Lecture 2:
Introduction to SQL

Announcements!

1. If you still have Jupyter trouble, let us know!
2. Enroll to Piazza!!!
3. People are looking for groups. Team up!
4. Enrollment should be finalized soon!
5. TA updates hopefully by Monday!

Lecture 2:
Introduction to SQL

Today's Lecture

1. SQL introduction & schema definitions
   - ACTIVITY: Table creation
2. Basic single-table queries
   - ACTIVITY: Single-table queries!
3. Multi-table queries
   - ACTIVITY: Multi-table queries!

1. SQL Introduction & Definitions

What you will learn about in this section

1. What is SQL?
2. Basic schema definitions
3. Keys & constraints intro
4. ACTIVITY: CREATE TABLE statements

SQL Motivation

- But why use SQL?
  - The relational model of data is the most widely used model today
    - Main Concept: the *relation*- essentially, a table

Remember: The reason for using the relational model is data independence!

Logical data independence:
protection from changes in the *logical structure of the data*

SQL is a logical, declarative query language. We use SQL because we happen to use the relational model.

SQL Motivation

- Dark times 5 years ago.
  - Are databases dead?

- Now, as before: everyone sells SQL
  - Pig, Hive, Impala

- “Not-Yet-SQL?”

Basic SQL

SQL Introduction

- SQL is a standard language for querying and manipulating data
- SQL is a **very high-level** programming language
  - This works because it is optimized well!
- Many standards out there:
  - ANSI SQL, SQL92 (a.k.a. SQL2), SQL99 (a.k.a. SQL3), ….
  - Vendors support various subsets

SQL stands for
Structured Query Language

Probably the world's most successful **parallel** programming language (multicore?)

SQL is a…

- Data Definition Language (DDL)
  - Define relational *schemata*
  - Create/alter/delete tables and their attributes

- Data Manipulation Language (DML)
  - Insert/delete/modify tuples in tables
  - Query one or more tables – discussed next!

Tables in SQL

Product

PName	Price	Manufacturer
Gizmo	$19.99	GizmoWorks
Powergizmo	$29.99	GizmoWorks
SingleTouch	$149.99	Canon
MultiTouch	$203.99	Hitachi

A **relation** or **table** is a multiset of tuples having the attributes specified by the schema

Let's break this definition down

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A **multiset** is an unordered list (or: a set with multiple duplicate instances allowed)

List: [1, 1, 2, 3]
Set: {1, 2, 3}
Multiset: {1, 1, 2, 3}

i.e. no *next()*, etc. methods!

Tables in SQL

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An **attribute** (or **column**) is a typed data entry present in each tuple in the relation

*Attributes must have an **atomic** type in standard SQL, i.e. not a list, set, etc.*

Tables in SQL

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*Also referred to sometimes as a **record***

A **tuple** or **row** is a single entry in the table having the attributes specified by the schema

Tables in SQL

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Gizmo	$19.99	GizmoWorks
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The number of tuples is the **cardinality** of the relation

The number of attributes is the **arity** of the relation

Data Types in SQL

- Atomic types:
  - Characters: CHAR(20), VARCHAR(50)
  - Numbers: INT, BIGINT, SMALLINT, FLOAT
  - Others: MONEY, DATETIME, …

- Every attribute must have an atomic type
  - Hence tables are flat

Table Schemas

- The **schema** of a table is the table name, its attributes, and their types:

```
Product(Pname: string, Price: float, Category:
string, Manufacturer: string)
```

- A **key** is an attribute whose values are unique; we underline a key

```
Product(Pname: string, Price: float, Category:
string, Manufacturer: string)
```

Key constraints

A **key** is a **minimal subset of attributes** that acts as a unique identifier for tuples in a relation

- A key is an implicit constraint on which tuples can be in the relation
  - i.e. if two tuples agree on the values of the key, then they must be the same tuple!

```
Students(sid:string, name:string, gpa: float)
```

1. Which would you select as a key?
2. Is a key always guaranteed to exist?
3. Can we have more than one key?

NULL and NOT NULL

- To say "don't know the value" we use NULL
  - NULL has (sometimes painful) semantics, more details later

```
Students(sid:string, name:string, gpa: float)
```

sid	name	gpa
123	Bob	3.9
143	Jim	NULL

Say, Jim just enrolled in his first class.

In SQL, we may constrain a column to be NOT NULL, e.g., "name" in this table

General Constraints

- We can actually specify arbitrary assertions
  - E.g. "*There cannot be 25 people in the DB class*"

- In practice, we don't specify many such constraints. Why?
  - Performance!

