



Data Management for Data Science
Sapienza Università di Roma
2016/2017

SQL

Maurizio Lenzerini, Riccardo Rosati

Dipartimento di Ingegneria informatica, automatica
e gestionale Antonio Ruberti
Sapienza Università di Roma



SQL

1. Data definition

- 1. Data definition**
2. Data manipulation
3. Queries
4. Further aspects



SQL

- SQL ("**S**tructured **Q**uery **L**anguage") contains both the DDL (Data Definition Language) and the DML (Data Manipulation Language)
- Different versions of the language exist
- Brief history:
 - First proposal: **SEQUEL** (IBM Research, 1974);
 - first implementations in SQL/DS (IBM) and Oracle (1981);
 - from 1983 ca., “standard de facto”
 - standard versions released in 1986, 1989, **1992**, 1999, 2003
 - Last versions only partially supported by commercial systems



Using an SQL-based DBMS

- An SQL-based database management system (DBMS) is a **server** that allows for managing a **set** of relational databases
- Following the relational model, an SQL database is characterized by a **schema** (intensional level) and by an **instance** (extensional level)
- In addition, an SQL database is characterized by a set of **meta-data** (catalog)



Data definition in SQL

- The most important statement of the SQL DDL is

create table

- Defines a relation schema (specifying attributes and constraints)
- Creates an empty instance of the relation schema

- Syntax: **create table** *TableName* (
 AttributeName Domain [Constraints]

 AttributeName Domain [Constraints]
 [*OtherConstraints*]
)



create table: example

```
create table Employee (  
  ID          character(6) primary key,  
  Name        character(20) not null,  
  Surname     character(20) not null,  
  Depart      character(15),  
  Salary      numeric(9) default 0,  
  City        character(15),  
  foreign key (Depart) references  
    Department (DepName),  
  unique (Surname, Name)  
)
```

table
name

attribute
name

constraint

domain
(type)



SQL and the relational model

- **Remark:** an SQL table is defined as a **multiset** of n-tuples
- Only if the table has a primary key (or a set of attributes defined as unique), the same n-tuple cannot appear twice in the table



Domains for attributes

- **Predefined domains**

- **Character:**

- `char(n)` or `character(n)`
 - `varchar(n)` (or `char varying(n)`)
 - `nchar(n)` and `nvarchar(n)` (or `nchar varying(n)`) (UNICODE)

- **Numeric:**

- `int` or `integer`, `smallint`
 - `numeric`, (or `numeric(p)`, `numeric(p, s)`)
 - `decimal`, (or `decimal(p)`, `decimal(p, s)`)
 - `float`, `float(p)`, `real`, `double precision`

- **Date, time:**

- `Date`, `time`, `timestamp`
 - `time with timezone`, `timestamp with timezone`

- **Bit:**

- `bit(n)`
 - `bit varying(n)`

- **Further domains (introduced in SQL:1999)**

- `boolean`
 - `BLOB`, `CLOB`, `NCLOB` (binary/character large object)



Domains for attributes

- **User-defined domains**

- Sintassi

```
create domain NewDomainName  
as PreExistingDomain [ Default ] [ Constraints ]
```

- *Example:*

```
create domain Grade  
as smallint default null  
check ( value >=18 and value <= 30 )
```



Intra-relational constraints

- **not null** (over single attributes)
- **unique**: defines a set of attributes as a super-key:
 - single attribute:
unique after the domain specification
 - Multiple attributes:
unique (*Attribute, ..., Attribute*)
- **primary key**: (only one primary key can be defined on a relation) syntax similar to **unique**; implies **not null**
- **check**, for more complex constraints



Example

```
create table Employee (  
    ID          character(6) primary key,  
    Name        character(20) not null,  
    Surname     character(20) not null,  
    Depart      character(15),  
    Salary      numeric(9) default 0,  
    City        character(15),  
    foreign key (Depart) references  
        Department (DepName) ,  
    unique (Surname, Name)  
)
```



primary key, alternative

```
create table Employee (  
    ID character(6) primary key,  
    ...  
)
```

oppure

```
create table Employee (  
    ID character(6),  
    ...  
    primary key (ID)  
)
```



Keys over multiple attributes

```
create table Employee ( ...  
    Name      character(20) not null,  
    Surname   character(20) not null,  
    unique (surname, name)  
)
```

is **different** from:

```
create table Employee ( ...  
    Name      character(20) not null unique,  
    Surname   character(20) not null unique  
)
```



Inter-relational constraints

- **check**, for complex constraints
- **references** and **foreign key** allow for defining **referential** integrity constraints

Syntax:

– single attribute:

references after the specification of the domain

– multiple attributes:

foreign key (Attribute, ..., Attribute) references ...

