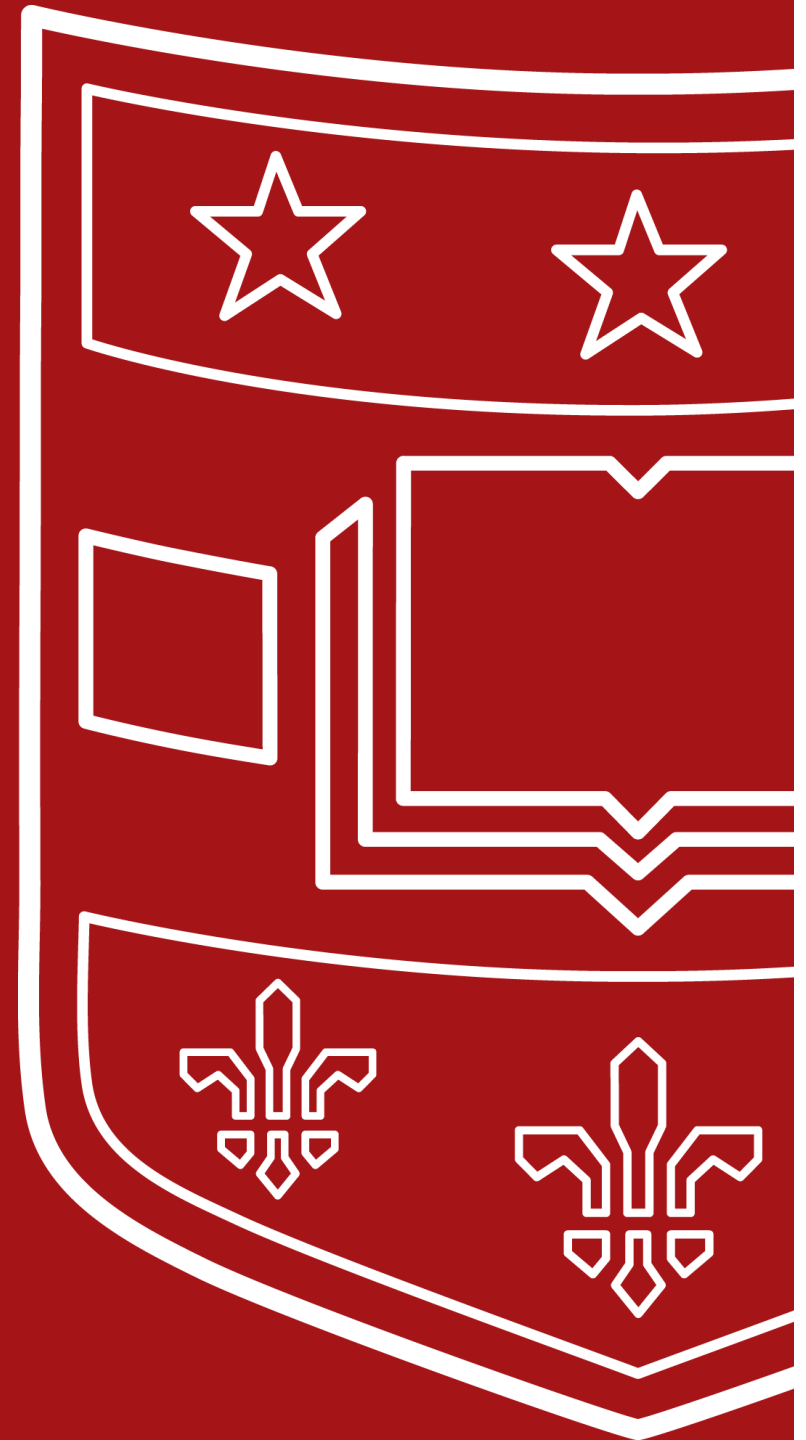


Database Management Systems

- SQL Language Processing



Processing Language



- Known as parsing
- Multiple Techniques
 - Top Down
 - Bottom Up
- The result of parsing is what is known as a parse tree
 - Not the same as a query tree

Grammars



- The rules that dictate how a language is parsed is called a grammar
 - What tokens do we expect to see?
 - In what order do we expect the tokens to appear?

Simplified Grammar for Select



Query ::= SELECT SelectItem
 FROM FromItem
 WHERE Expression
 GROUP BY Column

SelectItem ::= Column |
 Column, SelectItem

FromItem ::= Table |
 Table JoinItem

JoinItem ::= JOIN Table ON Expression |
 JOIN Table ON Expression JoinItem

Expression ::= Column Operator Column

Example Parse Tree



- SELECT FirstName, LastName
FROM Employees

Execution Plans



- If we can construct a valid parse tree we know the query is valid
 - But how to execute?
- We must transform this parse tree into something more useful
 - Like what?
 - How do we do this?

