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Introduction

In today's educational landscape, efficient data management is crucial. SAIT (Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, Calgary) has implemented a comprehensive Database Management System (DBMS) that streamlines the handling of academic and administrative data. By integrating student, course, and faculty management, SAIT's DBMS ensures the effective organization of essential information while supporting the institution's mission to prepare students for successful careers.

Mission

SAIT is dedicated to empowering students with hands-on skills and training that prepare them for dynamic careers. Its DBMS aligns with this mission by ensuring the efficient organization and retrieval of vital academic and administrative information.

Objectives

The main objectives of SAIT's DBMS are:

- Centralizing and organizing institutional data to improve efficiency.
- Reducing redundancy and enhancing data accuracy.
- Facilitating quick access to student records, courses, faculty details, and grades for administrators and staff.

Database Design and Tables

The SAIT DBMS is structured around several core tables. Below is an outline of the key tables, their fields, and data types.

Table 1: Student

Fields:

Field Name	Data Type
Student_id	INT PK

Firstname	VARCHAR (20)
Lastname	VARCHAR (20)
DOB(Date of Birth)	DATE
Address	VARCHAR (50)
Gender	VARCHAR (10)
Phone	VARCHAR (15)
Email	VARCHAR (20)
Department_id	INT FK

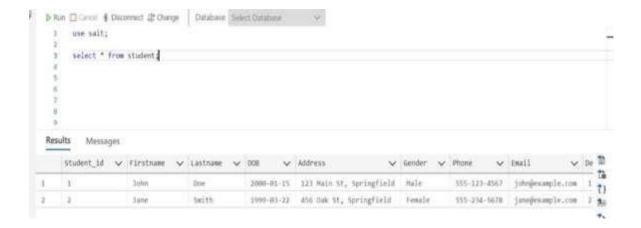


Table 2: Courses

• Fields:

Field Name	Data Type
Course_id	INT PK
Course_name	VARCHAR (20)
Department_id	INT FK
Faculty_id	INT FK

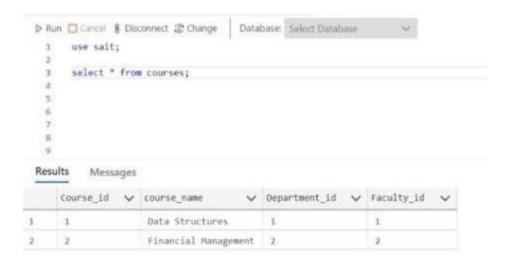


Table 3: Department

• Fields:

Field Name	Data Type
Department_id	INT PK
Department_name	VARCHAR (25)

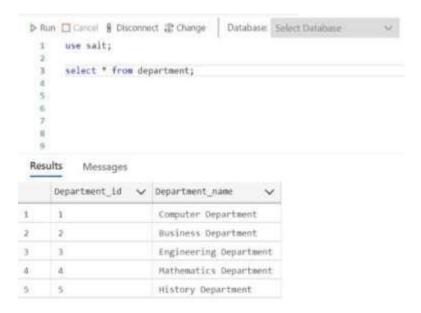


Table 4: Faculty

• Fields:

Field Name	Data Type
Faculty_id	INT PK
First name	VARCHAR (20)
Lastname	VARCHAR (20)
Phone	VARCHAR(15)
Email	VARCHAR (20)
Department_id	INT FK

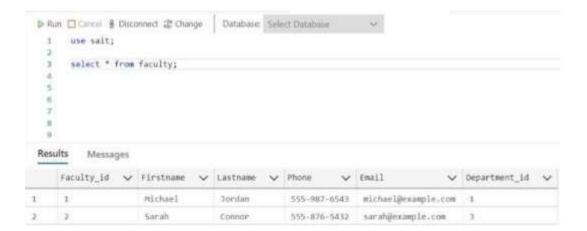


Table 5: Classroom

· Fields:

Field Name	Data Type
Classroom_id	INT PK
Classroom_no	VARCHAR(20)
Building_name	VARCHAR(20)

