CS 61A

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1 SQL Overview

SQL (Standardized Query Language) is a declarative programming language that allows us to store, access, and manipulate data stored in databases. Each database contains tables, which can store many rows of data that all share the same properties (columns).

Creating Tables

To create a table, we can use the CREATE TABLE operation. For example, if we want to make a table with 2 columns 'name' and 'number' and fill it with 3 rows of data, we could do the following:

```
CREATE TABLE numbers AS

SELECT "Papa John's Pizza" AS name, 5108457272 AS number

UNION

SELECT "UCPD", 5106426760 UNION

SELECT "Foothill Mailroom", 5106429703;
```

Filtering

We can then filter data using queries which have the following general structure:

```
SELECT col1, col2, ... FROM table WHERE conditions ORDER BY column [DESC] LIMIT num;
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- 1. SELECT chooses specific columns to include in the output. Column names can be changed using the AS operation (for example, SELECT number AS phone would rename the number column to 'phone'.)
- 2. FROM chooses which table(s) to select data from. If multiple tables are included, then they are joined together such that every possible combination of rows are outputted. The number of rows in the resulting table will be the multiple of all rows in the original tables (table_a_rows table_b_rows table_c_rows ...). The same table can also be joined to itself if aliasing is used (e.g. SELECT * FROM numbers AS a, numbers AS b).
- 3. WHERE restricts which rows appear in the output. Valid conditions include less than/greater than/equal to (<, >, =), AND/OR, and not equal (!=, <>). All comparisons involving aggregations must go in the HAVING clause instead of WHERE.
- 4. ORDER BY sorts rows using the values of the specified column (smallest to largest if numbers, alphabetical order if strings). If the DESC keyword is included, then rows will be sorted from largest to smallest.
- 5. LIMIT restricts the maximum number of rows in the output table. For example, ORDER BY name LIMIT 10 would only get the first 10 names in alphabetical order.

Aggregation

In addition to filtering results, we can also use SQL to perform aggregation. Doing so combines data in a specified manner to get information such as the sum of all numbers in the group.

We can perform aggregation and filtering at the same time using a query with the following structure:

```
SELECT col1, col2, ... FROM table WHERE conditions GROUP BY column HAVING conditions ORDER BY column [DESC] LIMIT num;
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- 1. GROUP BY aggregates the table by combining all rows with the same value into one group. Properties of this group can then be accessed using COUNT, MIN, MAX, SUM, etc.
- 2. HAVING is similar to WHERE, except it performs filtering on aggregate functions rather than the columns themselves. For example, if we want all groups that have less than 5 entries in them, we could filter using HAVING COUNT (*) < 5.

CS 61A wants to start a fish hatchery, and we need your help to analyze the data we've collected for the fish populations! Running a hatchery is expensive – we'd like to make some money on the side by selling some seafood (only older fish of course) to make delicious sushi.

The table fish contains a subset of the data that has been collected. The SQL column names are listed in brackets.

Table name: fish*

Species	Population	Breeding Rate	\$/piece	# of pieces per fish
[species]	[pop]	[rate]	[price]	[pieces]
Salmon	500	3.3	4	30
Eel	100	1.3	4	15
Yellowtail	700	2.0	3	30
Tuna	600	1.1	3	20

^{*(}This was made with fake data, do not actually sell fish at these rates)

- 1. Write a query to find the three most populated fish species.
- 2. Write a query to find the total number of fish in the ocean. Additionally, include the number of species we summed. Your output should have the number of species and the total population.
- 3. Profit is good, but more profit is better. Write a query to select the species that yields the most number of pieces for each price. Your output should include the species, price, and pieces.

Business is good, but a bunch of competition has sprung up! Through some cunning corporate espionage, we have determined one such competitor's selling prices. The table competitor contains the competitor's price for each species.

Species	\$/piece	
[species]	[price]	
Salmon	2	
Eel	3.4	
Yellowtail	3.2	
Tuna	2.6	

1. Write a query that returns, for each species, the difference between our hatchery's revenue versus the competitor's revenue for one whole fish.

For the following two questions, you have access to two tables.

Grades, which contains three columns: day, **class**, and score. Each row represents the score you got on a midterm for some **class** that you took on some day.

Outfits, which contains two columns: day and color. Each row represents the color of the shirt you wore on some day. Assume you have a row for each possible day.

Table name: grades

Day	Class	Score	
10/31	Music 70	88	
9/20	Math 1A	72	

Table name: outfits

Day	Color	
11/5	Blue	
9/13	Red	
10/31	Orange	

1. You want to find out which classes you need to prepare for the most by determining how many points you have so far. However, you only want to do so for classes where you did relatively poorly

Write a query that will output the sum of your midterm scores for each class along with the corresponding class, but only for classes in which you scored less than 80 points on at least one midterm. List the output from highest to lowest total score.

2. Instead of actually studying for your finals, you decide it would be the best use of your time to determine what your "lucky shirt" is. Suppose you're pretty happy with your exam scores this semester, so you define your lucky shirt as the shirt you wore to the most exams.

Write a query that will output the color of your lucky shirt and how many times you wore it.

After more than 100 years of operation, the Ringling Bros. circus is closing. A victory for animal rights advocates, the circus' closure poses a challenge for the zoologists tasked with moving the circus' animals to more suitable habitats.

The zoologists must first take the animals in a freight elevator with a weight limit of 2000. In order to speed up the process, the zoologists prefer to take groups of animals of the same species in the elevator, rather than one animal at a time.

Assume the zoologists will only put all of the animals of a particular species in the elevator, or take animals of that particular species one at a time.

You have access to the table animals, with columns containing the animals' names, heights, weights, and species.

Name	Height	Weight	Species
Wilbur	4.1	150	pig
Tigress	4.4	700	tiger
Phil	3.3	79	pig
Dug	3.5	40	dog
Buddy	4	51	dog
Marty	4.9	300	zebra
Richard Parker	5.2	918	tiger

1. Write a query that returns the collective weight and species of animals in a group where there is more than one animal of a particular species in a group, and the collective weight of the animals in the group is less than 2000.

Your query should yield the following result.

91 dog 229 pig 1618 tiger

- 2. To take the animals to their new habitats, the zoologists load the animals into trucks. The zoologists would like to reduce the number of trips taken by pairing up the animals for the trip (species does not matter). However, the trucks have two restrictions:
 - 1. The maximum height of any animal is 5.0.
 - 2. The total weight of both animals cannot exceed 300.

Your query should yield the following result. To match the table below, make sure that the left column animals' names come earlier in the alphabet than their partners.

Buddy Dug
Buddy Phil
Buddy Wilbur
Dug Phil
Dug Wilbur
Phil Wilbur