Database systems

Structured query language SQL - II



SELECT VIII

BUILT-IN aggregation functions

COUNT(column)	,	
COUNT(*) Independent of the column name, hence * is possible		ent of the column name, hence * is possible.
		Number of different values of given column that appear in all rows matching WHERE condition.
SUM(column)	Summ of values of the column over all rows matching WHERE condition.	
AVG(column)	Average of values of the column over all rows matching WHERE condition.	
MAX(column)	Maximal value in the the column over all rows matching WHERE condition.	
MIN(column)	Minimal va	alue in the the column over all rows matching WHERE

SELECT IX

PACKAGE table

PACKID	PACKNAME	PACKVER	PACKTYPE	PACKCOST
AC01	Boise Accounting	3.00	Accounting	725.83
DB32	Manta	1.50	Database	380.00
DB33	Manta	2.10	Database	430.18
SS11	Limitless View	5.30	Spreadsheet	217.95
WP08	Words & More	2.00	Word Processing	185.00
WP09	Freeware Processing	4.27	Word Processing	30.00

Count:

SELECT COUNT(*)
FROM PACKAGE
WHERE PACKTYPE = 'Database'

SELECT COUNT(PACKID)
FROM PACKAGE
WHERE PACKTYPE = 'Database'

Result:

COUNT1

SELECT X

PACKAGE table:

PACKID	PACKNAME	PACKVER	PACKTYPE	PACKCOST
AC01	Boise Accounting	3.00	Accounting	725.83
DB32	Manta	1.50	Database	380.00
DB33	Manta	2.10	Database	430.18
SS11	Limitless View	5.30	Spreadsheet	217.95
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SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT PACKNAME)
FROM PACKAGE
WHERE PACKTYPE = 'Database'

Result:

COUNT1

SELECT XI

PACKAGE table:

PACKID	PACKNAME	PACKVER	PACKTYPE	PACKCOST
AC01	Boise Accounting	3.00	Accounting	725.83
DB32	Manta	1.50	Database	380.00
DB33	Manta	2.10	Database	430.18
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SELECT COUNT(PACKID), SUM(PACKCOST)
FROM PACKAGE

COUNT1	SUM2
6	1968.96

SELECT XII

PACKAGE table:

PACKID	PACKNAME	PACKVER	PACKTYPE	PACKCOST
AC01	Boise Accounting	3.00	Accounting	725.83
DB32	Manta	1.50	Database	380.00
DB33	Manta	2.10	Database	430.18
SS11	Limitless View	5.30	Spreadsheet	217.95
WP08	Words & More	2.00	Word Processing	185.00
WP09	Freeware Processing	4.27	Word Processing	30.00

SELECT COUNT(PACKID), AVG(PACKCOST)
FROM PACKAGE

COUNT1	AVG2
6	328.16

SELECT XIII

PACKAGE table

PACKID	PACKNAME	PACKVER	PACKTYPE	PACKCOST
AC01	Boise Accounting	3.00	Accounting	725.83
DB32	Manta	1.50	Database	380.00
DB33	Manta	2.10	Database	430.18
SS11	Limitless View	5.30	Spreadsheet	217.95
WP08	Words & More	2.00	Word Processing	185.00
WP09	Freeware Processing	4.27	Word Processing	30.00

SELECT COUNT(PACKID), MAX(PACKCOST) FROM PACKAGE

COUNT1	MAX2
6	725.83

SELECT XIV

PACKAGE table

PACKID	PACKNAME	PACKVER	PACKTYPE	PACKCOST
AC01	Boise Accounting	3.00	Accounting	725.83
DB32	Manta	1.50	Database	380.00
DB33	Manta	2.10	Database	430.18
SS11	Limitless View	5.30	Spreadsheet	217.95
WP08	Words & More	2.00	Word Processing	185.00
WP09	Freeware Processing	4.27	Word Processing	30.00

SELECT COUNT(*PACKID*), **MIN(** *PACKCOST*) **FROM** *PACKAGE*

COUNT1	MIN2
6	30.00

SELECT XV

PC table

TAGNUM	COMPID	EMPNUM	LOCATION
32808	M759	611	Accounting
37691	B121	124	Sales
57772	C007	567 I	Info Systems
59836	B221	124	Home
77740	M759	567	Home

DISTINCT prohibits mulitple apearance of the same row in the result.

