Structured Query Language (SQL)

- Data Definition Language (DDL)
  - CREATE, DROP, ALTER
- Data Manipulation Language (DML)
  - SELECT, INSERT, DELETE, UPDATE
- Data Control Language (DCL)
  - GRANT, REVOKE
- COMMIT, ROLLBACK, SAVEPOINT

About SQL Dialects ...

- Each DBMS has its own SQL dialect
- Basic syntax is mostly the same in all dialects
- Different in two major aspects
  - Advanced SQL features, e.g. various types of subqueries, recursive queries
  - Non-standardized features, e.g. functions, procedural languages

... About SQL Dialects

- Generally speaking, anything can be done in any dialect, just in different ways
- Stick to standard when possible, use dialect when necessary

SQL Script

- A text file contains SQL statements and comments
  - Statements: select, insert, create ...
  - Comments: lines started with --
- Usually uses the .sql suffix

Access PostgreSQL Server

- GUI client pgAdmin III
  - Server
  - Database
  - SQL
- Command line client psql
PostgreSQL Documentation

Examples: Create Tables

- Create the following tables:
  - 1. students( id, name, email )
  - 2. courses( id, name )
  - 3. sections( id, course_id, year )
  - 4. enrollment( id, section_id, student_id, grade )

Naming Conventions

- Use plural form for table names
- Use singular form for column names
- Use underscore to concatenate multiple words, e.g. course_id
  - Do not use mixed cases in names (e.g. CourseId) because many DBMS treat names as case-insensitive

Data Type

- Determines the storage required for a field
- Common data types
  - String types
  - Numeric types
  - Date and time types
  - Other types

String Types

- char(n)
  - Fixed-length strings
  - Max length n
- varchar(n)
  - Variable-length strings
  - Max length n
- text
  - For articles, essays, ...

Numeric Types

- Integer types
  - integer, int
  - Variations: smallint, bigint, long...
  - Auto increment
    - AUTO_INCREMENT
    - Serial
- Boolean
  - boolean, bool
- Floating-point types
  - real
  - Variations: float, double...
- Arbitrary precision number
  - decimal(m,n)
  - numeric(m,n)
Date and Time Types

- **date** – YYYY-MM-DD
- **time** – HH:MM:SS
- **datetime** – YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS
- **timestamp** – YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS

Data Integrity Constraints

- Not NULL
- Default
- Unique
- Primary key
  - Unique + Not NULL
  - Only one primary key per table
- Foreign key
- Check

Constraint Syntax

- Column constraint
- Table constraint
- Named constraint

Examples: Modify Tables

- Add grade point to grades
  - 5. Create grades table
  - 6. Drop the the grade column in the enrollment table
  - 7. Add a grade_id column to the enrollment table
  - 8. Add a foreign key constraint to the grade_id column

About ALTER TABLE

- Modify tables
  - Name
  - Schema
- Modify constraints
  - Add, remove

- Modify columns
  - Add, remove
  - Name
  - Type

Exactly what operations are supported depend on the DBMS.

Delete Table

```
drop table table_name;
```
Examples: Populate Tables

- Populate the tables we created so far
  - Insert a record in each table
  - Create all sections for 2009

SQL Literals

- Number: 10, 30.2
- String: ‘CPU’, ‘John’s Kitchen’
- Date: ‘2007-06-01’
- Time: ‘12:00:00’
- Boolean: ‘t’, ‘f’, 1, 0
- NULL

Sample Database: University

- departments: id, name
- faculty: id, name, department_id
- students: id, name, graduation_date, major_id
- grades: id, letter, value
- courses: id, title, department_id
- sections: id, course_id, instructor_id, year
- enrollment: id, student_id, section_id, grade_id

Examples: Simple Selection

- 11. Find the sections taught by instructor #1 in 2004
- 12. List the names of the students whose names start with “A” in alphabetic order
- 13. List the id’s of the courses that were offered before 2009

SQL Operators

- Arithmetic: +, -, *, /, %
- Comparison: <, >, <=, >=, =, !=
- Logical: and, or, not
- String: like
- Other: is null, in
- Order by

LIKE

- Pattern matching:
  - %: any zero or more characters
  - :: any single character
  - [abc], [a-z], [0-9]: range
  - *: zero or more instances of the preceding character
Example: Functions

14. Find the students who graduated in June
15. Find the students who graduated in the last six months

Functions in PostgreSQL


Common Functions in Databases

- Numerical functions
- String functions
- Date and time functions
- NULL related functions
- Aggregation functions

Most functions are DBMS specific.