The attributes referenced in the end table must constitute a key (**primary key** or **unique**). If they are missing, the attributes of the primary key are considered.

Semantics: every combination (without NULL) of values for the attributes in the starting table must appear in the end table



Inter-relational constraints: example

Infringements

<u>Code</u>	Date	Policeman	Prov	Number
34321	1/2/95	3987	MI	39548K
53524	4/3/95	3295	TO	E39548
64521	5/4/96	3295	PR	839548
73321	5/2/98	9345	PR	839548

Policemen

<u>ID</u>	Surname	Name
3987	Rossi	Luca
3295	Neri	Piero
9345	Neri	Mario
7543	Mori	Gino



Inter-relational constraints: example (cont.)

Infringements

<u>Code</u>	Date	Policeman	Prov	Number
34321	1/2/95	3987	MI	39548K
53524	4/3/95	3295	TO	E39548
64521	5/4/96	3295	PR	839548
73321	5/2/98	9345	PR	839548

Car

<u>Prov</u>	<u>Number</u>	Surname	Name
MI	39548K	Rossi	Mario
TO	E39548	Rossi	Mario
PR	839548	Neri	Luca



Inter-relational constraints: example

```
create table Infringements (  
    Code        character(6) not null primary key,  
    Date        date not null,  
    Policeman   integer not null  
                references Policemen(ID),  
    Prov        character(2),  
    Number      character(6),  
    foreign key(Prov, Number)  
                references Car(Prov,Number)  
)
```



Schema modification : alter table

alter table: allows for modifying a table

Example:

```
create table Infringements (  
  Code      character(6) not null primary key,  
  Date      date not null,  
  Policeman integer not null  
             references Policemen(ID),  
  Prov      character(2),  
  Number    character(6),  
)
```

```
alter table Infringements  
add constraint MyConstraint foreign key(Prov, Number)  
  references Car(Prov, Number)
```

It can be used to realize **cyclic** referential integrity constraints



Schema modification: drop table

drop table: eliminates a table

Syntax:

```
drop table TableName restrict | cascade
```

Esempio:

```
drop table Infringements restrict or simply
```

```
drop table Infringements
```

– eliminates the table if it is not referenced

```
drop table Infringements cascade – eliminates the table  
and all the tables (and the other database objects) referring to it
```



Definition of indices

- Is very important for the system performance
- Deals with the physical level of the DB, not the logical one
- **create index**
- Syntax (simplified):

```
create [unique] index IndexName on  
      TableName Attribute,...,Attribute
```
- *Example:*

```
create index IndiceIP on  
      Infringements (Prov)
```



Catalog (or data dictionary)

Every DBMS creates and maintains special tables that collect the meta-data about

- **tables**
- **attributes**
- ...

For instance, the **Columns** table contains the attributes

- **Column_Name**
- **Table_name**
- **Ordinal_Position**
- **Column_Default**
- ...



SQL

2. Data manipulation

1. Data definition
- 2. Data manipulation**
3. Queries
4. Further aspects



Update operations in SQL

- Update operations:
 - addition: `insert`
 - elimination: `delete`
 - modification: `update`
- Of one or multiple tuples of a relation
- Based on a condition that may involve the relation and/or other relations



Insert: syntax

```
insert into Table [ ( Attributes ) ]  
values ( Values )
```

or

```
insert into Table [ ( Attributes ) ]  
select ...
```




Insert: example

```
insert into person values ('Mario', 25, 52)
```

```
insert into person(name, age, income)  
  values ('Pino', 25, 52)
```

```
insert into person(name, income)  
  values ('Lino', 55)
```

```
insert into person (name)  
  select father  
  from isFather  
  where father not in (select name from person)
```



Insert: comments

- The order of the attributes and the values (if present) is significant
- The list of attributes and the list of values must have the same number of elements
- If the attribute list is missing, all the attributes of the relation are considered, according to the order in which they have been defined
- If the attribute list does not contain all the attributes of the relation, a null value is inserted for every missing attribute (or a default value, if declared)



Tuple elimination

Syntax:

```
delete from Table [ where Condition ]
```

Example:

```
delete from person  
where age < 35
```

```
delete from isFather  
where child not in  
      (select name from person)
```



Delete: comments

- Deletes the tuples satisfying the condition
- It may cause (if the referential integrity constraints are defined using **cascade**) deletions in other relations
- remember: if the **where** clause is omitted, it is considered as **where true**



