SQL Facts

- SQL stands for Structured Query Language
- SQL is pronounced "sequel"
- SQL is declarative language
- SQL is used to access & manipulate data in databases
- Top SQL DBs are MS SQL Server, Oracle, DB2, and MySQL

Database Definitions

- RDBMS (Relational Database Management System) –
 Software that stores and manipulates data arranged in relational database tables.
- **Table** A set of data arranged in columns and rows. The columns represent characteristics of stored data and the rows represent actual data entries.

How to select data from a table

SELECT <Column List>
FROM <Table Name>

WHERE <Search Condition>

Example:

SELECT FirstName, LastName, OrderDate FROM Orders WHERE OrderDate > '10/10/2010'

How to update data in a table

UPDATE < Table Name >

SET <Column1> = <Value1>, <Column2> = <Value2>, ...

WHERE <Search Condition>

Example:

UPDATE Orders

SET FirstName = 'John', LastName = 'Who' WHERE LastName='Wo'

How to group data and use aggregates

SELECT <Column List>, <Aggregate Function>(<Column Name>)

FROM < Table Name>

WHERE <Search Condition>

GROUP BY <Column List>

Example:

SELECT LastName, SUM(OrderValue)

FROM Orders

WHERE OrderDate > '10/10/2010'

GROUP BY LastName

How to select data from more than one table

SELECT < Column List>

FROM <Table1> JOIN <Table2>

ON <Table1>.<Column1> = <Table2>.<Column1>

Example:

SELECT Orders.LastName, Countries.CountryName

FROM Orders JOIN Countries ON

Orders.CountryID = Countries.ID

SQL Commands Categories

Data Query Language (DQL)

• SELECT - Retrieve data from table(s)

Data Manipulation Language (DML)

- INSERT Insert data into db table
- UPDATE Update data in db table
- DELETE Delete data from table

Data Definition Language (DDL)

- CREATE Create db object (table, view, etc.)
- ALTER Modify db object (table, view, etc.)
- DROP Delete db object (table, view, etc.)

Data Control Language (DCL)

- GRANT Assign privilege
- REVOKE remove privilege

How to insert data in a table

INSERT INTO <Table Name>

(<Column List>) VALUES (<Values>)

Example:

INSERT INTO Orders

(FirstName, LastName, OrderDate) VALUES

('John', 'Smith', '10/10/2010')

How to delete data from a table

DELETE FROM < Table Name >

WHERE <Search Condition>

Example:

DELETE FROM Orders

WHERE OrderDate < '10/10/2010'

How to order data

SELECT < Column List>

FROM < Table Name>

WHERE <Search Condition>

ORDER BY <Column List>

Example:

SELECT FirstName, LastName, OrderDate

FROM Orders

WHERE OrderDate > '10/10/2010'

ORDER BY OrderDate

Using UNION

SELECT < Column List > FROM < Table 1 >

UNION

SELECT <Column List> FROM <Table2>

Example:

SELECT FirstName, LastName FROM Orders2010

UNION

SELECT FirstName, LastName FROM Orders2011

CREATE TABLE

CREATE TABLE < Table Name >

(Column1 DataType,

Column2 DataType,

Column3 DataType,

....)

CREATE TABLE Orders

(FirstName CHAR(100),

LastName CHAR(100),

OrderDate DATE,

OrderValue Currency)