SELECT EMPNUM FROM PC SELECT DISTINCT EMPNUM FROM PC

Result:

EMPNUM
611
124
567
124
567

EMPNUM
124
567
611

GROUP BY I

SOFTWARE table

PACKID	TAGNUM	INSTDATE	SOFTCOST	
AC01	32808	09/13/95	754.95	
DB32	32808	12/03/95	380.00	
DB32	37691	06/15/95	380.00	
DB33	57772	05/27/95	412.77	
WP08	32808	01/12/96	185.00	
WP08	37691	06/15/95	227.50	
WP08	57772	05/27/95	170.24	
WP09	59836	10/30/95	35.00	
WP09	77740	05/27/95	35.00	

Rows that have gone through WHERE condition, are grouped. Rows in one group have equal values of all columns specified in the GROUP BY clause - here *TAGNUM*.

The aggregation function is evaluated for each row separately.

ORDER BY just sorts the goups in the output. Each goup represented by a single row in the output. HAVING condition makes possible to filter out some of the groups

SELECT TAGNUM, SUM(SOFTCOST)
FROM SOFTWARE
GROUP BY TAGNUM
ORDER BY TAGNUM

SELECT TAGNUM, SUM(SOFTCOST)
FROM SOFTWARE
GROUP BY TAGNUM
HAVING SUM(SOFTCOST) > 600
ORDER BY TAGNUM

Result:

G_TAGNUM	SUM1
32808	1319.95
37691	607.50
57772	583.01
59836	35.00
77740	35.00

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32808	1319.95
37691	607.50

GROUP BY II

SOFTWARE table

PACKID	TAGNUM	INSTDATE	SOFTCOST
AC01	32808	09/13/95	754.95
DB32	32808	12/03/95	380.00
DB32	37691	06/15/95	380.00
DB33	57772	05/27/95	412.77
WP08	32808	01/12/96	185.00
WP08	37691	06/15/95	227.50
WP08	57772	05/27/95	170.24
WP09	59836	10/30/95	35.00
WP09	77740	05/27/95	35.00

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37691	607.50

The other 3 groups not present in the putput as they did not match the HAVING condition.

HAVING versus WHERE

- WHERE condition evalueated for each single row of the input relation.
- Only rows selected by WHERE condition go on to further processing by the query.
- Aggregation functions must not take part in the WHERE condition as it makes no sense to apply an aggregation function to a single row.
- **HAVING** condition is evaluated for for the whole group one group by the other. So, it is not applied to a single row, but to a set of rows forming the group.
- Groups matching the **HAVING** condition are placed to the output of the query.
- As the **HAVING** condition is evaluated on multiple rows (whole group) simultaeously, it makes sense that an aggregation function may participate in the condition.
- Besides aggregation functions, HAVING condition may contain also those column names that are listed in GROUP BY clause.
- Other columns than those listed in **GROUP BY** must not participate in HAVING condition otherwise than arguments of an aggregation function. The reason is that they may have different values, i.e. their value is not property of the whole group.
- The same holds for attributes listed in SELECT clause.

JOIN I

EMPLOYEE:

EMPNUM	EMPNAME	EMPPHONE
124	Alvarez	1212
567	Feinstein	8716
611	Dinh	2963

PC:

TAGNUM	COMPID	EMPNUM	LOCATION
32808	M759	611	Accounting
37691	B121	124	Sales
57772	C007	567 I	Info Systems
59836	B221	124	Home
77740	M759	567	Home

We would like to query a relation that is defined as a join of these two tables.

JOIN II



Each row from PC joimned with each row from EMPLOYEE. *PC* 5 rows, *EMPLOYEE* 3 rows => JOIN has 15 rows.

