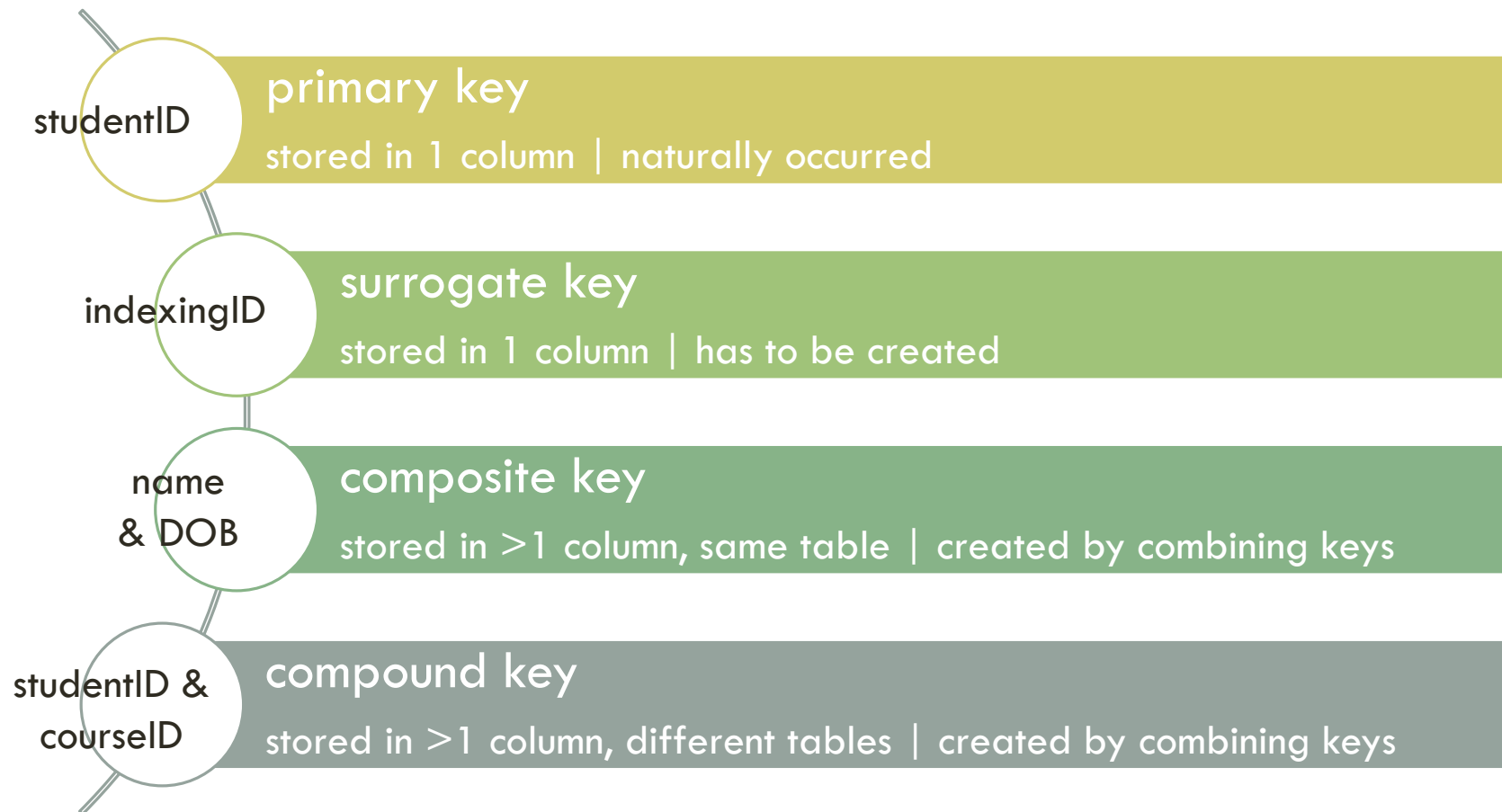
relational db

using linked tables
highly structured
most advanced
data storage
highly scalable

short-term storage
used for transfer of data

long-term storage
used for storage of data

what to do with a db?



