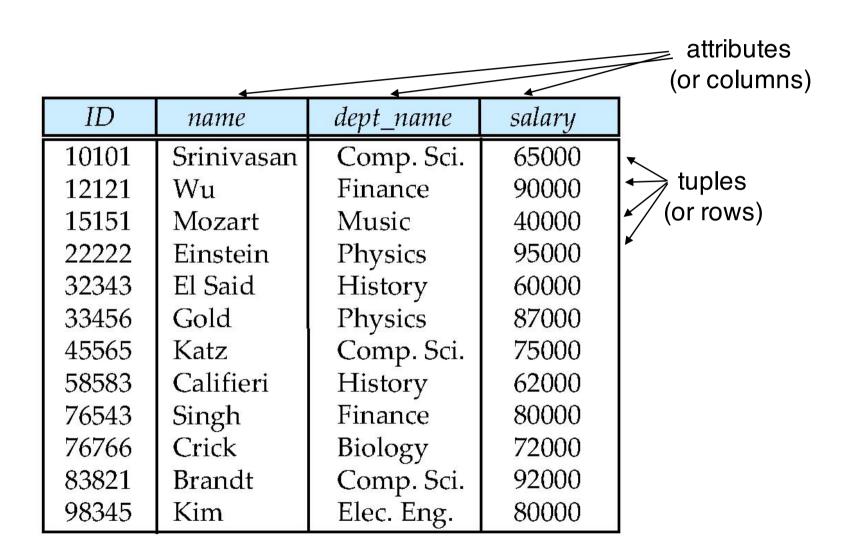
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Example of a Relation



Attribute Types

- The set of allowed values for each attribute is called the domain of the attribute
- Attribute values are (normally) required to be atomic; that is, indivisible
- The special value *null* is a member of every domain. Indicated that the value is "unknown"
- The null value causes complications in the definition of many operations

Relation Schema and Instance

- \blacksquare $A_1, A_2, ..., A_n$ are attributes
- $R = (A_1, A_2, ..., A_n)$ is a relation schema Example:

instructor = (ID, name, dept_name, salary)

- Formally, given sets D_1 , D_2 , D_n a **relation** r is a subset of $D_1 \times D_2 \times ... \times D_n$ Thus, a relation is a set of n-tuples $(a_1, a_2, ..., a_n)$ where each $a_i \in D_i$
- The current values (relation instance) of a relation are specified by a table
- An element t of r is a tuple, represented by a row in a table

Relations are Unordered

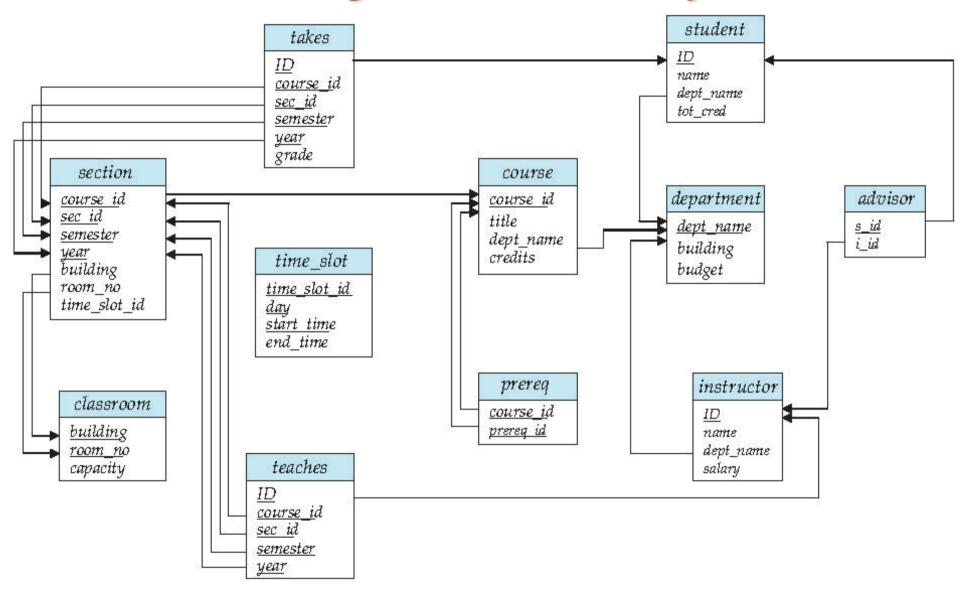
- Order of tuples is irrelevant (tuples may be stored in an arbitrary order)
- Example: *instructor* relation with unordered tuples