Whenever we do something ugly (or avoid doing something convenient) it's for the sake of performance

Summary of Schema Information

- Schema and Constraints are how databases understand the semantics (meaning) of data
- They are also useful for optimization
- SQL supports general constraints:
  - Keys and foreign keys are most important
  - We'll give you a chance to write the others

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2. Single-table queries

What you will learn about in this section

1. The SFW query
2. Other useful operators: LIKE, DISTINCT, ORDER BY
3. ACTIVITY: Single-table queries

SQL Query

- Basic form (there are many many more bells and whistles)

```
SELECT <attributes>
FROM   <one or more relations>
WHERE  <conditions>
```

Call this a **SFW** query.

Simple SQL Query: Selection

Selection is the operation of filtering a relation's tuples on some condition

PName	Price	Category	Manufacturer
Gizmo	$19.99	Gadgets	GizmoWorks
Powergizmo	$29.99	Gadgets	GizmoWorks
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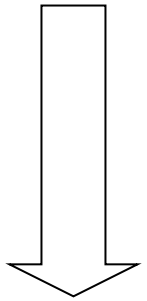
MultiTouch	$203.99	Household	Hitachi

```
SELECT *
FROM   Product
WHERE  Category = 'Gadgets'
```



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Simple SQL Query: Projection

Projection is the operation of producing an output table with tuples that have a subset of their prior attributes

PName	Price	Category	Manufacturer
Gizmo	$19.99	Gadgets	GizmoWorks
Powergizmo	$29.99	Gadgets	GizmoWorks
SingleTouch	$149.99	Photography	Canon
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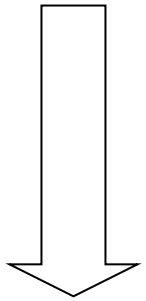
```
SELECT Pname, Price, Manufacturer
FROM   Product
WHERE  Category = 'Gadgets'
```



PName	Price	Manufacturer
Gizmo	$19.99	GizmoWorks
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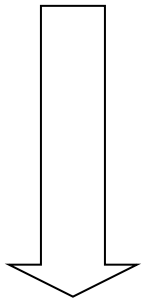
Notation

Input schema

Product(PName, Price, Category, Manfacturer)

```
SELECT Pname, Price, Manufacturer
FROM   Product
WHERE  Category = 'Gadgets'
```



Output schema

Answer(PName, Price, Manfacturer)

A Few Details

- SQL **commands** are case insensitive:
  - Same: SELECT, Select, select
  - Same: Product, product
- **Values** are **not:**
  - Different: 'Seattle', 'seattle'
- Use single quotes for constants:
  - 'abc' - yes
  - "abc" - no

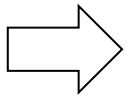
LIKE: Simple String Pattern Matching

```
SELECT *
FROM   Products
WHERE  PName LIKE '%gizmo%'
```

- s **LIKE** p: pattern matching on strings
- p may contain two special symbols:
  - % = any sequence of characters
  - _ = any single character

DISTINCT: Eliminating Duplicates

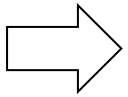
```
SELECT DISTINCT Category
FROM   Product
```



Category
Gadgets
Photography
Household

Versus

```
SELECT Category
FROM   Product
```



Category
Gadgets
Gadgets
Photography
Household

ORDER BY: Sorting the Results

```
SELECT    PName, Price, Manufacturer
FROM      Product
WHERE     Category='gizmo' AND Price > 50
ORDER BY  Price, PName
```

Ties are broken by the second attribute on the ORDER BY list, etc.

Ordering is ascending, unless you specify the DESC keyword.

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3. Multi-table queries

What you will learn about in this section

1. Foreign key constraints
2. Joins: basics
3. Joins: SQL semantics
4. ACTIVITY: Multi-table queries

Foreign Key constraints

- Suppose we have the following schema:

```
Students(sid: string, name: string, gpa: float)
Enrolled(student_id: string, cid: string, grade: string)
```

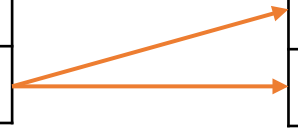
- And we want to impose the following constraint:
  - 'Only bona fide students may enroll in courses' i.e. a student must appear in the Students table to enroll in a class

Students

sid	name	gpa
101	Bob	3.2
123	Mary	3.8

Enrolled

student_id	cid	grade
123	564	A
123	537	A+



student_id alone is not a key- what is?

