Module 4 – Introduction to DBMS

Introduction to SQL

Theory Questions:

- 1. What is SQL, and why is it essential in database management?
- 2. Explain the difference between DBMS and RDBMS.
- 3. Describe the role of SQL in managing relational databases.
- 4. What are the key features of SQL?

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 1: Create a new database named school_db and a table called students with the following columns: student id, student name, age, class, and address.
- Lab 2: Insert five records into the students table and retrieve all records using the SELECT statement.

2. SQL Syntax

Theory Questions:

- 1. What are the basic components of SQL syntax?
- 2. Write the general structure of an SQL SELECT statement.
- 3. Explain the role of clauses in SQL statements.

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 1: Write SQL queries to retrieve specific columns (student_name and age) from the students table.
- Lab 2: Write SQL queries to retrieve all students whose age is greater than 10.

3. SQL Constraints

- 1. What are constraints in SQL? List and explain the different types of constraints.
- 2. How do PRIMARY KEY and FOREIGN KEY constraints differ?
- 3. What is the role of NOT NULL and UNIQUE constraints?

- Lab 1: Create a table teachers with the following columns: teacher_id (Primary Key),
 teacher name (NOT NULL), subject (NOT NULL), and email (UNIQUE).
- Lab 2: Implement a FOREIGN KEY constraint to relate the teacher_id from the teachers table with the students table.

4. Main SQL Commands and Sub-commands (DDL)

Theory Questions:

- 1. Define the SQL Data Definition Language (DDL).
- 2. Explain the CREATE command and its syntax.
- 3. What is the purpose of specifying data types and constraints during table creation?

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 1: Create a table courses with columns: course_id, course_name, and course credits. Set the course id as the primary key.
- Lab 2: Use the CREATE command to create a database university db.

5. ALTER Command

Theory Questions:

- 1. What is the use of the ALTER command in SQL?
- 2. How can you add, modify, and drop columns from a table using ALTER?

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 1: Modify the courses table by adding a column course_duration using the ALTER command.
- Lab 2: Drop the course credits column from the courses table.

6. DROP Command

- 1. What is the function of the DROP command in SQL?
- 2. What are the implications of dropping a table from a database?

- Lab 1: Drop the teachers table from the school db database.
- Lab 2: Drop the students table from the school_db database and verify that the table has been removed.

7. Data Manipulation Language (DML)

Theory Questions:

- 1. Define the INSERT, UPDATE, and DELETE commands in SQL.
- 2. What is the importance of the WHERE clause in UPDATE and DELETE operations?

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 1: Insert three records into the courses table using the INSERT command.
- Lab 2: Update the course duration of a specific course using the UPDATE command.
- Lab 3: Delete a course with a specific course_id from the courses table using the DELETE command.

8. Data Query Language (DQL)

Theory Questions:

- 1. What is the SELECT statement, and how is it used to query data?
- 2. Explain the use of the ORDER BY and WHERE clauses in SQL queries.

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 1: Retrieve all courses from the courses table using the SELECT statement.
- Lab 2: Sort the courses based on course_duration in descending order using ORDER BY.
- Lab 3: Limit the results of the SELECT query to show only the top two courses using LIMIT.

9. Data Control Language (DCL)

- 1. What is the purpose of GRANT and REVOKE in SQL?
- 2. How do you manage privileges using these commands?

- Lab 1: Create two new users user1 and user2 and grant user1 permission to SELECT from the courses table.
- Lab 2: Revoke the INSERT permission from user1 and give it to user2.

10. Transaction Control Language (TCL)

Theory Questions:

- 1. What is the purpose of the COMMIT and ROLLBACK commands in SQL?
- 2. Explain how transactions are managed in SQL databases.

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 1: Insert a few rows into the courses table and use COMMIT to save the changes.
- Lab 2: Insert additional rows, then use ROLLBACK to undo the last insert operation.
- Lab 3: Create a SAVEPOINT before updating the courses table, and use it to roll back specific changes.

11. SQL Joins

Theory Questions:

- 1. Explain the concept of JOIN in SQL. What is the difference between INNER JOIN, LEFT JOIN, RIGHT JOIN, and FULL OUTER JOIN?
- 2. How are joins used to combine data from multiple tables?

