CS460: Intro to Database Systems

#### Class 3: SQL, The Query Language – Part I

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#### Reminder

**Project 0** deadline is 9/15 (this Friday)

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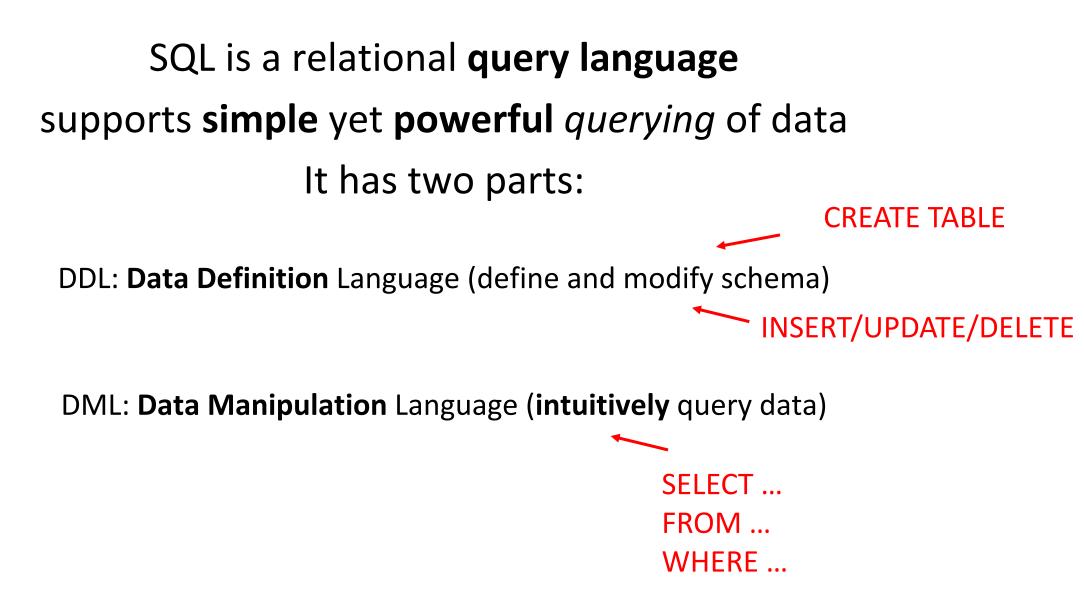
## Today's course

#### intuitive way to ask queries

#### unlike procedural languages (C/C++, java) [which specify **how** to solve a problem (or answer a question)]

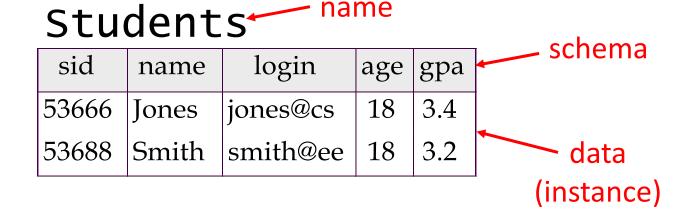
#### SQL is a **declarative query** language [we ask **what we want** and the DBMS is going to deliver]

#### Introduction to SQL



#### Reiterate some terminology

Relation (or table)



#### Row (or tuple)

sid	name	login	age	gpa
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#### Column (or attribute)

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#### Reiterate some terminology

Primary Key (PK)

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The PK of a relation is the column (or the group of columns) that can uniquely define a row.

In other words:

Two rows cannot have the same PK.

#### DDL – Create Table optional

optional

CREATE TABLE table\_name

( { column\_name data\_type [ DEFAULT def\_expr ] [ col\_constraint [, ... ] ] [ table\_constraint } [, { column\_name data\_type [ DEFAULT def\_expr ] [ col\_constraint [, ... ] ] | table\_constraint } ] [, ...] )

```
CREATE TABLE Students
     (sid CHAR(20),
      name CHAR(20),
      login CHAR(10),
      age INTEGER,
      qpa FLOAT)
```

optional

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 [, ...] )

Data Types include:

...

fixed-length character string: CHAR(n) variable-length character string: VARCHAR(n) smallint, integer, bigint, numeric, real, double precision date, time, timestamp, ...