Tuple modification

- **Syntax:**

```
update TableName
set Attribute = < Expression | select ... | null | default >
[ where Condition ]
```

- **Semantics:** the tuples that satisfy the «where» condition are deleted
- *Examples:*

```
update person set income = 45
where name = 'Piero'
```

```
update person set income = income * 1.1
where age < 30
```



SQL

3. Queries

1. Data definition
2. Data manipulation
- 3. Queries**
4. Further aspects



The `select` statement (basic version)

- The query statement in SQL is

`select`

- It defines a query and returns the result as a table

```
select   Attribute ... Attribute  
from    Table ... Table  
[where  Condition]
```

- The three sections of the statement are usually called:
 - **target list**
 - **from clause**
 - **where clause**



isMother

mother	child
Luisa	Maria
Luisa	Luigi
Anna	Olga
Anna	Filippo
Maria	Andrea
Maria	Aldo

isFather

father	child
Sergio	Franco
Luigi	Olga
Luigi	Filippo
Franco	Andrea
Franco	Aldo

person

name	age	income
Andrea	27	21
Aldo	25	15
Maria	55	42
Anna	50	35
Filippo	26	30
Luigi	50	40
Franco	60	20
Olga	30	41
Sergio	85	35
Luisa	75	87



Selection and projection

Name and income of people who are less than 30 years old:

$\text{PROJ}_{\text{name, income}}(\text{SEL}_{\text{age} < 30}(\text{person}))$

```
select person.name, person.income
from person
where person.age < 30
```

name	income
Andrea	21
Aldo	15
Filippo	30



Name conventions

- To avoid ambiguity, every attribute name is composed of

TableName.AttributeName

- When there is no ambiguity, *TableName* can be omitted

```
select person.name, person.income
from person
where person.age < 30
```

can be written as follows:

```
select name, income
from person
where age < 30
```



SELECT, abbreviations

```
select person.name, person.income
from person
where person.age < 30
```

can be also written as:

```
select p.name as name, p.income as income
from person as p
where p.age < 30
```

or:

```
select p.name as name, p.income as income
from person p
where p.age < 30
```



Projection

surname and city of all employees

employees

ID	surname	city	salary
7309	Neri	Napoli	55
5998	Neri	Milano	64
9553	Rossi	Roma	44
5698	Rossi	Roma	64

PROJ `surname, city` (**employees**)



Projection and duplicates

```
select surname,  
       city  
from employees
```

surname	city
Neri	Napoli
Neri	Milano
Rossi	Roma
Rossi	Roma

```
select distinct surname,  
       city  
from employees
```

surname	city
Neri	Napoli
Neri	Milano
Rossi	Roma



SELECT, usage of “as”

“**as**” is used in the attribute list to specify a name for an attribute of the result. If such a name is not specified, then the attribute name of the result is equal to the corresponding attribute of the input table.

Example:

```
select name as personName, income as salary
from person
where age < 30
```

returns a relation with two attributes: **personName** and **salary**

```
select name, income
from person
where age < 30
```

returns a relation with two attributes: **name** and **income**



Exercise 1

Compute the table obtained from table **person** selecting only the people whose income is between 20 and 30, and adding an attribute that has the same value as the attribute **income** in every tuple

Show the result of the query over the table **person** shown at page 32.

person

name	age	income
-------------	------------	---------------

Solution, Exercise 1

```
select name, age, income,  
       income as repeatedIncome  
from   person  
where  income >= 20 and income <= 30
```

name	age	income	repeatedIncome
Andrea	27	21	21
Filippo	26	30	30
Franco	60	20	20



Selection, without projection

name, age and income of people who are less than 30 years old

SEL_{age<30}(person)

```
select *  
from person  
where age < 30
```

Is an abbreviation for:

```
select name, age, income  
from person  
where age < 30
```



all attributes



Projection, without selection

name and income of all people:

PROJ_{name, income}(person)

```
select name, income  
from person
```

Is an abbreviation for:

```
select p.name, p.income  
from person p  
where true
```



Expressions in the target list

```
select income/2 as semesterIncome
from person
where name = 'Luigi'
```

Complex condition in the “where” clause:

```
select *
from person
where income > 25
      and (age < 30 or age > 60)
```



“LIKE” condition

People having a name whose first letter is 'A', and whose third letter is 'd':

```
select *  
from person  
where name like 'A_d%'
```



Null values

Employees whose age is or might be greater than 40:

SEL age > 40 OR age IS NULL (employees)

```
select *  
from employees  
where age > 40 or age is null
```



