SQL SELECT

Database Systems Lecture 7

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SQL SELECT Overview

```
SELECT
  [DISTINCT | ALL] <column-list>
  FROM <table-names>
  [WHERE <condition>]
  [ORDER BY <column-list>]
  [GROUP BY <column-list>]
  [HAVING <condition>]
```

- *([]- optional,* **|** *- or)*

Example Tables

Student

ID	First	Last
S103	John	Smith
S104	Mary	Jones
S105	Jane	Brown
S106	Mark	Jones
S107	John	Brown

Course

Code	Title
DBS	Database Systems
PR1	Programming 1
PR2	Programming 2
IAI	Intro to AI

Grade

ID	Code	Mark
S103	DBS	72
S103	IAI	58
S104	PR1	68
S104	IAI	65
S106	PR2	43
S107	PR1	76
S107	PR2	60
S107	IAI	35

DISTINCT and ALL

- Sometimes you end up with duplicate entries
- Using **DISTINCT** removes duplicates
- Using **ALL** retains them - this is the default

```
SELECT ALL Last
  FROM Student
```

Last
Smith
Jones
Brown
Jones
Brown

```
SELECT DISTINCT Last
  FROM Student
```

Last
Smith
Jones
Brown

WHERE Clauses

- Usually you don't want all the rows
  - A **WHERE** clause restricts the rows that are returned
  - It takes the form of a condition - only those rows that satisfy the condition are returned
- Example conditions:
  - **Mark < 40**
  - **First = 'John'**
  - **First <> 'John'**
  - **First = Last**
  - **(First = 'John') AND (Last = 'Smith')**
  - **(Mark < 40) OR (Mark > 70)**

WHERE Examples

```
SELECT * FROM Grade
 WHERE Mark >= 60
```

ID	Code	Mark
S103	DBS	72
S104	PR1	68
S104	IAI	65
S107	PR1	76
S107	PR2	60

```
SELECT DISTINCT ID
  FROM Grade
  WHERE Mark >= 60
```

ID
S103
S104
S107

WHERE Example

- Given the table

Grade

ID	Code	Mark
S103	DBS	72
S103	IAI	58
S104	PR1	68
S104	IAI	65
S106	PR2	43
S107	PR1	76
S107	PR2	60
S107	IAI	35

- Write an SQL query to find a list of the ID numbers and marks in IAI of students who have passed (scored 40 or higher) IAI

ID	Mark
S103	58
S104	65

Solution

We only want the ID and Mark, not the Code

Single quotes around the string

```
SELECT ID, Mark FROM Grade
  WHERE (Code = 'IAI') AND
        (Mark >= 40)
```

We're only interested in IAI

We're looking for entries with pass marks

SELECT from Multiple Tables

- Often you need to combine information from two or more tables
- You can get the effect of a product by using

```
SELECT * FROM Table1,
   Table2...
```

- If the tables have columns with the same name ambiguity results
- You resolve this by referencing columns with the table name

```
TableName.Column
```

SELECT from Multiple Tables

```
SELECT
  First, Last, Mark
FROM Student, Grade
WHERE
  (Student.ID =
     Grade.ID) AND
  (Mark >= 40)
```

Student

ID	First	Last
S103	John	Smith
S104	Mary	Jones
S105	Jane	
S106	Mark	
S107	John	

Grade

ID	Code	Mark
S103	DBS	72
S103	IAI	58
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S107	PR1	76
S107	PR2	60
S107	IAI	35

SELECT from Multiple Tables

`SELECT ... FROM Student, Grade WHERE...`

Are matched with the first entry from the Student table...

And then with the second…

and so on

ID	First	Last	ID	Code	Mark
S103	John	Smith	S103	DBS	72
S103	John	Smith	S103	IAI	58
S103	John	Smith	S104	PR1	68
S103	John	Smith	S104	IAI	65
S103	John	Smith	S106	PR2	43
S103	John	Smith	S107	PR1	76
S103	John	Smith	S107	PR2	60
S103	John	Smith	S107	IAI	35
S104	Mary	Jones	S103	DBS	72
S104	Mary	Jones	S103	IAI	58
S104	Mary	Jones	S104	PR1	68
S104	Mary	Jones	S104	IAI	65

All of the entries from the Grade table

SELECT from Multiple Tables

```
SELECT ... FROM Student, Grade
  WHERE (Student.ID = Grade.ID) AND ...
```

ID	First	Last	ID	Code	Mark
S103	John	Smith	S103	DBS	72
S103	John	Smith	S103	IAI	58
S104	Mary	Jones	S104	PR1	68
S104	Mary	Jones	S104	IAI	65
S106	Mark	Jones	S106	PR2	43
S107	John	Brown	S107	PR1	76
S107	John	Brown	S107	PR2	60
S107	John	Brown	S107	IAI	35

Student.ID

Grade.ID

SELECT from Multiple Tables

```
SELECT ... FROM Student, Grade
  WHERE (Student.ID = Grade.ID) AND (Mark >= 40)
```