serial - unique ID for indexing and cross reference

You can also define your own type!! (SQL:1999)

CREATE TABLE Students (sid CHAR(20), name CHAR(20), login CHAR(10), age INTEGER, gpa FLOAT)

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# Create Table (w/column constraints)

CREATE TABLE table\_name ( { column\_name data\_type [ DEFAULT def\_expr ] [ col\_constraint [, ... ] ] | table\_constraint } [, { column\_name data\_type [ DEFAULT def\_expr ] [ col\_constraint [, ... ] ] | table\_constraint } ] [, ...] ) check for every row

Column Constraints: [CONSTRAINT constraint\_name] { NOT NULL | NULL | UNIQUE | PRIMARY KEY | CHECK (expression) | REFERENCES reftable [ ( refcolumn ) ] [ ON DELETE action ] [ ON UPDATE action ] } propagate (or not)

value should exist in <reftable.refcolumn>

propagate (or not) deletes/updates

expression: must produce a boolean result based on the related column's value only action: NO ACTION, CASCADE, SET NULL, SET DEFAULT

# Create Table (w/table constraints)

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every constraint can include multiple columns

 Table Constraints:

 [ CONSTRAINT constraint\_name ]

 { UNIQUE ( column\_name [, ... ] ) |

 PRIMARY KEY ( column\_name [, ... ] ) |

 CHECK ( expression ) |

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 CONSTRAINT column [, ... ] ) REFERENCES reftable [ ( refcolumn [, ... ] ) ] [ ON DELETE action ]

#### Examples

CREATE TABLE Enrolled (sid CHAR(20), cid CHAR(20), semester CHAR(20), grade CHAR(2) )

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```
CREATE TABLE Enrolled
(sid CHAR(20),
  cid CHAR(20),
  semester CHAR(20) NOT NULL,
  grade CHAR(2) )
```

## Primary Keys in SQL

possibly many <u>candidate keys</u> (can be specified using UNIQUE), one of which is chosen as the *primary key* 

keys must be defined carefully!

"for a given student and course, there is a single grade"

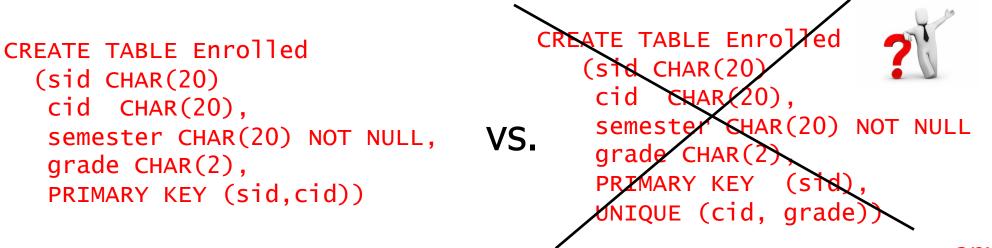
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semester CHAR(20) NOT NULL,
grade CHAR(2),
PRIMARY KEY (sid,cid))
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## Primary Keys in SQL

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"for a given student and course, there is a single grade"



"students can take only one course, and no two students in a course receive the same grade" anything else?



## Primary Keys in SQL

possibly many <u>candidate keys</u> (can be specified using UNIQUE), one of which is chosen as the *primary key* 

keys must be defined carefully!

"for a given student and course, there is a single grade"

```
CREATE TABLE Enrolled

(sid CHAR(20)

cid CHAR(20), "a student cannot take a course again

grade CHAR(2), (in a new semester) even if they failed it"

PRIMARY KEY (sid,cid,semester))
```

solution?



# Foreign Keys in SQL

Example: Only students listed in the Students relation should be allowed to enroll for courses.

*sid* is a foreign key referring to **Students** 

CREATE TABLE Enrolled (sid CHAR(20),cid CHAR(20),semester CHAR(20), grade CHAR(2), PRIMARY KEY (sid,cid), FOREIGN KEY (sid) REFERENCES Students )

#### Enrolled

sid	cid	semester	grade	Stude	nts			
53666	15-101	F21	C	sid	name	login	age	gpa
53666	18-203	S22	В	53666	Jones	jones@cs	18	3.4
53650	15-112	F23	А	53688	Smith	smith@cs	18	3.2
53666	15-105	S23	В	53650	Smith	smith@math	19	3.8

#### Examples

