

# CHAPTER 6 Basic SQL Copyright © 2016 Ramez Elmasti and Shamkant B. Navathe

## **Chapter 6 Outline**

- SQL Data Definition and Data Types
- Specifying Constraints in SQL
- Basic Retrieval Queries in SQL
- INSERT, DELETE, and UPDATE Statements in SQL
- Additional Features of SQL

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## Basic SQL

- SQL language
  - Considered one of the major reasons for the commercial success of relational databases
- SQL
  - The origin of SQL is relational predicate calculus called tuple calculus (see Ch.8) which was proposed initially as the language SQUARE.
  - SQL Actually comes from the word "SEQUEL" which was the
    original term used in the paper: "SEQUEL TO SQUARE" by
    Chamberlin and Boyce. IBM could not copyright that term, so they
    abbreviated to SQL and copyrighted the term SQL.
  - Now popularly known as "Structured Query language".
  - SQL is an informal or practical rendering of the crelational data model with syntax

## SQL Data Definition, Data Types, Standards

- Terminology:
  - **Table**, **row**, and **column** used for relational model terms relation, tuple, and attribute
- CREATE statement
  - Main SQL command for data definition
- The language has features for : Data definition, Data Manipulation, Transaction control (Transact-SQL, Ch. 20), Indexing (Ch.17), Security specification (Grant and Revoke- see Ch.30), Active databases (Ch.26), Multi-media (Ch.26), Distributed databases (Ch.23) etc.

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#### **SQL Standards**

- SQL has gone through many standards: starting with SQL-86 or SQL 1.A. SQL-92 is referred to as SQL-2.
- Later standards (from SQL-1999) are divided into core specification and specialized extensions. The extensions are implemented for different applications such as data mining, data warehousing, multimedia etc.
- SQL-2006 added XML features (Ch. 13); In 2008 they added Object-oriented features (Ch. 12).
- SQL-3 is the current standard which started with SQL-1999. It is not fully implemented in any RDBMS.

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## Schema and Catalog Concepts in SQL

- We cover the basic standard SQL syntax there are variations in existing RDBMS systems
- SQL schema
  - Identified by a schema name
  - Includes an authorization identifier and descriptors for each element
- Schema elements include
  - Tables, constraints, views, domains, and other constructs
- Each statement in SQL ends with a semicolon

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# Schema and Catalog Concepts in SQL (cont'd.)

- CREATE SCHEMA statement
  - CREATE SCHEMA COMPANY AUTHORIZATION 'Jsmith';
- Catalog
  - Named collection of schemas in an SQL environment
- SQL also has the concept of a cluster of catalogs.

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## The CREATE TABLE Command in SQL

- Specifying a new relation
  - Provide name of table
  - Specify attributes, their types and initial constraints
- Can optionally specify schema:
  - CREATE TABLE COMPANY.EMPLOYEE ...
  - CREATE TABLE EMPLOYEE ...

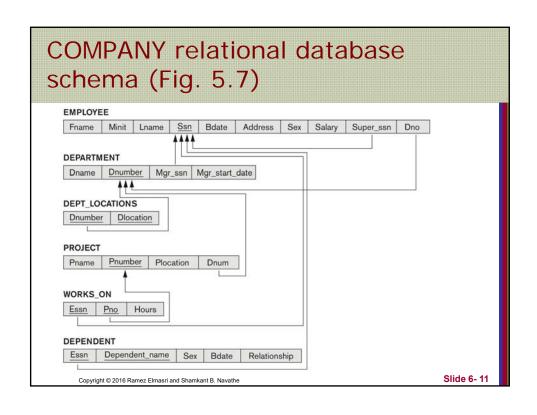
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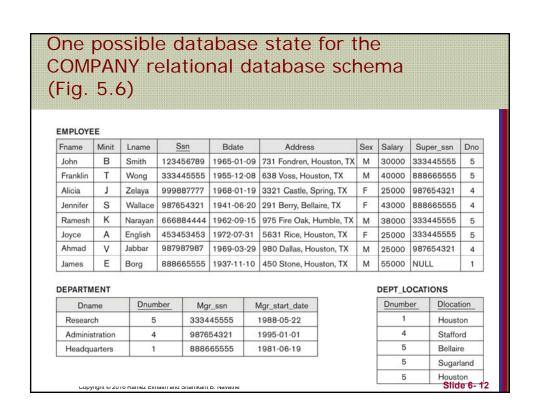
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# The CREATE TABLE Command in SQL (cont'd.)