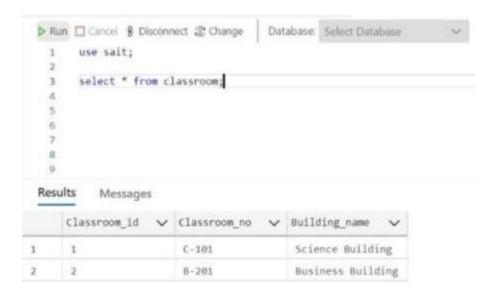


Table 6: Enrollment

Fields:

Field Name	Data Type	
Enrollment_id	INT PK	

Student_id	INT FK
Course_id	INT FK
Enrollment_date	DATE



Table 8: Process

• Fields:

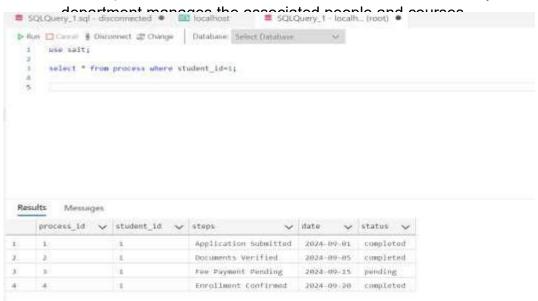
Field Name	Data Type
Process_id	INT PK
Status (Completed, Pending)	VARCHAR(50)

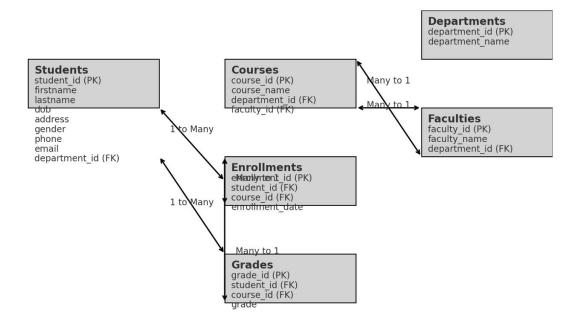
ER Diagram and Relationships

SAIT database is structured using an Entity-Relationship Diagram (ERD), where each table (entity) is connected through relationships. These relationships are established via primary and foreign keys:

Enrolment acts as the central table that links the Student, Courses, and
Faculty tables. This allows administrators to track which students are enrolled
in which courses, who is teaching those courses, and the grades students
receive.

The Department table is related to both Students and Faculty, ensuring each

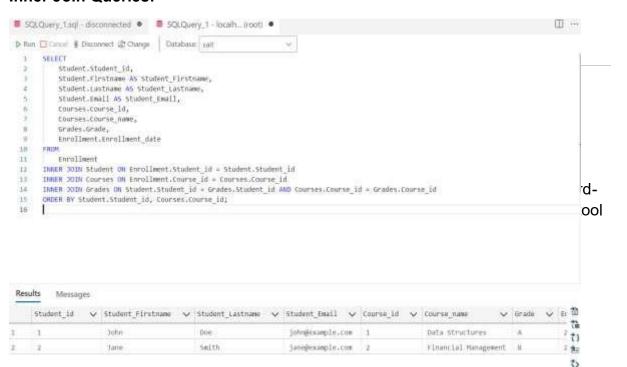




Joins

- Enrollment is the central table in this query.
- Student is joined on Student id to get student details.
- Courses is joined on Course id to get course details
- Grades is joined using both Student_id and Course_id to get the students' grades for each course.
- The ORDER BY clause orders the results by student and course.

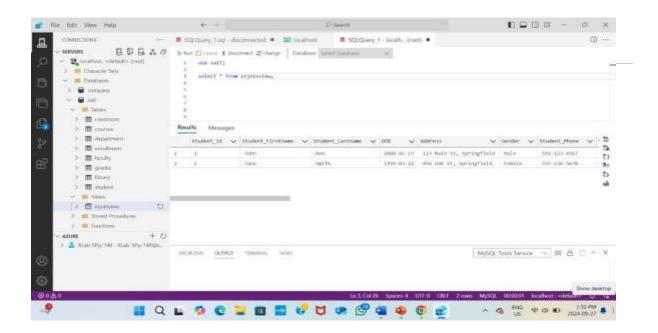
Inner Join Queries:



students. The use of views, queries, and a well-structured ERD further streamlines operations, benefiting both administrators and students alike.

