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2      CUNY ACE UPSKILLING:  INTRODUCTION TO STRUCTURED QUERY LANGUAGE
3          SF21JOB#2, 2021/11/08 to 2021/12/13
4          https://folvera.common.gc.cuny.edu/?cat=30
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7  SESSION #2 (2021/11/10): UNDERSTANDING CORE DATABASE CONCEPTS
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9  1. Learning history of SQL and basic concepts of the structure of a
10     relational database
11  2. Understanding structured programming
12  3. Understanding naming convention
13  4. Understanding basic syntax to query one table
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16  1. Database professionals in the labor economy is on the rise.  By 2024, the
17     US Bureau of Labor Statistics has projected an 18.8% job increase for
18     `Software developers, applications` with a median annual income of $100,080
19     and 20.9% for `Computer systems analysts` with a median annual income of
20     $87,220 as of 04/14/2017 (https://bls.gov/emp/ep_table_104.htm) creating a
21     surge for individuals who possess the right skills to store and query large
22     data sets.
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24     +-----+-----+-----+
25     | Computer Systems Analysts          | $88,270 / yr | $42.44 / hr |
26     +-----+-----+-----+
27     | https://bls.gov/ooh/computer-and-information-technology/computer-systems-
28     analysts.htm
29     +-----+-----+-----+
30     | Database Administrators            | $87,020 / yr | $41.84 / hr |
31     +-----+-----+-----+
32     | https://bls.gov/ooh/computer-and-information-technology/database-
33     administrators.htm
34     +-----+-----+-----+
35     | Web Developers                      | $67,990 / yr | $32.69 / hr |
36     +-----+-----+-----+
37     | Operations Research Analysts        | $81,390 / yr | $39.13 / hr |
38     +-----+-----+-----+
39     | https://bls.gov/ooh/math/operations-research-analysts.htm
40     +-----+-----+-----+
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42  2. The following are concepts that you need to know.
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44  2.1. SQL (Structured Query Language) is a standardized programming language
45     used for managing relational databases and performing various
46     operations on the data in them.  Initially created in the 1970s, SQL
47     is regularly used by database administrators, as well as by developers
48     writing data integration scripts and data analysts looking to set up
49     and run analytical queries.
50     https://searchsqlserver.techtarget.com/definition/SQL

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52 The SQL programming language was first developed in the 1970s by IBM
53 researchers Raymond Boyce and Donald Chamberlin. The programming
54 language, known then as SEQUEL, was created following the publishing
55 of Edgar Frank Todd's paper, ``A Relational Model of Data for Large
56 Shared Data Banks,`` in 1970.

57 <https://businessnewsdaily.com/5804-what-is-sql.html>

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59 Refer to <https://ibm.com/ibm/history/ibm100/us/en/icons/reldb/> for
60 more information on Edgar Frank Todd's paper.

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- 62 2.2. T-SQL (Transact-SQL) is a set of programming extensions from Sybase
63 and Microsoft that add several features to the Structured Query
64 Language (SQL), including transaction control, exception and error
65 handling, row processing and declared variables.

66 <https://searchsqlserver.techtarget.com/definition/T-SQL>

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- 68 2.3. Microsoft SQL Server is a relational database management system, or
69 RDBMS, that supports a wide variety of transaction processing,
70 business intelligence and analytics applications in corporate IT
71 environments. It's one of the three market-leading database
72 technologies, along with Oracle Database and IBM's DB2.

73 <https://searchsqlserver.techtarget.com/definition/SQL-Server>

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- 75 2.4. A server is a computer program that provides a service to another
76 computer programs (and its user). In a data center, the physical
77 computer that a server program runs in is also frequently referred to
78 as a server. That machine may be a dedicated server or it may be used
79 for other purposes as well.

80 In the client/server programming model, a server program awaits and
81 fulfills requests from client programs, which may be running in the
82 same or other computers. A given application in a computer may
83 function as a client with requests for services from other programs
84 and also as a server of requests from other programs.

85 <https://whatis.techtarget.com/definition/server>

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- 87 2.5. A relational database management system (RDBMS) is a collection of
88 programs and capabilities that enable IT teams and others to create,
89 update, administer and otherwise interact with a relational database.
90 Most commercial RDBMSes use Structured Query Language (SQL) to access
91 the database, although SQL was invented after the initial development
92 of the relational model and is not necessary for its use.