- Base tables (base relations)
  - Relation and its tuples are actually created and stored as a file by the DBMS
- Virtual relations (views)
  - Created through the CREATE VIEW statement.
     Do not correspond to any physical file.

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#### One possible database state for the COMPANY relational database schema continued (Fig. 5.6)

#### WORKS\_ON

Essn	Pno	Hours
123456789	1	32.5
123456789	2	7.5
666884444	3	40.0
453453453	1	20.0
453453453	2	20.0
333445555	2	10.0
333445555	3	10.0
333445555	10	10.0
333445555	20	10.0
999887777	30	30.0
999887777	10	10.0
987987987	10	35.0
987987987	30	5.0
987654321	30	20.0
987654321	20	15.0
888665555	20	NULL

#### **PROJECT**

Pname	Pnumber	Plocation	Dnum
ProductX	1	Bellaire	5
ProductY	2	Sugarland	5
ProductZ	3	Houston	5
Computerization	10	Stafford	4
Reorganization	20	Houston	1
Newbenefits	30	Stafford	4

#### DEPENDENT

Essn		Sex	Bdate	Relationship
333445555	Alice	F	1986-04-05	Daughter
333445555	Theodore	М	1983-10-25	Son
333445555	Joy	F	1958-05-03	Spouse
987654321	Abner	М	1942-02-28	Spouse
123456789	Michael	М	1988-01-04	Son
123456789	Alice	F	1988-12-30	Daughter
123456789	Elizabeth	F	1967-05-05	Spouse

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#### SQL CREATE TABLE data definition statements for defining the COMPANY schema from Figure 5.7 (Fig. 6.1)

#### CREATE TABLE EMPLOYEE (Fname

VARCHAR(15) VARCHAR(15) CHAR(9) Lname Ssn DATE, Bdate VARCHAR(30), Address CHAR, DECIMAL(10,2), CHAR(9), Salary Super\_ssn Dno INT

NOT NULL.

NOT NULL,

NOT NULL,

NOT NULL

PRIMARY KEY (Ssn),

CREATE TABLE DEPARTMENT

VARCHAR(15) NOT NULL, ( Dname NOT NULL. Dnumber CHAR(9) NOT NULL, Mgr\_ssn Mgr\_start\_date

PRIMARY KEY (Dnumber),

UNIQUE (Dname), FOREIGN KEY (Mgr\_ssn) REFERENCES EMPLOYEE(Ssn) );

CREATE TABLE DEPT\_LOCATIONS

( Dnumber NOT NULL, Dlocation VARCHAR(15) NOT NULL,

PRIMARY KEY (Dnumber, Dlocation),

FOREIGN KEY (Dnumber) REFERENCES DEPARTMENT(Dnumber) );