Exercise 2

Compute the table obtained from table **employees** selecting only the ones whose city is Roma or Milano, projecting the data on the attribute **salary**, and adding an attribute having, in every tuple, a value that is the double the value of the attribute **salary**

Show the result of the query over the table shown at page 36.

employees

ID	surname	city	salary
----	---------	------	--------

Solution, Exercise 2

```
select salary,  
       salary*2 as doubleSalary  
from   employees  
where  city = 'Milano' or  
       city = 'Roma'
```

salary	doubleSalary
64	128
44	88
64	128



Selection, projection and join

- the **select** statements with a single relation in the **from** clause allow for expressing:
 - selections
 - projections
 - renamings
- **joins** (and cartesian products) are expressed using two or more relations in the **from** clause



SQL and relational algebra

Given the relations $R1(A1,A2)$ and $R2(A3,A4)$:

The semantics of the query

```
select R1.A1, R2.A4
from   R1, R2
where  R1.A2 = R2.A3
```

can be described as a combination of:

- cartesian product (**from**)
- selection (**where**)
- projection (**select**)

Remark: this does not mean that the DBMS necessarily computes the cartesian product to answer the query!



SQL: DBMS execution of queries

- SQL expressions are declarative, and we are describing their semantics
- In practice, DBMSs execute operations in efficient ways, for instance:
 - They execute selections as soon as possible
 - If possible, they execute joins instead of cartesian product
- The ability of DBMSs to optimize queries makes it usually not necessary to deal with efficiency when a query is specified



SQL and relational algebra, 2

Given the relations $R1(A1,A2)$ and $R2(A3,A4)$

```
select R1.A1, R2.A4
from R1, R2
where R1.A2 = R2.A3
```

corresponds to :

PROJ_{A1,A4} (SEL_{A2=A3} (R1 JOIN R2))



SQL and relational algebra, 3

Renamings may be necessary:

- in the target list
- In the from clause (cartesian product), in particular when the same table must be referred multiple times

```
select X.A1 as B1, ...  
from   R1 X, R2 Y, R1 Z  
where  X.A2 = Y.A3 and ...
```

can be written as

```
select X.A1 as B1, ...  
from   R1 as X, R2 as Y, R1 as Z  
where  X.A2 = Y.A3 and ...
```



SQL and relational algebra: example

```
select X.A1 as B1, Y.A4 as B2
from   R1 X, R2 Y, R1 Z
where  X.A2 = Y.A3 and Y.A4 = Z.A1
```

```
RENB1,B2←A1,A4 (
  PROJA1,A4 (SELA2 = A3 and A4 = C1 (
    R1 JOIN R2 JOIN RENC1,C2←A1,A2 (R1))))
```



isMother

mother	child
Luisa	Maria
Luisa	Luigi
Anna	Olga
Anna	Filippo
Maria	Andrea
Maria	Aldo

Is Father

father	child
Sergio	Franco
Luigi	Olga
Luigi	Filippo
Franco	Andrea
Franco	Aldo

person

name	age	income
Andrea	27	21
Aldo	25	15
Maria	55	42
Anna	50	35
Filippo	26	30
Luigi	50	40
Franco	60	20
Olga	30	41
Sergio	85	35
Luisa	75	87



Exercise 3: selection, projection and join

Return the fathers of people who earn more than 20 millions.



Exercise 3: solution

Return the fathers of people who earn more than 20 millions.

`PROJfather(isFather JOINchild=name SELincome>20 (person))`

```
select distinct isFather.father
from person, isFather
where isFather.child = person.name
and person.income > 20
```




Exercise 4: join

Return the father and the mother of every person.



Exercise 4: solution

Return the father and the mother of every person.

This can be expressed in relational algebra through the **natural join**.

isFather JOIN isMother

In SQL:

```
select isMother.child, father, mother
from isMother, isFather
where isFather.child = isMother.child
```



Exercise 4: solution

If we interpret the question as: return father and mother of every person appearing in the «person» table, then we need an additional join:

In relational algebra:

$$\text{PROJ}_{\text{child,father,mother}} ((\text{isMother JOIN isFather}) \\ \text{JOIN}_{\text{child=name}} \text{person})$$

In SQL:

```
select isMother.child, father, mother
from   isMother, isFather, person
where  isFather.child = isMother.child
and    isMother.child = person.name
```



Exercise 5: join and other operations

Return the persons earning more than their fathers, showing name, income and father's income.