TAGNUM	COMPID	EMPNUM	LOCATION	EMPNUM	EMPNAME	EMPPHONE
32808	M759	611	Accounting	124	Alvarez	1212
32808	M759	611	Accounting	567	Feinstein	8716
32808	M759	611	Accounting	611	Dinh	2963
37691	B121	124	Sales	124	Alvarez	1212
37691	B121	124	Sales	567	Feinstein	8716
37691	B121	124	Sales	611	Dinh	2963
57772	C007	567	Info Systems	124	Alvarez	1212
57772	C007	567	Info Systems	567	Feinstein	8716
57772	C007	567	Info Systems	611	Dinh	2963
59836	B221	124	Home	124	Alvarez	1212
59836	B221	124	Home	567	Feinstein	8716
59836	B221	124	Home	611	Dinh	2963
77740	M759	567	Home	124	Alvarez	1212
77740	M759	567	Home	567	Feinstein	8716
77740	M759	567	Home	611	Dinh	2963

JOIN III (equijoin)

More frequently used (and more useful) is so called **equijoin**. Only those rows tha "belong together" are combined.

Typically, we would wish to combine rows that matches the value of a primary key of one table and a foreign key of the other one.

SELECT TAGNUM, COMPID, EMPLOYEE.EMPNUM, EMPNAME FROM PC, EMPLOYEE WHERE PC.EMPNUM = EMPLOYEE.EMPNUM

TAGNUM	COMPID	EMPLOYEE.EMPNUM	EMPNAME
32808	M759	611	Dinh
37691	B121	124	Alvarez
57772	C007	567	Feinstein
59836	B221	124	Alvarez
77740	M759	567	Feinstein

JOIN IV (equijoin)

Another example:

SELECT TAGNUM, COMPID, EMPLOYEE.EMPNUM, EMPNAME
FROM PC, EMPLOYEE

WHERE PC.EMPNUM = EMPLOYEE.EMPNUM AND LOCATION = 'Home'

The equijoin condition may be followed by selection conditions in the WHERE clause.

TAGNUM	COMPID	EMPLOYEE.EMPNUM	EMPNAME
59836	B221	124	Alvarez
77740	M759	567	Feinstein

JOIN V (equijoin)

USING clause contains a single list of columns (these have to have equal names in both tables), that define the **equi**-join.

SELECT TAGNUM, COMPID, EMPNUM, EMPNAME
FROM PC INNER JOIN EMPLOYEES USING (EMPNUM)

INNER JOIN (inner is by default – may be omitted) – if the value of the matching columns is null in a row of one of those two tables, this row will not take part in the equi-join.

OUTER JOIN is the opposite – see later.

JOIN VI (equijoin)

SELECT TAGNUM, COMPID, EMPNUM, EMPNAME FROM PC NATURAL JOIN EMPLOYEES

NATURAL means that the equi-join is carried out over all columts that have equal names in both tables. Then **USING** is omitted.

JOIN VII (equijoin)

SELECT TAGNUM, COMPID, EMPNUM, EMPNAME **FROM** PC **JOIN** EMPLOYEES **ON** *PC.EMPNUM* = *EMPLOYEES.EMPNUM*

Most common form of equi-JOIN

JOIN VIII (OUTER JOIN)

As contrary to **INNER JOIN**, in case of **LEFT** (RIGHT/FULL) **OUTER JOIN** a row from the LEFT (RIGHT/BOTH) that have a NULL in the column that shall match with a column in the other table will be put to the result. Those columns that came from the other table (this row has no partner there) will get NULL (if no integrity constrain violation).