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#### SQL CREATE TABLE data definition statements for defining the COMPANY schema from Figure 5.7 (Fig. 6.1)-continued

```
CREATE TABLE PROJECT
                                  VARCHAR(15)
                                                              NOT NULL,
       (Pname
        Pnumber
                                  INT
                                                             NOT NULL,
                                  VARCHAR(15),
        Plocation
                                                             NOT NULL
       Dnum
                                  INT
       PRIMARY KEY (Pnumber),
       UNIQUE (Pname),
       FOREIGN KEY (Dnum) REFERENCES DEPARTMENT(Dnumber) );
CREATE TABLE WORKS_ON
       (Essn
                                  CHAR(9)
                                                             NOT NULL.
        Pno
                                  INT
                                                             NOT NULL.
                                  DECIMAL(3,1)
       Hours
                                                             NOT NULL.
       PRIMARY KEY (Essn, Pno),
       FOREIGN KEY (Essn) REFERENCES EMPLOYEE(Ssn),
       FOREIGN KEY (Pno) REFERENCES PROJECT(Pnumber) );
CREATE TABLE DEPENDENT
       (Essn
                                  CHAR(9)
                                                             NOT NULL.
                                  VARCHAR(15)
        Dependent_name
                                                             NOT NULL.
        Sex
                                  CHAR.
        Bdate
                                  DATE.
        Relationship
                                  VARCHAR(8),
       PRIMARY KEY (Essn, Dependent_name),
       FOREIGN KEY (Essn) REFERENCES EMPLOYEE(Ssn) );
```

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## Attribute Data Types and Domains in SQL

- Basic data types
  - Numeric data types
    - Integer numbers: INTEGER, INT, and SMALLINT
    - Floating-point (real) numbers: FLOAT or REAL, and DOUBLE PRECISION
  - Character-string data types
    - Fixed length: CHAR(n), CHARACTER(n)
    - Varying length: VARCHAR(n), CHAR VARYING(n), CHARACTER VARYING(n)

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# Attribute Data Types and Domains in SQL (cont'd.)

- Bit-string data types
  - Fixed length: BIT(n)
  - Varying length: BIT VARYING(n)
- Boolean data type
  - Values of TRUE or FALSE or NULL
- DATE data type
  - Ten positions
  - Components are YEAR, MONTH, and DAY in the form YYYY-MM-DD
  - Multiple mapping functions available in RDBMSs to change date formats

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# Attribute Data Types and Domains in SQL (cont'd.)

- Additional data types
  - Timestamp data type

Includes the DATE and TIME fields

- Plus a minimum of six positions for decimal fractions of seconds
- Optional with time zone qualifier
- INTERVAL data type
  - Specifies a relative value that can be used to increment or decrement an absolute value of a date, time, or timestamp
- DATE, TIME, Timestamp, INTERVAL data types can be cast or converted to string formats for comparison. Copyright © 2016 Ramez Elmasri and Shamkant B. Navathe

## Attribute Data Types and Domains in SQL (cont'd.)

#### Domain

- Name used with the attribute specification
- Makes it easier to change the data type for a domain that is used by numerous attributes
- Improves schema readability
- Example:
  - CREATE DOMAIN SSN\_TYPE AS CHAR(9);

#### TYPE

 User Defined Types (UDTs) are supported for object-oriented applications. (See Ch.12) Uses the command: CREATE TYPE

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## Specifying Constraints in SQL

#### **Basic constraints:**

- Relational Model has 3 basic constraint types that are supported in SQL:
  - Key constraint: A primary key value cannot be duplicated
  - Entity Integrity Constraint: A primary key value cannot be null
  - Referential integrity constraints: The "foreign key " must have a value that is already present as a primary key, or may be null.

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## **Specifying Attribute Constraints**

Other Restrictions on attribute domains:

- Default value of an attribute
  - DEFAULT <value>
- NULL is not permitted for a particular attribute (NOT NULL)
- CHECK clause
  - Dnumber INT NOT NULL CHECK (Dnumber >
     0 AND Dnumber < 21);</pre>

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# Specifying Key and Referential Integrity Constraints

- PRIMARY KEY clause
  - Specifies one or more attributes that make up the primary key of a relation
  - Dnumber INT PRIMARY KEY;
- UNIQUE clause
  - Specifies alternate (secondary) keys (called CANDIDATE keys in the relational model).
  - Dname VARCHAR(15) UNIQUE;

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# Specifying Key and Referential Integrity Constraints (cont'd.)

