

# **Chapter 4: Intermediate SQL**

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### **Outline**

- Join Expressions
- Views
- Transactions
- Integrity Constraints
- SQL Data Types and Schemas
- Index Definition in SQL
- Authorization



### **Joined Relations**

- Join operations take two relations and return as a result another relation.
- A join operation is a Cartesian product which requires that tuples in the two relations match (under some condition). It also specifies the attributes that are present in the result of the join
- The join operations are typically used as subquery expressions in the from clause
- Three types of joins:
  - Natural join
  - Inner join
  - Outer join



### **Natural Join in SQL**

- Natural join matches tuples with the same values for all common attributes and retains only one copy of each common column.
- List the names of students along with the course ID of the courses that they have taken
  - select name, course\_idfrom students, takeswhere student.ID = takes.ID;
- Same query in SQL with "natural join" construct
  - select name, course\_id
     from students natural join takes;
- In relational algebra: students ⋈ prereq



# **Natural Join in SQL (Cont.)**

The from clause can have multiple relations combined using natural join:

```
select A_1, A_2, \dots A_n
from r_1 natural join r_2 natural join r_2 natural join r_3 where P;
```



### **Student Relation**

| ID    | пате     | dept_name  | tot_cred |
|-------|----------|------------|----------|
| 00128 | Zhang    | Comp. Sci. | 102      |
| 12345 | Shankar  | Comp. Sci. | 32       |
| 19991 | Brandt   | History    | 80       |
| 23121 | Chavez   | Finance    | 110      |
| 44553 | Peltier  | Physics    | 56       |
| 45678 | Levy     | Physics    | 46       |
| 54321 | Williams | Comp. Sci. | 54       |
| 55739 | Sanchez  | Music      | 38       |
| 70557 | Snow     | Physics    | 0        |
| 76543 | Brown    | Comp. Sci. | 58       |
| 76653 | Aoi      | Elec. Eng. | 60       |
| 98765 | Bourikas | Elec. Eng. | 98       |
| 98988 | Tanaka   | Biology    | 120      |



### **Takes Relation**

| ID    | course_id        | sec_id | semester | year | grade |
|-------|------------------|--------|----------|------|-------|
| 00128 | CS-101           | 1      | Fall     | 2017 | A     |
| 00128 | CS-347           | 1      | Fall     | 2017 | A-    |
| 12345 | CS-101           | 1      | Fall     | 2017 | С     |
| 12345 | CS-190           | 2      | Spring   | 2017 | A     |
| 12345 | CS-315           | 1      | Spring   | 2018 | A     |
| 12345 | CS-347           | 1      | Fall     | 2017 | A     |
| 19991 | HIS-351          | 1      | Spring   | 2018 | В     |
| 23121 | FI <b>N-2</b> 01 | 1      | Spring   | 2018 | C+    |
| 44553 | PHY-101          | 1      | Fall     | 2017 | B-    |
| 45678 | CS-101           | 1      | Fall     | 2017 | F     |
| 45678 | CS-101           | 1      | Spring   | 2018 | B+    |
| 45678 | CS-319           | 1      | Spring   | 2018 | В     |
| 54321 | CS-101           | 1      | Fall     | 2017 | A-    |
| 54321 | CS-190           | 2      | Spring   | 2017 | B+    |
| 55739 | MU-199           | 1      | Spring   | 2018 | A-    |
| 76543 | CS-101           | 1      | Fall     | 2017 | A     |
| 76543 | CS-319           | 2      | Spring   | 2018 | A     |
| 76653 | EE-181           | 1      | Spring   | 2017 | C     |
| 98765 | CS-101           | 1      | Fal1     | 2017 | C-    |
| 98765 | CS-315           | 1      | Spring   | 2018 | В     |
| 98988 | BIO-101          | 1      | Summer   | 2017 | A     |
| 98988 | BIO-301          | 1      | Summer   | 2018 | null  |



