

Structured Query Language

SQL I

History

- IBM – after 1970 - relational DBMS prototype - System R
- After 1908 – basis of 2 commercial DBMSs: SQL/DS, DB2

SQL standard

- ***Standardization institutions***
 - ANSI: American National Standards Institute
 - ISO: International Organization for Standardization
 - IEC: International Electrotechnical Commission
- ***SQL86 (sometimes called SQL87) - SQL 1***
 - 1986 ANSI X3.135-1986 *Database language SQL*
 - 1987 ISO 9075-1987 *Database language SQL*

Referential integrity not standardized before 1989.

 - 1989 ANSI X3.135-1989 *Database Language SQL With Integrity Enhancement*
 - 1989 ISO 9075-1989 *Database language SQL*

History II

- ***Embedded SQL***

- 1989 ANSI X3.168-1989 Database Language Embedded SQL
- neexistuje ISO standard pro embedde SQL

Embedded SQL allows for asking SQL queries from a program written in classical host programming language, typically C language

Queries written directly to C source code.

Special preprocessor replaces these queries with invoking respective functions that are part of DBMS vendor's libraries.

Around 1990 frequently used when developing database applications in C language.

History

- **SQL92 – aka SQL2:**
 - 1992 ANSI X3.135-1992 *Database language SQL*
 - 1992 ISO/IEC 9075-1992 *Database language SQL*
- The most frequently used SQL standard.
- These lectures will focus on SQL 92

Further development

- **SQL99 – aka SQL3**
 - Regular expressions
 - Recursive queries
 - Non-scalar data types
 - Etc.
- **2003: SQL2003**
 - XML support
 - Standardized concept of SEQUENCE and automatically generated values
http://www.wiscorp.com/sql_2003_standard.zip
- **2006: SQL2006**
 - Extended support of XML (XQuery)
 - Conversions XML ↔ SQL
 - Export/import XML

SQL – data types I

Numerical data types stored precisely (fixed decimal point)

INTEGER	integers	Range implementationally dependent, typically between -2147483648 and 214783647
SMALLINT	integers	Range implementationally dependent, typically -32768 až 32767. Definition: range not bigger than INTEGER.
NUMERIC NUMERIC(p) NUMERIC(p,s)		Number – possibly with fractional part. Decadic number with p digits, s of them behind decimal point. E.g. DECIMAL(5,2) has 3 positions on the left of the decimal point and 2 positions on the right of the decimal point. If p or s not expressed explicitly, a default is use that is dependent on particular implementation. The number is always stored with the respective precision (unless a „physical“ limit reached)
DECIMAL DECIMAL(p) DECIMAL(p,s)		Similar to NUMERIC. However, the number may be stored more precisely that prescribed (unless „physical“ limit reached).

Remark: NUMERIC – may be stored as string of digits, while DECIMAL in interbal (binary) representation of the respective processor type.

SQL – data types II

Numeric data types stored imprecisely (floating decimal point)

REAL	Floating decimal point – simple precision	Precision implementationally dependent Usually default precision for data with floating decimal point on given HW platform
DOUBLE PRECISION	Floating decimal point – double precision	Precision implementationally dependent Usually double precision for data with floating decimal point on given HW platform Definition: precision greater than REAL.
FLOAT FLOAT(p)	Allows for defining the requested precision. The number may be stored with higher precision than prescribed. The requested precision p may be achieved with simple (default) precision on one platform, whereas with double precision on another platform.	

SQL – data types III

Strings of characters

CHARACTER CHARACTER(x)	String of characters with specified length. If x not expressed, equiv. To CHAR(1).
CHARACTER VARYING VARCHAR CHARACTER VARYING(x) VARCHAR(x)	Strings with variable length (allocated so many bytes as needed for particular string). The maximal length limited by x. Maximal length depends on particular implementation.
NATIONAL CHARACTER NCHAR NVARCHAR	Support for national alphabets. UNICODE

SQL – data types IV

Date and time

DATE	Date: Length 10 chars incl. separators YYYY-MM-DD
TIME TIME(p)	Time: p number of decimal positions (fraction of a second) Length 8 characters if $p=0$, else $9+p$ Default 0 decimal positions HH:MM:SS HH:MM:SS.PPP
TIMESTAMP TIMESTAMP(p)	Date + time. Length 19 positions if $p=0$, else $20+p$ Default 6 decimal positions YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS

CREATE TABLE I

CREATE TABLE *PACKAGE*

```
( PACKID    CHAR(4),  
  PACKNAME CHAR(20),  
  PACKVER  DECIMAL(3,2),  
  PACKTYPE CHAR(15),  
  PACKCOST DECIMAL(5,2) )
```

Name of the table to be created

Column name

Column data type

Creates an empty table with 5 columns as defined.

