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#### Chapter 7 – Introduction To SQL

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# **Objectives**

- Definition of terms.
- Discuss advantages of standardized SQL.
- Define a database using SQL data definition language.
- Write single table queries using SQL.
- Establish referential integrity using SQL.
- Work with Views.



#### The Physical Design Stage of SDLC (Figures 2-4, 2-5 revisited)



### SQL Overview

- $SQL \equiv Structured Query Language.$
- The standard for relational database management systems (RDBMS).
- SQL-99 and SQL: 2003 Standards Purpose:
  - Specify syntax/semantics for data definition and manipulation.
  - Define data structures.
  - Enable portability.
  - Specify minimal (level 1) and complete (level 2) standards.
  - Allow for later growth/enhancement to standard.



# Benefits of a Standardized Relational Language

- Reduced training costs
- Productivity
- Application portability
- Application longevity
- Reduced dependence on a single vendor
- Cross-system communication



# The SQL Environment

- Catalog
  - A set of schemas that constitute the description of a database.
- Schema
  - The structure that contains descriptions of objects created by a user (base tables, views, constraints).
- Data Definition Language (DDL)
  - Commands that define a database, including creating, altering, and dropping tables and establishing constraints.
- Data Manipulation Language (DML)
  - Commands that maintain and query a database.
- Data Control Language (DCL)
  - Commands that control a database, including administering privileges and committing data.





#### Some SQL Data Types (from Oracle 9i)

- String types
  - CHAR(n) fixed-length character data, n characters long Maximum length = 2000 bytes
  - VARCHAR2(n) variable length character data, maximum 4000 bytes
  - LONG variable-length character data, up to 4GB. Maximum 1 per table
- Numeric types
  - NUMBER(p,q) general purpose numeric data type
  - INTEGER(p) signed integer, p digits wide
  - FLOAT(p) floating point in scientific notation with p binary digits precision
- Date/time type
  - DATE fixed-length date/time in dd-mm-yy form

#### Figure 7-4 (PAGE 297):

DDL, DML, DCL, and the database development process



# **SQL** Database Definition

- Data Definition Language (DDL)
- Major CREATE statements:
  - CREATE SCHEMA defines a portion of the database owned by a particular user.
  - CREATE TABLE defines a table and its columns.
  - CREATE VIEW defines a logical table from one or more views.
- Other CREATE statements: CHARACTER SET, COLLATION, TRANSLATION, ASSERTION, DOMAIN.



#### **Table Creation**

Figure 7-5: General syntax for CREATE TABLE

CREATE TABLE tablename ({column definition [table constraint]}... [ON COMMIT {DELETE | PRESERVE} ROWS]);

where column definition ::=
column\_name
{domain name | datatype [(size)] }
[column\_constraint\_clause . . .]
[default value]
[collate clause]

and table constraint ::= [CONSTRAINT constraint\_name] Constraint\_type [constraint\_attributes]

#### **Steps in table creation:**

- 1. Identify data types for attributes
- 2. Identify columns that can and cannot be null
- 3. Identify columns that must be unique (candidate keys)
- 4. Identify primary keyforeign key mates
- 5. Determine default values
- 6. Identify constraints on columns (domain specifications)
- 7. Create the table and associated indexes

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# The following few slides create tables for this enterprise data model

Figure 2-1 Segment from enterprise data model (Pine Valley Furniture Company)



#### Figure 7-6: SQL database definition commands for Pine Valley Furniture









#### Controlling the values in attributes





# Data Integrity Controls

- Referential integrity constraint that ensures that foreign key values of a table must match primary key values of a related table in 1:M relationships.
- Restricting:
  - Deletes of primary records.
  - Updates of primary records.
  - Inserts of dependent records.



#### Figure 7-7 Ensuring data integrity through updates



Relational integrity is enforced via the primarykey to foreignkey match

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## Changing and Removing Tables

- ALTER TABLE statement allows you to change column specifications:
  - ALTER TABLE CUSTOMER\_T ADD (TYPE VARCHAR(2))
- DROP TABLE statement allows you to remove tables from your schema:
   – DROP TABLE CUSTOMER\_T

## Schema Definition

- Control processing/storage efficiency:
  - Choice of indexes
  - File organizations for base tables
  - File organizations for indexes
  - Data clustering
  - Statistics maintenance
- Creating indexes
  - Speed up random/sequential access to base table data
  - Example
    - CREATE INDEX NAME\_IDX ON CUSTOMER\_T(CUSTOMER\_NAME)
    - This makes an index for the CUSTOMER\_NAME field of the CUSTOMER\_T table



