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CS203 DB Principals

IS206 Fundamentals of DB

- *Basic Structure*
- *Set Operations*
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- *Derived Relations*
- *Modification of the Database*
- *Embedded SQL, ODBC and JDBC*

Chapter 4-1: SQL

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Reference:

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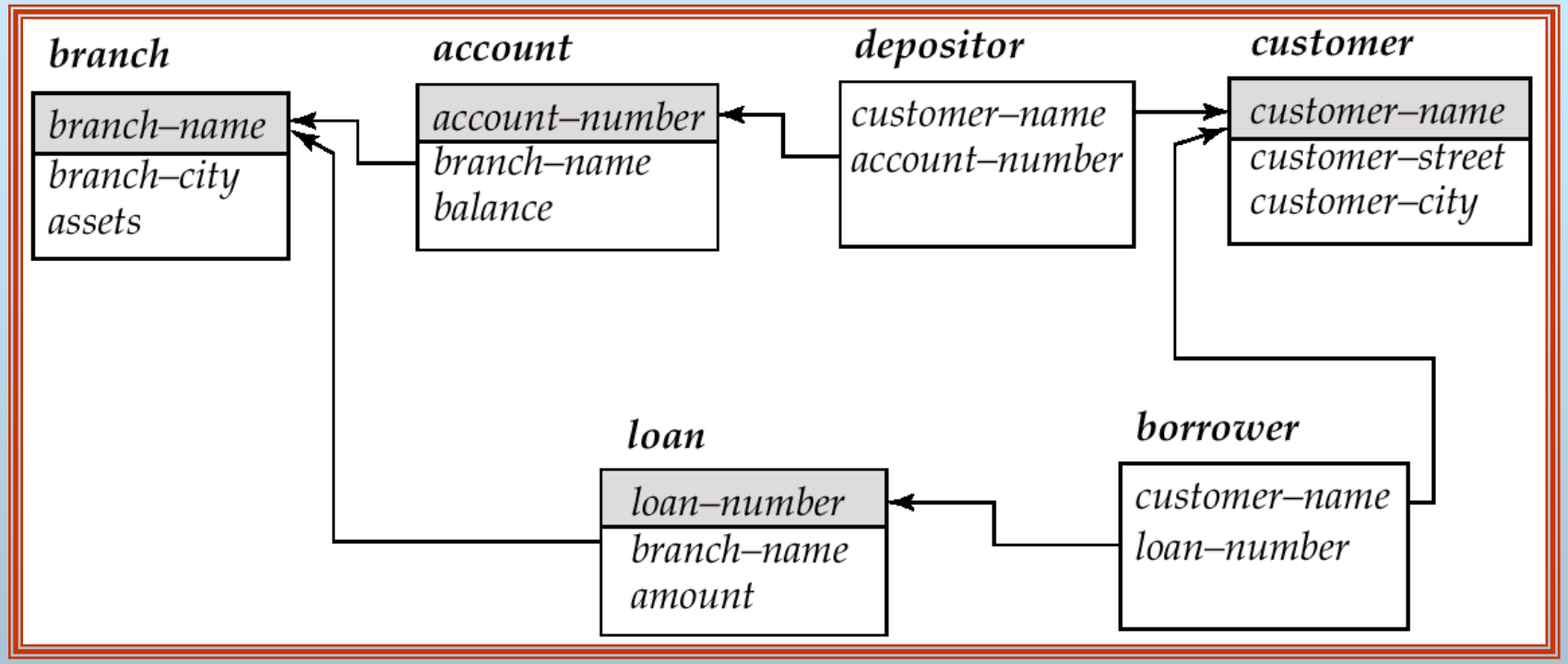
Schema Used in Examples



Basic Structure

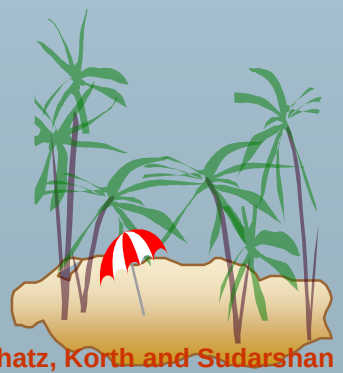
- SQL is based on set and relational operations with certain modifications and enhancements
- A typical SQL query has the form:

  select $A_1, A_2, ..., A_n$
  from $r_1, r_2, ..., r_m$
  where P

  - A_is represent attributes
  - r_is represent relations
  - P is a predicate.
- This query is equivalent to the relational algebra expression.

$$\Pi_{A1, A2, ..., An}(\sigma_P (r_1 \times r_2 \times ... \times r_m))$$

- The result of an SQL query is a relation.

