**CSCI 4333.1 Classroom Notes and Demonstrations**

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**A First Look at SQL**

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**1. Introduction**

* The basic relational data model in layman and more theoretical terms can be seen again here: [RelationalModel.html](https://dcm.uhcl.edu/yue/courses/joinDB/Fall2025/notes/Intro/RelationalModel.html)

**2. Very Simple SQL**

Consider the [toyu](https://dcm.uhcl.edu/yue/courses/joinDB/Fall2025/notes/toyu/toyu.html) database.

* A simple SELECT statement in *SQL* an be used to retrieve data from a table.

***Example:*** in MySQL, executing:

SELECT \* FROM grade;  
SELECT \* FROM school;  
SELECT \* FROM department;  
SELECT \* FROM faculty;  
SELECT \* FROM course;  
SELECT \* FROM class;  
SELECT \* FROM student;  
SELECT \* FROM enroll;

Result: (MariaDB is compatible to MySQL).

MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT \* FROM grade;  
+-------+------------+  
| grade | gradePoint |  
+-------+------------+  
| A     |     4.0000 |  
| A-    |     3.6667 |  
| B     |     3.0000 |  
| B+    |     3.3333 |  
| B-    |     2.6667 |  
| C     |     2.0000 |  
| C+    |     2.3333 |  
| C-    |     1.6667 |  
| D     |     1.0000 |  
| D+    |     1.3333 |  
| D-    |     0.6667 |  
| F     |     0.0000 |  
| IP    |       NULL |  
| P     |       NULL |  
| WX    |       NULL |  
+-------+------------+  
15 rows in set (0.004 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT \* FROM school;  
+------------+-------------------------------+  
| schoolCode | schoolName                    |  
+------------+-------------------------------+  
| BUS        | Business                      |  
| EDU        | Education                     |  
| HSH        | Human Sciences and Humanities |  
| CSE        | Science and Engineering       |  
+------------+-------------------------------+  
4 rows in set (0.003 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT \* FROM department;  
+----------+------------------------------+------------+----------+  
| deptCode | deptName                     | schoolCode | numStaff |  
+----------+------------------------------+------------+----------+  
| ACCT     | Accounting                   | BUS        |       10 |  
| ARTS     | Arts                         | HSH        |        5 |  
| CINF     | Computer Information Systems | CSE        |        5 |  
| CSCI     | Computer Science             | CSE        |       12 |  
| ENGL     | English                      | HSH        |       12 |  
| ITEC     | Information Technology       | CSE        |        4 |  
| MATH     | Mathematics                  | CSE        |        7 |  
+----------+------------------------------+------------+----------+  
7 rows in set (0.000 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT \* FROM faculty;  
+-------+----------+----------+----------+---------------------+  
| facId | fname    | lname    | deptCode | rank                |  
+-------+----------+----------+----------+---------------------+  
|  1011 | Paul     | Smith    | CSCI     | Professor           |  
|  1012 | Mary     | Tran     | CSCI     | Associate Professor |  
|  1013 | David    | Love     | CSCI     | NULL                |  
|  1014 | Sharon   | Mannes   | CSCI     | Assistant Professor |  
|  1015 | Daniel   | Kim      | CINF     | Professor           |  
|  1016 | Andrew   | Byre     | CINF     | Associate Professor |  
|  1017 | Deborah  | Gump     | ITEC     | Professor           |  
|  1018 | Art      | Allister | ARTS     | Assistant Professor |  
|  1019 | Benjamin | Yu       | ITEC     | Lecturer            |  
|  1020 | Katrina  | Bajaj    | ENGL     | Lecturer            |  
|  1021 | Jorginlo | Neymar   | ACCT     | Assistant Professor |  
+-------+----------+----------+----------+---------------------+  
11 rows in set (0.001 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT \* FROM course;  
+----------+--------+--------+-------------------------------------+---------+  
| courseId | rubric | number | title                               | credits |  
+----------+--------+--------+-------------------------------------+---------+  
|     2000 | CSCI   | 3333   | Data Structures                     |       3 |  
|     2001 | CSCI   | 4333   | Design of Database Systems          |       3 |  
|     2002 | CSCI   | 5333   | DBMS                                |       3 |  
|     2020 | CINF   | 3321   | Introduction to Information Systems |       3 |  
|     2021 | CINF   | 4320   | Web Application Development         |       3 |  
|     2040 | ITEC   | 3335   | Database Development                |       3 |  
|     2041 | ITEC   | 3312   | Introduction to Scripting           |       3 |  
|     2060 | ENGL   | 1410   | English I                           |       4 |  
|     2061 | ENGL   | 1311   | English II                          |       3 |  
|     2080 | ARTS   | 3311   | Hindu Arts                          |       3 |  
|     2090 | ACCT   | 3333   | Managerial Accounting               |       3 |  
+----------+--------+--------+-------------------------------------+---------+  
11 rows in set (0.000 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT \* FROM class;  
+---------+----------+----------+------+-------+------+  
| classId | courseId | semester | year | facId | room |  
+---------+----------+----------+------+-------+------+  
|   10000 |     2000 | Fall     | 2019 |  1011 | D241 |  
|   10001 |     2001 | Fall     | 2019 |  1011 | D242 |  
|   10002 |     2002 | Fall     | 2019 |  1012 | D136 |  
|   10003 |     2020 | Fall     | 2019 |  1014 | D241 |  
|   10004 |     2021 | Fall     | 2019 |  1014 | D241 |  
|   10005 |     2040 | Fall     | 2019 |  1015 | D237 |  
|   10006 |     2041 | Fall     | 2019 |  1019 | D217 |  
|   10007 |     2060 | Fall     | 2019 |  1020 | B101 |  
|   10008 |     2080 | Fall     | 2019 |  1018 | D241 |  
|   11000 |     2000 | Spring   | 2020 |  1011 | D241 |  
|   11001 |     2001 | Spring   | 2020 |  1012 | D242 |  
|   11002 |     2002 | Spring   | 2020 |  1013 | D136 |  
|   11003 |     2020 | Spring   | 2020 |  1016 | D217 |  
|   11004 |     2061 | Spring   | 2020 |  1018 | B101 |  
+---------+----------+----------+------+-------+------+  
14 rows in set (0.001 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT \* FROM student;  
+--------+-----------+----------+-------+-------+------+---------+  
| stuId  | fname     | lname    | major | minor | ach  | advisor |  
+--------+-----------+----------+-------+-------+------+---------+  
| 100000 | Tony      | Hawk     | CSCI  | CINF  |   40 |    1011 |  
| 100001 | Mary      | Hawk     | CSCI  | CINF  |   35 |    1011 |  
| 100002 | David     | Hawk     | CSCI  | ITEC  |   66 |    1012 |  
| 100003 | Catherine | Lim      | ITEC  | CINF  |   20 |    NULL |  
| 100004 | Larry     | Johnson  | ITEC  | NULL  |   66 |    1017 |  
| 100005 | Linda     | Johnson  | CINF  | ENGL  |   13 |    1015 |  
| 100006 | Lillian   | Johnson  | CINF  | ITEC  |   18 |    1016 |  
| 100007 | Ben       | Zico     | NULL  | NULL  |   16 |    NULL |  
| 100008 | Bill      | Ching    | ARTS  | NULL  |   90 |    NULL |  
| 100009 | Linda     | King     | ARTS  | CSCI  |  125 |    1018 |  
| 100111 | Cathy     | Johanson | NULL  | NULL  |    0 |    1018 |  
+--------+-----------+----------+-------+-------+------+---------+  
11 rows in set (0.001 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT \* FROM enroll;  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
| stuId  | classId | grade | n\_alerts |  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
| 100000 |   10000 | A     |        0 |  
| 100001 |   10000 | NULL  |     NULL |  
| 100002 |   10000 | B-    |        3 |  
| 100000 |   10001 | A     |        2 |  
| 100001 |   10001 | A-    |        0 |  
| 100000 |   10002 | B+    |        1 |  
| 100002 |   10002 | B+    |        2 |  
| 100000 |   10003 | C     |        0 |  
| 100002 |   10003 | D     |        4 |  
| 100004 |   10003 | A     |        0 |  
| 100005 |   10003 | NULL  |     NULL |  
| 100000 |   10004 | A-    |        1 |  
| 100004 |   10004 | B+    |     NULL |  
| 100005 |   10004 | A-    |        0 |  
| 100006 |   10004 | C+    |     NULL |  
| 100005 |   10005 | A-    |        0 |  
| 100006 |   10005 | A     |     NULL |  
| 100005 |   10006 | B+    |     NULL |  
| 100007 |   10007 | F     |        4 |  
| 100008 |   10007 | C-    |        0 |  
| 100007 |   10008 | A-    |        0 |  
| 100000 |   11001 | D     |        4 |  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
22 rows in set (0.000 sec)

