Applied Databases

Lecture 7 Simple SQL Queries

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Outline

- 1. Structured Querying Language (SQL)
- 2. Creating Tables
- 3. Simple SQL queries

SQL

- → Developed in the 1970's at IBM by Chamberlin and Boyce (originally "SEQUEL" = Structured English Query Language")
- → June 1979 first commercial version by Relational Software Inc (later Oracle)
- \rightarrow ANSI standard in 1986
- → ISO standard in 1987, important releases 1992, 1999, 2003, 2008, 2011
- → MySQL attempts to comply with 2008 standard

→ Despite the existence of the SQL standards, most SQL code is not completely portable among different database systems without adjustments :-(

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- \rightarrow int signed integer (4 bytes)
- → smallint signed integer (2 bytes, i.e., from -32768 to 32767)
- → float(M,D) / double(M,D) floating-point (approximate value) types (4 / 8 bytes)
 D digits after decimal point up to M digits in total
 Rounding! insert 999.00009 into float(7,4) gives 999.0001

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mysql> CREATE TABLE test (a float(3,3), b float(4,2), c float(5,1)); mysql> INSERT INTO test VALUES (100.999, 100.999, 100.999); Query OK, 1 row affected, 2 warnings (0.01 sec) mysql> SHOW WARNINGS; +----+ Level | Code | Message _____ ----+---+----+-----| Warning | 1264 | Out of range value for column 'a' at row 1 | | Warning | 1264 | Out of range value for column 'b' at row 1 | -----+ mysql> INSERT INTO test VALUES (2/3,2/3,2/3); Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec) mysql> SELECT * FROM test; ----+ |a |b |c | +----+ | 0.999 | 99.99 | 101.0 | 0.667 0.67 0.7 ----+ 2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

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- \rightarrow text / blob text and binary strings (length <= 2^16 = 65536)

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date / time / timestamp

- \rightarrow can be compared for equality and less than (<)
- \rightarrow if date1 < date2, then date 1 is earlier than date2

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- \rightarrow DELETE FROM T1; delete all rows from table T1
- \rightarrow DELETE FROM T1 where c3=1; delete rows with c3-value equals 1
- \rightarrow DROP TABLE T1; remove table T1
- \rightarrow ALTER TABLE T1 ADD COLUMN coll int; adds a column to table T1
- \rightarrow ALTER TABLE T1 DROP COLUMN col1; removes a column from table T1
- → DESCRIBE T1; lists the fields and types of table t1 (MySQL, not SQL!) (in sqlite3 this is done via ".schema t1" or "PRAGMA table_info(t1)")
- → SHOW tables; lists tables of your database (MySQL, not SQL!) (in sqlite3 this is done via ".tables")

 \rightarrow default values for some attributes:

CREATE TABLE T1 (<attribute> <type> DEFAULT <value>)



→ ALTER TABLE Movies ADD COLUMN length int DEFAULT 0;

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    employee_id int NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY,
    first_name char(20),
    last_name char(20),
    department char(10),
    salary int default 0
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mysql> INSERT INTO Employee VALUES (NULL, "a", "b", "c", 5); ERROR 1048 (23000): Column 'employee_id' cannot be null mysql>

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- \rightarrow more than one key: UNIQUE

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    PRIMARY KEY (employee_id),
    UNIQUE (first_name,last_name)
                             \rightarrow checked in the same way as primary keys, i.e.,
                             \rightarrow forbids inserting same (first,last)-value
                                more than once.
```

Checking Functional Dependencies

- T = a table in BCNF
- \rightarrow if X \rightarrow Y is a nontrivial fd, then X is a superkey

Question

Does **UNIQUE** X enforce the fd $X \rightarrow Y$?

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CREATE TABLE Person (first_name char(20) NOT NULL,
last_name char(20) NOT NULL,
PRIMARY KEY (first_name,last_name));
```

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CREATE TABLE Employee (first char(20) NOT NULL,
last char(20) NOT NULL,
FOREIGN KEY (first,last)
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- $\rightarrow\,$ MySQL does not support INTERSECT and INTERSECT ALL
- \rightarrow how can you formulate an "INTERSECT ALL" in MySQL??

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   WHERE R.a=S.a:
   SELECT R.a FROM R
   WHERE R.a IN (SELECT * FROM S) UNION (SELECT * FROM T);
   +---+
     a
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SELECT R.a FROM R, S, T WHERE R.a=S.a OR R.a=1.a; We select from the Cartesian product of R, S, and T! \rightarrow empty if one of the tables is empty!

3. Simple SQL Queries

SELECT	list, of, attributes	<	optionally with aggregates
FROM	list of tables		
WHERE	conditions		
GROUP BY	list of attributes		
ORDER BY	attribute ASC DESC		

Aggregates: COUNT, SUM, AVG, MIN, MAX

```
Conditions: AND, OR, NOT, IN, <, =, >, LIKE
```

Combine tables (using set-semantics): UNION, INTERSECT, EXCEPT

 \rightarrow query returns a table

→ where a table is allowed, you can place a *nested* query: (SELECT * FROM ...) SQL is NOT a programming language

- Calculate 2+2 in SQL
- Step 1: there must be a table to operate with:

create table foo (a int)

- 2 + 2 itself must go into selection. We also have to give it a name (attribute).
- Try:

db2 => select 2+2 as X from foo

Х

0 record(s) selected.

