

SQL: DML, DDL

SQL

- Structured Query Language, basically a 30-year-old standard
- so far we have only talked about the SELECT statement, which is used to retrieve data from the database
- The SQL standard also includes
 - **DDL:** Data definition language (CREATE TABLE, ALTER TABLE, ...)
 - **DML:** Data manipulation language (INSERT / UPDATE / DELETE)
 - **DCL:** Data control language (GRANT / REVOKE)
- the SQL standard defines the "basic" functionality that is more or less supported by every database system
- However, database systems often extend the standard with additional features
 - e.g. INSERT ON DUPLICATE KEY ... (MySQL), specific field types, functions, etc.

DML

- **inserting records (rows):**

- INSERT INTO <table-name> (<col1>,<col2>,...) VALUES (...),(...)
- INSERT INTO <table-name> (<col1>,<col2>,...) SELECT ... FROM ...
 - <http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/sql-insert.html>

- **Edit rows:**

- UPDATE <table-name> SET <col1>=<val1>, <col2>=<val2> WHERE <condition>
 - <http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/sql-update.html>

- **Deleting rows:**

- DELETE FROM <table> WHERE <condition>
 - <http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/sql-delete.html>

INSERT

purchase(id, buyer, seller, product, store)

- **INSERT INTO** purchase (buyer, seller, product, store)
VALUES ('Joe', 'Fred', 'espresso-machine', 'The Sharper')
- **INSERT INTO** purchase
(1, 'Joe', 'Fred', 'espresso-machine', 'The Sharper'),
(2, 'Joe', 'John', 'smart-tv', 'unknown');
- **INSERT INTO** purchase (buyer, seller, product, store)
SELECT order_to, order_from, product, store FROM orders
WHERE processed='1'

UPDATE

- UPDATE product
SET price = price/2
WHERE productid > 20
- UPDATE product
SET price = price / 2
WHERE product.name IN
(SELECT product
FROM purchase
WHERE date = '2015-11-09');

DELETE

- `DELETE FROM` purchase
`WHERE` seller = 'joe' and product = 'Brooklyn Bridge'

DDL

- CREATE DATABASE <db-name>
- DROP DATABASE [IF EXISTS] <db-name>
 - Your cvika.dcs.fmph.uniba.sk account does not have permission to create and delete databases
- CREATE TABLE <table-name> (...)
 - Create a new table in the database
 - in parentheses are the names of the fields and their types (or other parameters)
- DROP TABLE [IF EXISTS] <table-name>
 - Deleting a table from the database
- ALTER TABLE <tablename> ADD/MODIFY/DROP [column] <column name> ...
 - change of attributes (columns), similarly indices are added / removed

CREATE TABLE

```
CREATE TABLE person (  
    personid SERIAL NOT NULL,  
    firstname VARCHAR(50),  
    lastname VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,  
    date_of_birth DATE,  
    login_count INTEGER NOT NULL DEFAULT 0  
);
```

- many different types of fields:

- <http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/datatype.html>
- <http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/sql-createtable.html>

Data types

Text:	
varchar(n)	string, variable-length with limit
text	string, variable unlimited length
Number:	
int/smallint/bigint	Integer number
real, numeric, double precision	Real number
decimal	Fixed number of decimals
Date and time:	
date	calendar date (year, month, day)
time	time of day (no time zone)
timestamp [with timezone]	date and time

Special data types

- serial / auto_increment – Automatic line numbering (suitable as primary key)
- JSON / JSONB – JavaScript Object Notation
 - ```
{
 fistname: 'Laco',
 lastname: 'Novák',
 address: {
 street: 'Štúrova',
 number: '2/B',
 }
}
```
  - sometimes you can't say in advance what data / columns you will need, or they are variable (e.g. several individual items for each row)
  - rapid development, data taken from a NoSQL database or RESTful API, ...
  - <http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/datatype-json.html>

# ALTER TABLE

- Changing the definition of a table without losing content
  - <http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/sql-altertable.html>
- Add columns:
  - `ALTER TABLE <table-name> ADD COLUMN <column-name> <type>`
- Delete columns
  - `ALTER TABLE <table-name> DROP COLUMN <column-name>`
- Change columns
  - `ALTER TABLE <table-name> ALTER COLUMN <column-name> TYPE <type> ...`
- many other features, see documentation

# Indexes

- allow faster search for records
  - faster compared to the so-called full table scan (searching all rows of the table)
- for accelerated search, the system keeps a separate index
  - faster search ---  $O(1)$  or  $O(\log n)$  versus  $O(n)$
  - maybe slower insertion / adjustment ---  $O(\log n)$  vs.  $O(1)$
- Primary Key
  - A column or set of columns that uniquely identifies the other columns of a table
  - unique index
- Two basic types of indices:
  - Hash Tables
  - Search Trees (B/B+)
- <http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/indexes.html>

# Indexes

- reation:
- CREATE INDEX <name> ON <table> USING btree (<columns>)
- CREATE TABLE <table> (  
    firstname TEXT, lastname TEXT,  
    UNIQUE (lastname, firstname),  
)
- The index can also be created on multiple columns and on an expression created from the values in individual columns, e.g. *lower(firstname)*

# Indexes

- The type of index also determines how we can search
- HASH indexes (USING hash) – works only for “=”
- B-Trees (USING btree) – works for “<”, “>”, “<=”, “>=”, “=”
  - we can search for prefixes in strings (e.g. <column> LIKE "prefix%" works)
- special indexes (GIST in postgres) allow you to search for e.g. the nearest neighbor on the map, etc.
- <http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/indexes-types.html>

# Encodings and collations

- Incompatible string encodings are a common source of problems
- encoding – how individual characters of text are binary encoded
  - **UTF8**, WIN1250, LATIN1,...
  - If we want to compare strings in different encodings, we must first "recode" them into a uniform format
    - it is not always possible (different character sets)
  - beware of different types of client coding (e.g. console, .sql file) and server
    - SET CLIENT ENCODING utf8;
  - nowadays it is probably appropriate to use UTF8 everywhere
  - attention: utf8 in MySQL is not utf8, you need to use utf8mb4...

<https://medium.com/@adamhooper/in-mysql-never-use-utf8-use-utf8mb4-11761243e434>

# Encodings and collations

- collation
  - Rules for arranging strings
  - Character classification
    - What is a letter?
    - what is the UPPER-CASE equivalent of the letter?
  - In some cases (e.g. MySQL) we can tell if we are case-sensitive when searching, etc.
    - CITEXT module in Postgres



# Encodings and collations

- Inconsistency between database systems, sometimes chaos,...

- postgres:

- ```
CREATE DATABASE <db-name>  
    ENCODING='UTF8'  
    LC_COLLATE='sk_SK.UTF8'  
    LC_CTYPE='sk_SK.UTF8'
```

```
CREATE TABLE <table-name> (  
    description TEXT COLLATE 'sk_SK.UTF8'  
)
```

- <http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/multibyte.html>
- <http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/collation.html>