other components

trigger

- “if X happens, do Y”
- safety measure

function

- define a calculation

procedure

- a series of tasks

view

- predefined view of the data

sequence

- automatic incremental series

services

- reporting
- recovery
- others

data type

boolean

true/false/null

character

char(n)
varchar(n):
fixed-length, w/
or w/o space
padded

text: unlimited
character

numeric

integers: **int**

floating-point
numbers: **float(n),**
numeric(p,s)

temporal

date

time

interval

Others

SQL: why should you care?



robust
capability



increase
marketability



coursework
requirement

PostgreSQL

- a free and open source software to run SQL
- designed to be extensible
 - users can develop plugin to enhance functioning
- multi-version concurrency control, allowing concurrent performance



set up

Connect to a remote desktop

- Open Remote Desktop Connection
- Connect to: ts2.lab.analytics.northwestern.edu
- Username: **mcc/netID**

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PgAdmin

- Open PgAdmin from desktop
- Right-click Server\Create server\Pick "Connection"



Create - Server	
General	Connection
Host name/address	pg
Port	5432
Maintenance database	postgres
Username	netid
Password

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Git Bash

- Open Git Bash
- Type: `$ psql -h pg -d dvdrental`

MINGW64:/z/

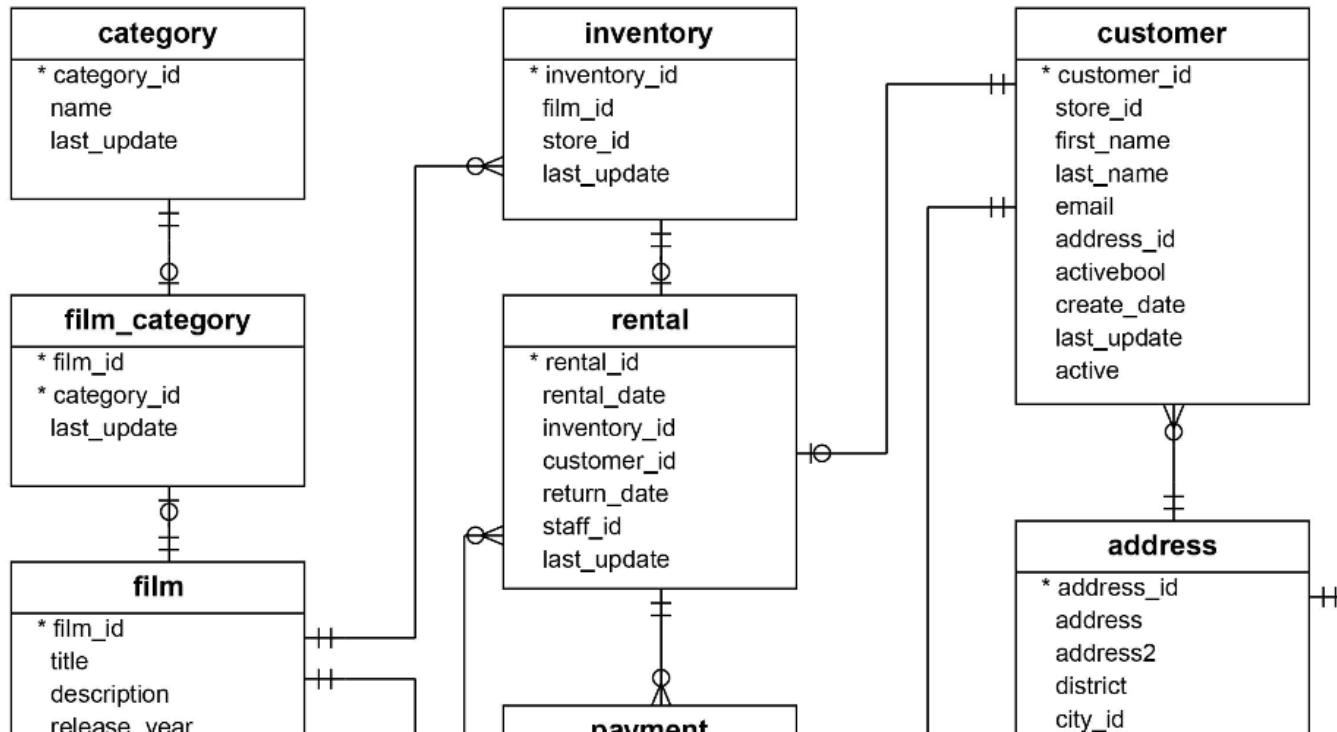
```
MCC+ttt8480@TS2 MINGW64 ~
$ psql -h pg -d dvdrental
Password:
psql (9.6.3, server 10.5)
WARNING: psql major version 9.6, server major version 10.5
Some psql features might not work.
WARNING: Console code page (437) differs from Windows code page (65000)
8-bit characters might not work correctly.
page "Notes for Windows users" for details.
Type "help" for help.

dvdrental=> SELECT * from actor;
```

