Session 3 reflection

1. A query that contains a join of any kind.

SELECT firstname, course, grade FROM students JOIN grades USING (studentid) ORDER BY grade;

Table

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2. A query that contains a join of any kind and filtering into two or more cases (for example students who pass or fail, from the example data or a variant thereof).

SELECT \* FROM students FULL OUTER JOIN grades USING (studentid) WHERE grade ISNULL;

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3. A query that contains a join of any kind, an ordering of some sort, and a cut-off to show only a part of the results (for example the names of the students who hold the best five grades in the example data).

SELECT firstname, AVG(grade) AS avggrade FROM students JOIN grades USING (studentid) GROUP BY studentid ORDER BY avggrade DESC LIMIT 5;

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4. A query that groups the results of a join by one or more columns.

SELECT programname, course, COUNT(grade) AS total FROM students JOIN grades USING (studentid) GROUP BY (students.programname, grades.course) ORDER BY programname, total DESC;

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5. A query that counts matches, possibly by groups.

SELECT programname, COUNT(grade) AS total FROM students JOIN grades USING (studentid) GROUP BY (students.programname) ORDER BY total DESC;

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6. A query that sums over a column, possibly by groups.

SELECT programname, course, SUM(grade) AS total FROM students JOIN grades USING (studentid) GROUP BY (students.programname, grades.course) ORDER BY programname, total DESC;

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7. A query that averages over a column, possibly by groups.

SELECT programname, AVG(grade) AS total FROM students JOIN grades USING (studentid) GROUP BY (students.programname) ORDER BY total DESC;

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8. A query that uses a join and null fields to gain useful insights (such as how many students have not completed any courses, per program, in the example data).

SELECT programname, COUNT(\*) FROM students FULL OUTER JOIN grades USING (studentid) WHERE course ISNULL GROUP BY (students.programname);

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Question for you – if I count the grade the count is 0, is it because the value is NULL????

9. Describe a situation in which a cross join could be useful or, failing to come up with one, discuss why that tends to be an impractical thing to compute. (You are welcome to discuss the latter even if you come up with the former.)

Add new to a university programme, like ours (with fixed subjects all compulsory and no optional ones), it’s easier just to cross join two tables. One containing the list of subjects in the program, and another containing the list of the new students.