```
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(sid CHAR(20),
  cid CHAR(20),
  semester CHAR(20) NOT NULL,
  grade CHAR(2),
  PRIMARY KEY (sid,cid,semester),
  FOREIGN KEY (sid) REFERENCES Students )
```

#### Examples (General Constraints)

```
CREATE TABLE Enrolled
(sid CHAR(20),
cid CHAR(20),
semester CHAR(20) NOT NULL,
grade CHAR(2),
PRIMARY KEY (sid,cid,semester),
FOREIGN KEY (sid) REFERENCES Students,
CHECK grade LIKE 'A' OR grade LIKE 'B'
OR grade LIKE 'C' OR grade LIKE 'D')
```

#### **Examples (General Constraints)**

```
CREATE TABLE Enrolled
  (sid CHAR(20),
   cid CHAR(20),
   semester CHAR(20) NOT NULL,
   grade CHAR(2),
   PRIMARY KEY (sid,cid,semester),
   FOREIGN KEY (sid) REFERENCES Students,
   CONSTRAINT checkGrade
   CHECK (grade LIKE 'A' OR grade LIKE 'B'
         OR grade LIKE 'C' OR grade LIKE 'D') )
```

#### Examples (General Constraints)

```
CREATE TABLE Enrolled
  (sid CHAR(20),
   cid CHAR(20),
   semester CHAR(20) NOT NULL,
   grade CHAR(2),
   PRIMARY KEY (sid,cid,semester),
   FOREIGN KEY (sid) REFERENCES Students,
   CONSTRAINT checkNumber
   CHECK ( (SELECT COUNT (sid) FROM Students)
               ╋
           (SELECT COUNT DISTINCT (cid) FROM Enrolled)
               < 1000 ) )
```

#### More Examples

```
CREATE TABLE films (

code CHAR(5) PRIMARY KEY,

title VARCHAR(40),

did DECIMAL(3),

date_prod DATE,

kind VARCHAR(10),

CONSTRAINT production UNIQUE(date_prod)