query & filter data

database introduction
create script
query & filter data

dvdrental db



15 tables

1 trigger

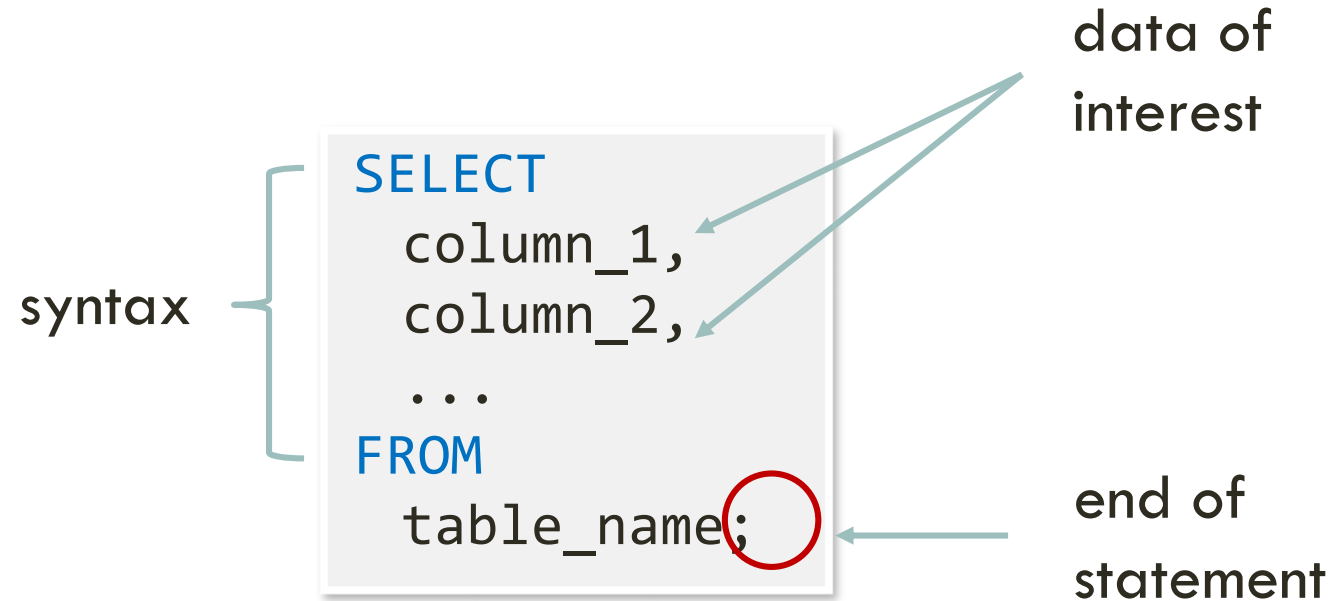
7 views

8 functions

1 domain

13 sequences

writing a statement



query & filter data

ORDER BY

```
SELECT
  column_1,
  column_2,
  ...
FROM
  table_name
ORDER BY
  column_1 ASC,
  column_2 DESC;
```

WHERE

```
SELECT
  column_1,
  column_2,
  ...
FROM
  table_name
WHERE
  condition_1,
  condition_2
  ...;
```

Logical operations:

=, >, <, >=, <=

<> or !=

AND, OR

query data

LIMIT & OFFSET

```
SELECT
    column_1,
    column_2,
    ...
FROM
    table_name
LIMIT n
OFFSET m
```

IN

```
WHERE
    column_1 IN (value_1,value_2)
    column_2 IN
        (
            SELECT
                column_x
            FROM
                table_name
        );
```

query data

BETWEEN & LIKE

WHERE

column_3 BETWEEN value_1
AND value_2

WHERE

column_4 LIKE 'string%'

query data

GROUP BY

```
SELECT
    column_1,
    aggregate_function(column_2)
FROM
    table_name
GROUP BY
    column_1
```

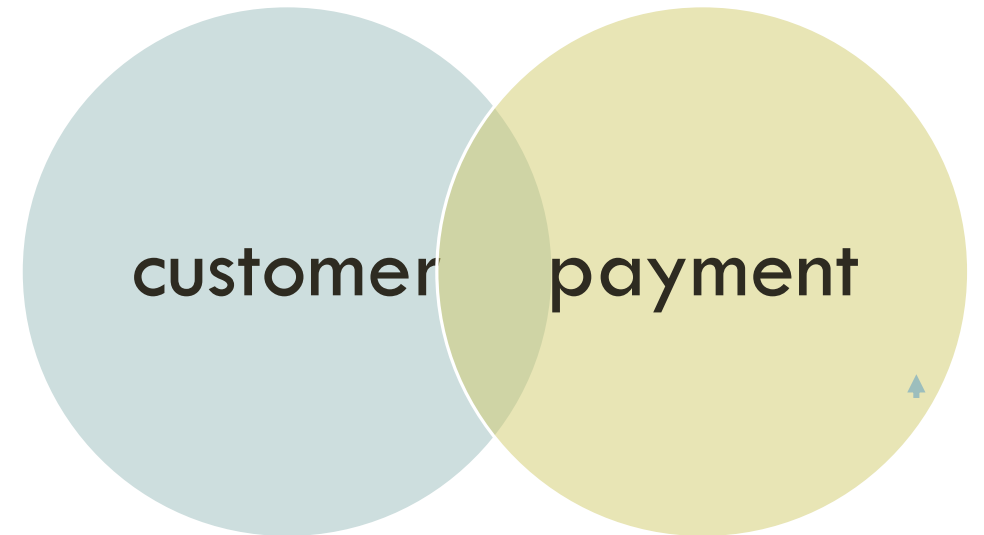
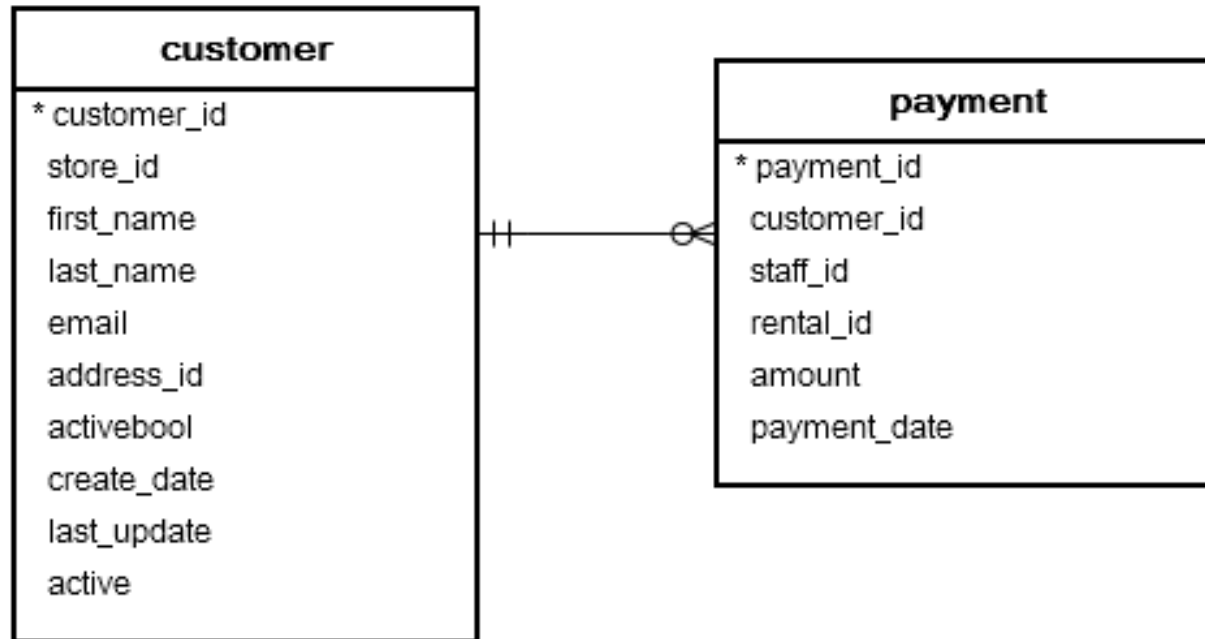
HAVING

```
SELECT
    column_1,
    aggregate_function (column_2)
FROM
    tbl_name
GROUP BY
    column_1
HAVING
    condition;
```