Numerical functions

- Precision functions
- Power and square root
- Logarithmic functions
- Trigonometric functions
- Random number generator

String Functions

- String length
- Concatenation
- Locate/extract substring
- Trim white spaces
- Change cases
- Format numbers or dates

Date and Time Functions

- Extract date or time field
- Add or subtract a time interval
- Get current date or time
- Convert string to date or time
NULL Related Functions

- If NULL then something
- If something then NULL

Examples: Joins

- 16. Find the names of the departments that offer the course “Databases”
- 17. Find the names of the faculty who taught the course “Databases”
- 18. Find the courses that were not offered in 2001

Join Syntax

- Equi-join syntax
- Inner join syntax

Inner Join

- a.k.a Join
- Combine two rows (one from each table) if they meet the join condition
- In other words, the results include the matching rows from the two tables

Inner Join Example

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<td>12</td>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
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</table>

table1 inner join table2 on A=C

Outer Joins

- Include the results of an Inner Join and the unmatched rows from one or both join tables
Left Outer Join

- A.K.A. Left Join

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Full Outer Join

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Examples: Subqueries

- 19. Find the student with the earliest graduation date
- 20. Find the departments that offered classes in 2001
- 21. Find the faculty who taught classes in 2001

Query Results

- Query results are either a table or a value
  - E.G. select * from products or select count(*) from products
- Query results can be used in places where a table/value can be used

* A value can also be considered as a table with only one row and one column

Correlated Subquery

- The inner query uses column(s) from the outer query
  - For example:

```sql
select * from faculty f where exists
(select * from sections
where year = 2001
and instructor_id = f.id);
```
How Correlated Subqueries Work

Outer query

(1, Turing, 10) → Inner Query → WHERE conditions → result
(2, Newton, 20) → Inner Query → WHERE conditions → result

Examples: Set Operations

22. List all the names of the students and the faculty
23. List the names that appear in both the students table and the faculty table
24. List the names that appear in the students table but not in the faculty table

Set Operations

- Union
  - \{1,2,3\} \cup \{2,3,4\} = \{1,2,3,4\}
- Intersect
  - \{1,2,3\} \cap \{2,3,4\} = \{2,3\}
- Difference
  - \{1,2,3\} - \{2,3,4\} = \{1\}

Set Operations in Databases

- UNION
- INTERCEPT
- EXCEPT

About UNION

- Combine result tables of SELECT statements
- The result tables must have the same number of columns
- The corresponding columns must have the same (or at least "compatible") type
- Duplicates in union results
  - UNION — automatically remove duplicates
  - UNION ALL — keep duplicates

INTERCEPT and EXCEPT

- Same syntax as UNION
- Some databases do not support INTERCEPT and EXCEPT, but the operations can be done in different ways
  - How??
Example: Aggregation Functions

- 25. Find the earliest graduation date
- 26. Find the number of courses offered by the Computer Science Department

Aggregation Functions

- Operate on multiple rows and return a single result
  - sum
  - avg
  - count
  - max and min

Be Careful with NULL

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Example: Aggregation Queries

- 27. List the number of students in each section
- 28. List the number courses offered by department
- 29. List the number of students graduated by year
- 30. Find the years in which there were more than 2 students graduated

Understand GROUP BY ...

- Without aggregation/GROUP BY
  
  select section_id, student_id from enrollment;

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- With aggregation/GROUP BY
  
  select section_id, count(student_id) from enrollment group by section_id;

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\textit{The result attributes must be either a group attribute or a aggregation attribute.}

HAVING vs. WHERE

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4. Final results

\textit{WHERE conditions}

\textit{HAVING conditions}

Example: Top N Queries

- 31. Find the top 2 sections with the most students
- 32. Find the names of the top 3 faculty who taught the most number of sections

Top N Queries in PostgreSQL

\textit{Using ORDER BY, LIMIT and OFFSET}

\begin{verbatim}
select * from students
order by graduation_date asc
limit 3
offset 2;
\end{verbatim}

\textit{What if there is a tie??}

Examples: Update and Delete

- 33. Change the name and department_id of faculty #5 to “John” and 10, respectively
- 34. Delete all the enrollment records of the Elocution class in 2001
- 35. Change all the B+ grades in the Calculus class in 2001 to A-

Update and Delete

\begin{verbatim}
delete from table [where condition(s)];
update table set field=value [, ...] [where condition(s)];
\end{verbatim}
Need for Transactions ...