# student natural join takes

| ID    | name     | dept_name  | tot_cred | course_id | sec_id | semester | year | grade |
|-------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|--------|----------|------|-------|
| 00128 | Zhang    | Comp. Sci. | 102      | CS-101    | 1      | Fa11     | 2017 | A     |
| 00128 | Zhang    | Comp. Sci. | 102      | CS-347    | 1      | Fall     | 2017 | A-    |
| 12345 | Shankar  | Comp. Sci. | 32       | CS-101    | 1      | Fall     | 2017 | С     |
| 12345 | Shankar  | Comp. Sci. | 32       | CS-190    | 2      | Spring   | 2017 | A     |
| 12345 | Shankar  | Comp. Sci. | 32       | CS-315    | 1      | Spring   | 2018 | A     |
| 12345 | Shankar  | Comp. Sci. | 32       | CS-347    | 1      | Fall     | 2017 | A     |
| 19991 | Brandt   | History    | 80       | HIS-351   | 1      | Spring   | 2018 | В     |
| 23121 | Chavez   | Finance    | 110      | FIN-201   | 1      | Spring   | 2018 | C+    |
| 44553 | Peltier  | Physics    | 56       | PHY-101   | 1      | Fall     | 2017 | B-    |
| 45678 | Levy     | Physics    | 46       | CS-101    | 1      | Fall     | 2017 | F     |
| 45678 | Levy     | Physics    | 46       | CS-101    | 1      | Spring   | 2018 | B+    |
| 45678 | Levy     | Physics    | 46       | CS-319    | 1      | Spring   | 2018 | В     |
| 54321 | Williams | Comp. Sci. | 54       | CS-101    | 1      | Fall     | 2017 | A-    |
| 54321 | Williams | Comp. Sci. | 54       | CS-190    | 2      | Spring   | 2017 | B+    |
| 55739 | Sanchez  | Music      | 38       | MU-199    | 1      | Spring   | 2018 | A-    |
| 76543 | Brown    | Comp. Sci. | 58       | CS-101    | 1      | Fall     | 2017 | A     |
| 76543 | Brown    | Comp. Sci. | 58       | CS-319    | 2      | Spring   | 2018 | A     |
| 76653 | Aoi      | Elec. Eng. | 60       | EE-181    | 1      | Spring   | 2017 | С     |
| 98765 | Bourikas | Elec. Eng. | 98       | CS-101    | 1      | Fall     | 2017 | C-    |
| 98765 | Bourikas | Elec. Eng. | 98       | CS-315    | 1      | Spring   | 2018 | В     |
| 98988 | Tanaka   | Biology    | 120      | BIO-101   | 1      | Summer   | 2017 | A     |
| 98988 | Tanaka   | Biology    | 120      | BIO-301   | 1      | Summer   | 2018 | null  |



# **Dangerous in Natural Join**

- Beware of unrelated attributes with same name which get equated incorrectly
- Example -- List the names of students along with the titles of courses that they have taken
  - Correct version

**select** name, title **from** student **natural join** takes, course **where** takes.course\_id = course.course\_id;

Incorrect version

select name, title from student natural join takes natural join course;

- This query omits all (student name, course title) pairs where the student takes a course in a department other than the student's own department.
- The correct version (above), correctly outputs such pairs.



### **Inner Join**

- The Inner Join selects records that have matching values in both tables.
- What is the difference between the above, and a natural join?
  - Inner Join joins two table on the basis of the column which is explicitly specified in the ON clause.
  - In Inner Join, The resulting table will contain all the attribute of both the tables including duplicate columns also.
  - In Inner Join, only those records will return which exists in both the tables.
- course inner join prereq on course.course\_id = prereq.course\_id

| course_id | title                   | dept_name             | credits | prereq_id         | course_id         |
|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|
|           | Genetics<br>Game Design | Biology<br>Comp. Sci. | 67      | BIO-101<br>CS-101 | BIO-301<br>CS-190 |