***Example:***

Consider the following *instance* of the table department:

+----------+------------------------------+------------+----------+  
| deptCode | deptName                     | schoolCode | numStaff |  
+----------+------------------------------+------------+----------+  
| ACCT     | Accounting                   | BUS        |       10 |  
| ARTS     | Arts                         | HSH        |        5 |  
| CINF     | Computer Information Systems | CSE        |        5 |  
| CSCI     | Computer Science             | CSE        |       12 |  
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+----------+------------------------------+------------+----------+  
7 rows in set (0.00 sec)

* The name of the table is 'department'.
* There are currently seven rows in the relation*instance*.
* Each row in the table 'department' has the same columns: deptCode, deptName, schoolCode and numStaff. This is the structure of the relation: the relation *schema*.
* The relation schema for department: department(deptCode, deptName, schoolCode, numStaff).
* Each column has a specific data type. Examples:
  1. deptCode: CHAR(4)
  2. deptName: VARCHAR(30)
  3. schoolCode: CHAR(3)
  4. numStaff: TINYINT
* We say the *domain* of the column deptCode is CHAR(4).
* A domain may be understood as the values allowed by the *data type*.
* Thus, the relation schema and column domains form the 'structure' of the database.
* The structures usually do not change much, just like the structure of a building.
* However, the structure can be changed (just like the structure of a building: remodeling).
* On the other hand, the content of a table (the relation *instance*) can be changed from time to time.

MariaDB [toyu]> desc department;  
+------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+  
| Field      | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |  
+------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+  
| deptCode   | char(4)     | NO   | PRI | NULL    |       |  
| deptName   | varchar(30) | NO   | UNI | NULL    |       |  
| schoolCode | char(3)     | YES  | MUL | NULL    |       |  
| numStaff   | tinyint(4)  | YES  |     | NULL    |       |  
+------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+  
4 rows in set (0.005 sec)  
  
Note that 'KEY' and 'INDEX' have the same meaning in MySQL.

* Key: PRI; primary key/index
* Key: UNI; unique key/index
* key: MUL; multiple value index.

***Example:***

After inserting a new row:

INSERT INTO department VALUES ('PHYS', 'Physics','CSE',3);

MariaDB [toyu]> INSERT INTO department VALUES ('PHYS', 'Physics','CSE',3);  
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.012 sec)

The new relation instance of the table department:

MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT \* from department;  
+----------+------------------------------+------------+----------+  
| deptCode | deptName                     | schoolCode | numStaff |  
+----------+------------------------------+------------+----------+  
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| ITEC     | Information Technology       | CSE        |        4 |  
| MATH     | Mathematics                  | CSE        |        7 |  
| PHYS     | Physics                      | CSE        |        3 |  
+----------+------------------------------+------------+----------+  
8 rows in set (0.000 sec)  
  
After:

DELETE FROM department WHERE deptCode = 'PHYS';

MariaDB [toyu]> DELETE FROM department WHERE deptCode = 'PHYS';  
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.009 sec)

The relation instance reverts back.

MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT \* from department;  
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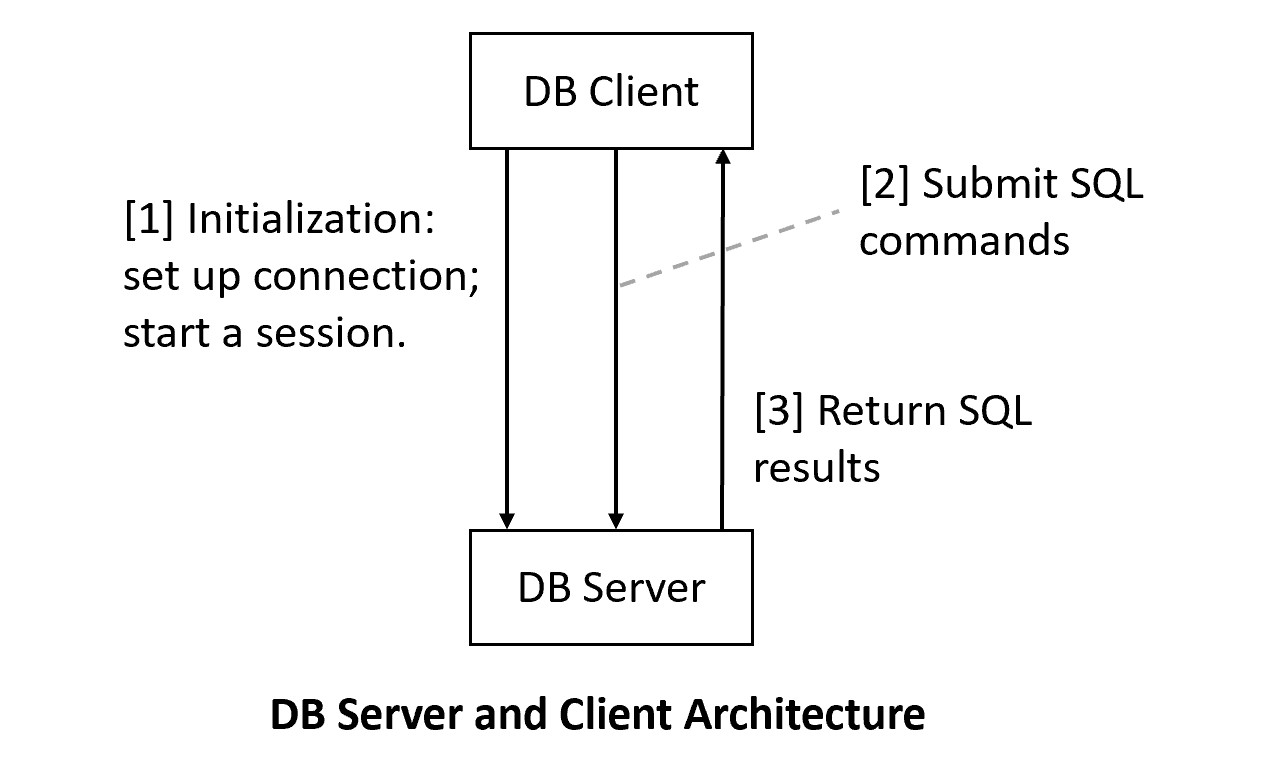
* Note the terms table and relation can be ambiguous. They may mean:
  1. the relation schema: the 'structure' of the table.
  2. the relation instance: actual data in the relation at a specific time.
* Note that relations are a logical concept to reason with.
* Relations must eventually be stored in the file systems to ensure persistence.
* For example, a row *may* be stored as a record, in which a column is a *field* of the record. A row is also known as a *tuple* in the relational model.
* Conceptually, a row may be used to represent (or store information about) an entity, a relationship, or a concept.
  1. A student record may represent a student (entity)
  2. An enrollment record may represent a relationship: a student taking a class.
* Tables may be 'connected' through unique identifiers, known as*foreign keys.* Example:
  1. The enroll table is related to the student table through stuId:

MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT \* FROM student;  
+--------+-----------+----------+-------+-------+------+---------+  
| *stuId*  | fname     | lname    | major | minor | ach  | advisor |  
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| 100001 |   10000 | NULL  |     NULL |  
| 100002 |   10000 | B-    |        3 |  
| 100000 |   10001 | A     |        2 |  
| 100001 |   10001 | A-    |        0 |  
| 100000 |   10002 | B+    |        1 |  
| 100002 |   10002 | B+    |        2 |  
| 100000 |   10003 | C     |        0 |  
| 100002 |   10003 | D     |        4 |  
| 100004 |   10003 | A     |        0 |  
| 100005 |   10003 | NULL  |     NULL |  
| 100000 |   10004 | A-    |        1 |  
| 100004 |   10004 | B+    |     NULL |  
| 100005 |   10004 | A-    |        0 |  
| 100006 |   10004 | C+    |     NULL |  
| 100005 |   10005 | A-    |        0 |  
| 100006 |   10005 | A     |     NULL |  
| 100005 |   10006 | B+    |     NULL |  
| 100007 |   10007 | F     |        4 |  
| 100008 |   10007 | C-    |        0 |  
| 100007 |   10008 | A-    |        0 |  
| 100000 |   11001 | D     |        4 |  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
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**3. MySQL**

* The standard query language for RDBMS is Structured Query Language (SQL).
* We use MySQL (or MariaDB) in this class.

DBMS mostly uses a client-server architecture.



**3.1 MySQL Server Setup**

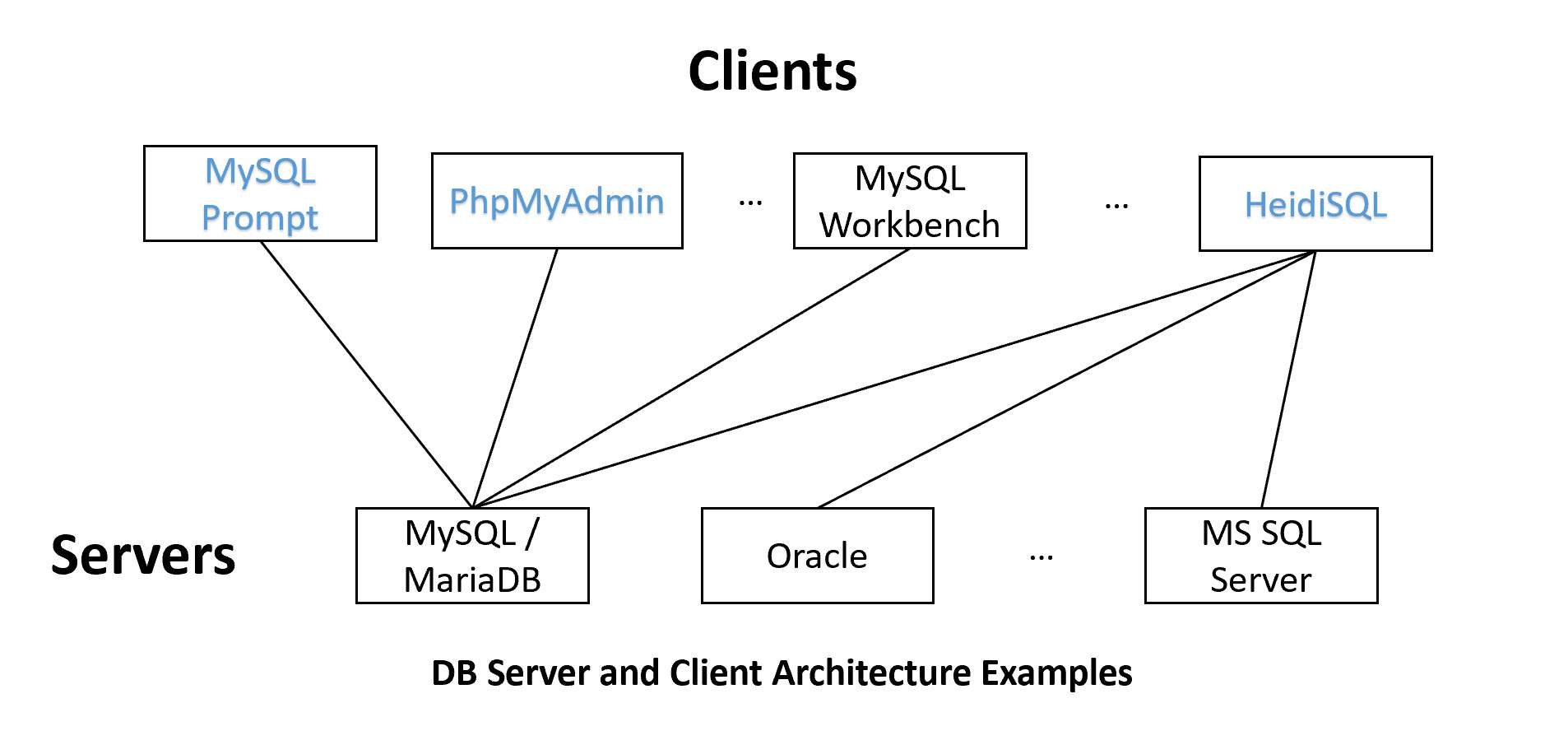
We will use MariaDB that is a part of XAMPP. Do not recommend installing standalone MySQL.