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 1: Create two tables: departments and employees. Perform an INNER JOIN to display employees along with their respective departments.
- Lab 2: Use a LEFT JOIN to show all departments, even those without employees.

12. SQL Group By

- 1. What is the GROUP BY clause in SQL? How is it used with aggregate functions?
- 2. Explain the difference between GROUP BY and ORDER BY.

- Lab 1: Group employees by department and count the number of employees in each department using GROUP BY.
- **Lab 2**: Use the AVG aggregate function to find the average salary of employees in each department.

13. SQL Stored Procedure

Theory Questions:

- 1. What is a stored procedure in SQL, and how does it differ from a standard SQL query?
- 2. Explain the advantages of using stored procedures.

LAB EXERCISES:

- **Lab 1**: Write a stored procedure to retrieve all employees from the employees table based on department.
- Lab 2: Write a stored procedure that accepts <code>course_id</code> as input and returns the course details.

14. SQL View

Theory Questions:

- 1. What is a view in SQL, and how is it different from a table?
- 2. Explain the advantages of using views in SQL databases.

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 1: Create a view to show all employees along with their department names.
- Lab 2: Modify the view to exclude employees whose salaries are below \$50,000.

15. SQL Triggers

- 1. What is a trigger in SQL? Describe its types and when they are used.
- 2. Explain the difference between INSERT, UPDATE, and DELETE triggers.

- **Lab 1**: Create a trigger to automatically log changes to the employees table when a new employee is added.
- Lab 2: Create a trigger to update the last_modified timestamp whenever an employee record is updated.

16. Introduction to PL/SQL

Theory Questions:

- 1. What is PL/SQL, and how does it extend SQL's capabilities?
- 2. List and explain the benefits of using PL/SQL.

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 1: Write a PL/SQL block to print the total number of employees from the employees table.
- Lab 2: Create a PL/SQL block that calculates the total sales from an orders table.

17. PL/SQL Control Structures

Theory Questions:

- 1. What are control structures in PL/SQL? Explain the IF-THEN and LOOP control structures.
- 2. How do control structures in PL/SQL help in writing complex queries?

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 1: Write a PL/SQL block using an IF-THEN condition to check the department of an employee.
- Lab 2: Use a FOR LOOP to iterate through employee records and display their names.

18. SQL Cursors

- 1. What is a cursor in PL/SQL? Explain the difference between implicit and explicit cursors.
- 2. When would you use an explicit cursor over an implicit one?

- Lab 1: Write a PL/SQL block using an explicit cursor to retrieve and display employee details.
- Lab 2: Create a cursor to retrieve all courses and display them one by one.

19. Rollback and Commit Savepoint

Theory Questions:

- 1. Explain the concept of SAVEPOINT in transaction management. How do ROLLBACK and COMMIT interact with savepoints?
- 2. When is it useful to use savepoints in a database transaction?

LAB EXERCISES:

- **Lab 1**: Perform a transaction where you create a savepoint, insert records, then rollback to the savepoint.
- **Lab 2**: Commit part of a transaction after using a savepoint and then rollback the remaining changes.

EXTRA LAB PRACTISE FOR DATABASE CONCEPTS

1. Introduction to SQL

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 3: Create a database called library_db and a table books with columns: book_id, title, author, publisher, year_of_publication, and price. Insert five records into the table.
- Lab 4: Create a table members in library_db with columns: member_id, member_name, date_of_membership, and email. Insert five records into this table.

2. SQL Syntax

- Lab 3: Retrieve all members who joined the library before 2022. Use appropriate SQL syntax with WHERE and ORDER BY.
- **Lab 4**: Write SQL queries to display the titles of books published by a specific author. Sort the results by year of publication in descending order.

3. SQL Constraints

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 3: Add a CHECK constraint to ensure that the price of books in the books table is greater than 0.
- Lab 4: Modify the members table to add a UNIQUE constraint on the email column, ensuring that each member has a unique email address.