DROP TABLE *Computer*

Removes an existing table of given name

Name of the table to be removed

CREATE TABLE II (attribute based integrity constraint)

```
CREATE TABLE COMPUTER
(  COMPID    DECIMAL(2) NOT NULL,
  MFGNAME    CHAR(15)   NOT NULL,
  MFGMODEL   CHAR(25),
  PROCTYPE   DECIMAL(7,2) )
```

Integrity constraint (of a column attribute). In this case it says that the value of the respective column is mandatory

When inserting a new row to the table, we need not specify values of all columns. Cells with missing values will get assigned a special value NULL.

However, if integrity constraint NOT NULL, the value has to be specified mandatorily. If not, DBMS rejects execution of the command and an exception will be raised in the client program.

CREATE TABLE II (attribute based integrity constraint)

CREATE TABLE *Films*

```
(  CODE CHAR(5)  CONSTRAINT Firstkey PRIMARY KEY
   TITLE        VARCHAR(40) NOT NULL,
   DateProd     DATE,
   KIND         VARCHAR(10),
   LEN          INTERVAL HOUR TO MINUTE )
```

Integrity constrain may be have
got a name

CREATE TABLE IV (table based integrity constraint)

Integrity constrain on the table level

```
CREATE TABLE Films  
( TITLE          VARCHAR(40) NOT NULL,  
  DateProd      DATE,  
  KIND          VARCHAR(10),  
  LEN          INTERVAL HOUR TO MINUTE,  
  CONSTRAINT pk_const PRIMARY KEY (TITLE, DateProd)  
)
```

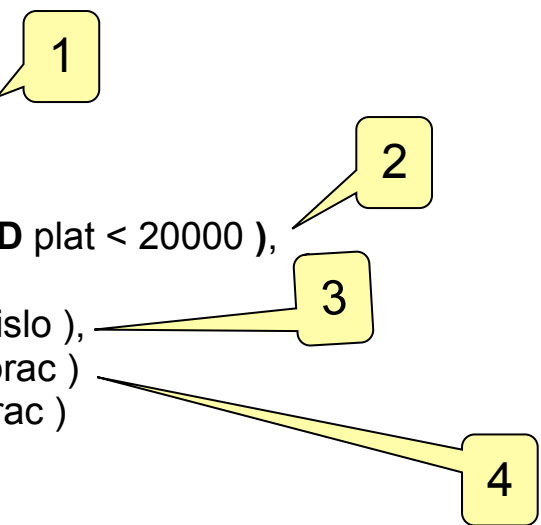
If the primary key consists of multiple attributes, we can not express it by an attribute based integrity constraint as none of the attributes is primary key. The constraint on primary key has to be expressed by a table-based integrity constraint in such a case.

In the example above, the primary key is formed by a pair (*TITLE*, *DateProd*).

PRIMARY KEY is one of possible table-based integrity constraints.

CREATE TABLE V (integrity constraints)

```
CREATE TABLE osoby (  
  os_cislo NUMBER(5) NOT NULL,  
  rod_cis VARCHAR2(30) NOT NULL UNIQUE,  
  jmeno VARCHAR2(30) NOT NULL,  
  prijmeni VARCHAR2(30) NOT NULL,  
  plat NUMBER(5) CHECK ( plat > 5000 AND plat < 20000 ),  
  cislo_prac NUMBER(5) NOT NULL,  
  CONSTRAINT pk_osoby PRIMARY KEY ( os_cislo ),  
  CONSTRAINT fk_prac FOREIGN KEY ( cislo_prac )  
    REFERENCES pracoviste ( cislo_prac )  
    ON UPDATE CASCADE  
    ON DELETE CASCADE  
)
```



1. Multiple integrity constraints may be specified for a column at the same time.
2. Integrity constraint may have a form of a generic condition
3. Any integrity constraint of a column may be expressed in terms of an integrity constraint on a table level.
4. Referential integrity

CREATE TABLE VI (integrity constraints)

```
CREATE TABLE COURSES (  
  code    VARCHAR2(10) PRIMARY KEY,  
  name    VARCHAR2(30) NOT NULL,  
  credits NUMBER(2) DEFAULT 2,  
);
```

Default value of an attribute:

If a row will be inserted that does not expressed a value of the „credits“ attribute, its value will not be NULL but 2, as it is its default value (see the CREATE TABLE statement above).