ID	name	dept_name	salary
22222	Einstein	Physics	95000
12121	Wu	Finance	90000
32343	El Said	History	60000
45565	Katz	Comp. Sci.	<i>7</i> 5000
98345	Kim	Elec. Eng.	80000
76766	Crick	Biology	72000
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000
58583	Califieri	History	62000
83821	Brandt	Comp. Sci.	92000
15151	Mozart	Music	40000
33456	Gold	Physics	87000
76543	Singh	Finance	80000

Keys

- Let K ⊆ R
- \blacksquare K is a **superkey** of R if values for K are sufficient to identify a unique tuple of each possible relation r(R)
 - Example: {ID} and {ID,name} are both superkeys of instructor.
- Superkey K is a candidate key if K is minimal Example: {ID} is a candidate key for Instructor
- One of the candidate keys is selected to be the primary key.
 - which one?
- Foreign key constraint: Value in one relation must appear in another
 - Referencing relation
 - Referenced relation
 - Example dept_name in instructor is a foreign key from instructor referencing department

Schema Diagram for University Database



Relational Query Languages

- Procedural vs .non-procedural, or declarative
- "Pure" languages:
 - Relational algebra
 - Tuple relational calculus
 - Domain relational calculus
- The above 3 pure languages are equivalent in computing power
- We will concentrate in this chapter on relational algebra
 - Not turning-machine equivalent
 - consists of 6 basic operations

Select Operation – selection of rows (tuples)

Relation r

A	В	C	D
α	α	1	7
α	β	5	7
β	β	12	3
β	β	23	10

 \bullet $\sigma_{A=B \land D > 5}(r)$

A	В	C	D
α	α	1	7
β	β	23	10

Project Operation – selection of columns (Attributes)

Relation *r*.

A	B	C
α	10	1
α	20	1
β	30	1
β	40	2

 \blacksquare $\prod_{A,C} (r)$

A	C	A	C
α	1	α	1
α	1	β	1
β	1	β	2
ß	2	-	

Union of two relations

Relations *r*, *s*:

A	В
α	1
α	2
β	1
1	-

\boldsymbol{A}	В
α	2
β	3
į	3

r ∪ s:

Set difference of two relations

Relations *r*, *s*:

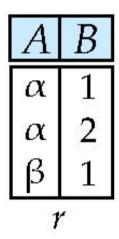
\boldsymbol{A}	В
α	1
α	2
β	1
1	•

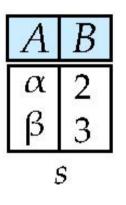
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α	2
β	3
	3

r - s:

Set intersection of two relations

Relation *r*, *s*:



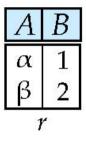


 $r \cap s$

Note: $r \cap s = r - (r - s)$

joining two relations -- Cartesian-product

Relations *r*, *s*:



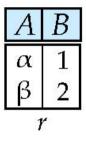
0.0	a a
0.	a
142300044	
20	b
0	b
	^

rxs:

A	В	C	D	E
α	1	α	10	a
α	1	β	10	a
α	1	β	20	b
α	1	γ	10	b
β	2	α	10	a
β	2	β	10	a
β	2	β	20	b
β	2	γ	10	b

Cartesian-product – naming issue

Relations *r*, *s*:



B	D	E
α	10	a
β	10	a
β	20	b
γ	10	b

r x s:

A	r.B	s.B	D	E
α	1	α	10	a
α	1	β	10	a
α	1	β	20	b
α	1	γ	10	b
β	2	α	10	a
β	2	β	10	a
β	2	β	20	b
β	2	γ	10	b

Renaming a Table

Allows us to refer to a relation, (say E) by more than one name.