FOREIGN KEY did REFERENCES distributors ON DELETE NO ACTION );
```

```
CREATE TABLE distributors (
    did DECIMAL(3) PRIMARY KEY,
    name VARCHAR(40)
    CONSTRAINT con1 CHECK (did > 100 AND name <> ' ') );
```

#### Introduction to SQL

#### SQL is a relational **query language** supports **simple** yet **powerful** *querying* of data It has two parts:

DDL: Data Definition Language (define and modify schema)

DML: **Data Manipulation** Language (**intuitively** query data)

# The simplest SQL query

gpa

3.4

3.2

4.0

"find all contents of a table"

in this example: "Find all info for all students"

SELECT *		sid	name	login	age	
FROM Stu	idents S	53666	Jones	jones@cs	18	ſ
		53688	Smith	smith@ee	18	
		53777	White	white@cs	19	

to find just names and logins, replace the first line: SELECT S.name, S.login CAS CS 660 [Fall 2023] - https://bu-disc.github.io/CS660/ - Manos Athanassoulis

## Show specific columns

"find name and login for all students"

#### SELECT S.name, S.login FROM Students S

name	login
Jones	jones@cs
Smith	smith@ee
White	white@cs

this is called: "project name and login from table Students"

## Show specific rows

"find all 18 year old students"

SELECT	*		
FROM	Students	S	
WHERE	S.age=18		

sid	name	login	age	gpa
53666	Jones	jones@cs	18	3.4
53688	Smith	smith@ee	18	3.2

this is called: "select students with age 18."

# **Querying Multiple Relations**

can specify a join over two tables as follows:

sid	cid	grade	
53831	Carnatic101	C	53
53831	Reggae203	В	5
53650	Topology112	A	<u> </u>
53666	History105	В	
	1		

sid	name	login	age	gpa
53666	Jones	jones@cs	18	3.4
53688	Smith	smith@ee	18	3.2





## **Basic SQL Query**

<u>relation-list</u> : a list of relations

SELECT [DISTINCT] target-list FROM relation-list WHERE qualification

<u>target-list</u> : a list of attributes of tables in *relation-list* 

*<u>qualification</u>* : comparisons using AND, OR and NOT

comparisons are: <attr> <op> <const> or <attr1> <op> <attr2>, where op is:

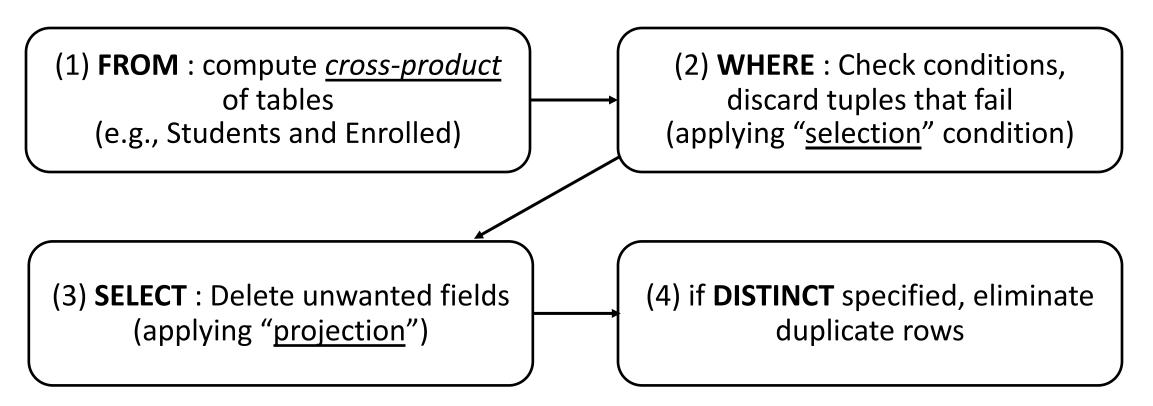
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**<u>DISTINCT</u>**: optional, removes duplicates

By default SQL SELECT does *not* eliminate duplicates! ("multiset")

#### **Query Semantics**

<u>Conceptually</u>, a SQL query can be computed:



probably the least efficient way to compute a query! Query Optimization finds the *same answer* more efficiently

#### Remember the query and the data

sid	cid	grade
53831	Carnatic101	С
53831	Reggae203	В
53650	Topology112	А
53666	History105	В

sid	name	login	age	gpa
53666	Jones	jones@cs	18	3.4
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## Step 1 – Cross Product

#### Combine with cross-product all tables of the **FROM** clause.

S.sid	S.name	S.login	S.age	S.gpa	E.sid	E.cid	E.grade
53666	Jones	jones@cs	18	3.4	53831	Carnatic101	С
53666	Jones	jones@cs	18	3.4	53832	Reggae203	В
53666	Jones	jones@cs	18	3.4	53650	Topology112	А
53666	Jones	jones@cs	18	3.4	53666	History105	В
53688	Smith	smith@ee	18	3.2	53831	Carnatic101	С
53688	Smith	smith@ee	18	3.2	53831	Reggae203	В
53688	Smith	smith@ee	18	3.2	53650	Topology112	А
53688	Smith	smith@ee	18	3.2	53666	History105	В

# Step 2 - Discard tuples that fail predicate

#### Make sure the WHERE clause is true!

_	S.sid	S.name	S.login	S.age	S.gpa	E.sid	E.cid	<b>E.grade</b>
	53666	Jones	jones@cs	18	3.4	53831	Carnatic101	S
	53666	Jones	jones@cs	18	3.4	53832	Reggae203	B
	53666	Jones	jones@cs	18	3.4	53650	Topology112	Ă
$\left( \right)$	53666	Jones	jones@cs	18	3.4	$\sim$	History105	B
	53688	Smith	smith@ee	18	3.2	53831	Carnatic101	C
	53688	Smith	smith@ee	18	3.2	53831	Reggae203	B
	53688	Smith	smith@ee	18	3.2	53650	Topology112	Ă
	53688	Smith	smith@ee	18	3.2	53666	History105	B

# Step 3 - Discard Unwanted Columns

#### Show only what is on the **SELECT** clause.

S.sid	S.name	S.login	S.age	S.gpa	E.sid	E.cid	E.grade
53666	Jones	jones@cs	18	3.4	53831	Carnatic101	C
53666	Jones	jones@cs	18	3.4	53832	Reggae203	B
53666	Jones	jones@cs	18	3.4	53650	Topology112	Ă
53666	Jones	jones@cs	18	3.4		History105	B
53688	Smith	smith@ee	18	3.2	53831	Carnatic101	C
53688	Smith	smith@ee	18	3.2	53831	Reggae203	B
53688	Smith	smith@ee	18	3.2	53650	Topology112	Ă
53688	Smith	smith@ee	18	3.2	53666	History105	B

#### Reserves Now the Details...

 sid
 bid
 day

 22
 101
 10/10/16

 95
 103
 11/12/16

We will use these instances of relations in our examples.

<b>Sailors</b>	sid	sname	rating	age
	22	Dustin	7	45.0
	31	Lubber	8	55.5
	95	Bob	3	63.5

Boats	bid	bname	color
	101	Interlake	blue
	102	Interlake	red
	103	Clipper	green
	104	Marine	red

# Another Join Query

- SELECT sname
- FROM Sailors, Reserves
- WHERE Sailors.sid=Reserves.sid AND bid=103

(sid)	sname	rating	age	(sid)	bid	day
22	dustin	7	45.0	22	101	10/10/16
22	dustin	7	45.0	95	103	11/12/16
31	lubber	8	55.5	22	101	10/10/16
31	lubber	8	55.5	95	103	11/12/16
95	Bob	3	63.5	22	101	10/10/16
95	Bob	3	63.5	95	103	11/12/16

# Range Variables

can associate "range variables" with the tables in the FROM clause

a shorthand, like the <u>rename operator</u> from relational algebra

saves writing, makes queries easier to understand