CREATE TABLE VII (generated ids)

```
CREATE SEQUENCE distrib_prim;
```

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```
CREATE TABLE distributors (  
  did integer PRIMARY KEY DEFAULT nextval('distrib_prim'),  
  name varchar(40) NOT NULL CHECK (name <> '')  
)
```

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1. Definition of a sequence that will be named *distrib_prim* in given case.
2. When inserting a new row (without specifying value for *did*), its default value will be evaluated by *nextval* function with the name of the sequence as an attribute.

This particular case is not an SQL standard. It is a syntax of DBMS PostgreSQL. Generated values standardized in SQL2006.

REFERENTIAL INTEGRITY

```
CREATE TABLE employee (  
  emp_num NUMBER(5) PRIMARY KEY,  
  ssn VARCHAR2(30) NOT NULL UNIQUE,  
  dept_id NUMBER(5) NOT NULL,  
  CONSTRAINT fk_dept FOREIGN KEY ( dept_id )  
    REFERENCES pracoviste ( dept_id )  
    ON UPDATE CASCADE  
    ON DELETE CASCADE  
)
```

1. Integrity constraint *fk_dept* says, that attribute *dept_id* is a foreign key pointing to such a row of the *department* table, whose primary key's value equals to the value of the *dept_id* attribute.
2. It means that rows representing all persons working in the given department have the same value of the *dept_id* column that refers to their common department.
3. What happens if somebody changes the value of primary key of the departments table? All the rows belonging to this department would suddenly point to a non-existing department. This is what should not happen. *ON UPDATE ...* section specify, how to solve this problem. In the particular case this section says *ON UPDATE CASCADE*. This means that the respective *department* primary key will be modified and in parallel, the value of foreign key in all rows of table *employee* that point to this department will be updated with the new value of the primary key.

REFERENTIAL INTEGRITY II

```
CREATE TABLE employee (  
  emp_num NUMBER(5) PRIMARY KEY,  
  ssn VARCHAR2(30) NOT NULL UNIQUE,  
  dept_id NUMBER(5) NOT NULL,  
  CONSTRAINT fk_dept FOREIGN KEY ( dept_id )  
    REFERENCES pracoviste ( dept_id )  
    ON UPDATE CASCADE  
    ON DELETE CASCADE  
)
```

4. What happens if somebody deletes a row of the *department* table that represents a common department of one or more employees? Rows representing these employees would suddenly point to a non-existing department. This is what should not happen. The *ON DELETE ...* section specifies how this problem shall be handled. In our particular case this section specifies *ON DELETE CASCADE*. This means that the respective department will be deleted. However, all its employees will be deleted in parallel.

REFERENTIAL INTEGRITY III

```
CREATE TABLE employee (  
  emp_num NUMBER(5) PRIMARY KEY,  
  ssn VARCHAR2(30) NOT NULL UNIQUE,  
  dept_id NUMBER(5) NOT NULL,  
  CONSTRAINT fk_dept FOREIGN KEY ( dept_id )  
    REFERENCES pracoviste ( dept_id )  
    ON UPDATE CASCADE  
    ON DELETE CASCADE  
)
```

What are options other than **CASCADE**?

1. RESTRICT – the modification that would violate the referential integrity will not be carried out. DBMS rejects execution of the modification of the primary key (ON UPDATE) or deletion of the row (ON DELETE) – an exception will be thrown.
2. SET NULL – the modification of the *department* table will be executed, but value of the foreign key of all rows of *employee* table that pointed to the deleted department will be set to NULL. It means they will not point to the respective department any more.

3. SET DEFAULT similar as SET NULL – applicable if the foreign key has defined a default value. ON UPDATE a. ON DELETE nastavují nezávisle.

INSERT INTO

Table name

List of values