- FOREIGN KEY clause
  - Default operation: reject update on violation
  - Attach referential triggered action clause
    - Options include SET NULL, CASCADE, and SET DEFAULT
    - Action taken by the DBMS for SET NULL or SET DEFAULT is the same for both ON DELETE and ON UPDATE
    - CASCADE option suitable for "relationship" relations

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## **Giving Names to Constraints**

- Using the Keyword CONSTRAINT
  - Name a constraint
  - Useful for later altering

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# Default attribute values and referential integrity triggered action specification (Fig. 6.2)

```
CREATE TABLE EMPLOYEE
         ( ... ,
Dno
                     INT
                                NOT NULL
                                              DEFAULT 1.
         CONSTRAINT EMPPK
           PRIMARY KEY (Ssn),
          CONSTRAINT EMPSUPERFK
           FOREIGN KEY (Super_ssn) REFERENCES EMPLOYEE(Ssn)
                       ON DELETE SET NULL
                                                ON UPDATE CASCADE,
         CONSTRAINT EMPDEPTFK
           FOREIGN KEY(Dno) REFERENCES DEPARTMENT(Dnumber)
                       ON DELETE SET DEFAULT ON UPDATE CASCADE);
      CREATE TABLE DEPARTMENT
           Mgr_ssn CHAR(9)
                                NOT NULL DEFAULT '888665555',
         CONSTRAINT DEPTPK
           PRIMARY KEY(Dnumber),
         CONSTRAINT DEPTSK
           UNIQUE (Dname).
          CONSTRAINT DEPTMGRFK
           FOREIGN KEY (Mgr_ssn) REFERENCES EMPLOYEE(Ssn)
                       ON DELETE SET DEFAULT ON UPDATE CASCADE);
      CREATE TABLE DEPT_LOCATIONS
          PRIMARY KEY (Dnumber, Dlocation),
          FOREIGN KEY (Dnumber) REFERENCES DEPARTMENT(Dnumber)
                                                ON UPDATE CASCADE):
                      ON DELETE CASCADE
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```

# Specifying Constraints on Tuples Using CHECK

- Additional Constraints on individual tuples within a relation are also possible using CHECK
- CHECK clauses at the end of a CREATE TABLE statement
  - Apply to each tuple individually
  - CHECK (Dept\_create\_date <=
     Mgr\_start\_date);</pre>

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#### Basic Retrieval Queries in SQL

- SELECT statement
  - One basic statement for retrieving information from a database
- SQL allows a table to have two or more tuples that are identical in all their attribute values
  - Unlike relational model (relational model is strictly set-theory based)
  - Multiset or bag behavior
  - Tuple-id may be used as a key

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## The SELECT-FROM-WHERE Structure of Basic SQL Queries

Basic form of the SELECT statement:

SELECT <attribute list>
FROM 
WHERE <condition>;

where

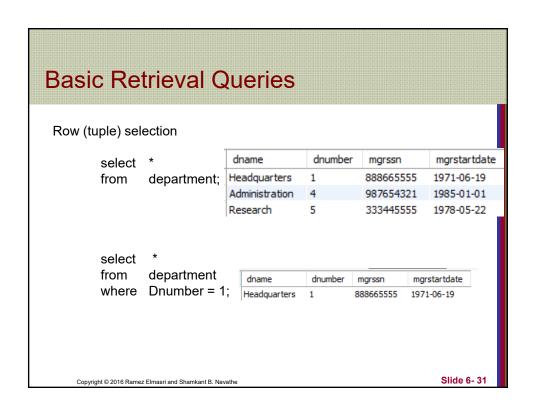