93 [https://searchdatamanagement.techtarget.com/definition/RDBMS-relational-
database-management-system](https://searchdatamanagement.techtarget.com/definition/RDBMS-relational-database-management-system)

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- 95 2.6. In computer programming, a schema (pronounced SKEE-mah) is the
96 organization or structure for a database. The activity of data
97 modeling leads to a schema. (The plural form is schemata. The term is
98 from a Greek word for ``form`` or ``figure.`` Another word from the
99 same source is ``schematic.``) The term is used in discussing both
100 relational databases and object-oriented databases. The term
101 sometimes seems to refer to a visualization of a structure and

102 sometimes to a formal text-oriented description.
 103 <https://searchsqlserver.techtarget.com/definition/schema>
 104

105 2.7. In computer programming, a table is a data structure used to organize
 106 information, just as it is on paper. There are many different types
 107 of computer-related tables, which work in a number of different ways.
 108 The following are examples of the more common types.

109 1) In data processing, a table (also called an array) is a organized
 110 grouping of fields. Tables may store relatively permanent data, or
 111 may be frequently updated. For example, a table contained in a
 112 disk volume is updated when sectors are being written.

113 2) In a relational database, a table (sometimes called a file)
 114 organizes the information about a single topic into rows and
 115 columns. For example, a database for a business would typically
 116 contain a table for customer information, which would store
 117 customers' account numbers, addresses, phone numbers, and so on as
 118 a series of columns. Each single piece of data (such as the
 119 account number) is a field in the table. A column consists of all
 120 the entries in a single field, such as the telephone numbers of all
 121 the customers. Fields, in turn, are organized as records, which
 122 are complete sets of information (such as the set of information
 123 about a particular customer), each of which comprises a row. The
 124 process of normalization determines how data will be most
 125 effectively organized into tables.

126 <https://whatis.techtarget.com/definition/table>
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128 3. Before we start, you should be familiar with the naming convention used in
 129 T-SQL (<https://searchsqlserver.techtarget.com/definition/T-SQL>) using the
 130 database for this course.
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132          PC12345\MSSQLSERVER          (server; name depending on the
133          |                            machine you are using where
134          |                            `PC12345` is the `HOSTNAME` and
135          |                            `MSSQLSERVER` is the database
136          |                            instance)
137          |
138      +- SF21JOB2                      (database in server
139          |                            `PC12345\SQLSERVEREXPRESS`)
140          |
141          +- AP1                       (schema in database
142          |                            `SF21JOB2`)
143          |
144          +- ContactUpdates            (table in schema `AP1`)
145          |
146          +- VendorID                 (column in table
147          |                            `ContactUpdates`)
148
  
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149 3.1. Using the structure above, `SF21JOB2` is the database
 150 (<https://searchsqlserver.techtarget.com/definition/database>). A
 151 database (DB) is a collection of related data like schemata, tables,
 152 views, functions, procedures and other related objects.
 153

154 3.2. `AP1` (`SF21JOB2.AP1`) is a schema
155 (<https://searchsqlserver.techtarget.com/definition/schema>) in database
156 `SF21JOB2`. A schema is a collection of tables, views, functions
157 and other related objects often used for organizational purposes only.
158

159 3.3. `ContactUpdates` (`SF21JOB2.AP1.ContactUpdates`) is a table
160 (<https://whatis.techtarget.com/definition/table>) in schema `AP1`
161 calling the schema because the schema is not `dbo` (`database owner`
162 default schema in T-SQL, which does not need to be called when used).
163 A table is a collection of columns/fields and rows/records.
164

165 3.4. `VendorID` (`SF21JOB2.AP1.ContactUpdates.VendorID`) is a column/field
166 (<https://searchoracle.techtarget.com/definition/field>) in table
167 `AP1.ContactUpdates`. A column/field is an allocation of data in a
168 record/row.
169

170 This column stores the row identifier for the table.
171

172 It is best practice for a row identifier (usually an integer, a whole
173 number) to be a unique identifier, preferably not related to the rest
174 of the data in the row.
175

176 3.5. A record/row (<https://searchoracle.techtarget.com/definition/record>)
177 is a collection of related data
178 (<https://searchdatamanagement.techtarget.com/definition/data>), not
179 referred to with a name but rather its row identifier or position in
180 the table.
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182 4. In order to retrieve data, we use a `SELECT` statement where the simplest
183 syntax is the following.
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185         SELECT field1, field2 ...  
186         FROM table1;
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188 4.1. In the example below, we retrieve all columns (fields) and all rows
189 (records) from `AP1.ContactUpdates` calling each one of the columns.
190 ***** */
191