SELECT TAGNUM, COMPID, EMPNUM, EMPNAME FROM PC LEFT OUTER JOIN EMPLOYEES

LEFT, RIGHT or FULL

UNION

SELECT COMPID, MFGNAME FROM COMPUTER WHERE PROCTYPE = '486DX'

UNION

SELECT COMPUTER.COMPID, MFGNAME
FROM COMPUTER, PC
WHERE COMPUTER.COMPID = PC.COMPID
AND LOCATION = 'Home'

INTERSECTION

SELECT COMPID, MFGNAME
FROM COMPUTER
WHERE PROCTYPE = '486DX'
INTERSECT

SELECT COMPUTER.COMPID, MFGNAME
FROM COMPUTER, PC
WHERE COMPUTER.COMPID = PC.COMPID
AND LOCATION = 'Home'

DIFFERENCE

SELECT COMPID, MFGNAME FROM COMPUTER WHERE PROCTYPE = '486DX'

EXCEPT

SELECT COMPUTER.COMPID, MFGNAME
FROM COMPUTER, PC
WHERE COMPUTER.COMPID = PC.COMPID
AND LOCATION = 'Home'

Integrity contstraints I

Required value	NOT NULL
Unique value	UNIQUE
Acceptable values:	CHECK (PC.LOCATION IN ('Accounting', 'Sales', 'Info Systems', 'Home')) Is eqivalent to
	CHECK (PC.LOCATION = 'Accounting' OR PC.LOCATION = 'Sales' OR PC.LOCATION = 'Info Systems' OR PC.LOCATIONS = 'Home')
Primary key:	PRIMARY KEY (TAGNUM)
	PRIMARY KEY (PACKID, TAGNUM)
Foreign key:	FOREIGN KEY (COMPID) REFERENCES COMPUTER

Integrity constraints II

Example:

```
CREATE TABLE PC
( TAGNUM CHAR(5),
    COMPID CHAR(4),
    EMPNUM DECIMAL(3),
    LOCATION CHAR(12) CHECK ( PC.LOCATION IN ('Accounting', 'Sales','Info Systems', 'Home') )
    PRIMARY KEY (TAGNUM)
    FOREIGN KEY (COMPID) REFERENCES COMPUTER
    FOREIGN KEY (EMPNUM) REFERENCES EMPLOYEE)
```

Integrity constraints III

```
CREATE ASSERTION A1 CHECK

(NOT EXISTS

(SELECT *

FROM PACKAGE

WHERE PACKCOST <

(SELECT MAX (SOFTCOST)

FROM SOFTWARE

WHERE PACKAGE.PACKID = SOFTWARE.PACKID

) ) )

ztratilo-li toto integritní omezení smysl, lze je odstranit:
```

DROP ASSERTION A1

Domains – user defined data types

```
CREATE DOMAIN LOCATIONS CHAR(12)

CHECK (VALUE = 'Accounting' OR

VALUE = 'Sales' OR

VALUE = 'Info Systems' OR

VALUE = 'Home')

... will be used as follows:

CREATE TABLE PC

( ... Declaration of the LOCATION column by means of the LOCATIONS domain.

LOCATION LOCATIONS
... LOCATIONS
```

Nested queries, subquery I

SELECT PACKID, PACKNAME FROM PACKAGE WHERE PACKCOST >

(SELECT AVG(PACKCOST)
FROM PACKAGE
WHERE PACKTYPE = 'Database')

Comment: First, the subquery (aka inner query) will be evaluated. Its result will be used in the outer query.

The result of the inner query is:

AVG1 405.09

The result of the whole query is:

PACKID	PACKNAME
AC01	Boise Accounting
DB33	Manta

Nested queries, subquery II

The same result can be achieved by using an equijoin. Equijoint should be prefered before using nested queries

SELECT PACKNAME
FROM PACKAGE
WHERE PACKID IN
(SELECT PACKID
FROM SOFTWARE
WHERE TAGNUM = '32808')

SELECT PACKNAME
FROM SOFTWARE JOIN PACKAGE
WHERE TAGNUM = '32808'

Result:

PACKNAME

Boise Accounting

Manta

Result:

PACKNAME

Boise Accounting

Manta

Nested queries, subquery III

IN versus EXISTS

SELECT TAGNUM, COMPID
FROM PC
WHERE EXISTS
(SELECT *
FROM SOFTWARE
WHERE PC.TAGNUM = SOFTWARE.TAGNUM
AND PACKID = 'WP08')

Correlated subquery:

The inner query is executed for each row evaluated by the outer query again. The reason is that the value of PC.TAGNUM column is a parameter of the nested query.