Exercise 5: solution

Return the persons earning more than their fathers, showing name, income and father's income.

```
PROJname, income, RP (SELincome>RP
(RENNP,EP,RP ← name,age,income (person)
      JOINNP=father
(isFather JOINchild=name person)))
```

```
select      c.name, c.income, p.income
from        person p, isFather t, person c
where       p.name = t.father and
            t.child = c.name and
            c.income > p.income
```



SELECT, with renaming of the result

Return the persons earning more than their fathers, showing name, income and father's income.

```
select child, c.income as income,  
       p.income as fatherIncome  
from   person p, isFather t, person c  
where  p.name = t.father and  
       t.child = c.name and  
       c.income > p.income
```



SELECT with explicit join

```
select ...  
from Table { join Table on JoinCondition }, ...  
[ where OtherCondition ]
```

this is the SQL operator corresponding to theta-join



Explicit join

Return the father and the mother of every person:

```
select isFather.child, father, mother
from   isMother, isFather
where  isFather.child = isMother.child
```

```
select mother, isFather.child, father
from   isMother join isFather on
       isFather.child = isMother.child
```

explicit
join



Exercise 6: explicit join

Return the persons earning more than their fathers, showing name, income and father's income.

Express the query using the explicit join.



SELECT with explicit join: example

Return the persons earning more than their fathers, showing name, income and father's income.

```
select c.name, c.income, p.income
from person p, isFather t, person c
where p.name = t.father and
      t.child = c.name and
      c.income > p.income
```

Using the explicit join:

```
select c.name, c.income, p.income
from person p join isFather t on p.name=t.father
      join person c on t.child=c.name
where c.income > p.income
```



Natural join (less frequently used)

PROJ_{child,father,mother}(**isFather JOIN**_{child←name} **REN**_{name←child}(**isMother**))

In algebra: isFather JOIN isMother

In SQL (with
Explicit join): `select isFather.child, father, mother
from isMother join isFather on
isFather.child = isMother.child`

In SQL (with
natural join) : `select isFather.child, father, mother
from isMother natural join isFather`



Left outer join

Return every pair child/father and, if known, the mother.

```
select isFather.child, father, mother
from   isFather left outer join isMother
       on isFather.child = isMother.child
```

(if the mother does not exist, a null value is returned)

Remark: “outer” is optional

```
select isFather.child, father, mother
from   isFather left join isMother
       on isFather.child = isMother.child
```



Right outer join

if we use the **right** outer join:

```
select isFather.child, father, mother
from   isFather right outer join isMother
       on isFather.child = isMother.child
```

the query returns **all** mothers (even those who do not have a join with isFather)



Left and right outer join: examples

```
select isFather.child, father, mother
from   isMother join isFather
       on isMother.child = isFather.child
```

```
select isFather.child, father, mother
from   isMother left outer join isFather
       on isMother.child = isFather.child
```

```
select isFather.child, father, mother
from   isMother right outer join isFather
       on isMother.child = isFather.child
```



Full outer join: examples

```
select isFather.child, father, mother
from   isMother full outer join isFather
       on isMother.child = isFather.child
```

```
select name, father, mother
from   person full outer join isMother on
       person.name = isMother.child
       full outer join isFather on
       person.name = isFather.child
```



Ordering the result: order by

name and income of persons whose age is less than 30
in alphabetical order

```
select name, income
from person
where age < 30
order by name
```



ascending
order

```
select name, income
from person
where age < 30
order by name desc
```



descending
order



Ordering the result: order by

```
select name, income
from person
where age < 30
```

name	income
Andrea	21
Aldo	15
Filippo	30

```
select name, income
from person
where age < 30
order by name
```

name	income
Aldo	15
Andrea	21
Filippo	30



Bounding the size of the query result

```
select name, income
from person
where age < 30
order by name
limit 2
```



Bounding the size of the query result

```
select name, income
from person
where age < 30
order by name
limit 2
```

name	income
Andrea	21
Aldo	15



Aggregate operators

The target list may contain expressions that compute values based on sets of tuples:

- **count, min, max, average, total**

(simplified) syntax:

Function ([distinct] ExpressionOverAttributes)



Aggregate operators: count

Syntax:

- Count the number of tuples:

`count (*)`

- Count the values in an attribute:

`count (Attributo)`

- Count the **distinct** values in an attribute:

`count (distinct Attributo)`



count: example and semantics

Esempio: Return the number of children of Franco:

```
select count(*) as NumChildrenFranco
from isFather
where father = 'Franco'
```