In relational algebra: No general accepted symbol for Inner Join



### **Outer Join**

- An extension of the join operation that avoids loss of information.
- Computes the join and then adds tuples form one relation that does not match tuples in the other relation to the result of the join.
- Uses null values.
- Three forms of outer join:
  - left outer join
  - right outer join
  - full outer join



# **Outer Join Examples**

Relation course

| course_id | title       | dept_name  | credits |
|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|
| BIO-301   | Genetics    | Biology    | 4       |
| CS-190    | Game Design | Comp. Sci. | 4       |
| CS-315    | Robotics    | Comp. Sci. | 3       |

Relation prereq

| course_id | prereg_id |
|-----------|-----------|
| BIO-301   | BIO-101   |
| CS-190    | CS-101    |
| CS-347    | CS-101    |

Observe that
 course information is missing CS-437
 prereq information is missing CS-315



### **Left Outer Join**

course natural left outer join prereq

| course_id        | title                   | dept_name                | credits | prereq_id      |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------|----------------|
| BIO-301          | Genetics                | Biology                  | 4       | BIO-101        |
| CS-190<br>CS-315 | Game Design<br>Robotics | Comp. Sci.<br>Comp. Sci. |         | CS-101<br>null |



# **Right Outer Join**

course natural right outer join prereq

| course_id | title       | dept_name  | credits | prereq_id |
|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------|
| BIO-301   | Genetics    | Biology    | 4       | BIO-101   |
| CS-190    | Game Design | Comp. Sci. | 4       | CS-101    |
| CS-347    | null        | null       | null    | CS-101    |

In relational algebra: course ⋈ prereq



### **Full Outer Join**

course natural full outer join prereq

| course_id | title       | dept_name  | credits | prereq_id |
|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------|
| BIO-301   | Genetics    | Biology    | 4       | BIO-101   |
| CS-190    | Game Design | Comp. Sci. | 4       | CS-101    |
| CS-315    | Robotics    | Comp. Sci. | 3       | null      |
| CS-347    | null        | null       | null    | CS-101    |

In relational algebra: course 

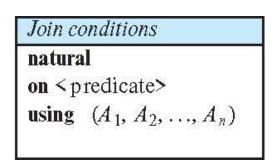
prereq



# **Joined Types and Conditions**

- Join operations take two relations and return as a result another relation.
- These additional operations are typically used as subquery expressions in the from clause
- Join type defines how tuples in each relation that do not match any tuple in the other relation (based on the join condition) are treated.
- Join condition defines which tuples in the two relations match.

| Join types       |  |
|------------------|--|
| inner join       |  |
| left outer join  |  |
| right outer join |  |
| full outer join  |  |



- The default join type, when the join clause is used without the outer prefix is the inner join.
  - E.g., natural join is equivalent to natural inner join.



# Joined Relations – Examples

 course left outer join prereq on course.course\_id = prereq.course\_id

| course_id | title       | dept_name  | credits | prereq_id | course_id |
|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| BIO-301   |             | Biology    | 198     | BIO-101   | BIO-301   |
| CS-190    | Game Design | Comp. Sci. | 4       | CS-101    | CS-190    |
| CS-315    | Robotics    | Comp. Sci. | 3       | null      | null      |

course natural right outer join prereq

| course_id | title       | dept_name  | credits | prereq_id |
|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------|
| BIO-301   | Genetics    | Biology    | 4       | BIO-101   |
| CS-190    | Game Design | Comp. Sci. | 4       | CS-101    |
| CS-347    | null        | null       | null    | CS-101    |



# Joined Relations – Examples

course full outer join prereq using (course\_id)

| course_id | title       | dept_name  | credits | prereq_id |
|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------|
| BIO-301   | Genetics    | Biology    | 4       | BIO-101   |
| CS-190    | Game Design | Comp. Sci. | 4       | CS-101    |
| CS-315    | Robotics    | Comp. Sci. | 3       | null      |
| CS-347    | null        | null       | null    | CS-101    |



### **Views**

- In some cases, it is not desirable for all users to see the entire logical model (that is, all the actual relations stored in the database.)
- Consider a person who needs to know an instructors name and department, but not the salary. This person should see a relation described, in SQL, by

**select** *ID*, *name*, *dept\_name* **from** *instructor* 

- A view provides a mechanism to hide certain data from the view of certain users.
- Any relation that is not of the conceptual model but is made visible to a user as a "virtual relation" is called a view.