Computationally extremely expensive. Should be avoided if possible.

SELECT TAGNUM, COMPID
FROM PC
WHERE TAGNUM IN
(SELECT TAGNUM
FROM SOFTWARE
WHERE PACKID = 'WP08')

This is not a correlated query. The inner query will be executed once only.

It gives the same result as the (correlated) query on the left.

Better than the correlated query, but replacing with an equijoin would be even better.

Result:

TAGNUM	COMPID
32808	M759
37691	B121
57772	C007

TAGNUM	COMPID
32808	M759
37691	B121
57772	C007

Nested select: where it can be nested

```
SELECT (SELECT ...)
FROM (SELECT ...) tname
WHERE abc > (SELECT ...)
or abc IN (SELECT ...)
GROUP BY ...
HAVING ... (SELECT ...)
```

ALL quantifier

Textual formulation of the query:

Find an instalation of a software product that was bought for a price that is higher than current catalogue price of **any** software product.

SOFTWARE

PACKID	TAGNUM	INSTDATE	SOFTCOST
AC01	32808	09/13/95	754.95
DB32	32808	12/03/95	380.00
DB32	37691	06/15/95	380.00
DB33	57772	05/27/95	412.77
WP08	32808	01/12/96	185.00
WP08	37691	06/15/95	227.50
WP08	57772	05/27/95	170.24
WP09	59836	10/30/95	35.00
WP09	77740	05/27/95	35.00

SELECT PACKID, TAGNUM, INSTDATE, SOFTCOST FROM SOFTWARE WHERE SOFTCOST > ALL

(SELECT PACKCOST FROM PACKAGE)

PACKID	TAGNUM	INSTDATE	SOFTCOST
AC01	32808	09/13/95	754.95

ANY quantifier

Textual formulation of the query:

Find an instalation of a software product that was bought for a price that is higher than current catalogue price of **some** software product.

SOFTWARE

PACKID	TAGNUM	INST	SOFT
		DATE	COST
AC01	32808	09/13/95	754.95
DB32	32808	12/03/95	380.00
DB32	37691	06/15/95	380.00
DB33	57772	05/27/95	412.77
WP08	32808	01/12/96	185.00
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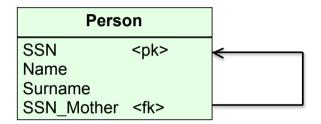
SELECT PACKID, TAGNUM, INSTDATE, SOFTCOST FROM SOFTWARE WHERE SOFTCOST > ANY

(SELECT PACKCOST FROM PACKAGE)

PACKID	TAGNUM	INSTDATE	SOFTCOST
AC01	32808	09/13/95	754.95
DB32	32808	12/03/95	380.00
DB32	37691	06/15/95	380.00
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WP08	57772	05/27/95	170.24
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WP09	77740	05/27/95	35.00

Usage of ALIAS

Find the name and surname of John Smith's mother:



PERSON table needs to be opened twice. Once for the child (John Smith) and once for his potential mothers.

SELECT M.NAME, M.SURNAME FROM PERSON M JOIN PERSON CH ON (M.SSN = CH.SSN_MOTHER) WHERE CH.NAME = "John" AND CH.SURNAME = "Smith"

Creating a copy of an existing table I

```
CREATE TABLE DBPACK

( PACKID CHAR(4),

PACKNAME CHAR(20),

PACKVER NUMERIC(4,2),

PACKCOST NUMERIC(5,2))

INSERT INTO DBPACK

SELECT *

FROM PACKAGE

WHERE PACKTYPE = 'Database'
```

The target table *DBPACK* has to have cloumns of the same names as the source table. The corersponding columns of the source and target tables have to be compatible.

Creating a copy of an existing table II

```
( PACKID CHAR(4),
PACKNAME CHAR(20),
PACKTYPE CHAR(15))

INSERT INTO DBPACK
SELECT PACKID, PACKNAME, PACKTYPE
FROM PACKAGE
WHERE PACKTYPE = 'Word Processing'
ORDER BY PACKNAME
```

CREATE TABLE WPPACK

The columns of the target tabel have to be compatible with the respective columns of the source table.