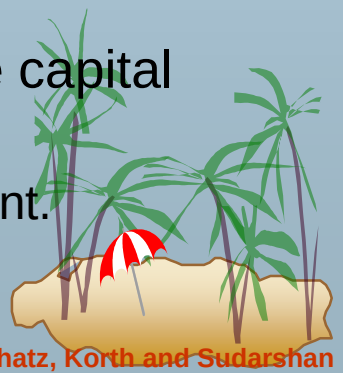


The select Clause

- The **select** clause list the attributes desired in the result of a query
  - corresponds to the projection operation of the relational algebra
- E.g. find the names of all branches in the *loan* relation

  select *branch-name*
  from *loan*
- In the "pure" relational algebra syntax, the query would be:

$$\Pi_{\text{branch-name}}(loan)$$
- NOTE: SQL does not permit the '-' character in names,
  - Use, e.g., *branch_name* instead of *branch-name* in a real implementation.
  - We use '-' since it looks nicer!
- NOTE: SQL names are case insensitive, i.e. you can use capital or small letters.
  - You may wish to use upper case where-ever we use bold font.



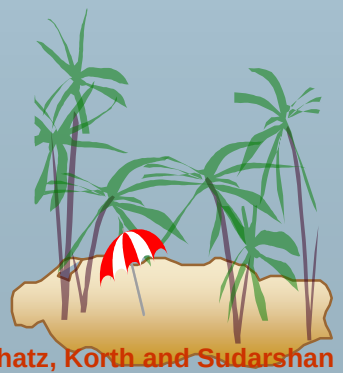
The select Clause (Cont.)

- SQL allows duplicates in relations as well as in query results.
- To force the elimination of duplicates, insert the keyword **distinct** after **select.**
- Find the names of all branches in the *loan* relations, and remove duplicates

  select distinct *branch-name*
  from *loan*

- The keyword **all** specifies that duplicates not be removed.

  select all *branch-name*
  from *loan*



The select Clause (Cont.)

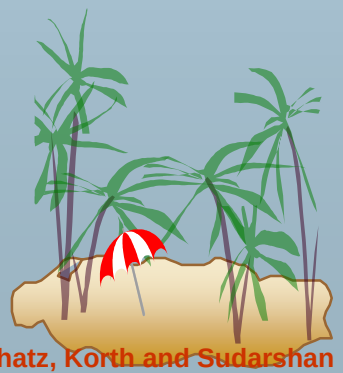
- An asterisk in the select clause denotes “all attributes”

  select *
  from *loan*

- The **select** clause can contain arithmetic expressions involving the operation, +, –, ∗, and /, and operating on constants or attributes of tuples.
- The query:

  select *loan-number, branch-name, amount* ∗ 100
  from *loan*

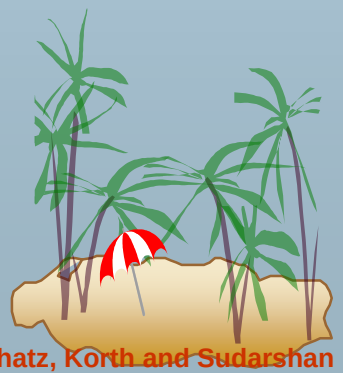
  would return a relation which is the same as the *loan* relations, except that the attribute *amount* is multiplied by 100.



The where Clause

- The **where** clause specifies conditions that the result must satisfy
  - corresponds to the selection predicate of the relational algebra.
- To find all loan number for loans made at the Perryridge branch with loan amounts greater than $1200.