4. Main SQL Commands and Sub-commands (DDL)

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 3: Create a table authors with the following columns: author_id, first_name, last name, and country. Set author id as the primary key.
- Lab 4: Create a table publishers with columns: publisher_id, publisher_name, contact_number, and address. Set publisher_id as the primary key and contact number as unique.

5. ALTER Command

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 3: Add a new column genre to the books table. Update the genre for all existing records.
- Lab 4: Modify the members table to increase the length of the email column to 100 characters.

6. DROP Command

- Lab 3: Drop the publishers table from the database after verifying its structure.
- Lab 4: Create a backup of the members table and then drop the original members table.

7. Data Manipulation Language (DML)

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 4: Insert three new authors into the authors table, then update the last name of one of the authors
- Lab 5: Delete a book from the books table where the price is higher than \$100.

8. UPDATE Command

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 3: Update the year of publication of a book with a specific book id.
- Lab 4: Increase the price of all books published before 2015 by 10%.

9. DELETE Command

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 3: Remove all members who joined before 2020 from the members table.
- Lab 4: Delete all books that have a NULL value in the author column.

10. Data Query Language (DQL)

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 4: Write a query to retrieve all books with price between \$50 and \$100.
- Lab 5: Retrieve the list of books sorted by author in ascending order and limit the results to the top 3 entries.

11. Data Control Language (DCL)

- Lab 3: Grant SELECT permission to a user named librarian on the books table.
- Lab 4: Grant INSERT and UPDATE permissions to the user admin on the members table.

12. REVOKE Command

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 3: Revoke the INSERT privilege from the user librarian on the books table.
- Lab 4: Revoke all permissions from user admin on the members table.

13. Transaction Control Language (TCL)

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 3: Use COMMIT after inserting multiple records into the books table, then make another insertion and perform a ROLLBACK.
- Lab 4: Set a SAVEPOINT before making updates to the members table, perform some updates, and then roll back to the SAVEPOINT.

14. SQL Joins

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 3: Perform an INNER JOIN between books and authors tables to display the title of books and their respective authors' names.
- Lab 4: Use a FULL OUTER JOIN to retrieve all records from the books and authors tables, including those with no matching entries in the other table.

15. SQL Group By

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 3: Group books by genre and display the total number of books in each genre.
- Lab 4: Group members by the year they joined and find the number of members who joined each year.

16. SQL Stored Procedure

- Lab 3: Write a stored procedure to retrieve all books by a particular author.
- Lab 4: Write a stored procedure that takes book_id as an argument and returns the price of the book.

17. SQL View

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 3: Create a view to show only the title, author, and price of books from the books table
- Lab 4: Create a view to display members who joined before 2020.

18. SQL Trigger

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 3: Create a trigger to automatically update the <code>last_modified</code> timestamp of the <code>books</code> table whenever a record is updated.
- Lab 4: Create a trigger that inserts a log entry into a log_changes table whenever a DELETE operation is performed on the books table.

19. Introduction to PL/SQL

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 3: Write a PL/SQL block to insert a new book into the books table and display a confirmation message.
- Lab 4: Write a PL/SQL block to display the total number of books in the books table.

20. PL/SQL Syntax

- Lab 3: Write a PL/SQL block to declare variables for book_id and price, assign values, and display the results.
- Lab 4: Write a PL/SQL block using constants and perform arithmetic operations on book prices.

21. PL/SQL Control Structures

LAB EXERCISES:

- Lab 3: Write a PL/SQL block using IF-THEN-ELSE to check if a book's price is above \$100 and print a message accordingly.
- Lab 4: Use a FOR LOOP in PL/SQL to display the details of all books one by one.

22. SQL Cursors

LAB EXERCISES:

- **Lab 3**: Write a PL/SQL block using an explicit cursor to fetch and display all records from the members table.
- Lab 4: Create a cursor to retrieve books by a particular author and display their titles.

23. Rollback and Commit Savepoint

- **Lab 3**: Perform a transaction that includes inserting a new member, setting a SAVEPOINT, and rolling back to the savepoint after making updates.
- Lab 4: Use COMMIT after successfully inserting multiple books into the books table, then use ROLLBACK to undo a set of changes made after a savepoint.