Semantics: the aggregate operator (**count**) is applied to the result of the following query:

```
select *
from isFather
where father = 'Franco'
```

count: example

isFather

father	child
Sergio	Franco
Luigi	Olga
Luigi	Filippo
Franco	Andrea
Franco	Aldo

NumChildrenFranco

2

count and null values

```
select count (*)  
from person
```

Result = 4

```
select count (income)  
from person
```

Result = 3

```
select count (distinct income)  
from person
```

Result = 2

person

name	age	income
Andrea	27	21
Aldo	25	NULL
Maria	55	21
Anna	50	35



Other aggregate operators

sum, avg, max, min

- Allow an attribute or an expression as argument (not “*”)
- **sum** and **avg**: numeric or date/time arguments
- **max** and **min**: arguments on which a total ordering is defined

Esempio: return the income average of Franco's children:

```
select avg(income)
from   person join isFather on
       name = child
where  father = 'Franco'
```



Aggregate operators and null values

```
select avg(income) as averageIncome  
from person
```

person

name	age	income
Andrea	27	30
Aldo	25	NULL
Maria	55	36
Anna	50	36

this tuple is
ignored

averageIncome

34



Aggregate operators and target list

The following query does not make sense:

```
select name, max(income)
from person
```

For the query to make sense, the **target list** must be **homogeneous**, for instance:

```
select min(age), avg(income)
from person
```



Aggregate operators and grouping

- In the previous cases, the aggregate operators were applied to all the tuples constituting the query result
- In many cases, we want the aggregate functions to be applied to **partitions of tuples**
- To specify such partitions, the clause **group by** can be used:

group by *AttributeList*



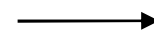
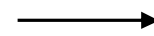
Aggregate operators and grouping

Return the number of children of every father:

```
select father, count(*) as NumChildren
from isFather
group by father
```

isFather

father	child
Sergio	Franco
Luigi	Olga
Luigi	Filippo
Franco	Andrea
Franco	Aldo



father	NumChildren
Sergio	1
Luigi	2
Franco	2



Semantics of queries with aggregate operators and grouping

1. execute the query **ignoring the group by clause** and the aggregate operators:

```
select *  
from isFather
```

2. group the **tuples having the same values for the attributes mentioned in the group by clause**
3. the aggregate operator is applied to every group and a tuple is produced for every group



Exercise 7: group by

Return the maximum income (and the age) of every group of persons whose age is greater than 18 and have the same age.

person

name	age	income
-------------	------------	---------------



Exercise 7: solution

Return the maximum income (and the age) of every group of persons whose age is greater than 18 and have the same age.

```
select age, max(income)
from person
where age > 18
group by age
```




Grouping and target list

In query that uses the **group by** clause, the target list should be «homogeneous», namely, **only** attributes appearing in the **group by** clause and aggregation functions should appear in the list.

Example:

- Income of persons, grouped by age (**non-homogeneous** target list):

```
select age, income
from person
group by age
```

- Average income of persons, grouped by age (**homogeneous**, target list (in every group there is only one average income):

```
select age, avg(income)
from person
group by age
```



Non-homogeneous target list

What happens if the target list is non-homogeneous?

Some systems do not raise any error and for each group return one of the values associated with the group.

Example:

Income of persons, grouped by age:

```
select age, income
from person
group by age
```

The DBMS MySQL, for instance, does not raise any error: for each group, it chooses one of the incomes appearing in the group and returns such a value as the income attribute of the target list.



Conditions on groups

We can also impose **selection conditions on groups**. Group selection is **obviously different** from the condition that selects the tuples forming the groups (**where** clause).

Group selection is realized by the **having** clause, which must appear after the “**group by**” clause.

Example: return the fathers whose children have an average income greater than 25.

```
select father, avg(c.income)
from   person c join isFather
      on child = name
group by father
having avg(c.income) > 25
```



Exercise 8: where or having?

Return the fathers whose children under 30 have an average income greater than 20.



Exercise 8: solution

Return the fathers whose children under 30 have an average income greater than 20.

```
select father, avg(c.income)
from   person c join isFather
      on child = name
where  c.age < 30
group by father
having avg(c.income) > 20
```



Syntax of select statement (summary)

SelectSQL ::=

select *AttributeOrExpressionList*
from *TableList*
[**where** *SimpleConditions*]
[**group by** *GroupingAttributeList*]
[**having** *AggregationConditions*]
[**order by** *OrderingAttributeList*]
[**limit** *Number*]



Union, intersection and difference

A single **select** statement does not allow for expressing unions (for instance, the union of two tables)

An explicit statement is needed:

```
select ...  
union [all]  
select ...
```

With **union**, duplicate tuples are eliminated

With **union all**, duplicate tuples are kept



Positional notation

```
select father, child
from isFather
union
select mother, child
from isMother
```

Which are the attributes of the result? It depends on the system:

- new names established by the system
- the names of the first select statement
- ...