$$\rho_x(E)$$

returns the expression E under the name X

 \blacksquare Relations r

A	В
α	1
β	2
1	•

 $rx \rho_s(r)$

r.A	r.B	s.A	s.B
α	1	α	1
α	1	β	2
β	2	α	1
β	2	β	2

Composition of Operations

- Can build expressions using multiple operations
- **Example**: $\sigma_{A=C}(r x s)$

r	X	S
•		$\boldsymbol{\circ}$

A	В	C	D	E
α	1	α	10	a
α	1	β	10	a
α	1	β	20	b
α	1	γ	10	b
β	2	α	10	a
β	2	β	10	a
β	2	β	20	b
β	2	γ	10	b

sigma A=C(r) X S

$$\bullet_{\mathsf{A}=\mathsf{C}}(r \times s)$$

$$\sigma = c \left(r \right) \times s$$

Joining two relations – Natural Join

- Let r and s be relations on schemas R and S respectively. Then, the "natural join" of relations R and S is a relation on schema $R \cup S$ obtained as follows:
 - Consider each pair of tuples t_r from r and t_s from s.
 - If t_r and t_s have the same value on each of the attributes in $R \cap S$, add a tuple t to the result, where
 - \rightarrow t has the same value as t_r on r
 - ightharpoonup t has the same value as t_{S} on s

Natural Join Example

■ Relations r, s:

A	В	C	D
α	1	α	a
β	2	γ	a
γ	4	β	b
α	1	γ	a
δ	2	β	b
O. O.	3	r	

В	D	Ε
1	a	α
3	a	β
1	a	γ
2	b	δ
3	b	3
	S	

- Natural Join
 - $r \bowtie s$

A	В	C	D	E
α	1	α	a	α
α	1	α	a	γ
α	1	γ	a	α
α	1	γ	a	γ
δ	2	β	b	δ

$$\prod_{A, r.B, C, r.D, E} (\sigma_{r.B = s.B \land r.D = s.D} (r \times s)))$$

Notes about Relational Languages

- Each Query input is a table (or set of tables)
- Each query output is a table.
- All data in the output table appears in one of the input tables
- Relational Algebra is not Turning complete
- Can we compute:
 - SUM
 - AVG
 - MAX
 - MIN

Summary of Relational Algebra Operators

Symbol (Name)	Example of Use
σ (Selection)	° salary>=85000 (instructor)
	Return rows of the input relation that satisfy the predicate.
П (Projection)	П ID, salary (instructor)
	Output specified attributes from all rows of the input relation. Remove duplicate tuples from the output.
X (Cartesian Product)	instructor × department
	Output pairs of rows from the two input relations that have the same value on all attributes that have the same name.
∪ (Union)	Π name $^{(instructor)} \cup \Pi$ name $^{(student)}$
	Output the union of tuples from the <i>two</i> input relations.
- (Set Difference)	П name (instructor) П name (student)
	Output the set difference of tuples from the two input relations.
⋈ (Natural Join)	instructor ⋈ department
	Output pairs of rows from the two input relations that have the same value on all attributes that have the same name.

End of Chapter 2

Chapter 3: Introduction to SQL

Outline

- Overview of The SQL Query Language
- Data Definition
- Basic Query Structure
- Additional Basic Operations
- Set Operations
- Null Values
- Aggregate Functions
- Nested Subqueries
- Modification of the Database

History

- IBM Sequel language developed as part of System R project at the IBM San Jose Research Laboratory
- Renamed Structured Query Language (SQL)
- ANSI and ISO standard SQL:
 - SQL-86
 - SQL-89
 - SQL-92
 - SQL:1999 (language name became Y2K compliant!)
 - SQL:2003
- Commercial systems offer most, if not all, SQL-92 features, plus varying feature sets from later standards and special proprietary features.
 - Not all examples here may work on your particular system.

Data Definition Language

The SQL data-definition language (DDL) allows the specification of information about relations, including:

- The schema for each relation.
- The domain of values associated with each attribute.
- Integrity constraints
- And as we will see later, also other information such as
 - The set of indices to be maintained for each relations.
 - Security and authorization information for each relation.
 - The physical storage structure of each relation on disk.