ID	First	Last	ID	Code	Mark
S103	John	Smith	S103	DBS	72
S103	John	Smith	S103	IAI	58
S104	Mary	Jones	S104	PR1	68
S104	Mary	Jones	S104	IAI	65
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S107	John	Brown	S107	PR1	76
S107	John	Brown	S107	PR2	60

SELECT from Multiple Tables

```
SELECT First, Last, Mark FROM Student, Grade
  WHERE (Student.ID = Grade.ID) AND (Mark >= 40)
```

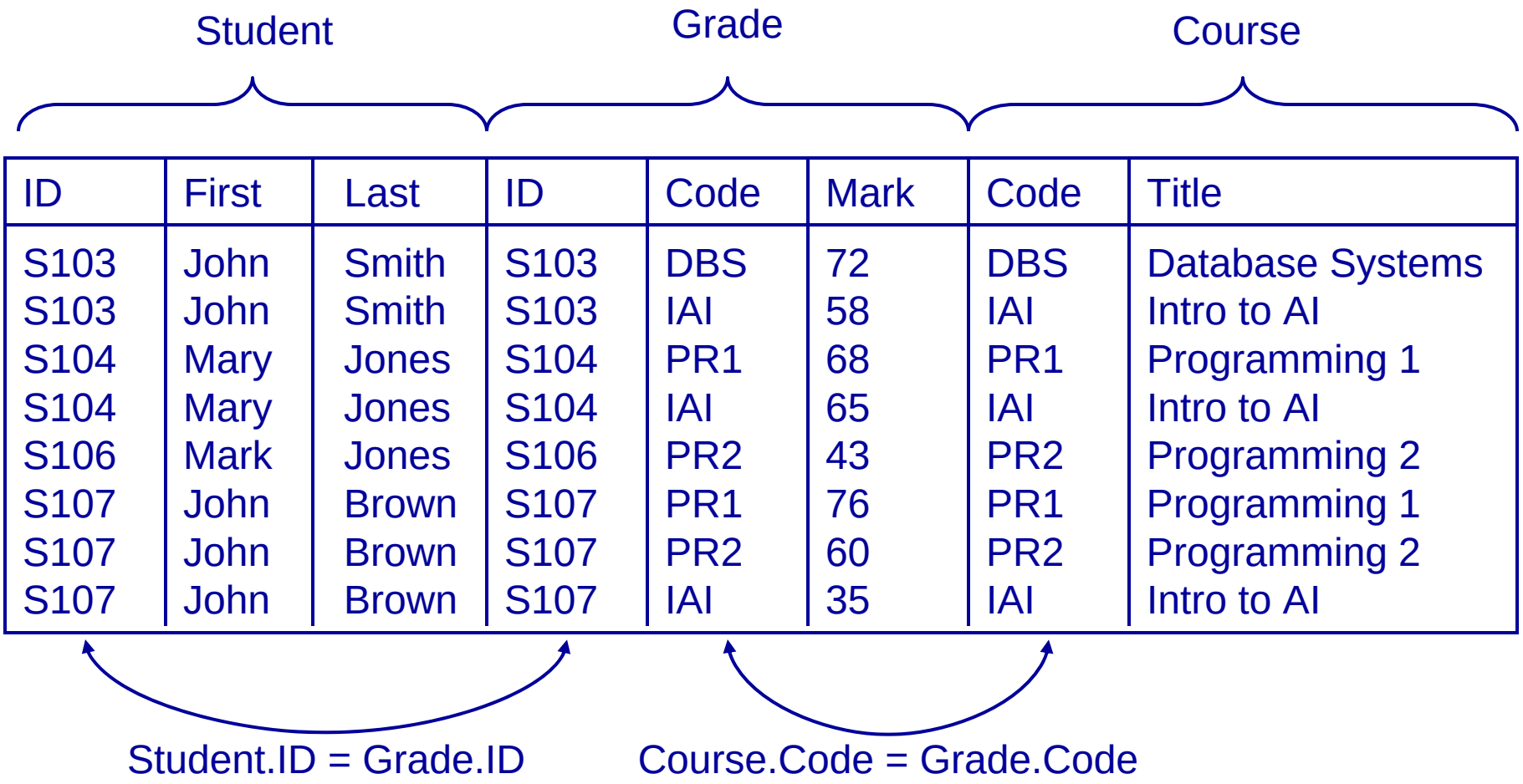
First	Last	Mark
John	Smith	72
John	Smith	58
Mary	Jones	68
Mary	Jones	65
Mark	Jones	43
John	Brown	76
John	Brown	60

SELECT from Multiple Tables

- When selecting from multiple tables you almost always use a **WHERE** clause to find entries with common values

```
SELECT * FROM
  Student, Grade,
  Course
WHERE
  Student.ID = Grade.ID
AND
  Course.Code =
  Grade.Code
```

SELECT from Multiple Tables



JOINs

- JOINs can be used to combine tables
  - There are many types of JOIN
    - **CROSS JOIN**
    - **INNER JOIN**
    - **NATURAL JOIN**
    - **OUTER JOIN**
  - **OUTER JOIN**s are linked with **NULL**s - more later