- <attribute list> is a list of attribute names whose values are to be retrieved by the query.
- is a list of the relation names required to process the query.
- <condition> is a conditional (Boolean) expression that identifies the tuples to be retrieved by the query.

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# The SELECT-FROM-WHERE Structure of Basic SQL Queries (cont'd.)

- Logical comparison operators
  - =, <, <=, >, >=, and <>
- Projection attributes
  - Attributes whose values are to be retrieved
- Selection condition
  - Boolean condition that must be true for any retrieved tuple. Selection conditions include join conditions (see Ch.8) when multiple relations are involved.

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## **Basic Retrieval Queries**

Column (attribute) selection

select Dname, Dnumber from employee;

 Dname
 Dnumber

 Administration
 4

 Headquarters
 1

 Research
 5

select Dname, Dnumber from employee where Dnumber = 1;

Dname Dnumber
Headquarters 1

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## **Basic Retrieval Queries**

<u>Bdate</u>	<u>Address</u>	
1965-01-09	731 Fondren, Houston, TX	

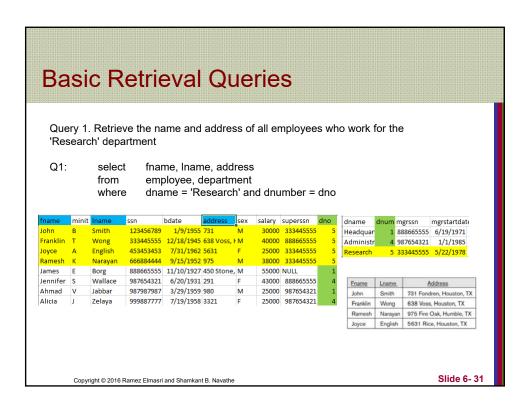
Query 0. Retrieve the birth date and address of the employee(s) whose name is 'John B. Smith.'

Q0: select bdate, address

from employee

where fname='John' and minit='B' and Iname='Smith';

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## Basic Retrieval Queries (Contd.)

(c)	Pnumber	Dnum	Lname	<u>Address</u>	<u>Bdate</u>
	10	4	Wallace	291Berry, Bellaire, TX	1941-06-20
	30	4	Wallace	291Berry, Bellaire, TX	1941-06-20

Query 2. For every project located in 'Stafford', list the project number, the controlling department number, and the department manager's last name, address, and birth date.

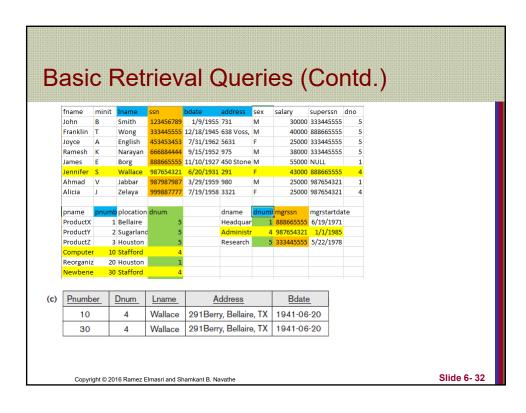
Q2: select pnumber, dnum, lname, address, bdate

from project, department, employee

where dnum = dnumber and mgrssn = ssn and

plocation = 'Stafford';

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## **Ambiguous Attribute Names**

- Same name can be used for two (or more) attributes in different relations
  - As long as the attributes are in different relations
  - Must qualify the attribute name with the relation name to prevent ambiguity

Assume: In employee table: Iname is name, dno is dnumber

Q1A. select fname, employee.name, address

from employee, department

where department.name = 'Research' and

department.dnumber = employee.dnumber

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## Aliasing, and Renaming

- Aliases or tuple variables
  - Declare alternative relation names E and S to refer to the EMPLOYEE relation twice in a query:

**Query 8.** For each employee, retrieve the employee's first and last name and the first and last name of his or her immediate supervisor.