[1] Install XAMPP, which contains many server software configured to work together for development purposes. For XAMPP, we will use MySQL/Maria DB and Apache (Web server).

1. Recommended to install XAMPP in the*top* level: c:\xampp (likely the default).
2. Set up development accounts immediately using *phpMyAdmin* after installation.
3. Change the root password (optional but recommended): a secure step that requires tinkering.
4. To ensure that PHPMyAdmin will work on a new admin account (optional):
   1. Use PHPMyAdmin to create a new admin account, e.g., "frog\_ad", with the password "a\_new\_prince" for both hostname '%' and 'localhost'
   2. PhpMyAdmin uses the default root account (with no initial password) via localhost.
   3. Thus, you will need to supply the new username and password to start up PhpMyAdmin by editing the file c:\xampp\phpMyAdmin\config.inc.php, search change the line to, for example:
      1. $cfg['Servers'][$i]['user'] = 'frog\_ad';
      2. $cfg['Servers'][$i]['password'] = 'a\_new\_prince';

**3.2 MySQL Clients Setup:**

It is common to use multiple clients to connect to a backend database server. In this course, we will use three clients in our classes. You may use your own favorite clients (e.g., MySQL Workbench). However, I may not be as helpful in these clients.



[1] MySQL Command-Line Prompt: will be used in this class.

1. Come with (1) XAMPP/MariaDB or (2) MySQL 8.x. (Note that the two versions of mysql prompt are somewhat different.)
   1. MariaDB mysql: <https://mariadb.com/kb/en/mysql-command-line-client/>
   2. MySQL 8.x mysql: <https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/mysql.html>
2. A command line text-based MySQL-specific client.
3. You may set the PATH variable so you can call mysql prompt anywhere, such as by adding "c:\xampp\mysql\bin" in the PATH system environment variable.

***Example:***

**mysql –h *host* -u *user* -p**

or

**mysql –h *host* -u *user* -p -P port\_number**

[2] PhPMyAdmin

1. A Web-based GUI client focused on DB administration.
2. After starting both MySQL and Apache in XAMPP, go to localhost in your browser.
3. MySQL specific.

[3] HeidiSQL: will be used in this class

1. A general Windows GUI SQL client

[4] MySQL Workbench:

1. A GUI MySQL client that comes with MySQL 8.x (but not XAMPP)

**4. SQL**

* Note that different DBMS support different versions of SQL. They may not fully support the standards and may include extensions.
* For example, older versions of MySQL do not support EXCEPT, which is in ANSI SQL 92.
* When developing databases in a given DBMS, portability and backward compatibility issues are a consideration for your choice of SQL statements.
* MySQL is*not* based on a pure relational model. For example:
  1. Query results may contain duplicate rows.
  2. Order may be important.
* SQL is easy to start with. Not so easy to become an expert.
* SQL is a rich and essentially declarative but with some procedural constructs.
* For the time being, we only need to know the basic form of the SELECT statement to get some tastes of SQL and RDBMS.

SELECT DISTINCT <<result\_columns>>  
FROM <<source\_tables>> -- conceptually joined to form a large table  
WHERE <<conditions\_for\_inclusion>>

**Declarative Analysis**

1. <<source\_tables>>: the source tables to gather the result data
2. <<conditions\_for\_inclusion>>: the conditions to be satisfied for results to be included and the conditions the tables should be connected together.
3. <<result\_columns>>: the result columns or expressions desired to be displayed.

***Examples:***

Using toyu, executing the SQL:

-- Department codes and their names  
SELECT DISTINCT deptCode, deptName  
FROM department;  
  
-- Faculty information from the department 'CSCI'  
SELECT DISTINCT \*  
FROM faculty  
WHERE deptCode = 'CSCI';  
  
-- Faculty names from the department 'CSCI'  
SELECT DISTINCT fname, lname  
FROM faculty  
WHERE deptCode = 'CSCI';  
  
-- Associate professor names from the department 'CSCI'.  
SELECT DISTINCT fname, lname  
FROM faculty  
WHERE deptCode = 'CSCI'  
AND `rank` = 'Associate Professor';  
  
-- Department names and numbers of faculty with the numbers  
SELECT DISTINCT deptName, numStaff  
FROM department  
WHERE numStaff >= 10;  
  
-- Names of all faculty members and their  
-- department names and ranks.  
SELECT DISTINCT faculty.fName, faculty.lname,  
   department.deptName, faculty.`rank`  
FROM department, faculty  
WHERE faculty.deptCode = department.deptCode;  
  
SELECT DISTINCT faculty.fName, faculty.lname,  
   department.deptName, faculty.`rank`  
FROM department INNER JOIN faculty ON (faculty.deptCode = department.deptCode);

Result:  
  