### **View Definition**

A view is defined using the create view statement which has the form

create view v as < query expression >

where <query expression> is any legal SQL expression. The view name is represented by *v*.

- Once a view is defined, the view name can be used to refer to the virtual relation that the view generates.
- View definition is not the same as creating a new relation by evaluating the query expression
  - Rather, a view definition causes the saving of an expression; the expression is substituted into queries using the view.



### **View Definition and Use**

A view of instructors without their salary

```
create view faculty as
select ID, name, dept_name
from instructor
```

Find all instructors in the Biology department

```
select name
from faculty
where dept_name = 'Biology'
```

Create a view of department salary totals

```
create view departments_total_salary(dept_name, total_salary) as select dept_name, sum (salary) from instructor group by dept_name;
```



# **Views Defined Using Other Views**

- One view may be used in the expression defining another view
- A view relation  $v_1$  is said to **depend directly** on a view relation  $v_2$  if  $v_2$  is used in the expression defining  $v_1$
- A view relation  $v_1$  is said to **depend on** view relation  $v_2$  if either  $v_1$  depends directly to  $v_2$  or there is a path of dependencies from  $v_1$  to  $v_2$
- A view relation v is said to be recursive if it depends on itself.



# **Views Defined Using Other Views**

- create view physics\_fall\_2017 as
   select course.course\_id, sec\_id, building, room\_number
   from course, section
   where course.course\_id = section.course\_id
   and course.dept\_name = 'Physics'
   and section.semester = 'Fall'
   and section.year = '2017';
- create view physics\_fall\_2017\_watson as select course\_id, room\_number from physics\_fall\_2017 where building= 'Watson';



# **View Expansion**

Expand the view :

```
create view physics_fall_2017_watson as select course_id, room_number from physics_fall_2017 where building= 'Watson'
```

To:

```
create view physics_fall_2017_watson as
select course_id, room_number
from (select course.course_id, building, room_number
from course, section
where course.course_id = section.course_id
and course.dept_name = 'Physics'
and section.semester = 'Fall'
and section.year = '2017')
where building= 'Watson';
```



# **View Expansion (Cont.)**

- A way to define the meaning of views defined in terms of other views.
- Let view v<sub>1</sub> be defined by an expression e<sub>1</sub> that may itself contain uses of view relations.
- View expansion of an expression repeats the following replacement step:

### repeat

Find any view relation  $v_i$  in  $e_1$ Replace the view relation  $v_i$  by the expression defining  $v_i$ **until** no more view relations are present in  $e_1$ 

As long as the view definitions are not recursive, this loop will terminate



### **Materialized Views**

- Certain database systems allow view relations to be physically stored.
  - Physical copy created when the view is defined.
  - They make sure that, if the actual relations used in the view definition change, the view is kept up-to-date.
  - Such views are called Materialized view:
- If relations used in the query are updated, the materialized view result becomes out of date
  - Need to maintain the view, by updating the view whenever the underlying relations are updated.



### **Update of a View**

Add a new tuple to faculty view which we defined earlier

insert into faculty

values ('30765', 'Green', 'Music');

- This insertion must be represented by the insertion into the *instructor* relation
  - Must have a value for salary.
- Two approaches
  - Reject the insert
  - Insert the tuple

('30765', 'Green', 'Music', null)

into the *instructor* relation



# Some Updates Cannot be Translated Uniquely

- create view instructor\_info as
   select ID, name, building
   from instructor, department
   where instructor.dept\_name= department.dept\_name;
- insert into instructor\_infovalues ('69987', 'White', 'Taylor');
- Issues
  - Which department, if multiple departments in Taylor?
  - What if no department is in Taylor?