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192 SELECT VendorID,  
193        VendorName,  
194        VendorAddress1,  
195        VendorAddress2,  
196        VendorCity,  
197        VendorState,  
198        VendorZipCode,  
199        VendorPhone,  
200        VendorContactLName,  
201        VendorContactFName,  
202        DefaultTermsID,  
203        DefaultAccountNo  
204 FROM AP1.ContactUpdates;  
205
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258 /* *****
259      4.3.2. In the example below, we retrieve all data (rows) from table
260           `AP1.ContactUpdates` and any shared data (rows) from
261           `AP1.Vendors`.
262      ***** */
263
264 SELECT *
265 FROM AP1.ContactUpdates           -- 1. all data (rows) from main
266                                     -- table
267                                     -- `AP1.ContactUpdates`
268 LEFT JOIN AP1.Vendors             -- 2. any shared data (rows)
269                                     -- from `AP1.Vendors`
270 ON AP1.ContactUpdates.VendorID = AP1.Vendors.VendorID;
271                                     -- 3. on common data (rows)
272                                     -- `VendorID`
273
274
275 /* *****
276      4.3.3. In the example below, we retrieve all data (rows) from table
277           `AP1.Vendors` and any shared data (rows) from
278           `AP1.ContactUpdates`.
279      ***** */
280
281 SELECT *
282 FROM AP1.ContactUpdates           -- 1. any shared data (rows)
283                                     -- from `AP1.ContactUpdates`
284 RIGHT JOIN AP1.Vendors            -- 2. all data (rows) from main
285                                     -- table `AP1.Vendors`
286 ON AP1.ContactUpdates.VendorID = AP1.Vendors.VendorID;
287                                     -- 3. on common data (rows)
288                                     -- `VendorID`
289
290
291 /* *****
292      4.4. In the example below, we retrieve all columns (fields) and rows
293           (columns) from `AP1.Vendors` calling each one of the columns.
294
295      4.4.1. We use `AS` to assign aliases to ``create a temporary name for
296            columns or tables.``
297
298            We can use aliases on columns ``to make column headings in your
299            result set easier to read.``
300
301            We can use aliases on tables ``to shorten your SQL to make it
302            easier to read or when you are performing a self join (ie:
303            listing the same table more than once in the FROM clause).``
304            https://techonthenet.com/sql\_server/alias.php
305
306      4.4.2. We also use some functions
307            (https://techonthenet.com/sql\_server/functions/index\_alpha.php).
308
309            CONCAT() allows you to concatenate strings together
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310      https://techonthenet.com/sql\_server/functions/
      concat.php
311      '+' also allows you to concatenate strings together
312      although adding NULL returns a NULL
313      https://techonthenet.com/sql\_server/functions/
      concat2.php
314
315      LEN()      returns the length of the specified string... does
316      not include trailing space characters at the end
317      the string when calculating the length
318      https://techonthenet.com/sql\_server/functions/len.php
319
320      LTRIM()    removes all space characters from the left-hand
321      side of a string
322      https://techonthenet.com/sql\_server/functions/
      ltrim.php
323
324      LOWER()   converts all letters in the specified string to
325      lowercase
326      https://techonthenet.com/sql\_server/functions/
      lower.php
327
328      REPLACE() replaces a sequence of characters in a string with
329      another set of characters, not case-sensitive
330      https://techonthenet.com/sql\_server/functions/
      replace.php
331
332      RIGHT()   allows you to extract a substring from a string,
333      starting from the right-most character
334      https://techonthenet.com/sql\_server/functions/
      right.php
335
336      RTRIM()   removes all space characters from the right-hand
337      side of a string
338      https://techonthenet.com/sql\_server/functions/
      rtrim.php
339
340      SUBSTRING() allows you to extract a substring from a string
341      https://techonthenet.com/sql\_server/functions/
      substring.php
342
343      UPPER()   converts all letters in the specified string to
344      uppercase
345      https://techonthenet.com/sql\_server/functions/
      upper.php
346      ***** */
347
348      SELECT VendorID,
349      UPPER(VendorName) AS VendorName,      -- 1. using an alias (`AS`)
350      -- since losing column name
351      -- with when using function
352      -- `UPPER()` to make all
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353 -- characters lower upper
354 -- case
355 CONCAT (
356     VendorAddress1,
357     ' ',
358     VendorAddress2
359 ) AS VendorAddress, -- 2. using an alias (`AS`)
360 -- since losing column name
361 -- with when using function
362 -- `CONCAT()` to concatenate
363 -- (to put strings together)
364 LOWER(VendorCity) AS VendorCity, -- 3. using an alias (`AS`)
365 -- since losing column name
366 -- with when using function
367 -- `LOWER()` to make all
368 -- characters lower upper
369 -- case
370 RIGHT(VendorCity, 4) AS VendorCityRight, -- 4. using an alias (`AS`)
371 -- since losing column name
372 -- with when using function
373 -- `RIGHT()` to retrieve
374 -- four (4) characters from
375 -- the right
376 LEFT(VendorCity, 3) AS VendorCityLeft, -- 5. using an alias (`AS`)
377 -- since losing column name
378 -- with when using function
379 -- `LEFT()` to retrieve
380 -- three (3) characters from
381 -- the left
382 SUBSTRING(VendorCity, 3, 4) AS VendorCitySubstring,
383 -- 6. using an alias (`AS`)
384 -- since losing column name
385 -- with when using function
386 -- `SUBSTRING()` to retrieve
387 -- four (4) characters
388 -- starting from the the
389 -- third (3rd) character
390 LEN(VendorCity) AS VendorCityLen, -- 7. using an alias (`AS`)
391 -- since losing column name
392 -- with when using function
393 -- `LEN()` to retrieve the
394 -- length of string in field
395 REPLACE(VendorState, 'CA', 'California') AS VendorState,
396 -- 8. using an alias (`AS`)
397 -- since losing column name
398 -- with when using function
399 -- `REPLACE()` to replace
400 -- string `CA` with string
401 -- `California`
402 VendorZipCode,
403 VendorPhone,
404 VendorContactLName AS 'Vendor Contact Last Name',
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405                                     -- 9. using an alias (`AS`)
406                                     -- to change the name of
407                                     -- column
408 VendorContactFName AS 'Vendor Contact First Name',
409                                     -- 10. using an alias (`AS`)
410                                     -- to change the name of
411                                     -- column
412 DefaultTermsID,
413 DefaultAccountNo
414 FROM AP1.Vendors;
415
416
417 /* *****
418 3. LAB 1
419 Write a query calling all shared fields (`INNER JOIN`) from `AP1.Invoices`,
420 `AP1.Terms` and `AP1.Vendors`.
421 * Delete or rename the duplicate name of the columns.
422 ***** */
423
424 SELECT AP1.Invoices.InvoiceID,
425        AP1.Invoices.VendorID,
426        AP1.Invoices.InvoiceNumber,
427        AP1.Invoices.InvoiceDate,
428        AP1.Invoices.InvoiceTotal,
429        AP1.Invoices.PaymentTotal,
430        AP1.Invoices.CreditTotal,
431        AP1.Invoices.TermsID,
432        AP1.Invoices.InvoiceDueDate,
433        AP1.Invoices.PaymentDate,
434        -- AP1.Terms.TermsID,
435                                     -- 1. duplicate column name
436                                     -- (`TermsID`), which can
437                                     -- be removed (commented
438                                     -- out, in this case)
439                                     -- without affecting the
440                                     -- query output; could also
441                                     -- be renamed
442        AP1.Terms.TermsDescription,
443        AP1.Terms.TermsDueDays,
444        -- AP1.Vendors.VendorID,
445                                     -- 2. duplicate column name
446                                     -- (`VendorID`), which can
447                                     -- be removed (commented
448                                     -- out, in this case)
449                                     -- without affecting the
450                                     -- query output; could also
451                                     -- be renamed
452        AP1.Vendors.VendorName,
453        AP1.Vendors.VendorAddress1,
454        AP1.Vendors.VendorAddress2,
455        AP1.Vendors.VendorCity,
456        AP1.Vendors.VendorState,
457        AP1.Vendors.VendorZipCode,
458        AP1.Vendors.VendorPhone,