MariaDB [toyu]> -- Department codes and their names  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT DISTINCT deptCode, deptName  
    -> FROM department;  
+----------+------------------------------+  
| deptCode | deptName                     |  
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| MATH     | Mathematics                  |  
+----------+------------------------------+  
7 rows in set (0.000 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]>  
MariaDB [toyu]> -- Faculty information from the department 'CSCI'  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT DISTINCT \*  
    -> FROM faculty  
    -> WHERE deptCode = 'CSCI';  
+-------+--------+--------+----------+---------------------+  
| facId | fname  | lname  | deptCode | rank                |  
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    -> FROM faculty  
    -> WHERE deptCode = 'CSCI';  
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| Mary   | Tran   |  
| David  | Love   |  
| Sharon | Mannes |  
+--------+--------+  
4 rows in set (0.000 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]>  
MariaDB [toyu]> -- Associate professor names from the department 'CSCI'  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT DISTINCT fname, lname  
    -> FROM faculty  
    -> WHERE deptCode = 'CSCI'  
    -> AND `rank` = 'Associate Professor';  
+-------+-------+  
| fname | lname |  
+-------+-------+  
| Mary  | Tran  |  
+-------+-------+  
1 row in set (0.000 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]>  
MariaDB [toyu]> -- Department names and numbers of faculty with the numbers  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT DISTINCT deptName, numStaff  
    -> FROM department  
    -> WHERE numStaff >= 10;  
+------------------+----------+  
| deptName         | numStaff |  
+------------------+----------+  
| Accounting       |       10 |  
| Computer Science |       12 |  
| English          |       12 |  
+------------------+----------+  
3 rows in set (0.002 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]>  
MariaDB [toyu]> -- Names of all faculty members and their  
MariaDB [toyu]> -- department names and ranks.  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT DISTINCT faculty.fName, faculty.lname,  
    -> department.deptName, faculty.`rank`  
    -> FROM department, faculty  
    -> WHERE faculty.deptCode = department.deptCode;  
+----------+----------+------------------------------+---------------------+  
| fName    | lname    | deptName                     | rank                |  
+----------+----------+------------------------------+---------------------+  
| Paul     | Smith    | Computer Science             | Professor           |  
| Mary     | Tran     | Computer Science             | Associate Professor |  
| David    | Love     | Computer Science             | NULL                |  
| Sharon   | Mannes   | Computer Science             | Assistant Professor |  
| Daniel   | Kim      | Computer Information Systems | Professor           |  
| Andrew   | Byre     | Computer Information Systems | Associate Professor |  
| Deborah  | Gump     | Information Technology       | Professor           |  
| Art      | Allister | Arts                         | Assistant Professor |  
| Benjamin | Yu       | Information Technology       | Lecturer            |  
| Katrina  | Bajaj    | English                      | Lecturer            |  
| Jorginlo | Neymar   | Accounting                   | Assistant Professor |  
+----------+----------+------------------------------+---------------------+  
11 rows in set (0.000 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]>  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT DISTINCT faculty.fName, faculty.lname,  
    -> department.deptName, faculty.`rank`  
    -> FROM department INNER JOIN faculty ON (faculty.deptCode = department.deptCode);  
+----------+----------+------------------------------+---------------------+  
| fName    | lname    | deptName                     | rank                |  
+----------+----------+------------------------------+---------------------+  
| Paul     | Smith    | Computer Science             | Professor           |  
| Mary     | Tran     | Computer Science             | Associate Professor |  
| David    | Love     | Computer Science             | NULL                |  
| Sharon   | Mannes   | Computer Science             | Assistant Professor |  
| Daniel   | Kim      | Computer Information Systems | Professor           |  
| Andrew   | Byre     | Computer Information Systems | Associate Professor |  
| Deborah  | Gump     | Information Technology       | Professor           |  
| Art      | Allister | Arts                         | Assistant Professor |  
| Benjamin | Yu       | Information Technology       | Lecturer            |  
| Katrina  | Bajaj    | English                      | Lecturer            |  
| Jorginlo | Neymar   | Accounting                   | Assistant Professor |  
+----------+----------+------------------------------+---------------------+  
11 rows in set (0.000 sec)

***Classroom Demonstration and Exercises:***

***Example***. Show all student names.

Expected Result:

+---------+-----------+  
| lname   | fname     |  
+---------+-----------+  
| Hawk    | Tony      |  
| Hawk    | Mary      |  
| Hawk    | David     |  
| Lim     | Catherine |  
| Johnson | Larry     |  
| Johnson | Linda     |  
| Johnson | Lillian   |  
| Zico    | Ben       |  
| Ching   | Bill      |  
| King    | Linda     |  
+---------+-----------+  
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)

Declarative Analysis:

[1] Sources: student  
[2] Conditions: none  
[3] Output fields: lname, fname

SELECT DISTINCT s.fname, s.lname  
FROM student AS s -- s is the alias of student

* Using alias in generally is considered good style.
* Conceptually "FROM student AS s " may be conceptually understood as that s is a row in the table student.

***Example.*** List the last names and first names of students minoring in CINF and having 1011 as faculty advisor.

+-------+-------+  
| lname | fname |  
+-------+-------+  
| Hawk  | Tony  |  
| Hawk  | Mary  |  
+-------+-------+  
2 rows in set (0.001 sec)

[Analysis]

[1] Source tables: student

[2] Conditions:

1. minor = 'CINF'
2. advisor = 1011

[3] Output columns:

1. lname
2. fname

[suggested solution of sample question]  
  
SELECT DISTINCT s.fname, s.lname  
FROM student AS s -- s is the alias of student  
WHERE s.minor = 'CINF'  
AND s.advisor = 1011;

***Classroom examples:***

1. All student names and the major codes.  
2. All student names and the major department names.  
3. All student names enrolled in the class with id 10003.  
4. Show all information of students majoring in ‘MATH’.  
5. Show the names and credits of students majoring in 'CSCI'.  
6. Show the names and credits of students majoring in 'CSCI' and having 40 or more ach credits.  
7. Show the id of students enrolled in the course CSCI 4333.  
8. Show the code of departments with faculty in the rank of 'Professor'.  
9. Show the names of departments with faculty in the rank of 'Professor'.  
10. Show the names of students who have enrolled in the course CSCI 4333.  
11. Show the names and major names of every student.  
12. Show the names, major names, and advisor names of every student.  
13. Show the student names and their major names for all students who have received a grade A in a class offered by a faculty from the CSCI department.  
14. Show the student names who have enrolled in at least two classes.

Will work on past SQL assignments.

**Null Values in SQL DB**

by K. Yue

**1. Null values**

* Generally used for representing missing information.
* SQL DBMS provide a method to test whether a value is null or not (IS NULL and IS NOT NULL).

***Example:***

-- students with no advisor  
SELECT s.\*  
FROM student AS s  
WHERE s.advisor IS NULL;  
  
-- Show all students with a declared minor.  
SELECT DISTINCT s.\*  
FROM student AS s  
WHERE s.minor IS NOT NULL;  
  
-- Show enrollment without a n\_alerts value.  
SELECT e.\*  
FROM enroll AS e  
WHERE e.n\_alerts IS NULL;  
  
Result:

MariaDB [toyu]> -- students with no advisor  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT s.\*  
    -> FROM student AS s  
    -> WHERE s.advisor IS NULL;  
+--------+-----------+-------+-------+-------+------+---------+  
| stuId  | fname     | lname | major | minor | ach  | advisor |  
+--------+-----------+-------+-------+-------+------+---------+  
| 100003 | Catherine | Lim   | ITEC  | CINF  |   20 |    NULL |  
| 100007 | Ben       | Zico  | NULL  | NULL  |   16 |    NULL |  
| 100008 | Bill      | Ching | ARTS  | NULL  |   90 |    NULL |  
+--------+-----------+-------+-------+-------+------+---------+  
3 rows in set (0.000 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]>  
MariaDB [toyu]> -- Show all students with a declared minor.  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT DISTINCT s.\*  
    -> FROM student AS s  
    -> WHERE s.minor IS NOT NULL;  
+--------+-----------+---------+-------+-------+------+---------+  
| stuId  | fname     | lname   | major | minor | ach  | advisor |  
+--------+-----------+---------+-------+-------+------+---------+  
| 100000 | Tony      | Hawk    | CSCI  | CINF  |   40 |    1011 |  
| 100001 | Mary      | Hawk    | CSCI  | CINF  |   35 |    1011 |  
| 100002 | David     | Hawk    | CSCI  | ITEC  |   66 |    1012 |  
| 100003 | Catherine | Lim     | ITEC  | CINF  |   20 |    NULL |  
| 100005 | Linda     | Johnson | CINF  | ENGL  |   13 |    1015 |  
| 100006 | Lillian   | Johnson | CINF  | ITEC  |   18 |    1016 |  
| 100009 | Linda     | King    | ARTS  | CSCI  |  125 |    1018 |  
+--------+-----------+---------+-------+-------+------+---------+  
7 rows in set (0.000 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]>  
MariaDB [toyu]> -- Show enrollment without a n\_alerts value.  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT e.\*  
    -> FROM enroll AS e  
    -> WHERE e.n\_alerts IS NULL;  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
| stuId  | classId | grade | n\_alerts |  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
| 100001 |   10000 | NULL  |     NULL |  
| 100005 |   10003 | NULL  |     NULL |  
| 100004 |   10004 | B+    |     NULL |  
| 100006 |   10004 | C+    |     NULL |  
| 100006 |   10005 | A     |     NULL |  
| 100005 |   10006 | B+    |     NULL |  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
6 rows in set (0.000 sec)

**2. Null and Boolean Expressions**

1. MySQL does not have a Boolean data type. A Boolean value is converted to TINYINT: 0 as FALSE, otherwise TRUE.
2. If a Boolean value is expected, null is implicitly type converted to FALSE.
3. However, NULL is a special value different with 0 or empty string.
4. Comparing null to other values return false.

***Example:***

-- 1. Boolean values are TINYINT. FALSE is 0.  
SELECT FALSE,  
   TRUE;  
    
SELECT \*  
FROM student  
WHERE 0;  
  
SELECT \*  
FROM student  
WHERE 1;  
  
SELECT \*  
FROM student  
WHERE 2697;  
  
SELECT \*  
FROM student  
WHERE '0';  
  
SELECT \*  
FROM student  
WHERE '145';  
  
-- warning: '' cannot be converted to a number.  
-- "Warning 1292 Truncated incorrect DOUBLE value: ''"  
SELECT \*  
FROM student  
WHERE '';  
  
-- warning: '' cannot be converted to a number.  
-- "Warning 1292 Truncated incorrect DOUBLE value: ''"  
SELECT \*  
FROM student  
WHERE 'Hello world';  
  
SELECT \*  
FROM student  
WHERE 1.49;

Result:

MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT FALSE,  
    -> TRUE;  
+-------+------+  
| FALSE | TRUE |  
+-------+------+  
|     0 |    1 |  
+-------+------+  
1 row in set (0.001 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]>  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT \*  
    -> FROM student  
    -> WHERE 0;  
Empty set (0.000 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]>  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT \*  
    -> FROM student  
    -> WHERE 1;  
+--------+-----------+----------+-------+-------+------+---------+  
| stuId  | fname     | lname    | major | minor | ach  | advisor |  
+--------+-----------+----------+-------+-------+------+---------+  
| 100000 | Tony      | Hawk     | CSCI  | CINF  |   40 |    1011 |  
| 100001 | Mary      | Hawk     | CSCI  | CINF  |   35 |    1011 |  
| 100002 | David     | Hawk     | CSCI  | ITEC  |   66 |    1012 |  
| 100003 | Catherine | Lim      | ITEC  | CINF  |   20 |    NULL |  
| 100004 | Larry     | Johnson  | ITEC  | NULL  |   66 |    1017 |  
| 100005 | Linda     | Johnson  | CINF  | ENGL  |   13 |    1015 |  
| 100006 | Lillian   | Johnson  | CINF  | ITEC  |   18 |    1016 |  
| 100007 | Ben       | Zico     | NULL  | NULL  |   16 |    NULL |  
| 100008 | Bill      | Ching    | ARTS  | NULL  |   90 |    NULL |  
| 100009 | Linda     | King     | ARTS  | CSCI  |  125 |    1018 |  
| 100111 | Cathy     | Johanson | NULL  | NULL  |    0 |    1018 |  
+--------+-----------+----------+-------+-------+------+---------+  
11 rows in set (0.000 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]>  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT \*  
    -> FROM student  
    -> WHERE 2697;  
+--------+-----------+----------+-------+-------+------+---------+  
| stuId  | fname     | lname    | major | minor | ach  | advisor |  
+--------+-----------+----------+-------+-------+------+---------+  
| 100000 | Tony      | Hawk     | CSCI  | CINF  |   40 |    1011 |  
| 100001 | Mary      | Hawk     | CSCI  | CINF  |   35 |    1011 |  
| 100002 | David     | Hawk     | CSCI  | ITEC  |   66 |    1012 |  
| 100003 | Catherine | Lim      | ITEC  | CINF  |   20 |    NULL |  
| 100004 | Larry     | Johnson  | ITEC  | NULL  |   66 |    1017 |  
| 100005 | Linda     | Johnson  | CINF  | ENGL  |   13 |    1015 |  
| 100006 | Lillian   | Johnson  | CINF  | ITEC  |   18 |    1016 |  
| 100007 | Ben       | Zico     | NULL  | NULL  |   16 |    NULL |  
| 100008 | Bill      | Ching    | ARTS  | NULL  |   90 |    NULL |  
| 100009 | Linda     | King     | ARTS  | CSCI  |  125 |    1018 |  
| 100111 | Cathy     | Johanson | NULL  | NULL  |    0 |    1018 |  
+--------+-----------+----------+-------+-------+------+---------+  
11 rows in set (0.001 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]>  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT \*  
    -> FROM student  
    -> WHERE '0';  
Empty set (0.000 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]>  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT \*  
    -> FROM student  
    -> WHERE '145';  
+--------+-----------+----------+-------+-------+------+---------+  
| stuId  | fname     | lname    | major | minor | ach  | advisor |  
+--------+-----------+----------+-------+-------+------+---------+  
| 100000 | Tony      | Hawk     | CSCI  | CINF  |   40 |    1011 |  
| 100001 | Mary      | Hawk     | CSCI  | CINF  |   35 |    1011 |  
| 100002 | David     | Hawk     | CSCI  | ITEC  |   66 |    1012 |  
| 100003 | Catherine | Lim      | ITEC  | CINF  |   20 |    NULL |  
| 100004 | Larry     | Johnson  | ITEC  | NULL  |   66 |    1017 |  
| 100005 | Linda     | Johnson  | CINF  | ENGL  |   13 |    1015 |  
| 100006 | Lillian   | Johnson  | CINF  | ITEC  |   18 |    1016 |  
| 100007 | Ben       | Zico     | NULL  | NULL  |   16 |    NULL |  
| 100008 | Bill      | Ching    | ARTS  | NULL  |   90 |    NULL |  
| 100009 | Linda     | King     | ARTS  | CSCI  |  125 |    1018 |  
| 100111 | Cathy     | Johanson | NULL  | NULL  |    0 |    1018 |  
+--------+-----------+----------+-------+-------+------+---------+  
11 rows in set (0.001 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]>  
MariaDB [toyu]> -- warning: '' cannot be converted to a number.  
MariaDB [toyu]> -- "Warning 1292 Truncated incorrect DOUBLE value: ''"  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT \*  
    -> FROM student  
    -> WHERE '';  
Empty set, 1 warning (0.000 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]>  
MariaDB [toyu]> -- warning: '' cannot be converted to a number.  
MariaDB [toyu]> -- "Warning 1292 Truncated incorrect DOUBLE value: ''"  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT \*  
    -> FROM student  
    -> WHERE 'Hello world';  
Empty set, 1 warning (0.000 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]>  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT \*  
    -> FROM student  
    -> WHERE 1.49;  
+--------+-----------+----------+-------+-------+------+---------+  
| stuId  | fname     | lname    | major | minor | ach  | advisor |  
+--------+-----------+----------+-------+-------+------+---------+  
| 100000 | Tony      | Hawk     | CSCI  | CINF  |   40 |    1011 |  
| 100001 | Mary      | Hawk     | CSCI  | CINF  |   35 |    1011 |  
| 100002 | David     | Hawk     | CSCI  | ITEC  |   66 |    1012 |  
| 100003 | Catherine | Lim      | ITEC  | CINF  |   20 |    NULL |  
| 100004 | Larry     | Johnson  | ITEC  | NULL  |   66 |    1017 |  
| 100005 | Linda     | Johnson  | CINF  | ENGL  |   13 |    1015 |  
| 100006 | Lillian   | Johnson  | CINF  | ITEC  |   18 |    1016 |  
| 100007 | Ben       | Zico     | NULL  | NULL  |   16 |    NULL |  
| 100008 | Bill      | Ching    | ARTS  | NULL  |   90 |    NULL |  
| 100009 | Linda     | King     | ARTS  | CSCI  |  125 |    1018 |  
| 100111 | Cathy     | Johanson | NULL  | NULL  |    0 |    1018 |  
+--------+-----------+----------+-------+-------+------+---------+  
11 rows in set (0.000 sec)