```
"FROM Sailors, Reserves"
```

```
"FROM Sailors S, Reserves R"
```

needed when ambiguity could arise

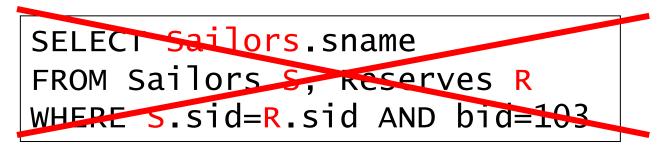
for example, if same table used multiple times in same FROM (called a "self-join") "FROM Sailors S1, Sailors S2"

#### Range Variables

SELECT sname FROM Sailors,Reserves WHERE Sailors.sid=Reserves.sid AND bid=103

can be rewritten using range variables as: SELECT S.sname FROM Sailors S, Reserves R WHERE S.sid=R.sid AND bid=103

you cannot use the full table name anymore!



## Range Variables

SELECT sname FROM Sailors,Reserves WHERE Sailors.sid=Reserves.sid AND bid=103

can be rewritten using range variables as: SELECT S.sname FROM Sailors S, Reserves R WHERE S.sid=R.sid AND bid=103

skipping table name if the attribute exists in one table is correct: SELECT sname FROM Sailors S, Reserves R WHERE S.sid=R.sid AND bid=103

#### **Range Variables**

an example requiring range variables (self-join)