```
select e.fname, e.lname, s.fname, s.lname
from employee as e, employee as s
where e.superssn=s.ssn;
```

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# Aliasing, Renaming and Tuple Variables (contd.)

The attribute names can also be renamed

```
EMPLOYEE AS E(Fn, Mi, Ln, Ssn, Bd, Addr, Sex, Sal, Sssn, Dno)
```

- Note that the relation EMPLOYEE now has a variable name E which corresponds to a tuple variable
- The "AS" may be dropped in most SQL implementations

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## Unspecified WHERE Clause and Use of the Asterisk

- Missing WHERE clause
  - Indicates no condition on tuple selection
- Effect is a CROSS PRODUCT
  - Result is all possible tuple combinations (or the Algebra operation of Cartesian Product

    – see Ch.8)
    result

Queries 9 and 10. Select all EMPLOYEE Ssns (Q9) and all combinations of EMPLOYEE Ssn and DEPARTMENT Dname (Q10) in the database.

```
Q9: select ssn employee;

Q10: select ssn, dname employee, department;
```

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# Unspecified WHERE Clause and Use of the Asterisk (cont'd.)

- Specify an asterisk (\*)
  - Retrieve all the attribute values of the selected tuples
  - The \* can be prefixed by the relation name; e.g., EMPLOYEE \*

```
Q1C:
        select
        from
                 employee
        where
                 dno = 5;
Q1D:
        select
                 employee, department
        from
                 dname = 'Research' and dno = dnumber
        where
Q10A:
        select
        from
                 employee, department
```

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#### Tables as Sets in SQL

- SQL does not automatically eliminate duplicate tuples in query results
- For aggregate operations (See sec 7.1.7) duplicates must be accounted for
- Use the keyword DISTINCT in the SELECT clause
  - Only distinct tuples should remain in the result

Query 11. Retrieve the salary of every employee (Q11) and all distinct salary values (Q11A).

Q11: select all salary from employee;

Q11A: select distinct salary from employee;

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## Tables as Sets in SQL (cont'd.)

- Set operations
  - UNION, EXCEPT (difference), INTERSECT
  - Corresponding multiset operations: UNION ALL, EXCEPT ALL, INTERSECT ALL)
  - Type compatibility is needed for these operations to be valid

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## Tables as Sets in SQL (cont'd.)

#### Set operations

Query 4. Make a list of all project numbers for projects that involve an employee whose last name is 'Smith', either as a worker or as a manager of the department that controls the project.

```
Q4A: (select distinct pnumber
```

from project, department, employee

where dnum = dnumber and mgrssn = ssn and lname = 'Smith')

#### **UNION**

(select distinct pnumber

from project, works\_on, employee

where pnumber = pno and essn = ssn and Iname = 'Smith')

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## Substring Pattern Matching and Arithmetic Operators

- LIKE comparison operator
  - Used for string pattern matching
  - % replaces an arbitrary number of zero or more characters
  - underscore (\_) replaces a single character
  - Examples: WHERE Address LIKE '%Houston,TX%';
  - WHERE Ssn LIKE '\_\_ 1\_\_ 8901';
- **BETWEEN** comparison operator

E.g., in Q14:

#### WHERE(Salary BETWEEN 30000 AND 40000)

**AND** Dno = 5:

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## **Arithmetic Operations**

- Standard arithmetic operators:
  - Addition (+), subtraction (-), multiplication (\*), and division (/) may be included as a part of SELECT
- Query 13. Show the resulting salaries if every employee working on the 'ProductX' project is given a 10 percent raise.

```
select e.fname, e.lname, 1.1 * e.salary AS increased_sal from employee as e, works_on as w, project as p where e.ssn = w.essn and w.pno = p.pnumber and p.pname = 'ProductX';
```

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## **Ordering of Query Results**

- Use order by clause
  - Keyword DESC to see result in a descending order of values
  - Keyword ASC to specify ascending order explicitly
  - Typically placed at the end of the query

```
ORDER BY D.Dname DESC, E.Lname ASC, E.Fname ASC
```

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## Basic SQL Retrieval Query Block

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## INSERT, DELETE, and UPDATE Statements in SQL

- Three commands used to modify the database:
  - INSERT, DELETE, and UPDATE
- INSERT typically inserts a tuple (row) in a relation (table)
- UPDATE may update a number of tuples (rows) in a relation (table) that satisfy the condition
- DELETE may also update a number of tuples (rows) in a relation (table) that satisfy the condition

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#### **INSERT**

- In its simplest form, it is used to add one or more tuples to a relation
- Attribute values should be listed in the same order as the attributes were specified in the CREATE TABLE command
- Constraints on data types are observed automatically
- Any integrity constraints as a part of the DDL specification are enforced

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#### The INSERT Command

Specify the relation name and a list of values for the tuple.
 All values including nulls are supplied.