create & modify
data

join tables
create tables
modify tables

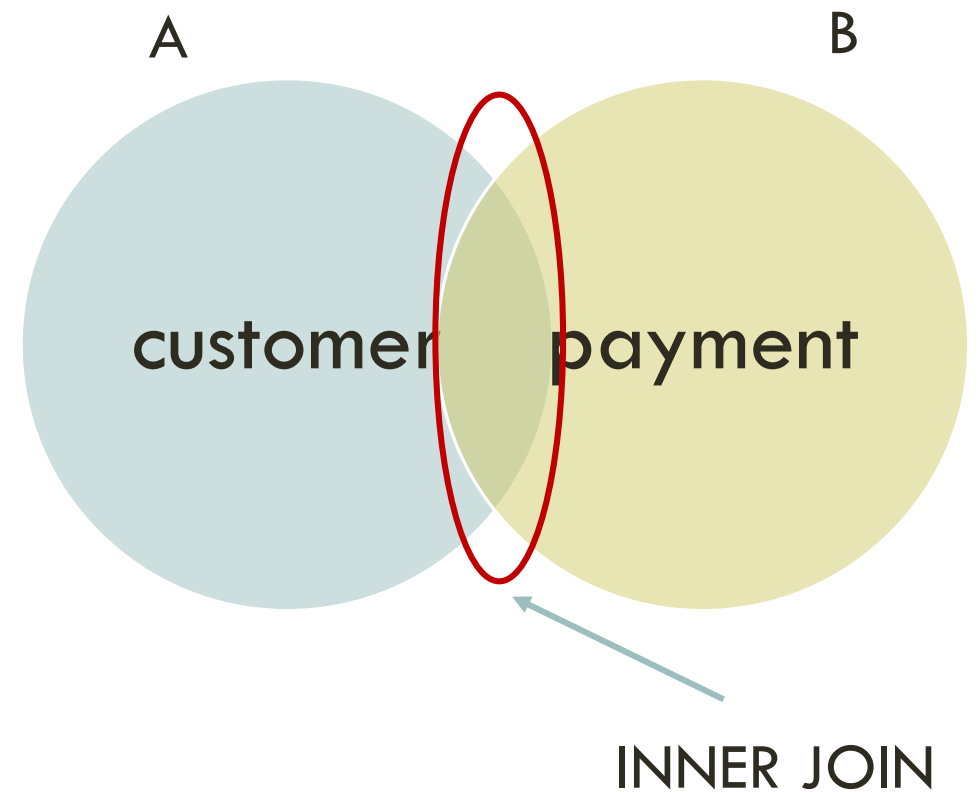
join tables



join tables

INNER JOIN

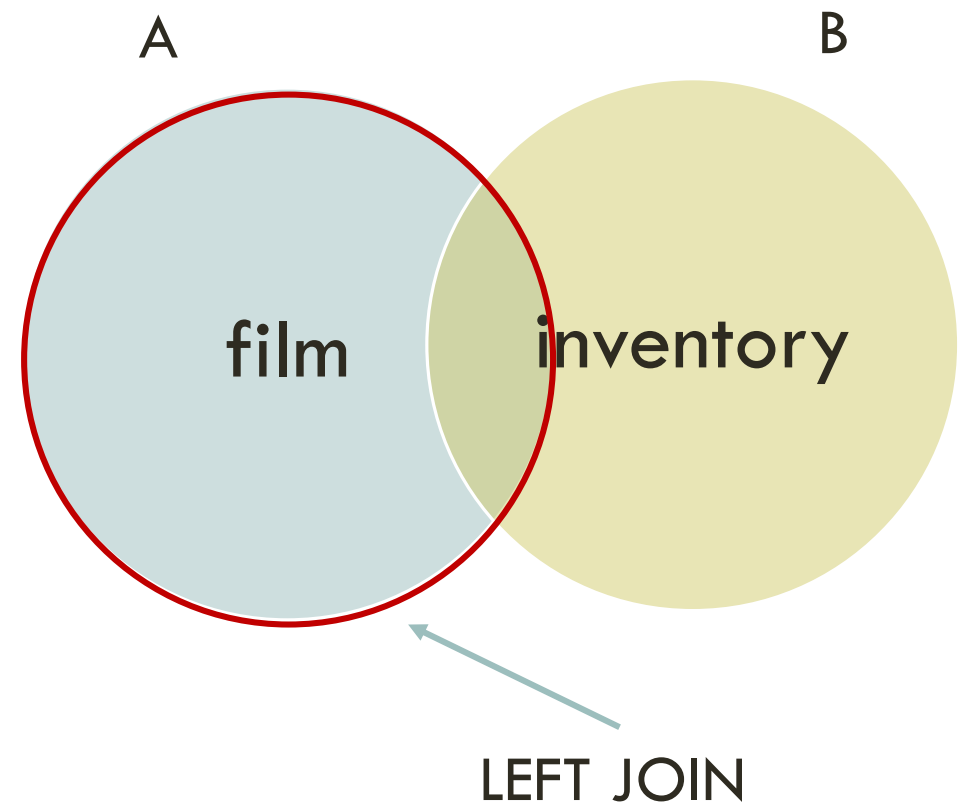
```
SELECT
  A.primarykey_a,
  A.column_1,
  B.c2
FROM