Visitor Pattern



- Idea: We wish to categorize the nodes of our parse tree
 - Inheritance, interfaces, etc.
- We can then use these categories to locate nodes of interest to us
 - Example: Aggregates

Creating A Visitor



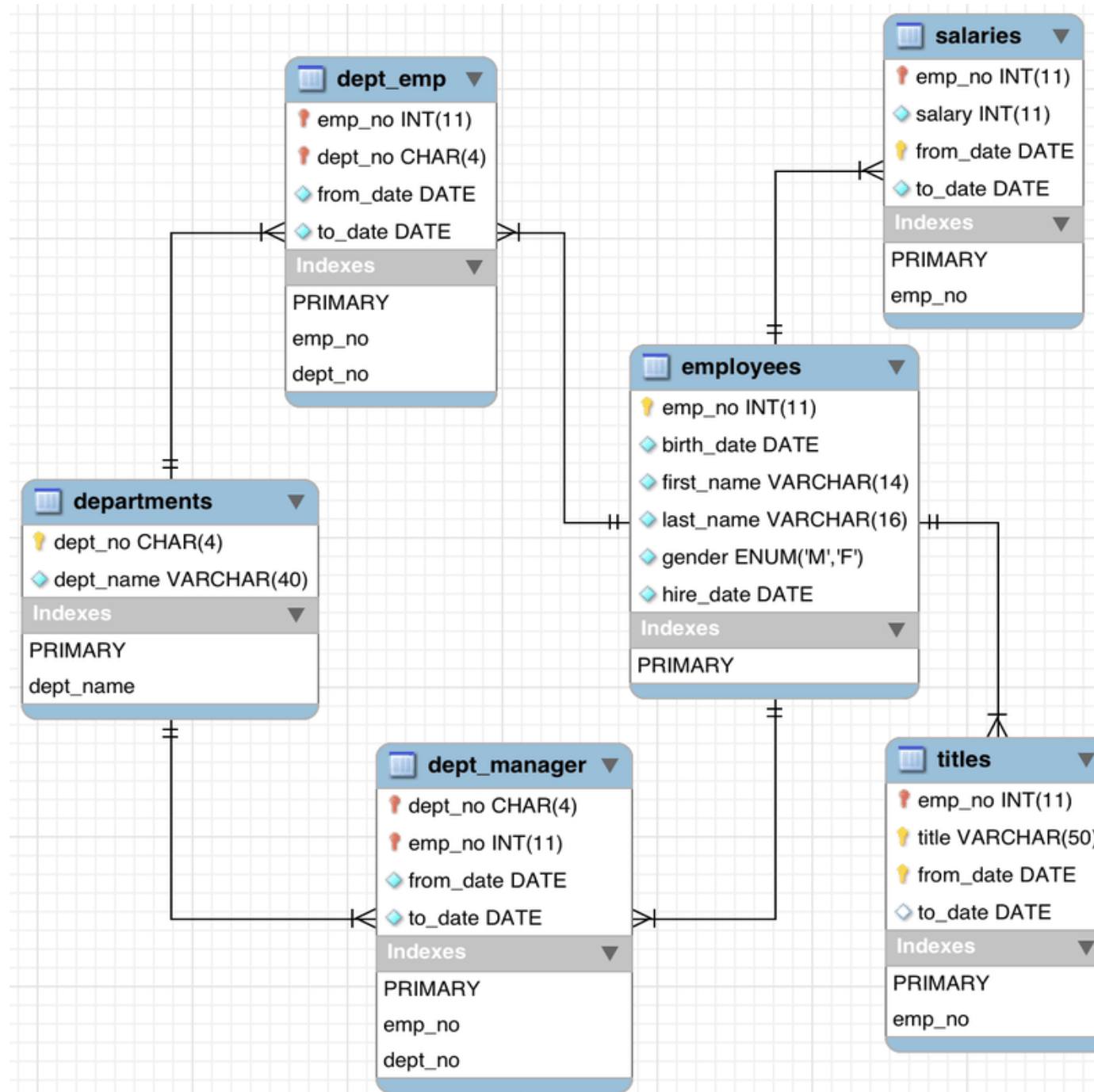
- Class contains visit methods
 - Parameter is node type of interest
- As we traverse the tree, we search for nodes that we care about
 - Start with most specific type, work towards more general
- Code in visit methods performs the desired task



Execution Plan

- Once we have finished processing the parse tree, we now have a query tree that can be used to execute the query
 - Called an execution plan
- But are we done?

ER Diagram



Practice Problem



- Write a query that will return a list of all employees who do not have a title

Practice Problem



- Construct a parse tree and a query tree for the following query:

```
SELECT Title, Developer, Platform  
FROM VideoGame JOIN Developer ON  
    VideoGame.DevID = Developer.ID  
WHERE Year = 1989
```

Practice Problem



- You are given the following relational algebra query. Construct the original SQL query.

$$\pi_{sid}(\bowtie_{enrollments.sid=students.sid} (\bowtie_{course.courseno=enrollments.courseno} (\bowtie_{department.depno=course.depno} (\sigma_{departmentname=computerscience}(Departments), Courses), Enrollments), Students))$$

Practice Problem



- Create an ER diagram for an application that allows users to create playlists of songs. A playlist contains one or more songs. A song can have one or more artists associated with it.