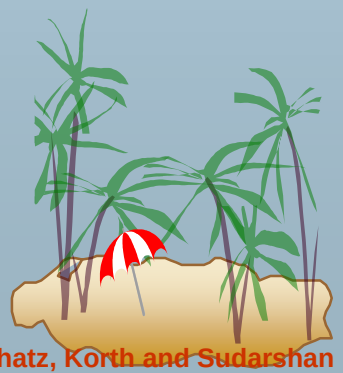
  select *loan-number*
  from *loan*
  where *branch-name* = ‘Perryridge’ **and** *amount* > 1200
- Comparison results can be combined using the logical connectives **and, or,** and **not.**
- Comparisons can be applied to results of arithmetic expressions.



The where Clause (Cont.)

- SQL includes a **between** comparison operator
- E.g. Find the loan number of those loans with loan amounts between \$90,000 and \$100,000 (that is, ≥\$90,000 and ≤\$100,000)

select *loan-number*
from *loan*
where *amount* **between** 90000 **and** 100000



The from Clause

- The **from** clause lists the relations involved in the query
  - corresponds to the Cartesian product operation of the relational algebra.
- Find the Cartesian product *borrower x loan*

  select ∗
  from *borrower, loan*

- Find the name, loan number and loan amount of all customers having a loan at the Perryridge branch.

  select *customer-name, borrower.loan-number, amount*
  from *borrower, loan*
  where *borrower.loan-number = loan.loan-number* **and**
  branch-name = ‘Perryridge’

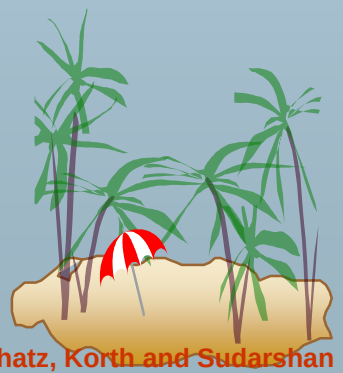
The Rename Operation

- The SQL allows renaming relations and attributes using the **as** clause:

  old-name **as** *new-name*

- Find the name, loan number and loan amount of all customers; rename the column name *loan-number* as *loan-id.*

  select *customer-name, borrower.loan-number* **as** *loan-id, amount*
  from *borrower, loan*
  where *borrower.loan-number = loan.loan-number*



Tuple Variables

- Tuple variables are defined in the **from** clause via the use of the **as** clause.
- Find the customer names and their loan numbers for all customers having a loan at some branch.

select *customer-name, T.loan-number, S.amount*
from *borrower* **as** *T, loan* **as** *S*
where *T.loan-number = S.loan-number*

- Find the names of all branches that have greater assets than some branch located in Brooklyn.

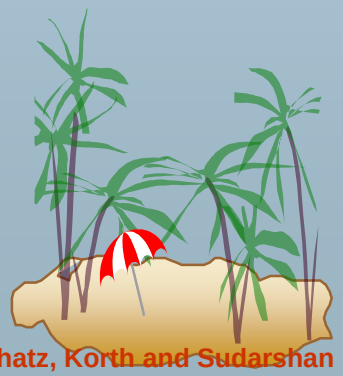
select distinct *T.branch-name*
from *branch* **as** *T, branch* **as** *S*
where *T.assets > S.assets* **and** *S.branch-city* = 'Brooklyn'

String Operations

- SQL includes a string-matching operator for comparisons on character strings. Patterns are described using two special characters:
  - percent (%). The % character matches any substring.
  - underscore (_). The _ character matches any character.
- Find the names of all customers whose street includes the substring "Main".

  select *customer-name*
  from *customer*
  where *customer-street* **like** '%Main%'
- Match the name "Main%"

  like 'Main\%' **escape** '\'
- SQL supports a variety of string operations such as
  - concatenation (using "||")
  - converting from upper to lower case (and vice versa)
  - finding string length, extracting substrings, etc.