We say that student_id is a **foreign key** that refers to Students

Declaring Foreign Keys

```
Students(sid: string, name: string, gpa: float)
Enrolled(student_id: string, cid: string, grade: string)

CREATE TABLE Enrolled(
      student_id CHAR(20),
      cid        CHAR(20),
      grade      CHAR(10),
      PRIMARY KEY (student_id, cid),
      FOREIGN KEY (student_id) REFERENCES Students(sid)
)
```

Foreign Keys and update operations

```
Students(sid: string, name: string, gpa: float)
Enrolled(student_id: string, cid: string, grade: string)
```

- What if we insert a tuple into Enrolled, but no corresponding student?
  - INSERT is rejected (foreign keys are constraints)!

- What if we delete a student?

DBA chooses (syntax in the book)

1. Disallow the delete
2. Remove all of the courses for that student
3. *SQL allows a third via NULL (not yet covered)*

Keys and Foreign Keys

Company

CName	StockPrice	Country
GizmoWorks	25	USA
Canon	65	Japan
Hitachi	15	Japan

What is a foreign key vs. a key here?

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Joins

```
Product(PName, Price, Category, Manufacturer)
Company(CName, StockPrice, Country)
```

Ex: Find all products under $200 manufactured in Japan; return their names and prices.

```
SELECT PName, Price
FROM   Product, Company
WHERE  Manufacturer = CName
       AND Country='Japan'
       AND Price <= 200
```

Note: we will often omit attribute types in schema definitions for brevity, but assume attributes are always atomic types

Joins

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A **join** between tables returns all unique combinations of their tuples **which meet some specified join condition**

Joins

```
Product(PName, Price, Category, Manufacturer)
Company(CName, StockPrice, Country)
```

Several equivalent ways to write a basic join in SQL:

```
SELECT PName, Price
FROM   Product, Company
WHERE  Manufacturer = CName
       AND Country='Japan'
       AND Price <= 200
```

```
SELECT PName, Price
FROM   Product
JOIN   Company ON Manufacturer = Cname
                  AND Country='Japan'
WHERE  Price <= 200
```

A few more later on…

Joins

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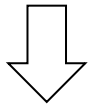

```
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```

PName	Price
SingleTouch	$149.99

Tuple Variable Ambiguity in Multi-Table

```
Person(name, address, worksfor)
Company(name, address)
```

```
SELECT DISTINCT name, address
FROM            Person, Company
WHERE           worksfor = name
```

Which "address" does this refer to?

Which "name"s??

Tuple Variable Ambiguity in Multi-Table

```
Person(name, address, worksfor)
Company(name, address)
```

Both equivalent ways to resolve variable ambiguity

```
SELECT DISTINCT Person.name, Person.address
FROM            Person, Company
WHERE           Person.worksfor = Company.name
```

```
SELECT DISTINCT p.name, p.address
FROM            Person p, Company c
WHERE           p.worksfor = c.name
```

Meaning (Semantics) of SQL Queries

```
SELECT x1.a1, x1.a2, …, xn.ak
FROM   R1 AS x1, R2 AS x2, …, Rn AS xn
WHERE  Conditions(x1,…, xn)
```

Almost never the *fastest* way to compute it!

```
Answer = {}
for x1 in R1 do
    for x2 in R2 do
        .....
            for xn in Rn do
                if Conditions(x1,…, xn)
                    then Answer = Answer ∪ {(x1.a1, x1.a2, …, xn.ak)}
return Answer
```

Note: this is a *multiset* union

An example of SQL semantics

```
SELECT R.A
FROM   R, S
WHERE  R.A = S.B
```

Output

A
3
3

A
1
3

B	C
2	3
3	4
3	5

Cross Product

A	B	C
1	2	3
1	3	4
1	3	5
3	2	3
3	3	4
3	3	5

Apply Selections / Conditions

A	B	C
3	3	4
3	3	5

Apply Projection

Note the ***semantics*** of a join

```
SELECT R.A
FROM   R, S
WHERE  R.A = S.B
```

1. Take **cross product**:

$$X = R \times S$$

Recall: Cross product (A X B) is the set of all unique tuples in A,B

Ex: {a,b,c} X {1,2}
= {(a,1), (a,2), (b,1), (b,2), (c,1), (c,2)}

2. Apply **selections / conditions**:

$$Y = \{(r, s) \in X \mid r.A == r.B\}$$

= Filtering!

3. Apply **projections** to get final output:

$$Z = (y.A,) \; for \; y \in Y$$

= Returning only *some* attributes

Remembering this order is critical to understanding the output of certain queries (see later on…)

Note: we say “semantics” not “execution order”

- The preceding slides show *what a join means*
- Not actually how the DBMS executes it under the covers