```
U1: insert into department values ('Sales', 2, '123456789', '2021-09-01');
```

 The variation below inserts multiple tuples where a new table is loaded values from the result of a query (works\_on\_info table must exist)

U3B: insert into works\_on\_info(emp\_name, proj\_name, hours\_per\_week)

select e.lname, p.pname, w.hours from project p, works\_on w, employee e where p.pnumber = w.pno and w.essn = e.ssn;

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#### **BULK LOADING OF TABLES**

- Another variation of INSERT is used for bulk-loading of several tuples into tables
- A new table TNEW can be created with the same attributes as T and using LIKE and DATA in the syntax, it can be loaded with entire data.
- EXAMPLE:

**CREATE TABLE D5EMPS LIKE EMPLOYEE** 

(SELECT E.\*

FROM EMPLOYEE AS E

WHERE E.Dno=5)

WITH DATA;

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#### **DELETE**

- Removes tuples from a relation
  - Includes a WHERE-clause to select the tuples to be deleted
  - Referential integrity should be enforced
  - Tuples are deleted from only one table at a time (unless CASCADE is specified on a referential integrity constraint)
  - A missing WHERE-clause specifies that all tuples in the relation are to be deleted; the table then becomes an empty table
  - The number of tuples deleted depends on the number of tuples in the relation that satisfy the WHERE-clause

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#### The DELETE Command

- Removes tuples from a relation
  - Includes a WHERE clause to select the tuples to be deleted. The number of tuples deleted will vary.

```
U4A:
         delete from
                            employee
                            Iname = 'Brown';
         where
U4B:
         delete from
                            employee
                            ssn = '123456789';
         where
U4C:
         delete from
                            employee
         where
                            dno = 5;
U4D:
         delete from
                            employee; /* deletes all tuples */
```

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#### **UPDATE**

- Used to modify attribute values of one or more selected tuples
- A WHERE-clause selects the tuples to be modified
- An additional SET-clause specifies the attributes to be modified and their new values
- Each command modifies tuples in the same relation
- Referential integrity specified as part of DDL specification is enforced

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## **UPDATE** (contd.)

 Example: Change the location and controlling department number of project number 10 to 'Bellaire' and 5, respectively

U5: update project

set plocation = 'Bellaire',

dnum = 5

where pnumber = 10

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## **UPDATE** (contd.)

 Example: Give all employees in the 'Research' department a 10% raise in salary.

U6: update set salary = salary \*1.1 where dno IN (select dnumber from department where dname = 'Research')

- In this request, the modified SALARY value depends on the original SALARY value in each tuple
  - The reference to the salary attribute on the right of = refers to the old salary value before modification
  - The reference to the salary attribute on the left of = refers to the new salary value after modification

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#### Additional Features of SQL

- Techniques for specifying complex retrieval queries (see Ch.7)
- Writing programs in various programming languages that include SQL statements: Embedded and dynamic SQL, SQL/CLI (Call Level Interface) and its predecessor ODBC, SQL/PSM (Persistent Stored Module) (See Ch.10)
- Set of commands for specifying physical database design parameters, file structures for relations, and access paths, e.g., CREATE INDEX

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#### Additional Features of SQL (cont'd.)

- Transaction control commands (Ch.20)
- Specifying the granting and revoking of privileges to users (Ch.30)
- Constructs for creating triggers (Ch.26)
- Enhanced relational systems known as objectrelational define relations as classes. Abstract data types (called User Defined Types- UDTs) are supported with CREATE TYPE
- New technologies such as XML (Ch.13) and OLAP (Ch.29) are added to versions of SQL

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## Summary

- SQL
  - A Comprehensive language for relational database management
  - Data definition, queries, updates, constraint specification, and view definition
- Covered:
  - Data definition commands for creating tables
  - Commands for constraint specification
  - Simple retrieval queries
  - Database update commands

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