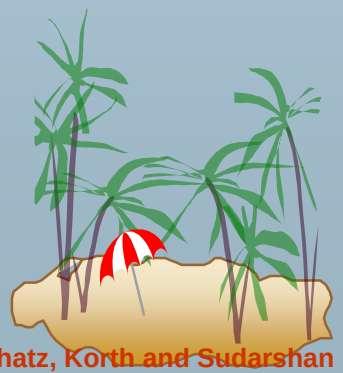


Ordering the Display of Tuples

- List in alphabetic order the names of all customers having a loan in Perryridge branch

  select distinct *customer-name*
  from *borrower, loan*
  where *borrower loan-number = loan.loan-number* **and**
  branch-name = ‘Perryridge’
  order by *customer-name*

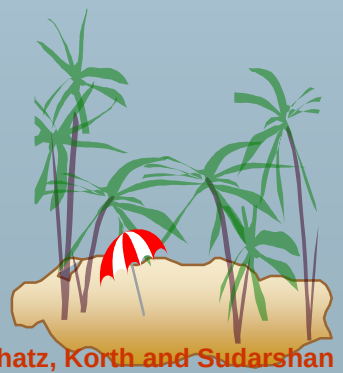
- We may specify **desc** for descending order or **asc** for ascending order, for each attribute; ascending order is the default.
  - E.g. **order by** *customer-name* **desc**



Set Operations

- The set operations **union, intersect,** and **except** operate on relations and correspond to the relational algebra operations $\cup$, $\cap$, $-$.
- Each of the above operations automatically eliminates duplicates; to retain all duplicates use the corresponding multiset versions **union all, intersect all** and **except all.**

  Suppose a tuple occurs *m* times in *r* and *n* times in *s,* then, it occurs:
  - *m* + *n* times in *r* **union all** *s*
  - min(*m,n)* times in *r* **intersect all** *s*
  - max(0, *m* – *n)* times in *r* **except all** *s*



Set Operations

- Find all customers who have a loan, an account, or both:

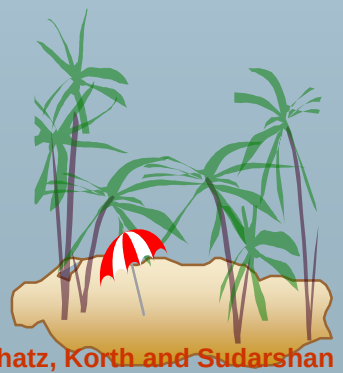
  (select *customer-name* **from** *depositor*)
  union
  (select *customer-name* **from** *borrower)*

- Find all customers who have both a loan and an account.

  (**select** *customer-name* **from** *depositor*)
  intersect
  (select *customer-name* **from** *borrower)*

- Find all customers who have an account but no loan.

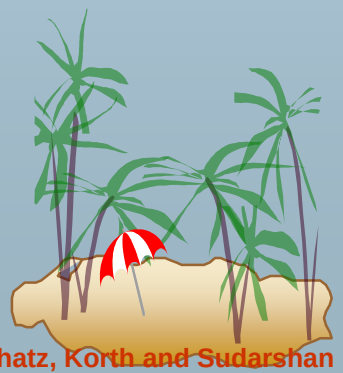
  (**select** *customer-name* **from** *depositor*)
  except
  (select *customer-name* **from** *borrower)*



Aggregate Functions

- These functions operate on the multiset of values of a column of a relation, and return a value

avg: average value
min: minimum value
max: maximum value
sum: sum of values
count: number of values



Aggregate Functions (Cont.)

- Find the average account balance at the Perryridge branch.

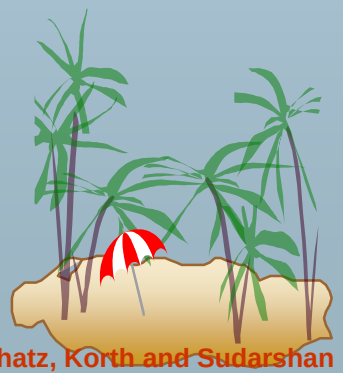
  select avg *(balance)*
  from *account*
  where *branch-name* = ‘Perryridge’

- Find the number of tuples in the *customer* relation.

  select count (*)
  from *customer*

- Find the number of depositors in the bank.