Union: result

father	child
Sergio	Franco
Luigi	Olga
Luigi	Filippo
Franco	Andrea
Franco	Aldo
Luisa	Maria
Luisa	Luigi
Anna	Olga
Anna	Filippo
Maria	Andrea
Maria	Aldo



Positional notation: example

```
select father, child  
from isFather
```

union

```
select mother, child  
from isMother
```

```
select father, child  
from isFather
```

union

```
select child, mother  
from isMother
```

These queries are different!



Positional notation

With renaming (same as before):

```
select father as parent, child
from isFather
union
select child, mother as parent
from isMother
```

If we want to return fathers and mothers as parents, this is the correct query:

```
select father as parent, child
from isFather
union
select mother as parent, child
from isMother
```



Difference

```
select name
from employee
except
select surname as name
from employee
```

Note: **except** eliminates duplicate tuples

Note: **except all** does not eliminate duplicate tuples

The difference can also be expressed by nested **select** statements.



Intersection

```
select name
from   employee
intersect
select surname as name
from   employee
```

is equivalent to

```
select distinct i.name
from   employee i, employee j
where  i.name = j.surname
```

Note: **intersect** eliminates duplicate tuples

Note: **intersect all** does not eliminate duplicate tuples



Nested queries

- A nested **select** statement can appear as a condition in the where clause
- In particular, the conditions allow for:
 - comparing an attribute (or a sequence of attributes) with the result of a sub-query
 - existential quantification



Nested queries: example

name and income of Franco's father:

```
select  name, income
from    person, isFather
where   name = father and child = 'Franco'
```

```
select  name, income
from    person
where   name = (select  father
                 from    isFather
                 where   child = 'Franco')
```



Nested queries: operators

The result of a nested query can be compared in the **where** clause using several **operators**:

- Equality and the other comparison operator: in this case, the result of the nested query must be a single tuple
- If the result of the nested query may contain multiple tuples, the nested query can be preceded by:
 - **any**: returns true if the comparison is true for **at least** one of the tuples in the result of the nested query
 - **all**: returns true if the comparison is true for **every** tuple in the result of the nested query
- The operator **in**, which is equivalent to **=any**
- The operator **not in**, which is equivalent to **<>all**
- The operator **exists**



Nested queries: example

name and income of the fathers of persons earning more than 20 millions:

```
select distinct p.name, p.income
from person p, isFather, person c
where p.name = father and child = c.name
and c.income > 20
```

```
select name, income
from person
where name = any
```

```
(select father
from isFather, person
where child = name
and income > 20)
```



Fathers of persons
earning more than
20 millions



Nested queries: example

name and income of the fathers of persons earning more than 20 millions:

```
select name, income
from person
where name in (select father
               from isFather, person
               where child = name
               and income > 20)
```

```
select name, income
from person
where name in (select father
               from isFather
               where child in (select name
                               from person
                               where income > 20))
```

Fathers of persons earning more than 20 millions

Persons earning more than 20 millions



Nested queries: all (example)

Persons whose income is greater than the income of every person who is less than 30 years old:

```
select name
from person
where income > all ( select income
                     from person
                     where age < 30 )
```



Nested queries: `exists` (example)

The `exists` operator is used to return true if the results of the sub-query is **not empty**.

Example: persons having at least a child.

```
select *
from   person p
where  exists (select *
              from   isFather
              where  father = p.name)
       or
       exists (select *
              from   isMother
              where  mother = p.name)
```

Notice that the attribute `name` refers to the relation in the `from` clause.



Exercise 9: nested queries

Return name and age of mothers having at least a child who is less than 18 years old.



Exercise 9: nested queries

Return name and age of mothers having at least a child who is less than 18 years old.

Solution 1: a join to select name and age of mothers, and a sub-query for the condition on the children

Solution 2: two sub-queries and no join



Exercise 9: solution 1

Return name and age of mothers having at least a child who is less than 18 years old.

```
select name, age
from person, isMother
where name = mother and
      child in (select name
                from person
                where age < 18)
```



Exercise 9: solution 2

Return name and age of mothers having at least a child who is less than 18 years old.

```
select name, age
from person
where name in (select mother
               from isMother
               where child in (select name
                               from person
                               where age<18))
```




Nested queries: comments

- Nested queries may pose performance problems to the DBMSs (since they are not very good in optimizing the execution of such statements)
- However, nested queries are sometimes more readable than equivalent, non-nested ones.
- In some systems, sub-queries cannot contain set operators, but this is not a significant limitation.