```
SELECT S1.sname, S1.age, S2.sname, S2.age
FROM Sailors S1, Sailors S2
WHERE S1.age > S2.age
```

another one: "\*" if you don't want a projection:

SELECT \* FROM Sailors S WHERE S.age > 20 Find sailors who have reserved at least one boat

does DISTINCT makes a difference?



what is the effect of replacing *S.sid* by *S.sname* in the SELECT clause? Would adding DISTINCT to this variant of the query make a difference?



#### Expressions

Can use arithmetic expressions in SELECT clause age2=2\*S.age (plus other operations we'll discuss later)

Use AS to provide column names

equivalent

SELECT S.age, S.age-5 AS age1, 2\*S.age AS age2
FROM Sailors S
WHERE S.sname = 'dustin'

Can also have expressions in WHERE clause:

SELECT S1.sname AS name1, S2.sname AS name2
FROM Sailors S1, Sailors S2
WHERE 2\*S1.rating = S2.rating - 1

## String operations

SQL also supports some string operations

"LIKE" is used for string matching.

SELECT S.age, age1=S.age-5, 2\*S.age AS age2 FROM Sailors S WHERE S.sname LIKE 'B\_%B'

> '\_' stands for any one character '%' stands for 0 or more arbitrary characters

#### More Operations

SQL queries produce new tables

If the results of two queries are **union-compatible** (same number and types of columns) then we can apply logical operations



UNION INTERSECTION SET DIFFERENCE (called EXCEPT or MINUS) Find sids of sailors who have reserved a red or a green boat

UNION: Can be used to compute the union of any two *union-compatible* sets of tuples (which are themselves the result of SQL queries)

SELECT R.sid
FROM Boats B,Reserves R
WHERE R.bid=B.bid AND
(B.color='red' OR B.color='green')

VS.

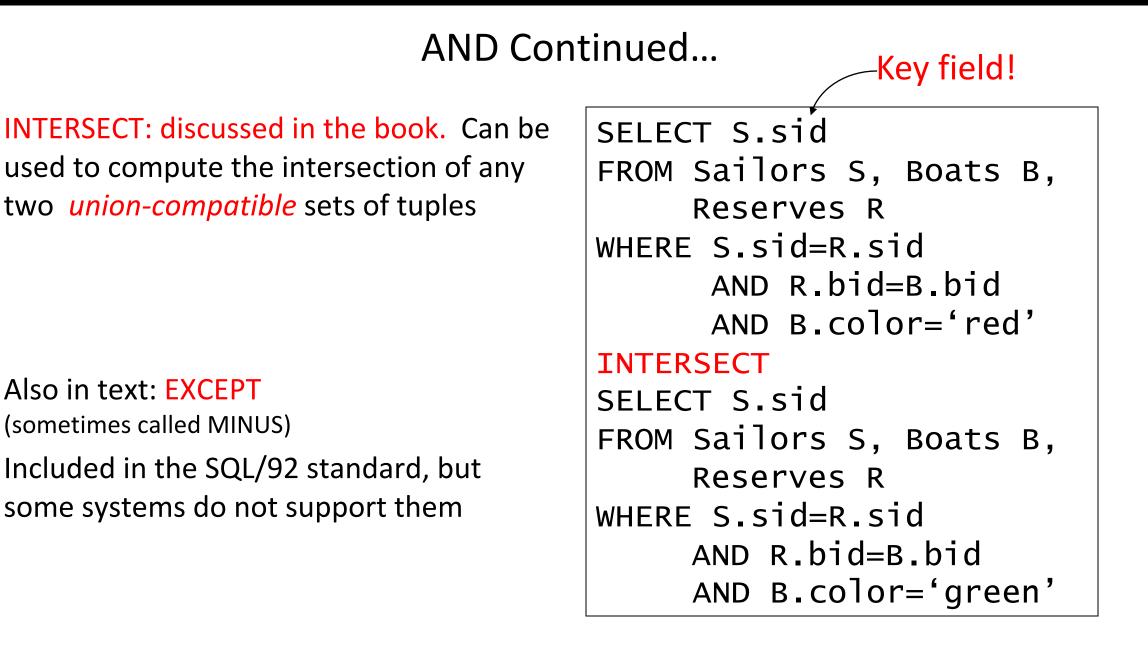
```
SELECT R.sid
FROM Boats B, Reserves R
WHERE R.bid=B.bid AND B.color='red'
UNION SELECT R.sid
FROM Boats B, Reserves R
WHERE R.bid=B.bid AND
B.color='green'
```

Find sids of sailors who have reserved a red and a green boat

If we simply replace OR by AND in the previous query, we get the wrong answer. (Why?)

Instead, could use a self-join:

```
SELECT R1.sid
FROM Boats B1, Reserves R1,
    Boats B2, Reserves R2
WHERE R1.sid=R2.sid
AND R1.bid=B1.bid
AND R2.bid=B2.bid
AND (B1.color='red' AND B2.color='green')
```



# Your turn ...



- 1. Find (the names of) all sailors who are over 50 years old
- 2. Find (the names of) all boats that have been reserved at least once
- 3. Find all sailors who have <u>not</u> reserved a red boat (hint: use "EXCEPT")
- 4. Find all pairs of same-color boats
- 5. Find all pairs of sailors in which the <u>older</u> sailor has a <u>lower</u> rating

1. Find (the names of) all sailors who are over 50 years old



SELECT	S.sname	
FROM	Sailors	S
WHERE	S.age >	50

Find (the names of) all boats that have been reserved at least once



SELECT DISTINCT B.bname FROM Boats B, Reserves R WHERE R.bid=B.bid

3. Find all sailors who have not reserved a red boat



SELECT	S.sid	
FROM	Sailors S	
EXCEPT		
SELECT	R.sid	
FROM	Boats B,Reserves R	
WHERE	R.bid=B.bid	
	AND B.color='red'	

4. Find all pairs of same-color boats



SELECT	B1.bname, B2.bname		
FROM	Boats B1, Boats B2		
WHERE	B1.color = B2.color		
	AND B1.bid < B2.bid		

5. Find all pairs of sailors in which the <u>older</u> sailor has a <u>lower</u> rating



SELECT S1.sname, S2.sname FROM Sailors S1, Sailors S2 WHERE S1.age > S2.age AND S1.rating < S2.rating

## **Nested Queries**

powerful feature of SQL:

#### WHERE clause can itself contain an SQL query!

Actually, so can FROM and HAVING clauses.

Names of sailors who have reserved boat #103

SELECT S.sname FROM Sailors S WHERE S.sid IN (SELECT R.sid FROM Reserves R WHERE R.bid=103)

#### **Nested Queries**

to find sailors who have *not* reserved #103, use NOT IN.

#### To understand semantics of nested queries:

think of a *nested loops* evaluation

for each Sailors tuple

check the qualification by computing the subquery

# Nested Queries with Correlation

Find names of sailors who have reserved boat #103



**EXISTS** is another set operator, like IN (also NOT EXISTS)

If EXISTS UNIQUE is used, and \* is replaced by *R.bid*, finds sailors with at most one reservation for boat #103.

UNIQUE checks for duplicate tuples in a subquery;

Subquery must be recomputed for each Sailors tuple.

Think of subquery as a function call that runs a query!

#### More on Set-Comparison Operators

We've already seen IN, EXISTS and UNIQUE. Can also use NOT IN, NOT EXISTS and NOT UNIQUE.

Also available: *op* ANY, *op* ALL

Find sailors whose rating is greater than that of some sailor called Horatio:

#### **Rewriting INTERSECT Queries Using IN**

Find sids of sailors who have reserved both a <u>red and a green</u> boat

```
SELECT R.sid
FROM Boats B, Reserves R
WHERE R.bid=B.bid
AND B.color='red'
AND R.sid IN (SELECT R2.sid
FROM Boats B2, Reserves R2
WHERE R2.bid=B2.bid
AND B2.color='green')
```

Similarly, **EXCEPT** queries can be re-written using **NOT** IN.

How would you change this to find *names* (not *sids*) of Sailors who've reserved both red and green boats?



## Query #3 revisited ...

3. Find all sailors who have <u>not</u> reserved a red boat (this time, without using "EXCEPT")

Reserves (sid, bid, day)Sailors (sid, sname, rating, age)Boats (bid, bname, color)

#### Answer ...

3. Find all sailors who have not reserved a red boat

```
SELECT S.sid
FROM Sailors S
WHERE S.sid NOT IN
    (SELECT R.sid
    FROM Reserves R, Boats B
    WHERE R.bid = B.bid
    AND B.color = 'red')
```

Reserves (sid, bid, day)Sailors (sid, sname, rating, age)Boats (bid, bname, color)

## Another Correct Answer ...

3. Find all sailors who have not reserved a red boat