```
INSERT INTO EMPLOYEE VALUES ( 611, 'Dinh Melissa', 2963 )
```

List of columns not expressed – values will be assigned to columns in the order in which the columns have been defined in the CREATE TABLE statement.

Table name

List of
columns

```
INSERT INTO EMPLOYEE ( EMPNUM, EMPNAME )  
VALUES ( 611, 'Dinh Melissa' )
```

List of values

The section VALUES specifies one or more (comma separated) tuples of values. The values will be assigned to columns in the order given by the list of columns.

Columns not introduced in the column list will get the NULL value. In this case EMPPHONE will get NULL.

SELECT I

```
SELECT <list of columns or *>  
  FROM <relation definition>  
  WHERE <selection condition>  
  GROUP BY <list of columns>  
    HAVING <group filtering condition>  
  ORDER BY <list of column_defs>
```

column_def ::= <column name> [<asc|desc>]

Logical operators:

- = equals
- <= less than or equal
- < less than
- >= greater than or equal
- > greater than
- <> not equal
- != not equal

SELECT II

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 PACKID, PACKNAME, PACKCOST FROM PACKAGE WHERE PACKCOST >= 200 AND PACKCOST <= 400	SELECT PACKID, PACKNAME, PACKCOST FROM PACKAGE WHERE PACKCOST BETWEEN 200 AND 400
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Result:

PACKID	PACKNAME	PACKCOST
DB32	Manta	380.00
SS11	Limitless View	217.95

SELECT III

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

boolean predicate **LIKE**

character **%** is a wildcard, i.e. matches with any character (sub)string

```
SELECT PACKID, PACKNAME
FROM PACKAGE
WHERE PACKNAME LIKE '%&%'
```

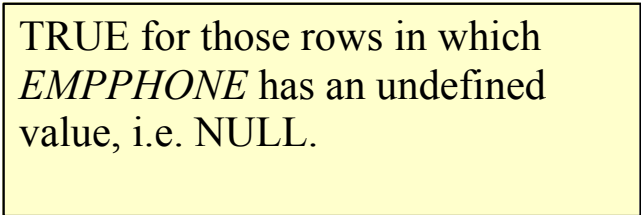
Result:

PACKID	PACKNAME
WP08	Words & More

SELECT IV

Precede **"IS NULL"** is equal to „**true**“ iff the respective column has assigned no value

```
SELECT EMPNUM, EMPNAME  
FROM EMPLOYEE  
WHERE EMPPHONE IS NULL
```



TRUE for those rows in which
EMPPHONE has an undefined
value, i.e. NULL.

SELECT V (arithmetic operators)

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 PACKID, PACKNAME, (.90 * PACKCOST)
FROM PACKAGE**

Name of this column generated by
DBMS client

Result:

PACKID	PACKNAME	EXP1
AC01	Boise Accounting	635.25
DB32	Manta	342.00
DB33	Manta	387.16
SS11	Limitless View	196.16
WP08	Words & More	166.50
WP09	Freeware Processing	27.00

i.e. 0.9 * 725.83
0.9 * 380.00
0.9 * 430.18

SELECT VI

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 PACKID, PACKNAME, PACKTYPE
FROM PACKAGE
WHERE PACKTYPE IN ('Database',
                   Spreadsheet',
                   Word Processing')
```

```
SELECT PACKID, PACKNAME,
PACKTYPE
FROM PACKAGE
WHERE PACKTYPE = 'Database' OR
      PACKTYPE = Spreadsheet' OR
      PACKTYPE = 'Word Processing'
```

Result:

PACKID	PACKNAME	PACKTYPE
DB32	Manta	Database
DB33	Manta	Database
SS11	Limitless View	Spreadsheet
WP08	Words & More	Word Processing
WP09	Freeware Processing	Word Processing

SELECT VII (sorting)

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

Order of rows in the result of the query is undefined unless specified by OREDR clause:

```
SELECT PACKID, PACKNAME, PACKTYPE, PACKCOST  
FORM PACKAGE  
ORDER BY PACKTYPE, PACKCOST DESC
```

Rows will be ordered primarily by *PACKTYPE*. The order of rows with an equal value of *PACKTYPE* will be defined by *PACKCOST*.

DESC ... descending

ASC ... ascending (default)

Result:

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