### And Some Not at All

- create view history\_instructors as select \* from instructor where dept\_name= 'History';
- What happens if we insert ('25566', 'Brown', 'Biology', 100000) into history\_instructors?



# **View Updates in SQL**

- Most SQL implementations allow updates only on simple views
  - The from clause has only one database relation.
  - The select clause contains only attribute names of the relation, and does not have any expressions, aggregates, or distinct specification.
  - Any attribute not listed in the select clause can be set to null
  - The query does not have a group by or having clause.



### **Transactions**

- A transaction consists of a sequence of query and/or update statements and is a "unit" of work.
  - By default each SQL statement is taken to be a transaction on its own, and gets committed as soon as it is executed.
- The SQL standard specifies that a transaction begins implicitly when an SQL statement is executed.
- The transaction must end with one of the following statements:
  - Commit work. The updates performed by the transaction become permanent in the database.
  - Rollback work. All the updates performed by the SQL statements in the transaction are undone.
- Once a transaction has executed commit work, its effects can no longer be undone by rollback work.
- Atomic transaction
  - Either fully executed or rolled back as if it never occurred (rolled back if it has not yet executed commit work).
- Isolation from concurrent transactions



# **Integrity Constraints**

- Integrity constraints guard against accidental damage to the database, by ensuring that authorized changes to the database do not result in a loss of data consistency.
  - A checking account must have a balance greater than \$10,000.00
  - A salary of a bank employee must be at least \$4.00 an hour
  - A customer must have a (non-null) phone number



# **Constraints on a Single Relation**

- not null
- primary key
- unique
- **check** (P), where P is a predicate



### **Not Null Constraints**

### not null

 Declare name and budget to be not null name varchar(20) not null budget numeric(12,2) not null



# **Unique Constraints**

- unique  $(A_1, A_2, ..., A_m)$ 
  - The unique specification states that the attributes  $A_1, A_2, ..., A_m$  form a candidate key.
  - Candidate keys are permitted to be null (in contrast to primary keys).



### The check Clause

- The check (P) clause specifies a predicate P that must be satisfied by every tuple in a relation.
- Example: ensure that semester is one of fall, winter, spring or summer

# create table section (course\_id varchar (8), sec\_id varchar (8), semester varchar (6), year numeric (4,0), building varchar (15), room\_number varchar (7), time slot id varchar (4), primary key (course\_id, sec\_id, semester, year), check (semester in ('Fall', 'Winter', 'Spring', 'Summer')))



## **Referential Integrity**

- Ensures that a value that appears in one relation for a given set of attributes also appears for a certain set of attributes in another relation.
  - Example: If "Biology" is a department name appearing in one of the tuples in the *instructor* relation, then there exists a tuple in the *department* relation for "Biology".
- Let A be a set of attributes. Let R and S be two relations that contain attributes A and where A is the primary key of S. A is said to be a foreign key of R if for any values of A appearing in R these values also appear in S.



# **Referential Integrity (Cont.)**

 Foreign keys can be specified as part of the SQL create table statement

**foreign key** (dept\_name) **references** department

- By default, a foreign key references the primary-key attributes of the referenced table.
- SQL allows a list of attributes of the referenced relation to be specified explicitly.

**foreign key** (dept\_name) **references** department (dept\_name)



# **Cascading Actions in Referential Integrity**

- When a referential-integrity constraint is violated, the normal procedure is to reject the action that caused the violation.
- An alternative, in case of delete or update is to cascade
  - Instead of rejecting the delete or update, it corrects them by deleting (or updating) relevant tuples.