A CROSS JOIN B

- returns all pairs of rows from A and B

A NATURAL JOIN B

- returns pairs of rows with common values for identically named columns and without duplicating columns

A INNER JOIN B

- returns pairs of rows satisfying a condition

CROSS JOIN

Student

ID	Name
123	John
124	Mary
125	Mark
126	Jane

Enrolment

ID	Code
123	DBS
124	PRG
124	DBS
126	PRG

```
SELECT * FROM
   Student CROSS JOIN
   Enrolment
```

ID	Name	ID	Code
123	John	123	DBS
124	Mary	123	DBS
125	Mark	123	DBS
126	Jane	123	DBS
123	John	124	PRG
124	Mary	124	PRG
125	Mark	124	PRG
126	Jane	124	PRG
123	John	124	DBS
124	Mar		DBS

NATURAL JOIN

Student

ID	Name
123	John
124	Mary
125	Mark
126	Jane

Enrolment

ID	Code
123	DBS
124	PRG
124	DBS
126	PRG

```
SELECT * FROM
   Student NATURAL JOIN
   Enrolment
```

ID	Name	Code
123	John	DBS
124	Mary	PRG
124	Mary	DBS
126	Jane	PRG

CROSS and NATURAL JOIN

```
SELECT * FROM
  A CROSS JOIN B
```

- is the same as

```
SELECT * FROM A, B
```

```
SELECT * FROM
  A NATURAL JOIN B
```

- is the same as

```
SELECT A.col1,… A.coln,
[and all other columns
apart from B.col1,…B.coln]
FROM A, B
WHERE A.col1 = B.col1
  AND A.col2 = B.col2
...AND A.coln = B.col.n
(this assumes that col1…
coln in A and B have
common names)
```

INNER JOIN

- **INNER JOIN**s specify a condition which the pairs of rows satisfy

```
SELECT * FROM
   A INNER JOIN B
   ON <condition>
```

- Can also use

```
SELECT * FROM
   A INNER JOIN B
   USING
     (col1, col2,…)
```

- Chooses rows where the given columns are equal

INNER JOIN

Student

ID	Name
123	John
124	Mary
125	Mark
126	Jane

Enrolment

ID	Code
123	DBS
124	PRG
124	DBS
126	PRG

```
SELECT * FROM
   Student INNER JOIN
    Enrolment USING (ID)
```

ID	Name	ID	Code
123	John	123	DBS
124	Mary	124	PRG
124	Mary	124	DBS
126	Jane	126	PRG

INNER JOIN

Buyer

Name	Budget
Smith	100,000
Jones	150,000
Green	80,000

Property

Address	Price
15 High St	85,000
12 Queen St	125,000
87 Oak Row	175,000

```
SELECT * FROM
   Buyer INNER JOIN
    Property ON
   Price <= Budget
```

Name	Budget	Address	Price
Smith	100,000	15 High St	85,000
Jones	150,000	15 High St	85,000
Jones	150,000	12 Queen St	125,000

INNER JOIN

```
SELECT * FROM
  A INNER JOIN B
  ON <condition>
```

- is the same as

```
SELECT * FROM A, B
  WHERE <condition>
```

```
SELECT * FROM
  A INNER JOIN B
  USING(col1, col2,...)
```

- is the same as

```
SELECT * FROM A, B
  WHERE A.col1 = B.col1
    AND A.col2 = B.col2
    AND ...
```

JOINs vs WHERE Clauses

- JOINs (so far) are not needed
  - You can have the same effect by selecting from multiple tables with an appropriate WHERE clause
  - So should you use JOINs or not?
- Yes, because
  - They often lead to concise queries
  - NATURAL JOINs are very common
- No, because
  - Support for JOINs varies a fair bit among SQL dialects

Writing Queries

- When writing queries
  - There are often many ways to write the query
  - You should worry about being correct, clear, and concise in that order
  - Don’t worry about being clever or efficient
- Most DBMSs have query optimisers
  - These take a user’s query and figure out how to efficiently execute it
  - A simple query is easier to optimise
  - We’ll look at some ways to improve efficiency later

This Lecture in Exams

Track

cID	Num	Title	Time	aID
1	1	Violent	239	1
1	2	Every Girl	410	1
1	3	Breather	217	1
1	4	Part of Me	279	1
2	1	Star	362	1
2	2	Teaboy	417	2

CD

cID	Title	Price
1	Mix	9.99
2	Compilation	12.99

Artist

aID	Name
1	Stellar
2	Cloudboy

This Lecture in Exams

Find a list of all the CD titles.

(1 mark)

Find a list of the titles of tracks that are more than 300 seconds long.

(2 marks)

Find a list of the names of those artists who have a track on the CD with the title “Compilation”.

(4 marks)

Next Lecture

- More SQL SELECT
  - Aliases
  - ‘Self-joins’
  - Subqueries
  - IN, EXISTS, ANY, ALL
- For more information
  - Connolly and Begg Chapter 5
  - Ullman and Widom Chapter 6