  select count (distinct *customer-name)*
  from *depositor*

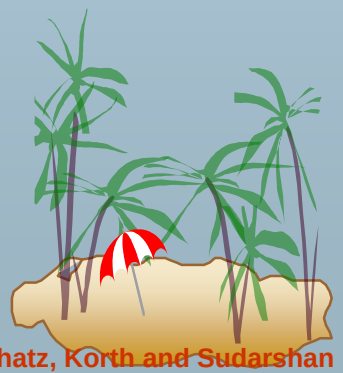


Aggregate Functions – Group By

- Find the number of depositors for each branch.

select *branch-name*, **count (distinct** *customer-name)*
from *depositor, account*
where *depositor.account-number = account.account-number*
group by *branch-name*

Note: Attributes in **select** clause outside of aggregate functions must appear in **group by** list

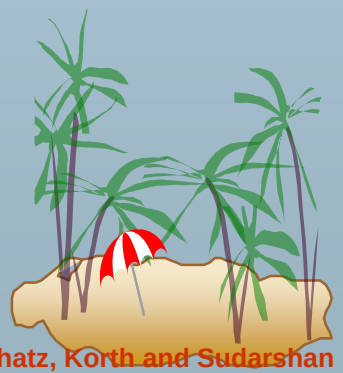


Aggregate Functions – Having Clause

- Find the names of all branches where the average account balance is more than $1,200.

select *branch-name*, **avg** *(balance)*
from *account*
group by *branch-name*
having avg *(balance)* > 1200

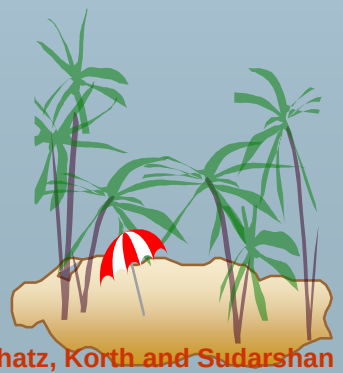
Note: predicates in the **having** clause are applied after the formation of groups whereas predicates in the **where** clause are applied before forming groups



Null Values

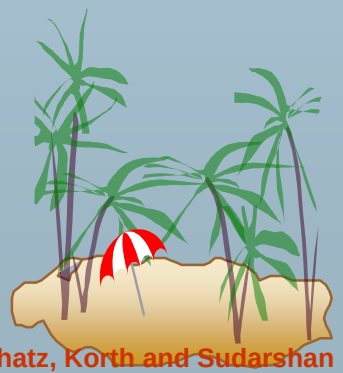
- It is possible for tuples to have a null value, denoted by *null*, for some of their attributes
- *null* signifies an unknown value or that a value does not exist.
- The predicate **is null** can be used to check for null values.
  - E.g. Find all loan number which appear in the *loan* relation with null values for *amount.*

    select *loan-number*
    from *loan*
    where *amount* **is null**
- The result of any arithmetic expression involving *null* is *null*
  - E.g. 5 + null returns null
- However, aggregate functions simply ignore nulls
  - more on this shortly



Null Values and Three Valued Logic

- Any comparison with *null* returns *unknown*
  - *E.g. 5 < null or null <> null or null = null*
- Three-valued logic using the truth value *unknown*:
  - OR: (*unknown* **or** *true*) = *true*, (*unknown* **or** *false*) = *unknown*
    (*unknown* **or** *unknown*) = *unknown*
  - AND: *(true* **and** *unknown) = unknown, (false* **and** *unknown) = false,*
    (unknown **and** *unknown) = unknown*
  - NOT*: (***not** *unknown) = unknown*
  - "*P* **is unknown"** evaluates to true if predicate *P* evaluates to *unknown*
- Result of **where** clause predicate is treated as *false* if it evaluates to *unknown*