```
SELECT S.sid
FROM Sailors S
WHERE NOT EXISTS
  (SELECT *
    FROM Reserves R, Boats B
    WHERE R.sid = S.sid
    AND R.bid = B.bid
    AND B.color = 'red')
```

Reserves (sid, bid, day)Sailors (sid, sname, rating, age)Boats (bid, bname, color)

# Division ("for all") in SQL

Find sailors who have reserved all boats.

#### Sailors S for which ...

SELECT S.sname FROM Sailors S there is no boat B without ... WHERE NOT EXISTS (SELECT B.bid FROM Boats B WHERE NOT EXISTS (SELECT R.bid FROM Reserves R WHERE R.bid=B.bid a Reserves tuple AND R.sid=S.sid)) showing S reserved B

# Division ("for all") in SQL - alternative

Find sailors who have reserved all boats.

#### Sailors S for which ...

SELECT S.sname FROM Sailors S there is no boat B without ... WHERE NOT EXISTS (SELECT B.bid FROM Boats B EXCEPT (SELECT R.bid FROM Reserves R WHERE R.bid=B.bid a Reserves tuple AND R.sid=S.sid)) showing S reserved B

## **Aggregate Operators**

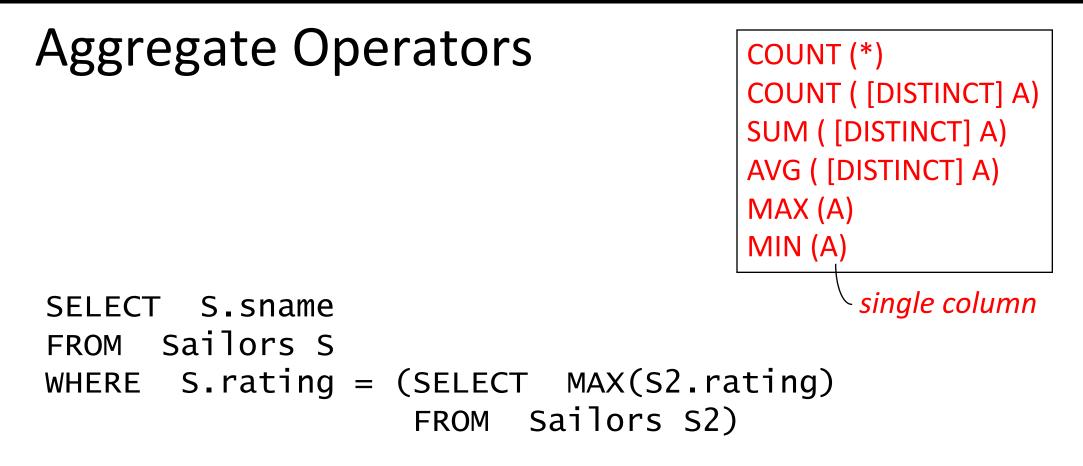
Significant extension of relational algebra.

COUNT (\*) COUNT ([DISTINCT] A) SUM ([DISTINCT] A) AVG ([DISTINCT] A) MAX (A) MIN (A) *single column* 

SELECT COUNT (\*) FROM Sailors S

SELECT AVG (S.age) FROM Sailors S WHERE S.rating=10

SELECT COUNT (DISTINCT S.rating) FROM Sailors S WHERE S.sname='Bob'

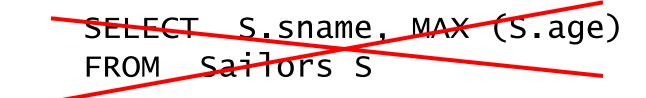


SELECT AVG (DISTINCT S.age) FROM Sailors S WHERE S.rating=10



#### Find name and age of the oldest sailor(s)

The first query is incorrect!



Third query equivalent to second query allowed in SQL/92 standard, but not supported in some systems. SELECT S.sname, S.age FROM Sailors S WHERE S.age = (SELECT MAX (S2.age) FROM Sailors S2)

> SELECT S.sname, S.age FROM Sailors S WHERE (SELECT MAX (S2.age) FROM Sailors S2) = S.age

#### **ARGMAX**?

#### The Sailor with the highest rating

What about ties for highest?

SELECT	*	SELEC	Т *
FROM	Sailors S		Sailors S
WHERE	S.rating <mark>&gt;=</mark>		S.rating =
(SELECT S2.rating		ing (SELE	CT MAX(S2.rating)
FR	OM Sailors	s S2)    FR	OM Sailors S2)

SELECT \* FROM Sailors S ORDER BY rating DESC LIMIT 1;