- Instead of cascade we can use :
  - set null,
  - set default



### **Integrity Constraint Violation During Transactions**

Consider:

- How to insert a tuple without causing constraint violation?
  - Insert father and mother of a person before inserting person
  - OR, set father and mother to null initially, update after inserting all persons (not possible if father and mother attributes declared to be **not null**)
  - OR defer constraint checking



### **Complex Check Conditions**

 The predicate in the check clause can be an arbitrary predicate that can include a subquery.

check (time\_slot\_id in (select time\_slot\_id from time\_slot))

The check condition states that the time\_slot\_id in each tuple in the section relation is actually the identifier of a time slot in the time\_slot relation.

 The condition has to be checked not only when a tuple is inserted or modified in section, but also when the relation time\_slot changes



#### **Assertions**

- An assertion is a predicate expressing a condition that we wish the database always to satisfy.
- The following constraints, can be expressed using assertions:
  - For each tuple in the student relation, the value of the attribute tot\_cred must equal the sum of credits of courses that the student has completed successfully.
  - An instructor cannot teach in two different classrooms in a semester in the same time slot.
- An assertion in SQL takes the form:

create assertion <assertion-name> check (<predicate>);



# **Built-in Data Types in SQL**

- date: Dates, containing a (4 digit) year, month and date
  - Example: date '2005-7-27'
- time: Time of day, in hours, minutes and seconds.
  - Example: time '09:00:30' time '09:00:30.75'
- timestamp: date plus time of day
  - Example: timestamp '2005-7-27 09:00:30.75'
- interval: period of time
  - Example: interval '1' day
  - Subtracting a date/time/timestamp value from another gives an interval value.
  - Interval values can be added to date/time/timestamp values.



### **Large-Object Types**

- Large objects (photos, videos, CAD files, etc.) are stored as a large object.
  - blob: binary large object -- object is a large collection of uninterpreted binary data (whose interpretation is left to an application outside of the database system)
  - clob: character large object -- object is a large collection of character data
- When a query returns a large object, a pointer is returned rather than the large object itself.



#### **User-Defined Types**

create type construct in SQL creates user-defined type

create type Dollars as numeric (12,2) final

Example:

create table department (dept\_name varchar (20), building varchar (15), budget Dollars);



#### **Domains**

 create domain construct in SQL-92 creates user-defined domain types

create domain person\_name char(20) not null

- Types and domains are similar. Domains can have constraints, such as **not null**, specified on them.
- Example:

```
create domain degree_level varchar(10)
  constraint degree_level_test
  check (value in ('Bachelors', 'Masters', 'Doctorate'));
```



#### **Index Creation**

- Many queries reference only a small proportion of the records in a table.
- It is inefficient for the system to read every record to find a record with particular value
- An index on an attribute of a relation is a data structure that allows the database system to find those tuples in the relation that have a specified value for that attribute efficiently, without scanning through all the tuples of the relation.
- We create an index with the create index command

create index <name> on <relation-name> (attribute);



## **Index Creation Example**

- create table student (ID varchar (5), name varchar (20) not null, dept\_name varchar (20), tot\_cred numeric (3,0) default 0, primary key (ID))
- create index studentID\_index on student(ID)
- The query:

```
select *
from student
where ID = '12345'
```

can be executed by using the index to find the required record, without looking at all records of *student* 



#### **Authorization**

- We may assign a user several forms of authorizations on parts of the database.
  - Read allows reading, but not modification of data.
  - Insert allows insertion of new data, but not modification of existing data.
  - Update allows modification, but not deletion of data.
  - Delete allows deletion of data.
- Each of these types of authorizations is called a privilege. We may authorize the user all, none, or a combination of these types of privileges on specified parts of a database, such as a relation or a view.



### **Authorization (Cont.)**

- Forms of authorization to modify the database schema
  - Index allows creation and deletion of indices.
  - Resources allows creation of new relations.
  - Alteration allows addition or deletion of attributes in a relation.
  - Drop allows deletion of relations.