Nested queries, comments

- **visibility** rules:
 - It is not possible to refer to variables (attributes) defined in inner blocks
 - If a variable or table name is omitted, the assumption is that it refers to the «closest» variable or table
- A block can refer to variables defined in the same block or in outer blocks, unless they are hidden by definitions of variables with the same name.
- **Semantics**: the inner query is executed once **for each tuple** of the outer query



Nested queries: visibility

Return the persons having at least a child.

```
select *
from person
where exists (select *
              from isFather
              where father = name)
or
exists (select *
        from isMother
        where mother = name)
```

Attribute **name** refers to the relation **person** in the **from** clause.



Nested queries: visibility

The following query is **incorrect**:

```
select *
from employee
where depart in (select name
                 from department D1
                 where name = 'Produzione')
or
  depart in (select name
            from department D2
            where D2.citta = D1.citta)
```

employee	name	surname	depart
department	name	address	city



Example

name and income of the fathers of persons earning more than 20 millions, **returning the child's income too.**

```
select distinct p.name, p.income, c.income
from person p, isFather, person c
where p.name = father and child = c.name
and c.income > 20
```

In this case the following “intuitive” nested query **is not correct:**

```
select name, income, c.income
from person
where name in (select father
               from isFather
               where child in (select name
                               from person c
                               where c.income > 20))
```



Nested and correlated queries

It may be necessary to use, in an inner block, variables defined in outer blocks: in this case the query is called nested and **correlated**.

Example: fathers whose children earn more than 20 millions.

```
select distinct father
from isFather z
where not exists (select *
                  from isFather w, person
                  where w.father = z.father
                       and w.child = name
                       and income <= 20)
```



Exercise 10: nested and correlated queries

Return name and age of every mother having at least a child who is less than 30 years younger than her.



Exercise 10: solution

Return name and age of every mother having at least a child who is less than 30 years younger than her.

```
select name, age
from   person p, isMother
where  name = mother and
       child in (select name
                  from   person
                  where  p.age - age < 30)
```




Difference can be expressed by nested queries

```
select name from employee
```

```
  except
```

```
select surname as name from employee
```

```
select name
```

```
from employee
```

```
where name not in (select surname  
                   from employee)
```



Intersection can be expressed by nested queries

```
select name from employee
  intersection
select surname from employee
```

```
select name
from employee
where name in (select surname
              from employee)
```



Exercise 11: nesting and functions

Return the person(s) with maximum income.



Exercise 11: solution

Return the person(s) with maximum income.

```
select *  
from person  
where income = (select max(income)  
                from person)
```

or:

```
select *  
from person  
where income >= all (select income  
                    from person)
```



Nested queries: condition on multiple attributes

Return the persons whose pair (age, income) is different from all other persons.

```
select *
from person p
where (age, income) not in
      (select age, income
       from person
       where name <> p.name)
```



Nested queries in the `from` clause

Nested queries may appear not only in the `where` clause, but also in the `from` clause:

```
select p.father
from isFather p, (select name
                  from person
                  where age > 30) c
where c.name = p.child
```

Semantics: the table whose alias is `f`, and defined as a nested query in the `from` clause, is not a database table, but is computed using the associated `select` query.



SQL

4. Further aspects

1. Data definition
2. Data manipulation
3. Queries
- 4. Further aspects**



Generic integrity constraints: check

To specify complex constraints on a tuple or a table:

`check (Condition)`

```
create table employee
( ID character(6),
  surname character(20),
  name character(20),
  sex character not null check (sex in ('M', 'F'))
  salary integer,
  manager character(6),
  check (salary <= (select salary
                    from   employee j
                    where  manager = j.ID))
)
```




Views

- A view is a table **whose instance is derived from other tables through a query.**

```
create view ViewName [(AttributeList)] as SelectSQL
```

- Views are virtual tables: their instance is computed only when they are used by other queries.
- *Example:*

```
create view adminEmp (Mat, name, surname, Stip) as
select ID, name, surname, salary
from employee
where Depart = 'Administration' and
salary > 10
```



Nested queries in the having clause

- Return the age of persons such that sum of the income of persons having that age is maximum.
- Assuming there are no null values in the income attribute, and using a nested query in the **having** clause:

```
select age
from person
group by age
having sum(income) >= all (select sum(income)
                           from person
                           group by age)
```



Solution with views

```
create view ageincome (age, total-income) as
  select age, sum(income)
  from   person
  group by age
```

```
select age
from   ageincome
where  total-income = (select max(total-income)
                       from ageincome)
```