Views

This view is created using an inner join query, which helps make data retrieval easier, saves time and effort, and ensures that the same logic and relationships between tables are maintained every time the view is applied.



Appendices

Appendix A: Database Tables and SQL Queries

This appendix provides detailed information about the tables used in the database system for student and course management at SAIT. Additionally, it includes sample SQL queries for testing and validating the relationships between the entities.

1. Tables

The database consists of the following tables:

Table Name	Description
Student	Stores information about students, including personal details and unique student IDs.
Course	Contains details about the courses offered, including course ID, course name, and department.

Department	Stores department details, such as department ID and department name.
Faculty	Contains faculty information, including faculty ID, name, and department affiliation.
Classroom	Includes details about classroom locations, such as room numbers and seating capacity.
Enrolment	Represents the enrollment of students in courses, linking the student ID and course ID.
Grades	Stores the grades students receive for their enrolled courses.
Process	Contains additional details regarding student processes or administrative actions.

2. Field Definitions

Student Table:

Field Name	Data Type
Student_id	INT PK
Firstname	VARCHAR (20)
Lastname	VARCHAR (20)
DOB(Date of Birth)	DATE
Address	VARCHAR (50)
Gender	VARCHAR (10)
Phone	VARCHAR (15)
Email	VARCHAR (20)
Department_id	INT FK

Course Table:

Field Name	Data Type
Course_id	INT PK
Course_name	VARCHAR (20)
Department_id	INT FK
Faculty_id	INT FK

Department Table:

Field Name	Data Type

Department_id	INT PK	
Department_name	VARCHAR (25)	

Faculty Table:

Field Name	Data Type
Faculty_id	INT PK
First name	VARCHAR (20)
Lastname	VARCHAR (20)
Phone	VARCHAR(15)
Email	VARCHAR (20)
Department_id	INT FK

Classroom Table:

Field Name	Data Type
Classroom_id	INT PK
Classroom_no	VARCHAR(20)
Building_name	VARCHAR(20)

Enrollment Table:

Field Name	Data Type
Enrollment_id	INT PK
Student_id	INT FK
Course_id	INT FK
Enrollment_date	DATE

Grades Table:

Field Name	Data Type
Grades_id	INT PK
Student_id	INT FK
Course_id	INT FK

Process Table:

Field Name	Data Type
Process_id	INT PK
Status (Completed, Pending)	VARCHAR(50)
Date	DATE
Steps	VARCHAR (200)
Student_id	INT FK

Appendix B: Test Queries

Test SQL Queries The provided test queries demonstrate practical applications of SAIT's DBMS, showcasing how to retrieve, manipulate, and display academic data for various purposes.

Test Queries

To demonstrate how SAIT's DBMS works, here are some sample SQL queries for data retrieval for student course grades.

SQL Query to Create the View

CREATE VIEW StudentCourseGrades AS

SELECT

- s.Student_id,
- s.Student_Name,
- d.Department_Name,
- c.Course_Name,
- f.Faculty_Name,
- g.Grade

FROM

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Enrollment e
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INNER JOIN
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Student s ON e.Student id = s.Student id

INNER JOIN

Courses c ON e.Course id = c.Course id

INNER JOIN

Grades g ON e.Enrollment id = g.Enrollment id

INNER JOIN

Department d ON s.Department id = d.Department id

INNER JOIN

Faculty f ON c. Faculty id = f. Faculty id

ORDER BY

s.Student_id, c.Course_Name;

Explanation of the Query

- CREATE VIEW: This statement creates a new view called StudentCourseGrades.
- SELECT: Specifies the columns to include in the view.
- INNER JOINs: Combines the tables based on their relationships:
 - Enrollment is the central table, linking students to their courses and grades.
 - Joins are made on the relevant fields to retrieve student details, course names, department names, faculty names, and grades.
- ORDER BY: The results are ordered first by Student_id and then by Course Name.

Usage of the View

After creating the view, you can retrieve the combined information using a simple SELECT statement:

SELECT * FROM StudentCourseGrades;

It will show the course grade of the student in that particular course.