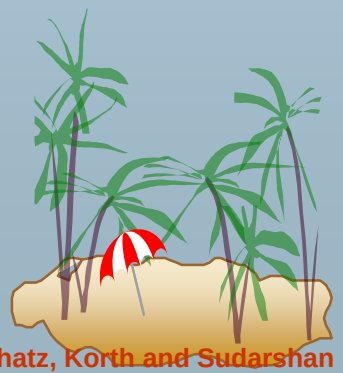


Null Values and Aggregates

- Total all loan amounts

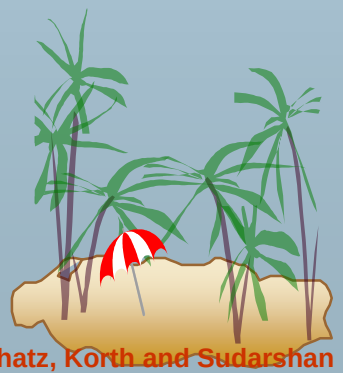
  select sum (*amount)*
  from *loan*

  - Above statement ignores null amounts
  - result is null if there is no non-null amount
  - All aggregate operations except **count(*)** ignore tuples with null values on the aggregated attributes.



Nested Subqueries

- SQL provides a mechanism for the nesting of subqueries.
- A subquery is a **select-from-where** expression that is nested within another query.
- A common use of subqueries is to perform tests for set membership, set comparisons, and set cardinality.



Example Query

- Find all customers who have both an account and a loan at the bank.

```
select distinct customer-name
        from borrower
        where customer-name in (select customer-name
                                from depositor)
```

- Find all customers who have a loan at the bank but do not have an account at the bank

```
select distinct customer-name
        from borrower
        where customer-name not in (select customer-name
                                    from depositor)
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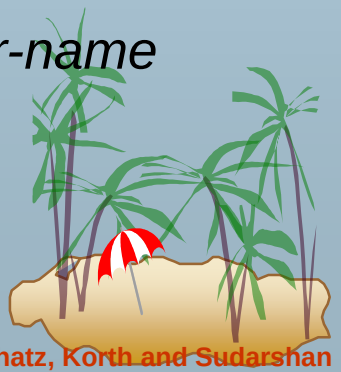


Example Query

- Find all customers who have both an account and a loan at the Perryridge branch

select distinct *customer-name*
from *borrower, loan*
where *borrower.loan-number = loan.loan-number* **and**
branch-name = “Perryridge” **and**
(branch-name, customer-name) **in**
(select *branch-name, customer-name*
from *depositor, account*
where *depositor.account-number = account.account-number)*

- Note: Above query can be written in a much simpler manner. The formulation above is simply to illustrate SQL features.

(Schema used in this example)

Modification of the Database – Deletion

- Delete all account records at the Perryridge branch

  delete from *account*
  where *branch-name* = ‘Perryridge’

- Delete all accounts at every branch located in Needham city.

  delete from *account*
  where *branch-name* **in** (**select** *branch-name*
  from *branch*
  where *branch-city* = ‘Needham’)
  delete from *depositor*
  where *account-number* **in**
  (**select** *account-number*
  from *branch, account*
  where *branch-city* = ‘Needham’
  and *branch.branch-name = account.branch-name)*

- (Schema used in this example)

Example Query

- Delete the record of all accounts with balances below the average at the bank.

delete from *account*
where *balance* < (**select avg** *(balance)*
from *account)*

  - Problem: as we delete tuples from *deposit,* the average balance changes
  - Solution used in SQL:

1. First, compute **avg** balance and find all tuples to delete
2. Next, delete all tuples found above (without recomputing **avg** or retesting the tuples)

Modification of the Database – Insertion

- Add a new tuple to *account*

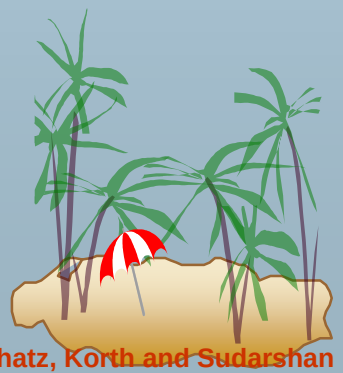
  insert into *account*
  values (‘A-9732’, ‘Perryridge’,1200)

  or equivalently

  insert into *account (branch-name, balance, account-number)*
  values (‘Perryridge’, 1200, ‘A-9732’)

- Add a new tuple to *account* with *balance* set to null

  insert into *account*
  values (‘A-777’,‘Perryridge’, *null*)



Modification of the Database – Insertion

- Provide as a gift for all loan customers of the Perryridge branch, a $200 savings account. Let the loan number serve as the account number for the new savings account