SQL is NOT a programming language cont'd

- Problem: there were no tuples in foo.
- Let's put in some:

Х

```
insert into foo values 1
insert into foo values 5
```

```
select 2+2 as X from foo
```

4

4

2 record(s) selected.

```
INSERT INTO foo VALUES (1);
INSERT INTO foo VALUES (5);
SELECT 2+2 FROM foo;
+----+
| 2+2 |
+----+
| 4 |
| 4 |
+----+
```

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- It is also important to eliminate duplicates.
- So finally:

db2 => select distinct 2+2 as X from foo



More on the $\tt WHERE\ clause$

- Once we have types such as strings, numbers, we have type-specific operations, and hence type-specific selection conditions
- create table finance (title char(20), budget int, gross int)

insert into finance values ('Shining', 19, 100)
insert into finance values ('Star wars', 11, 513)
insert into finance values ('Wild wild west', 170, 80)

More on the WHERE clause

• Find movies that lost money:

select title
from finance
where gross < budget</pre>

• Find movies that made at least 10 times as much as they cost:

```
select title
from finance
where gross > 10 * budget
```

• Find profit each movie made:

```
select title, gross - budget as profit
from finance
where gross - budget > 0
```

More on the WHERE clause cont'd

- Is Kubrick spelled with a "k" or "ck" at the end?
- No need to remember.

```
SELECT Title, Director
FROM Movies
WHERE director LIKE 'Kubr%'
```

• Is Polanski spelled with a "y" or with an "i"?

```
SELECT Title, Director
FROM Movies
WHERE director LIKE 'Polansk_'
```

LIKE comparisons

- attribute LIKE pattern
- Patterns are built from:

letters

- stands for any letter
- % stands for any substring, including empty
- Examples:

```
address LIKE '%Edinburgh%'
pattern '_a_b_' matches cacbc, aabba, etc
pattern '%a%b_' matches ccaccbc, aaaabcbcbbd, aba, etc
```

Aggregates

 $\rightarrow\,$ count the number of tuples in Movies

SELECT COUNT(*) FROM Movies;

 \rightarrow add up all movie lengths

SELECT SUM(length) FROM Movies;



 \rightarrow find the number of directors

Naive approach:

SELECT COUNT(director) FROM Movies;

Returns the number of tuples in Movies

 \rightarrow correct query (remove duplicates!)

SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT director) FROM Movies;

Aggregation and Grouping

 \rightarrow for each director return the average running time of his/her movies

SELECT director, AVG(length) FROM Movies GROUP BY director;

How does grouping work?



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SELECT director, ???
FROM Movies
GROUP BY director;
```

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Aggregation and Grouping

 \rightarrow generating histograms



Grouping wo Aggregation?

- \rightarrow CAVE! Not sensible!!
- → No clearly defined semantics (implementation dependent)!

```
sqlite> select * from T;
1|1
2|3
1|5
2|7
3|3
1|5
sqlite> select a,b from T group by a;
1|5
2|7
3|3
sqlite> select * from R;
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Sample data: bibliography data (from XML)





AID	NAME
•	
• 7	Rohin Milner
7 8	
0	
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PID	NAME	YEAR
•		
13	Calculi for Interaction	1996
14		
•		

PID	AID	
•		
13	7	
8		
·		

author.csv



writtenBy.csv







```
> CREATE TABLE Author (aid int PRIMARY KEY,
                             name text);
> CREATE TABLE Paper (pid int PRIMARY KEY,
                            title text.
                            year int);
> CREATE TABLE WrittenBy (pid int,
                                aid int, PRIMARY KEY (pid,aid));
> CREATE INDEX ai ON Author (name);
> CREATE INDEX wi ON WrittenBy (pid, aid);
> .separator ";"
> .import author.csv author
> .import paper.csv paper
                                       sqlite3
> .import writtenBy.csv writtenBy
> .timer on
```

A Join Query

-- title and year of papers by Robin Milner

Join and Grouping

```
-- number of papers per year by aid=314 (Jeffrey D. Ullman)
SELECT P.year, COUNT(P.year) as count
FROM (Paper p JOIN WrittenBy W ON (P.pid = W.pid))
WHERE W.aid=314
GROUP BY year;
1966 | 1
1967 4
1968 | 8
1969 | 7
1970 | 6
1971 | 4
1972 | 12
•
•
```

Sorting (Ordering)

```
-- most prolific authors??
SELECT A.name, count(W.pid) as count
FROM Author A, WrittenBy W
WHERE A.aid = W.aid
GROUP BY W.aid
ORDER BY count DESC LIMIT 40;
H. Vincent Poor | 1114
Wei Wang|1064
Yan Zhang|999
Wei Liu|981
Wen Gao | 926
Philip S. Yu|885
Thomas S. Huang |838
Chin-Chen Chang|795
Lajos Hanzo|790
Elisa Bertino|782
Wei Zhang 779
```

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Co-Author Graph

Question

Give a SQL query that defines the co-author graph G

→ two authors a,b are in the relation G, if and only if there exists a paper that was written by a, and was also written by b.

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Hint:



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 \rightarrow why is that wanted?

 \rightarrow what is the time complexity of evaluating a SQL query?

END Lecture 7