Domain Types in SQL

- **char(n).** Fixed length character string, with user-specified length *n*.
- varchar(n). Variable length character strings, with user-specified maximum length n.
- **int.** Integer (a finite subset of the integers that is machine-dependent).
- **smallint.** Small integer (a machine-dependent subset of the integer domain type).
- **numeric(p,d).** Fixed point number, with user-specified precision of *p* digits, with *d* digits to the right of decimal point. (ex., **numeric**(3,1), allows 44.5 to be stores exactly, but not 444.5 or 0.32)
- **real, double precision.** Floating point and double-precision floating point numbers, with machine-dependent precision.
- float(n). Floating point number, with user-specified precision of at least n digits.
- More are covered in Chapter 4.

Create Table Construct

An SQL relation is defined using the create table command:

```
create table r(A_1 D_1, A_2 D_2, ..., A_n D_n, (integrity-constraint<sub>1</sub>), ..., (integrity-constraint<sub>k</sub>))
```

- r is the name of the relation
- each A_i is an attribute name in the schema of relation r
- D_i is the data type of values in the domain of attribute A_i
- **Example:**

```
create table instructor (
ID char(5),
name varchar(20),
dept_name varchar(20),
salary numeric(8,2))
```

Integrity Constraints in Create Table

- not null
- **primary key** $(A_1, ..., A_n)$
- foreign key $(A_m, ..., A_n)$ references r

Example:

primary key declaration on an attribute automatically ensures not null

And a Few More Relation Definitions

create table student(

create table takes (

```
ID     varchar(5),
    course_id     varchar(8),
    sec_id     varchar(8),
    semester     varchar(6),
    year          numeric(4,0),
    grade          varchar(2),
    primary key (ID, course_id, sec_id, semester, year) ,
    foreign key (ID) references student,
    foreign key (course_id, sec_id, semester, year) references section);
```

 Note: sec_id can be dropped from primary key above, to ensure a student cannot be registered for two sections of the same course in the same semester

And more still

create table course (

```
course_id varchar(8),
title varchar(50),
dept_name varchar(20),
credits numeric(2,0),
primary key (course_id),
foreign key (dept_name) references department);
```

Updates to tables

- Insert
 - insert into instructor values ('10211', 'Smith', 'Biology', 66000);
- Delete
 - Remove all tuples from the student relation
 - delete from student
- Drop Table
 - drop table r
- Alter
 - alter table r add A D
 - where A is the name of the attribute to be added to relation r and D is the domain of A.
 - All exiting tuples in the relation are assigned null as the value for the new attribute.
 - alter table r drop A
 - where A is the name of an attribute of relation r
 - Dropping of attributes not supported by many databases.

Basic Query Structure

A typical SQL query has the form:

select
$$A_1, A_2, ..., A_n$$
 from $r_1, r_2, ..., r_m$ **where** P

- A_i represents an attribute
- \bullet R_i represents a relation
- *P* is a predicate.
- The result of an SQL query is a relation.

The select Clause

- The **select** clause lists the attributes desired in the result of a query
 - corresponds to the projection operation of the relational algebra
- Example: find the names of all instructors:

select name

from instructor

- NOTE: SQL names are case insensitive (i.e., you may use upper- or lower-case letters.)
 - E.g., Name = NAME = name
 - Some people use upper case wherever we use bold font.

The select Clause (Cont.)

- SQL allows duplicates in relations as well as in query results.
- To force the elimination of duplicates, insert the keyword distinct after select.
- Find the department names of all instructors, and remove duplicates select distinct dept_name from instructor
- The keyword **all** specifies that duplicates should not be removed.

select all dept_name **from** instructor

The select Clause (Cont.)

An asterisk in the select clause denotes "all attributes"

select *
from instructor

An attribute can be a literal with no from clause

select '437'

- Results is a table with one column and a single row with value "437"
- Can give the column a name using:

select '437' as FOO

An attribute can be a literal with from clause

select 'A'
from instructor

 Result is a table with one column and N rows (number of tuples in the instructors table), each row with value "A"

The select Clause (Cont.)

- The **select** clause can contain arithmetic expressions involving the operation, +, −, *, and /, and operating on constants or attributes of tuples.
 - The query:

select ID, name, salary/12 from instructor

would return a relation that is the same as the *instructor* relation, except that the value of the attribute *salary* is divided by 12.

Can rename "salary/12" using the as clause:

select ID, name, salary/12 as monthly_salary