***Example:***

-- 2. If a Boolean value is expected, null is implicitly type-converted to FALSE.  
SELECT e.\*  
FROM enroll AS e  
WHERE e.n\_alerts;

Result:

MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT e.\*  
    -> FROM enroll AS e  
    -> WHERE e.n\_alerts;  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
| stuId  | classId | grade | n\_alerts |  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
| 100002 |   10000 | B-    |        3 |  
| 100000 |   10001 | A     |        2 |  
| 100000 |   10002 | B+    |        1 |  
| 100002 |   10002 | B+    |        2 |  
| 100002 |   10003 | D     |        4 |  
| 100000 |   10004 | A-    |        1 |  
| 100007 |   10007 | F     |        4 |  
| 100000 |   11001 | D     |        4 |  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
8 rows in set (0.000 sec)

***Example:***

-- 3. null is a special value different with 0 or empty string.  
SELECT FALSE IS NULL,    
   TRUE IS NULL,  
   0 IS NULL,  
   1 IS NULL,  
   "" IS NULL,  
   "Hey" IS NULL,  
   NULL IS NULL,  
   NULL IS NOT NULL;

Result:

MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT FALSE IS NULL,  
    -> TRUE IS NULL,  
    -> 0 IS NULL,  
    -> 1 IS NULL,  
    -> "" IS NULL,  
    -> "Hey" IS NULL,  
    -> NULL IS NULL,  
    -> NULL IS NOT NULL;  
+---------------+--------------+-----------+-----------+------------+---------------+--------------+------------------+  
| FALSE IS NULL | TRUE IS NULL | 0 IS NULL | 1 IS NULL | "" IS NULL | "Hey" IS NULL | NULL IS NULL | NULL IS NOT NULL |  
+---------------+--------------+-----------+-----------+------------+---------------+--------------+------------------+  
|             0 |            0 |         0 |         0 |          0 |             0 |            1 |                0 |  
+---------------+--------------+-----------+-----------+------------+---------------+--------------+------------------+  
1 row in set (0.000 sec)

***Example:***

-- 4. Comparing null to other values return null, which is converted to false.  
SELECT NULL > 3,  
   NULL <= 3,  
   5 >= NULL,  
   5 < NULL,  
   NULL > NULL,  
   NULL <= NULL;  
    
SELECT \*  
FROM student  
WHERE NULL > 3;  
  
-- Comparisons must be mindful of null.  
SELECT e.\*  
FROM enroll AS e  
WHERE e.n\_alerts >= 2;  
  
SELECT e.\*  
FROM enroll AS e  
WHERE e.n\_alerts < 2;  
  
SELECT e.\*  
FROM enroll AS e;  
  
-- Q. List all enrollment records without 2 or more n\_alerts.  
-- Naive solution  
SELECT e.\*  
FROM enroll AS e  
WHERE e.n\_alerts < 2;  
  
-- Q. List all enrollment records without 2 or more n\_alerts.  
-- More likely solution  
SELECT e.\*  
FROM enroll AS e  
WHERE e.n\_alerts IS NULL  
OR e.n\_alerts < 2;  
  
-- Q. List all enrollment records without a value in n\_alerts.  
-- incorrect answer.  
SELECT e.\*  
FROM enroll AS e  
WHERE e.n\_alerts <> NULL;  
  
-- Q. List all enrollment records without a value in n\_alerts.  
-- correct answer.  
SELECT e.\*  
FROM enroll AS e  
WHERE e.n\_alerts IS NOT NULL;

Result:

MariaDB [toyu]> -- 4. Comparing null to other values return null, which is converted to false.  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT NULL > 3,  
    -> NULL <= 3,  
    -> 5 >= NULL,  
    -> 5 < NULL,  
    -> NULL > NULL,  
    -> NULL <= NULL;  
+----------+-----------+-----------+----------+-------------+--------------+  
| NULL > 3 | NULL <= 3 | 5 >= NULL | 5 < NULL | NULL > NULL | NULL <= NULL |  
+----------+-----------+-----------+----------+-------------+--------------+  
|     NULL |      NULL |      NULL |     NULL |        NULL |         NULL |  
+----------+-----------+-----------+----------+-------------+--------------+  
1 row in set (0.000 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]>  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT \*  
    -> FROM student  
    -> WHERE NULL > 3;  
Empty set (0.000 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]>  
MariaDB [toyu]> -- Comparisons must be mindful of null.  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT e.\*  
    -> FROM enroll AS e  
    -> WHERE e.n\_alerts >= 2;  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
| stuId  | classId | grade | n\_alerts |  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
| 100002 |   10000 | B-    |        3 |  
| 100000 |   10001 | A     |        2 |  
| 100002 |   10002 | B+    |        2 |  
| 100002 |   10003 | D     |        4 |  
| 100007 |   10007 | F     |        4 |  
| 100000 |   11001 | D     |        4 |  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
6 rows in set (0.000 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]>  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT e.\*  
    -> FROM enroll AS e  
    -> WHERE e.n\_alerts < 2;  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
| stuId  | classId | grade | n\_alerts |  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
| 100000 |   10000 | A     |        0 |  
| 100001 |   10001 | A-    |        0 |  
| 100000 |   10002 | B+    |        1 |  
| 100000 |   10003 | C     |        0 |  
| 100004 |   10003 | A     |        0 |  
| 100000 |   10004 | A-    |        1 |  
| 100005 |   10004 | A-    |        0 |  
| 100005 |   10005 | A-    |        0 |  
| 100008 |   10007 | C-    |        0 |  
| 100007 |   10008 | A-    |        0 |  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
10 rows in set (0.000 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]>  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT e.\*  
    -> FROM enroll AS e;  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
| stuId  | classId | grade | n\_alerts |  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
| 100000 |   10000 | A     |        0 |  
| 100001 |   10000 | NULL  |     NULL |  
| 100002 |   10000 | B-    |        3 |  
| 100000 |   10001 | A     |        2 |  
| 100001 |   10001 | A-    |        0 |  
| 100000 |   10002 | B+    |        1 |  
| 100002 |   10002 | B+    |        2 |  
| 100000 |   10003 | C     |        0 |  
| 100002 |   10003 | D     |        4 |  
| 100004 |   10003 | A     |        0 |  
| 100005 |   10003 | NULL  |     NULL |  
| 100000 |   10004 | A-    |        1 |  
| 100004 |   10004 | B+    |     NULL |  
| 100005 |   10004 | A-    |        0 |  
| 100006 |   10004 | C+    |     NULL |  
| 100005 |   10005 | A-    |        0 |  
| 100006 |   10005 | A     |     NULL |  
| 100005 |   10006 | B+    |     NULL |  
| 100007 |   10007 | F     |        4 |  
| 100008 |   10007 | C-    |        0 |  
| 100007 |   10008 | A-    |        0 |  
| 100000 |   11001 | D     |        4 |  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
22 rows in set (0.000 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]>  
MariaDB [toyu]> -- Q. List all enrollment records without 2 or more n\_alerts.  
MariaDB [toyu]> -- Naive solution  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT e.\*  
    -> FROM enroll AS e  
    -> WHERE e.n\_alerts < 2;  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
| stuId  | classId | grade | n\_alerts |  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
| 100000 |   10000 | A     |        0 |  
| 100001 |   10001 | A-    |        0 |  
| 100000 |   10002 | B+    |        1 |  
| 100000 |   10003 | C     |        0 |  
| 100004 |   10003 | A     |        0 |  
| 100000 |   10004 | A-    |        1 |  
| 100005 |   10004 | A-    |        0 |  
| 100005 |   10005 | A-    |        0 |  
| 100008 |   10007 | C-    |        0 |  
| 100007 |   10008 | A-    |        0 |  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
10 rows in set (0.000 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]>  
MariaDB [toyu]> -- Q. List all enrollment records without 2 or more n\_alerts.  
MariaDB [toyu]> -- More likely solution  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT e.\*  
    -> FROM enroll AS e  
    -> WHERE e.n\_alerts IS NULL  
    -> OR e.n\_alerts < 2;  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
| stuId  | classId | grade | n\_alerts |  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
| 100000 |   10000 | A     |        0 |  
| 100001 |   10000 | NULL  |     NULL |  
| 100001 |   10001 | A-    |        0 |  
| 100000 |   10002 | B+    |        1 |  
| 100000 |   10003 | C     |        0 |  
| 100004 |   10003 | A     |        0 |  
| 100005 |   10003 | NULL  |     NULL |  
| 100000 |   10004 | A-    |        1 |  
| 100004 |   10004 | B+    |     NULL |  
| 100005 |   10004 | A-    |        0 |  
| 100006 |   10004 | C+    |     NULL |  
| 100005 |   10005 | A-    |        0 |  
| 100006 |   10005 | A     |     NULL |  
| 100005 |   10006 | B+    |     NULL |  
| 100008 |   10007 | C-    |        0 |  
| 100007 |   10008 | A-    |        0 |  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
16 rows in set (0.000 sec) MariaDB [toyu]> -- Q. List all enrollment records without a value in n\_alerts.  
  
MariaDB [toyu]> -- incorrect answer.  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT e.\*  
    -> FROM enroll AS e  
    -> WHERE e.n\_alerts <> NULL;  
Empty set (0.000 sec)  
  
MariaDB [toyu]>  
MariaDB [toyu]> -- Q. List all enrollment records without a value in n\_alerts.  
MariaDB [toyu]> -- correct answer.  
MariaDB [toyu]> SELECT e.\*  
    -> FROM enroll AS e  
    -> WHERE e.n\_alerts IS NOT NULL;  
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| stuId  | classId | grade | n\_alerts |  
+--------+---------+-------+----------+  
| 100000 |   10000 | A     |        0 |  
| 100002 |   10000 | B-    |        3 |  
| 100000 |   10001 | A     |        2 |  
| 100001 |   10001 | A-    |        0 |  
| 100000 |   10002 | B+    |        1 |  
| 100002 |   10002 | B+    |        2 |  
| 100000 |   10003 | C     |        0 |  
| 100002 |   10003 | D     |        4 |  
| 100004 |   10003 | A     |        0 |  
| 100000 |   10004 | A-    |        1 |  
| 100005 |   10004 | A-    |        0 |  
| 100005 |   10005 | A-    |        0 |  
| 100007 |   10007 | F     |        4 |  
| 100008 |   10007 | C-    |        0 |  
| 100007 |   10008 | A-    |        0 |  
| 100000 |   11001 | D     |        4 |  
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16 rows in set (0.000 sec)

**3. Interpretation of null values**

* Three possible interpretations of NULL:
  1. Not applicable.
  2. Missing value.
  3. No information at all.

***Example:***

Consider the attribute SpouseName. A Null value may mean:

1. not applicable: the person is not married.
2. missing information: the person is married but we do not have the name of the spouse.
3. no information at all: we do not know whether the person is married or not.

How do we distinguish between the three meanings of the null value in this case?

By using an extra attribute, such as MaritalStatus.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **...** | **SpouseName** | **MaritalStatus** | **...** |
|  | Null | Married |  |
|  | Null | Not married |  |
|  | Null | Null |  |