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15-415 - Database Applications

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Lecture#6: Rel. model - SQL part1

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General Overview - rel. model

- Formal query languages
  - rel algebra and calculi
- Commercial query languages
  - ➔ SQL
  - QBE, (QUEL)

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Overview - detailed - SQL

- DML
  - select, from, where, renaming
  - set operations
  - ordering
  - aggregate functions
  - nested subqueries
- other parts: DDL, embedded SQL, auth etc

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## Relational Query Languages

- A major strength of the relational model: supports simple, powerful *querying* of data.
- Two sublanguages:
  - DDL – Data Definition Language
    - define and modify schema (at all 3 levels)
  - DML – Data Manipulation Language
    - Queries can be written intuitively.

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## Relational languages

- The DBMS is responsible for efficient evaluation.
  - Query optimizer: re-orders operations and generates query plan

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## The SQL Query Language

- **The most widely used relational query language.**
  - Major standard is SQL-1999 (=SQL3)
    - Introduced “Object-Relational” concepts
    - SQL 2003, SQL 2008 have small extensions
  - SQL92 is a basic subset

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## SQL (cont'd)

- PostgreSQL has some “unique” aspects (as do most systems).
- XML is the next challenge for SQL.

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## DML

General form

```

select a1, a2, ... an
from r1, r2, ... rm
where P
[order by ....]
[group by ...]
[having ...]

```

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## Reminder: our Mini-U db

STUDENT		
Ssn	Name	Address
123	smith	main str
234	jones	forbes ave

CLASS		
c-id	c-name	units
15-413	s.e.	2
15-412	o.s.	2

TAKES		
SSN	c-id	grade
123	15-413	A
234	15-413	B

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### DML - eg:

find the ssn(s) of everybody called "smith"

```

select ssn
from student
where name="smith"
  
```

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### DML - observation

General form

```

select      a1, a2, ... an
from r1, r2, ... rm
where P
  
```

equivalent rel. algebra query?

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### DML - observation

General form

```

select      a1, a2, ... an
from r1, r2, ... rm
where P
  
```

$$\pi_{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n}(\sigma_P(r_1 \times r_2 \times \dots \times r_m))$$

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## DML - observation

General form

```

select distinct a1, a2, ... an
from r1, r2, ... rm
where P

```

Diagram illustrating the general form of a DML query:

- select distinct** a1, a2, ... an: Points to the projection operator  $\pi_{a1, a2, \dots, an}$ .
- from** r1, r2, ... rm: Points to the join operator  $\times$ .
- where** P: Points to the selection operator  $\sigma_P$ .

The resulting expression is:  $\pi_{a1, a2, \dots, an}(\sigma_P(r1 \times r2 \times \dots \times rm))$

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## select clause

```

select [distinct | all] name
from student
where address="main"

```

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## where clause

find ssn(s) of all "smith"s on "main"

```

select ssn
from student
where address="main" and
      name = "smith"

```

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## where clause

- boolean operators (**and or not** ...)
- comparison operators (<, >, =, ...)
- and more...

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## What about strings?

find student ssns who live on “main” (st or str  
or street - ie., “main st” or “main str” ...)

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## What about strings?

find student ssns who live on “main” (st or str  
or street)

**select** ssn  
**from** student  
**where** address **like** “main%”

%: variable-length don’t care  
\_: single-character don’t care

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from clause

find names of people taking 15-415

STUDENT			CLASS		
Ssn	Name	Address	c-id	c-name	units
123	smith	main str	15-413	s.e.	2
234	jones	forbes ave	15-412	o.s.	2

TAKES		
SSN	c-id	grade
123	15-413	A
234	15-413	B

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from clause

find names of people taking 15-415

**select** name

**from** student, takes

**where** ???

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from clause

find names of people taking 15-415

**select** name

**from** student, takes

**where** student.ssn = takes.ssn **and**  
takes.c-id = "15-415"

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## renaming - tuple variables

find names of people taking 15-415

```

select name
from ourVeryOwnStudent, studentTakingClasses
where ourVeryOwnStudent.ssn =
    studentTakingClasses.ssn
and studentTakingClasses.c-id = "15-415"
  
```

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## renaming - tuple variables

find names of people taking 15-415

```

select name
from ourVeryOwnStudent as S,
    studentTakingClasses as T
where S.ssn = T.ssn
and T.c-id = "15-415"
  
```

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## renaming - self-join

- self -joins: find Tom's grandparent(s)

PC			PC		
p-id	c-id		p-id	c-id	
Mary	Tom	→	Mary	Tom	
Peter	Mary		Peter	Mary	
John	Tom		John	Tom	