VIEW I

View can be understood as a table that does not contain explicite data. This "table" is a view on another table or a relation defined as a join of multiple tables.

View is aimed at (i) reading and/or (ii) modifying data from the coresponding table(s).

CREATE VIEW DATABASE AS

SELECT *PACKID*, *PACKNAME*, *PACKCOST* **FROM** *PACKAGE* **WHERE** *PACKTYPE* = 'Database'

VIEW can be

- materialized exists independently on existence of a database connection,
- non-materialized its existence ends on closing the database connection.

VIEW II

PACKAGE

PACKID	PACKNAME	PACKVER	PACKTYPE	PACKCOST
AC01	Boise Accounting	3.00	Accounting	725.83
DB32	Manta	1.50	Database	380.00
DB33	Manta	2.10	Database	4 30.18
SS11	Limitless View	5.30	Spreadsheet	217.95
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The cells with yellow background will form the contents of the view named *DATABASE*.

CREATE VIEW DATABASE (PACKID, PACKNAME, PACKCOST) AS

SELECT *PACKID, PACKNAME, PACKCOST* **FROM** *PACKAGE*

WHERE *PACKTYPE* = 'Database'

We can use a view similarly as a table. In this case, the result will be the only one row:

PACKID	PACKNAME	PACKCOST
DB33	Manta	430.18

VIEW III

Columns of a view can have names that are different from the column names of the source tables.

CREATE VIEW DATABASE (PKID, NAME, COST) AS SELECT PACKID, PACKNAME, PACKCOST FROM PACKAGE WHERE PACKTYPE = 'Database'

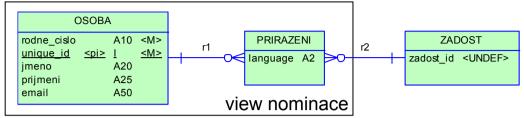
Meaning of a view:

- 1. Data independence. Modification of the source table structure that does not affect the columns participating in the view does not affect the work with the view.
- 2. Different views on the same data. We can hide what the user does not need to see.

Updating a view:

- When inserting to a view, modifying a view or deleting records from the view, **integrity constrains of the source tables** are checked.
- A trial to add the row ('AC01','DATAQUICK',250.00) to the DATABASE view has to fail, as the PACKAGE table already contains a row with primary key 'AC01'. It may be a surprise for the user, as he sees only rows of the view and it does not contain a row witjh primary key 'AC01'.

VIEW IV – Updatable view in PosgreSQL



View definition:

CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW nominace AS

SELECT osoba.rodne_cislo, **osoba**.jmeno, **osoba**.prijmeni, **osoba**.email, **prirazeni**.language, **prirazeni**.zadost_id **FROM osoba JOIN prirazeni ON osoba**.unique id = **prirazeni**.osoba unique id;

1. rule:

FROM osoba

WHERE osoba.rodne cislo = new.rodne cislo)));

Rules are applied in the ALPHABETIC order of tehir names!

Modification of table's data

UPDATE *PACKAGE* **SET** *PACKNAME* = 'Manta II'

WHERE PACKID = 'DB33'

UPDATE *PACKAGE*

SET *PACKCOST* = *PACKCOST* * 1.02

WHERE PACKTYPE = 'Database'