Not all operations can be done with a single, atomic SQL statement, e.g. transferring money from one bank account to another:

1. Check the balance of account #1
   select balance from accounts where id = 1;

2. Withdraw $100 from account #1
   update accounts set balance = balance – 100
   where id = 1;

3. Deposit $100 to account #2
   update accounts set balance = balance + 100
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Transaction

A transaction is a group of SQL statements treated by the DBMS as a single unit of work

Transaction Statements

Start a transaction
- BEGIN, START TRANSACTION

End a transaction
- COMMIT
- ROLLBACK

Nested transaction
- SAVEPOINT
- ROLLBACK TO SAVEPOINT
Example: Transactions

- Use a transaction to add two records to the faculty table
  - 36. Abort the transaction
  - 37. Commit the transaction

What happens if another transaction access the faculty table at the same time??

ACID Properties

- Database transactions are expected to have ACID properties
  - Atomic
  - Consistent
  - Isolated
  - Durable

Atomicity

- A transaction completes or fails as a whole, i.e. either all operations in the transaction are performed or none of them are.

Consistency

- Transaction should preserve database constraints.

Durability

- The changes made by committed transactions are guaranteed to be permanent, despite possible system failures.

Isolation

- Databases are often accessed by many users at the same time.
  - Multiple transactions running concurrently should not interfere with each other, i.e. it should appear to the user that each transaction is executed in isolation.
SQL Isolation Levels

- Read uncommitted
- Read committed
- Repeatable read
- Serializable

Isolation Example

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>id</th>
<th>name</th>
<th>price</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>milk</td>
<td>2.99</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>beer</td>
<td>6.99</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Transaction #1:

- MIN
  select name, price from items where price = (select min(price) from items);
- MAX
  select name, price from items where price = (select max(price) from items);
- COUNT
  select count(*) from items;

Transaction #2:

- UPDATE
  update items set price = 7.99 where name = 'beer';
- ABORT
  rollback;

Consider the interleaving of T1 and T2:
MIN, UPDATE, MAX, COUNT, ABORT

Read Uncommitted

- A transaction may read data written by another transaction that has not committed

Dirty Read

Transaction #2:

- UPDATE
  update items set price = 7.99 where name = 'milk';
- COMMIT
  commit;

Consider the interleaving of T1 and T2:
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Read Committed

- A transaction reads only committed data.

Non-repeatable Read

Transaction #2:

- UPDATE
  update items set price = 7.99 where name = 'milk';
- COMMIT
  commit;

Consider the interleaving of T1 and T2:
MIN, UPDATE, COMMIT, MAX, COUNT
Repeatable Read

◆ A transaction reads only committed data, and, everything seen the first time will be seen the second time.

Phantom Read

Transaction #2:

-- INSERT
insert into items values (3, 'wine', 10.99);
-- COMMIT
commit;

Consider the interleaving of T1 and T2:

MIN, MAX, INSERT, COMMIT, COUNT

Serializable

◆ It appears to the user that the transactions are executed one at a time.

Isolation Levels in PostgreSQL

◆ Read committed (default)
◆ Serializable

About Concurrent Transactions

◆ Concurrency is needed to maximize performance
◆ Concurrent transactions can lead to problems due to aborted operations and interleaving operations
◆ 4 isolation levels
◆ 3 problems

Example: Indexes and Views

◆ 38. Create an index on the name column of the students table
◆ 39. Create a view showing the id, course name, instructor's name, and the number of students in each section
◆ 40. Remove the view
Search with an Index

About Indexes
- Indexes make query execution more efficient
- Many DBMS automatically create indexes for primary key and unique columns
- There are many different types of indexes designed for different types of data and operations
  - E.g. B-tree, R-tree, Hash Index

About Views
- A view can be used as a table in SQL statements
- Most views cannot be updated
- The data in a view is dynamically computed, i.e. changes to base tables are automatically reflected in the view

Why Views
- Present the data in a user friendly way while keeping the base tables normalized
- Simplify SQL queries
- Security reasons
  - Views can be access controlled just like tables
  - Expose only part of the data to certain type of users

Summary
- Create and maintain database schema
- Query and update data
- Transactions and ACID
- Indexes and views