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### renaming - self-join

find grandparents of “Tom” (PC(p-id, c-id))

```

select gp.p-id
from PC as gp, PC
where gp.c-id= PC.p-id
and PC.c-id = “Tom”
  
```

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### renaming - theta join

find course names with more units than 15-415

```

select c1.c-name
from class as c1, class as c2
where c1.units > c2.units
and c2.c-id = “15-415”
  
```

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### renaming - theta join

find course names with more units than 15-415

```

select c1.c-name
from class as c1, class as c2
where c1.units > c2.units
and c2.c-id = “15-415”
  
```

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find course names with more units than 15-415

```

select c1.name
from class as c1, class as c2
where c1.units > c2.units
and c2.c-id = "15-415"

```

$$\{t \mid \exists c1 \in CLASS \exists c2 \in CLASS ($$

$$c1[c-id] = 15-415 \wedge$$

$$c2[units] > c1[units] \wedge$$

$$t[c-name] = c2[c-name])\}$$

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## set operations

find ssn of people taking both 15-415 and 15-413

TAKES		
SSN	c-id	grade
123	15-413	A
234	15-413	B

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## set operations

find ssn of people taking both 15-415 and 15-413

~~select ssn  
from takes  
where c-id="15-415" and  
c-id="15-413"~~

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## set operations

find ssn of people taking both 15-415 and 15-413

(select ssn from takes where c-id="15-415")  
intersect  
(select ssn from takes where c-id="15-413")

other ops: **union** , **except**

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## Ordering

find student records, sorted in name order

```
select *  
from student  
where
```

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## Ordering

find student records, sorted in name order

```
select *  
from student  
order by name asc
```

**asc** is the default

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## Ordering

find student records, sorted in name order;  
break ties by reverse ssn

```
select *  
from student  
order by name, ssn desc
```

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Aggregate functions

find avg grade, across all students

**select ??**

**from takes**

SSN	c-id	grade
123	15-413	4
234	15-413	3

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Aggregate functions

find avg grade, across all students

**select avg(grade)**

**from takes**

SSN	c-id	grade
123	15-413	4
234	15-413	3

- result: a single number
- Which other functions?

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## Aggregate functions

- A: sum count min max (std)

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## Aggregate functions

find total number of enrollments

```
select count(*)  
from takes
```

SSN	c-id	grade
123	15-413	4
234	15-413	3

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## Aggregate functions

find total number of students in 15-415

```
select count(*)  
from takes  
where c-id="15-415"
```

SSN	c-id	grade
123	15-413	4
234	15-413	3

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## Aggregate functions

find total number of students in each course

```
select count(*)
from takes
where ???
```

SSN	c-id	grade
123	15-413	4
234	15-413	3

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## Aggregate functions

find total number of students in each course

```
select c-id, count(*)
from takes
group by c-id
```

SSN	c-id	grade
123	15-413	4
234	15-413	3

c-id	count
15-413	2

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## Aggregate functions

find total number of students in each course

```
select c-id, count(*)
from takes
group by c-id
order by c-id
```

SSN	c-id	grade
123	15-413	4
234	15-413	3

c-id	count
15-413	2

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## Aggregate functions

find total number of students in each course,  
and sort by count, decreasing

```
select c-id, count(*) as pop
from takes
group by c-id
order by pop desc
```

SSN	c-id	grade
123	15-413	4
234	15-413	3

c-id	pop
15-413	2

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## Aggregate functions- 'having'

find students with GPA > 3.0

SSN	c-id	grade
123	15-413	4
234	15-413	3

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## Aggregate functions- 'having'

find students with GPA > 3.0

```
select ??, avg(grade)
from takes
group by ???
```

SSN	c-id	grade
123	15-413	4
234	15-413	3

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## Aggregate functions- 'having'

find students with GPA > 3.0

```
select ssn, avg(grade)
from takes
group by ssn
???
```

SSN	c-id	grade
123	15-413	4
234	15-413	3

SSN	avg(grade)
123	4
234	3

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## Aggregate functions- 'having'

find students with GPA > 3.0

```
select ssn, avg(grade)
from takes
group by ssn
having avg(grade)>3.0
```

SSN	c-id	grade
123	15-413	4
234	15-413	3

SSN	avg(grade)
123	4
<del>234</del>	<del>3</del>

'having' <-> 'where' for groups

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## Aggregate functions- 'having'

find students and GPA,  
for students with > 5 courses

```
select ssn, avg(grade)
from takes
group by ssn
having count(*) > 5
```

SSN	c-id	grade
123	15-413	4
234	15-413	3

SSN	avg(grade)
123	4
<del>234</del>	<del>3</del>

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