## **Authorization Specification in SQL**

- The grant statement is used to confer authorization
   grant <privilege list> on <relation or view > to <user list>
- <user list> is:
  - a user-id
  - public, which allows all valid users the privilege granted
  - A role (more on this later)
- Example:
  - grant select on department to Amit, Satoshi
- Granting a privilege on a view does not imply granting any privileges on the underlying relations.
- The grantor of the privilege must already hold the privilege on the specified item (or be the database administrator).



### **Privileges in SQL**

- select: allows read access to relation, or the ability to query using the view
  - Example: grant users  $U_1$ ,  $U_2$ , and  $U_3$  **select** authorization on the *instructor* relation:

#### grant select on instructor to $U_1$ , $U_2$ , $U_3$

- insert: the ability to insert tuples
- update: the ability to update using the SQL update statement
- delete: the ability to delete tuples.
- all privileges: used as a short form for all the allowable privileges



### **Revoking Authorization in SQL**

- The revoke statement is used to revoke authorization.
   revoke <privilege list> on <relation or view> from <user list>
- Example:
  - revoke select on student from  $U_1$ ,  $U_2$ ,  $U_3$
- <privilege-list> may be all to revoke all privileges the revokee may hold.
- If <revokee-list> includes public, all users <u>lose</u> the privilege except those granted it explicitly.
- If the same privilege was granted twice to the same user by different grantees, the user may retain the privilege after the revocation.
- All privileges that depend on the privilege being revoked are also revoked.



#### Roles

- A role is a way to distinguish among various users as far as what these users can access/update in the database.
- To create a role we use:

create a role <name>

- Example:
  - create role instructor
- Once a role is created we can assign "users" to the role using:
  - grant <role> to <users>



### **Roles Example**

- create role instructor;
- grant instructor to Amit;
- Privileges can be granted to roles:
  - grant select on takes to instructor,
- Roles can be granted to users, as well as to other roles
  - create role teaching\_assistant
  - grant teaching\_assistant to instructor,
    - Instructor inherits all privileges of teaching\_assistant
- Chain of roles
  - create role dean;
  - grant instructor to dean;
  - grant dean to Satoshi;



#### Authorization on Views

- create view geo\_instructor as
  (select \*
  from instructor
  where dept\_name = 'Geology');
- grant select on geo\_instructor to geo\_staff
- Suppose that a geo\_staff member issues
  - select \* from geo\_instructor,
- What if
  - geo\_staff does not have permissions on instructor?
    - The system must check authorization on the clerk's query before it begins query processing.
  - Creator of view did not have some permissions on instructor?
    - If a user creates a view on which no authorization can be granted, the system will deny the view creation request.
    - In our geo\_instructor view example, the creator of the view must have select authorization on the instructor relation.



#### Other Authorization Features

- SQL includes a references privilege to create foreign key
  - grant reference (dept\_name) on department to Mariano;
  - Why is this required?
    - Recall that foreign key constraints restrict deletion and update operations on the referenced relation.
    - Thus, the definition of a foreign key by Mariano restricts future activity by other users.
- Transfer of privileges
  - A user who has been granted some form of authorization may be allowed to pass on this authorization to other users.
  - E.g., if we wish to allow Amit the select privilege on department and allow him to grant this privilege to others:
    - grant select on department to Amit with grant option;



## Other Authorization Features (Cont.)

- Revoking of Privileges
  - The revocation of a privilege from a user/role may cause other users/roles also to lose that privilege.
  - In most database systems, cascading is the default behavior. However, the revoke statement may specify restrict in order to prevent cascading revocation:
    - revoke select on department from Amit, Satoshi restrict;
  - The keyword cascade can be used instead of restrict to indicate that revocation should cascade; however, it can be omitted
    - revoke select on department from Amit, Satoshi cascade;
  - And more!



# **End of Chapter 4**