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457     AP1.Vendors.VendorContactLName,
458     AP1.Vendors.VendorContactFName,
459     AP1.Vendors.DefaultTermsID,
460     AP1.Vendors.DefaultAccountNo
461 FROM AP1.Invoices           -- 3. from table `AP1.Invoices`
462 INNER JOIN AP1.Terms       -- 4. `INNER JOIN` to retrieve
463                             -- data in the first (left)
464                             -- table (`AP1.Invoices`)
465                             -- that is also in the
466                             -- second (right) table
467                             -- (`AP1.Terms`)
468     ON AP1.Invoices.TermsID = AP1.Terms.TermsID -- 5. `ON` two fields with the
469                             -- same values/data and the
470                             -- same name (`TermsID`);
471                             -- specifying the relation
472                             -- between tables
473                             -- `AP1.Invoices` and
474                             -- `AP1.Terms`
475 INNER JOIN AP1.Vendors     -- 6. `INNER JOIN` to retrieve
476                             -- data in the second (left)
477                             -- table (`AP1.Terms`) that
478                             -- is also in the third
479                             -- (right) table
480                             -- (`AP1.Vendors`)
481     ON AP1.Vendors.VendorID = AP1.Invoices.VendorID;
482                             -- 7. `ON` two fields with the
483                             -- same values/data and the
484                             -- same name (`VendorID`);
485                             -- specifying the relation
486                             -- between tables
487                             -- `AP1.Vendors` and
488                             -- `AP1.Invoices`
489
490 /* *****
491 https://folvera.commons.gc.cuny.edu/?p=1000 (#1000!)
492 ***** */
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