  A
INNER JOIN B ON
  A.primarykey_a = B.foreignkeya;
```



join tables

LEFT JOIN

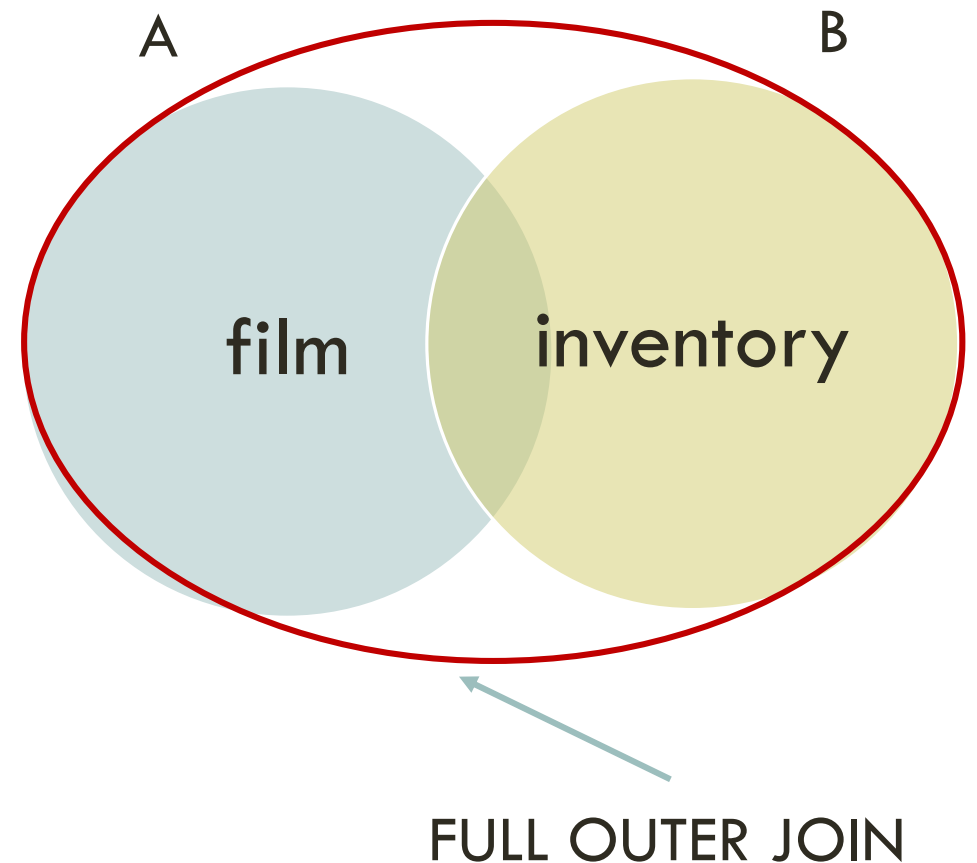
```
SELECT
  A.primarykey_a,
  A.column_1,
  B.c2
FROM
  A
LEFT JOIN B ON
  A.primarykey_a = B.foreignkeya;
```