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### Insert Statement

- Adds data to a table
- Inserting into a table
  - INSERT INTO CUSTOMER T VALUES (001, 'Contemporary Casuals', 1355 S. Himes Blvd.', 'Gainesville', 'FL', 32601);
- Inserting a record that has some null attributes requires identifying the fields that actually get data
  - INSERT INTO PRODUCT\_T (PRODUCT\_ID, PRODUCT\_DESCRIPTION, PRODUCT\_FINISH, STANDARD\_PRICE, PRODUCT\_ON\_HAND) VALUES (1, 'End Table', 'Cherry', 175, 8);
- Inserting from another table
  - INSERT INTO CA\_CUSTOMER\_T SELECT \* FROM CUSTOMER\_T WHERE STATE = 'CA';

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#### **Delete Statement**

- Removes rows from a table.
- Delete certain rows
  - DELETE FROM CUSTOMER\_T WHERE STATE = 'HI';
- Delete all rows

– DELETE FROM CUSTOMER\_T;



#### **Update Statement**

• Modifies data in existing rows

• UPDATE PRODUCT\_T SET UNIT\_PRICE = 775 WHERE PRODUCT\_ID = 7;





# SELECT Statement

- Used for queries on single or multiple tables.
- Clauses of the SELECT statement:
  - SELECT
    - List the columns (and expressions) that should be returned from the query
  - FROM
    - Indicate the table(s) or view(s) from which data will be obtained
  - WHERE
    - Indicate the conditions under which a row will be included in the result
  - GROUP BY
    - Indicate categorization of results
  - HAVING
    - Indicate the conditions under which a category (group) will be included
  - ORDER BY
    - Sorts the result according to specified criteria

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#### SELECT Example

• Find products with standard price less than \$275



#### SELECT Example using Alias

• Alias is an alternative column or table name.

SELECT CUST.CUSTOMER AS NAME, CUST.CUSTOMER\_ADDRESS FROM CUSTOMER\_V CUST WHERE NAME = 'Home Furnishings';



#### **SELECT Example Using a Function**

• Using the COUNT *aggregate function* to find totals

SELECT COUNT(\*) FROM ORDER\_LINE\_V WHERE ORDER\_ID = 1004;

Note: with aggregate functions you can't have singlevalued columns included in the SELECT clause





#### SELECT Example – Boolean Operators

• AND, OR, and NOT Operators for customizing conditions in WHERE clause

SELECT PRODUCT\_DESCRIPTION, PRODUCT\_FINISH, STANDARD\_PRICE FROM PRODUCT\_V WHERE (PRODUCT\_DESCRIPTION LIKE '%Desk' OR PRODUCT\_DESCRIPTION LIKE '%Table') AND UNIT\_PRICE > 300;

Note: the LIKE operator allows you to compare strings using wildcards. For example, the % wildcard in '%Desk' indicates that all strings that have any number of characters preceding the word "Desk" will be allowed

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#### SELECT Example – Sorting Results with the ORDER BY Clause

• Sort the results first by STATE, and within a state by CUSTOMER\_NAME

SELECT CUSTOMER\_NAME, CITY, STATE FROM CUSTOMER\_V WHERE STATE **IN** ('FL', 'TX', 'CA', 'HI') ORDER BY STATE, CUSTOMER\_NAME;

Note: the IN operator in this example allows you to include rows whose STATE value is either FL, TX, CA, or HI. It is more efficient than separate OR conditions

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# SELECT Example –

#### Categorizing Results Using the GROUP BY Clause

- For use with aggregate functions
  - *Scalar aggregate*: single value returned from SQL query with aggregate function
  - *Vector aggregate*: multiple values returned from SQL query with aggregate function (via GROUP BY)

#### SELECT STATE, COUNT(STATE) FROM CUSTOMER\_V GROUP BY STATE;

Note: you can use single-value fields with aggregate functions if they are included in the GROUP BY clause.

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# SELECT Example –

Qualifying Results by Category Using the HAVING Clause

• For use with GROUP BY

SELECT STATE, COUNT(STATE) FROM CUSTOMER\_V GROUP BY STATE HAVING COUNT(STATE) > 1;

Like a WHERE clause, but it operates on groups (categories), not on individual rows. Here, only those groups with total numbers greater than 1 will be included in final result

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