```
insert into account
    select loan-number, branch-name, 200
    from loan
    where branch-name = 'Perryridge'
insert into depositor
    select customer-name, loan-number
    from loan, borrower
    where branch-name = 'Perryridge'
          and loan.account-number = borrower.account-number
```

- The select from where statement is fully evaluated before any of its results are inserted into the relation (otherwise queries like

  insert into *table*1 **select** * **from** *table*1

  would cause problems

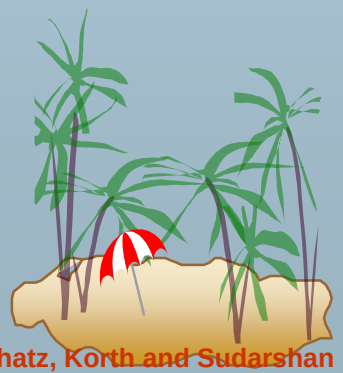
Modification of the Database – Updates

- Increase all accounts with balances over $10,000 by 6%, all other accounts receive 5%.
  - Write two **update** statements:

update *account*
set *balance* = *balance* ∗ 1.06
where *balance* > 10000

update *account*
set *balance* = *balance* ∗ 1.05
where *balance* ≤ 10000

  - The order is important
  - Can be done better using the **case** statement (next slide)



Case Statement for Conditional Updates

- Same query as before: Increase all accounts with balances over $10,000 by 6%, all other accounts receive 5%.

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update account
set balance =  case
                  when balance <= 10000 then balance *1.05
                  else   balance * 1.06
               end
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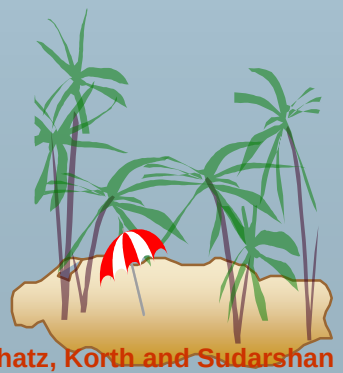
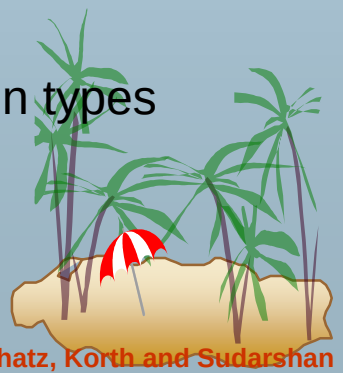


Domain Types in SQL

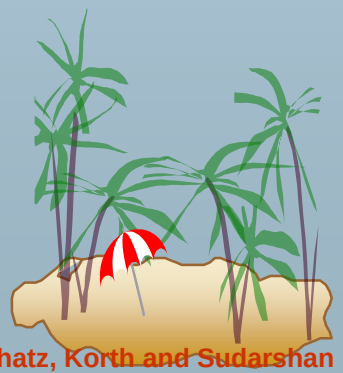
- **char(n).** Fixed length character string, with user-specified length *n.*
- **varchar(n).** Variable length character strings, with user-specified maximum length *n.*
- **int.** Integer (a finite subset of the integers that is machine-dependent).
- **smallint.** Small integer (a machine-dependent subset of the integer domain type).
- **numeric(p,d).** Fixed point number, with user-specified precision of *p* digits, with *n* digits to the right of decimal point.
- **real, double precision.** Floating point and double-precision floating point numbers, with machine-dependent precision.
- **float(n).** Floating point number, with user-specified precision of at least *n* digits.
- Null values are allowed in all the domain types. Declaring an attribute to be **not null** prohibits null values for that attribute.
- **create domain** construct in SQL-92 creates user-defined domain types

  create domain *person-name* **char**(20) **not null**



Date/Time Types in SQL (Cont.)

- **date.** Dates, containing a (4 digit) year, month and date
  - E.g. **date** '2001-7-27'
- **time.** Time of day, in hours, minutes and seconds.
  - E.g. **time** '09:00:30' **time** '09:00:30.75'
- **timestamp**: date plus time of day
  - E.g. **timestamp** '2001-7-27 09:00:30.75'
- **Interval**: period of time
  - E.g. Interval '1' day
  - Subtracting a date/time/timestamp value from another gives an interval value
  - Interval values can be added to date/time/timestamp values
- Can extract values of individual fields from date/time/timestamp
  - E.g. **extract** (**year from** r.starttime)
- Can cast string types to date/time/timestamp
  - E.g. **cast** <string-valued-expression> **as date**



Create Table Construct

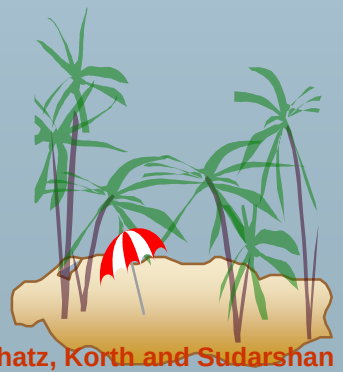
- An SQL relation is defined using the **create table** command:

  create table r (A_1 D_1, A_2 D_2, ..., A_n D_n,
  (integrity-constraint$_1$),
  ...,
  (integrity-constraint$_k$))

  - r is the name of the relation
  - each A_i is an attribute name in the schema of relation r
  - D_i is the data type of values in the domain of attribute A_i

- Example:

  create table *branch*
  (*branch-name* char(15) **not null,**
  branch-city char(30),
  assets integer)



Dynamic SQL

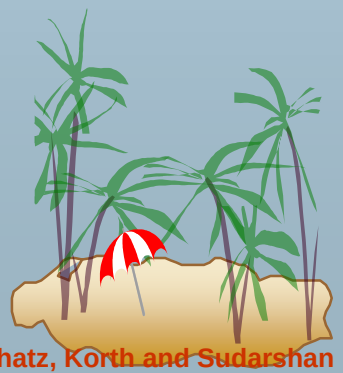
- Allows programs to construct and submit SQL queries at run time.
- Example of the use of dynamic SQL from within a C program.