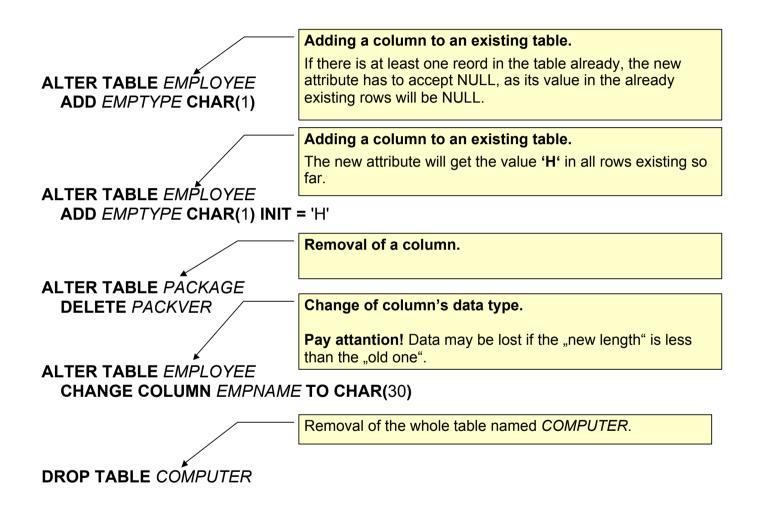
AND PACKCOST > 400

SET EMPHONE = NULL
WHERE EMPNUM = 124

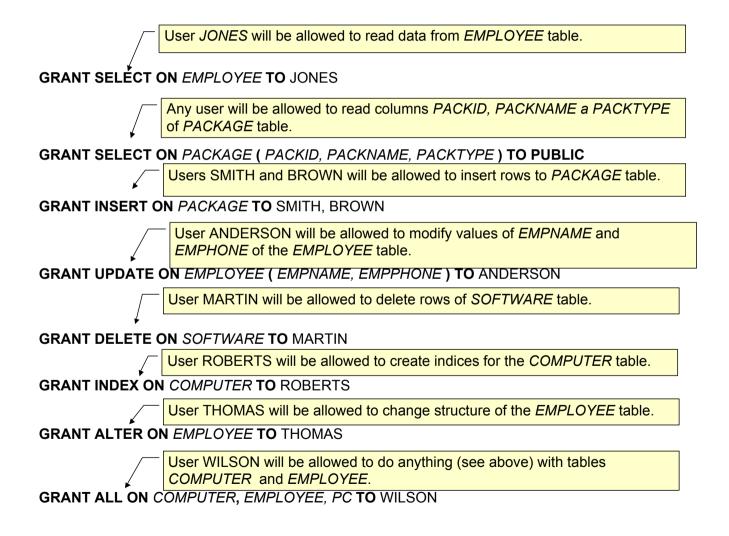
Increase the value of the *PACKCOST* column of the *PACKAGE* table by 2 percent in all records meeting the WHERE condition.

Remove the value in the *EMPPHONE* column of the *EMPLOYEE* table in all recordsmeeting the WHERE condition.

Modification of the database structure



Granting rights



Revolking the access right

REVOKE **SELECT** ON *EMPLOYEE* FROM *JONES*

Příkazy GRANT a REVOKE jsou aplikovatelné jak na tabulky tak i na view.

Indices I

advantage:

- shortening the response time (depends on the quality of the query optimizer)
- sorting

- disadvantage: incerases requirements on the media capacity
 - each update of a table -> update of the index (slowling down insert and update)

Index expression = set of columns

CREATE **INDEX** CUSTIND2 ON EMPLOYEE (COMPID)

Creates an index named CUSTIND2 for the table EMPLOYEE. The index expression will be the singleton { COMPID }.

Indexy II

CREATE INDEX SOFTIND ON SOFTWARE (PACKID, TAGNUM)

The index expression may be a set of multiple columns.

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CREATE INDEX PACKIND3 ON PACKAGE (PACKNAME, PACKVER DESC)

Index may have assigned an ascending or descenting order.

Indexy III

Removal of a (not needed) index:

DROP INDEX PACKIND

Indexy IV

CREATE **UNIQUE** INDEX *PACKIND* ON *PACKAGE* (*PACKID*)

The index management will not allow for adding a row to the respective table if there already is a row with the respective value of the index expression in the table.

You should not rely on the uniqueness of indexes. The index shall influence just the performance not the functionality of the database application.

CORRECT: If a (set of) column(s) shall be unique, the respective integrity constraint shall be added to the definition of the respective table.

The reason is that the index can be created/removed by the database administrator, who does not know, whether its uniqueness is important for the correct functionality of respective databases aplication(s).