

Introduction to Structured Query Language

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Structured Query Language

- Structured Query Language aimed to store, retrieve, and manipulate data in a Relational Database.
- In the early 1970s, IBM sequel language was developed as a part of the system R project at the IBM SanJose Research Laboratory.

Data Definition Language (DDL)

DDL specifies the information about the relation regarding,

- Schema of the relation
- Domain values associated with the attribute
- Integrity Constraints
- Security and Authentication

Domain types in SQL

- ***char*(n)** : fixed-length character string, with user-specified length n.
- ***varchar*(n)** : variable-length character string, with user-specified maximum length n.
- ***int/integer***: an integer (length is machine-dependent).
- ***smallint***: a small integer (length is machine-dependent).
- ***numeric*(p, d)**: a fixed-point number with user-specified precision, consists of p digits (plus a sign), and d of p digits are to the right of the decimal point.
- ***real*** : floating-point or double-precision floating-point numbers, with machine-dependent precision.
- ***float*(n)**: floating-point, with user-specified precision of at least n digits.
- ***date***: a calendar date containing four-digit year, month, and day of the month.
- ***time***: the time of the day in hours, minutes, and seconds.

Create Table Construct

The relation is defined using create table command.

create table relation_A(A₁ D₁, A₂ D₂, A₃ D₃,A_n D_n, (Integrity_Constraint₁), .. (Integrity_Constraint_n));

relation_A *is the name of the relation.*

A_i *is the attribute names in the relation.*

D_i *is the data type of the attribute.*

Example :

create table student (ID char(5), name varchar(20), age int, address varchar(30), dep varchar(20));

Integrity Constraints

- Not null
- Primary key
- foreign key
- Unique

Example:

create table student (ID char(5), name varchar(20) NOT NULL, age int, address varchar(30), dep varchar(20), PRIMARY KEY(ID),FOREIGN KEY(dep) REFERENCES Department);

DDL Commands

■ DROP

- delete objects from the database.
- ***drop table*** name;
- example : ***drop table*** student;

■ ALTER TABLE

- used to alter the structure (add, delete, or modify columns).
- **ALTER TABLE** name **ADD** column-name datatype;
Example : **ALTER TABLE** student **ADD** email char(30);
- **ALTER TABLE** name **DROP COLUMN** column-name;
Example : **ALTER TABLE** student **DROP COLUMN** email;
- **ALTER TABLE** name **MODIFY COLUMN** column-name datatype;
Example : **ALTER TABLE** student **MODIFY COLUMN** email varchar(30);

DDL Commands

■ TRUNCATE

used to remove all records from a table, including all spaces allocated for the records are removed.

TRUNCATE TABLE tablename;

Example: **TRUNCATE TABLE** student;

■ RENAME

used to rename an object existing in the database.

RENAME oldtable-name **To** newtable-name ;

Example: **RENAME** student **To** class;

Data Manipulation Language

- Used to retrieve and manipulate data in a relational database.

■ Insert

- Used for inserting a data into a table.

- **Method 1** Specifying the column and values.

```
INSERT INTO table_name (column1, column2, column3, ...) VALUES  
(value1, value2, value3, ...);
```

Example:

```
INSERT INTO student (ID, name, age, address, dep); VALUES ('CS12',  
'Tom', '21', 'Sreenagar', 'comp sci');
```

- **Method 2** Adding values for all the columns of the table

```
INSERT INTO table_name VALUES (value1, value2, value3, ...);
```

Example:

```
INSERT INTO student VALUES ('CS12', 'Tom', '21', 'Sreenagar', 'comp sci');
```

Data Manipulation Language

■ delete

- Used to delete existing records in a table.
- DELETE FROM table_name WHERE condition;

Example:

```
DELETE FROM student WHERE name=' Tom ' ;  
DELETE FROM student; - delete all record.
```

■ Update

- Used to modify the existing records in a table.
- UPDATE table_name SET column1 = value1, column2 = value2,...
WHERE condition;

Example:

```
UPDATE student SET age = '22', dep = 'phy' WHERE ID = ' CS12 ' ;
```

Basic Query Structure

Basic query structure is like

select $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$ **from** r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m **where** *Predicate*

a_i represents desired attributes in the result.

r_i represent relations.

Examples:

select ID, name **from** student

select distinct name **from** student - eliminate duplication

select * **from** student - select all attribute

select ID, name, mark/5 **from** student - support arithmetic operation(+, -, *, and /) on attribute

select ID, name, mark/5 **as** avg_mark **from** student

where clause

- specifies the condition that the result must satisfy.

Examples :

- Find all the students from "Compsci" department.

select name from student **where** dep = 'Compsci'

- Find all the students from "Compsci" department having mark greater than or equal to 300.

select name from student **where** dep = 'Compsci' **and** marks \geq 300

- **between** comparison operator

- Find the name of all students with a mark between 200 and 400

select name from student **where** marks **between** 200 **and** 400

String Operation

- String matching Operator for comparison.
 - The percent(%) character matches any sub-string.
select name **from** student **where** name **like** '%sac%'
 - underscore('_') matches any sub-string

Aggregate Functions

- **avg()** - average of values
`select avg(age) from student;`
- **sum()** - sum of values.
`select sum(marks) from student;`
- **min()** - minimum value
`select min(marks) from student;`
- **max()** - maximum value
`select max(marks) from student;`
- **count()** - number of values.
`select count(distinct name) from student;` - number of distinct names
`select count(*) from student;` - number tuples in the relation.

Aggregate Functions

- **order by** - arranging values in the ascending or descending order.
By default it will be in ascending order.
select ID, name, mark from student order by mark desc;
- **group by** - grouping tuples.
select dep, avg(marks) as avg_mark from student group by dep;
- **having** - predicate in having clause are applied after forming group.
select dep, avg(marks) as avg_mark from student group by dep having avg(marks) > 70;



Thank You...