join tables

FULL OUTER JOIN

```
SELECT  
  *  
FROM  
  A  
FULL (OUTER) JOIN B ON  
  A.primarykey_a = B.foreignkeya;
```



create tables

CREATE TABLE

```
CREATE TABLE
```

```
account (  
    user_id serial PRIMARY KEY,  
    username VARCHAR (50) UNIQUE NOT NULL,  
    password VARCHAR (50) NOT NULL,  
    email VARCHAR (355) UNIQUE NOT NULL,  
    created_on TIMESTAMP NOT NULL,  
    last_login TIMESTAMP  
);
```

create tables

SELECT... INTO

```
SELECT
    column_list
INTO
    new_table_name
FROM
    table_name
WHERE
    condition;
```

modify tables

ALTER TABLE

```
ALTER TABLE table_name + ...
```

```
ADD COLUMN new_column TYPE;
```

```
DROP COLUMN column_name;
```

```
RENAME COLUMN old_name TO new_name;
```

```
ADD CONSTRAINT constraint_name constraint_def;
```

modify tables

ALTER TABLE

```
ALTER TABLE table_name + ...
```

```
ALTER COLUMN column_name [SET DATA] TYPE new_data_type;
```

```
RENAME TO new_table_name;
```

other topics

import & export
SQL and R

import and export csv files

COPY statement

```
/*first create a table*/  
  
COPY  
    table_name  
FROM  
    'file_path'  
    DELIMITER ',' CSV HEADER;
```

```
/*first create a table*/  
  
COPY  
    table_name  
TO  
    'file_path'  
    DELIMITER ',' CSV HEADER;
```

SQL and R

```
library(RSQLite)
connection <- dbConnect(SQLite(), "dvdrental.db")
results <- dbGetQuery(connection,
                        "SELECT customer.first_name, customer.last_name
                        FROM customer;"
                        )
print(results)
dbDisconnect(connection)
```

SQL and R



SQL injection attack!!

SQL and R

```
# list table in a database
connection <- dbConnect(SQLite(), "dvdrental.db")
dbListTables(connection)

# view columns in a tables
dbListFields(connection, "film")

# read an entire table as a dataframe
dbReadTable(connection, "Person")

# write a table to a database
dbWriteTable(connection, "iris", iris, row.names = FALSE)
head(dbReadTable(connection, "iris"))
```

resources

PostgreSQL cheat sheet: <http://www.postgresqltutorial.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/PostgreSQL-Cheat-Sheet.pdf>

Psql cheat sheet:

http://www.postgresqlonline.com/downloads/special_feature/postgresql83_psql_cheatsheet.pdf

PostgreSQL exercise: <https://pgexercises.com/>

Intermediate PostgreSQL: <https://www.dataquest.io/blog/sql-intermediate/>

get in touch

Email: datalibrarian@northwestern.edu for questions, or to set up a consultation.

Good luck!