```
char *  sqlprog = "update account
                   set balance = balance * 1.05
                   where account-number = ?"
EXEC SQL prepare dynprog  from :sqlprog;
char account [10] = "A-101";
EXEC SQL execute dynprog using :account;
```

- The dynamic SQL program contains a ?, which is a place holder for a value that is provided when the SQL program is executed.

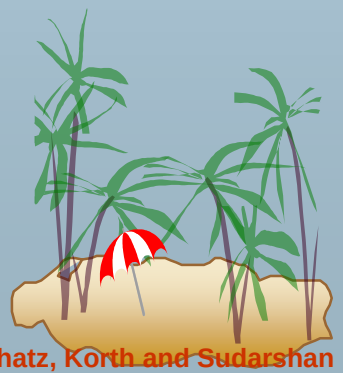
ODBC

- Open DataBase Connectivity(ODBC) standard
  - standard for application program to communicate with a database server.
  - application program interface (API) to
    - open a connection with a database,
    - send queries and updates,
    - get back results.
- Applications such as GUI, spreadsheets, etc. can use ODBC



ODBC (Cont.)

- Each database system supporting ODBC provides a "driver" library that must be linked with the client program.
- When client program makes an ODBC API call, the code in the library communicates with the server to carry out the requested action, and fetch results.
- ODBC program first allocates an SQL environment, then a database connection handle.
- Opens database connection using SQLConnect(). Parameters for SQLConnect:
  - connection handle,
  - the server to which to connect
  - the user identifier,
  - password
- Must also specify types of arguments:
  - SQL_NTS denotes previous argument is a null-terminated string.



JDBC

- JDBC is a Java API for communicating with database systems supporting SQL
- JDBC supports a variety of features for querying and updating data, and for retrieving query results
- JDBC also supports metadata retrieval, such as querying about relations present in the database and the names and types of relation attributes
- Model for communicating with the database:
  - Open a connection
  - Create a “statement” object
  - Execute queries using the Statement object to send queries and fetch results
  - Exception mechanism to handle errors