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1  /* *****
2      INTRODUCTION TO STRUCTURED QUERY LANGUAGE FOR DATA ANALYTICS
3          WS23SQL1001, 2023/04/03 to 2023/05/03
4          https://folvera.common.gc.cuny.edu/?cat=33
5  *****
6
7  SESSION #8 (2023/04/26): CREATING DATABASE OBJECTS
8
9  1. Altering databases, schemata, tables
10 2. Understanding `NULL` and `NOT NULL`
11 1. Parameters, user-defined functions and stored procedures
12 *****
13
14 1. LAB #7
15 Write a query without duplicate rows (`SELECT DISTINCT`)
16 1.01. to get all shared values from tables `AP1.InvoiceLineItems` and
17 `AP1.GLAccounts` (`INNER JOIN`),
18 1.02. adding today's date as `TodaysDate` formatted as short date
19 1.03. where `AP1.GLAccounts.AccountDescription` starts with `book`
20 (`AP1.GLAccounts.AccountDescription LIKE('book%')`) and
21 `AP1.InvoiceLineItems.InvoiceLineItemAmount` is at least 1000.00
22 (inclusive) -- first condition composed of two conditions
23 1.04. or where `AP1.GLAccounts.AccountDescription` contains `mail` and
24 `AP1.InvoiceLineItems.InvoiceLineItemAmount` is no more than
25 100.00 (inclusive) -- second condition composed of two conditions
26 (second condition in parenthesis (OR secondary_condition1 AND
27 secondary_condition2))
28 1.05. ordered first by `AP1.GLAccounts.AccountDescription` and then by
29 `AP1.InvoiceLineItems.InvoiceLineItemAmount`.
30 1.06. Then make a view in schema `lab07` in database `labs`.
31 ***** */
32
33 SELECT DISTINCT AP1.InvoiceLineItems.InvoiceID,
34 AP1.InvoiceLineItems.InvoiceSequence,
35 AP1.InvoiceLineItems.AccountNo,
36 AP1.InvoiceLineItems.InvoiceLineItemAmount,
37 AP1.InvoiceLineItems.InvoiceLineItemDescription,
38 -- AP1.GLAccounts.AccountNo AS Expr1,
39 AP1.GLAccounts.AccountDescription
40 /*,
41 FORMAT(GETDATE(), 'd', 'en-us') AS TodaysDate*/
42 FROM AP1.InvoiceLineItems
43 INNER JOIN AP1.GLAccounts
44 ON AP1.InvoiceLineItems.AccountNo = AP1.GLAccounts.AccountNo
45 WHERE
46 (
47     -- 1. first block of two
48     -- conditions that must be
49     -- true
50     AP1.GLAccounts.AccountDescription LIKE 'book%'
51     AND AP1.InvoiceLineItems.InvoiceLineItemAmount >= 1000
52 )
53 OR
54     -- 2. `OR` to indicate that

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53                                     -- either the first block
54                                     -- (above) or the second
55                                     -- (below) must be true
56 (                                     -- 3. second block of two
57                                     -- conditions that must be
58                                     -- true
59     AP1.GLAccounts.AccountDescription LIKE '%mail%'
60     AND AP1.InvoiceLineItems.InvoiceLineItemAmount <= 100
61 )
62 ORDER BY AP1.GLAccounts.AccountDescription,
63          AP1.InvoiceLineItems.InvoiceLineItemAmount,
64          AP1.InvoiceLineItems.InvoiceID,
65          AP1.InvoiceLineItems.InvoiceSequence,
66          AP1.InvoiceLineItems.AccountNo,
67          AP1.InvoiceLineItems.InvoiceLineItemDescription;
68
69
70 /* *****
71     At this point, we make a view in schema `lab07` in database `labs`
72     excluding the `ORDER BY` clause as it cannot be used when creating
73     views.
74     ***** */
75
76 CREATE VIEW lab07.InvoiceLineItemsGLAccountsVW
77 AS
78 SELECT DISTINCT WS23SQL1001.AP1.InvoiceLineItems.InvoiceID,
79                WS23SQL1001.AP1.InvoiceLineItems.InvoiceSequence,
80                WS23SQL1001.AP1.InvoiceLineItems.AccountNo,
81                WS23SQL1001.AP1.InvoiceLineItems.InvoiceLineItemAmount,
82                WS23SQL1001.AP1.InvoiceLineItems.InvoiceLineItemDescription,
83                -- WS23SQL1001.AP1.GLAccounts.AccountNo AS Expr1,
84                WS23SQL1001.AP1.GLAccounts.AccountDescription
85 FROM WS23SQL1001.AP1.InvoiceLineItems
86 INNER JOIN WS23SQL1001.AP1.GLAccounts
87 ON WS23SQL1001.AP1.InvoiceLineItems.AccountNo =
88    WS23SQL1001.AP1.GLAccounts.AccountNo
89 WHERE (
90     WS23SQL1001.AP1.GLAccounts.AccountDescription LIKE 'book%'
91     AND WS23SQL1001.AP1.InvoiceLineItems.InvoiceLineItemAmount >= 1000
92 )
93 OR (
94     WS23SQL1001.AP1.GLAccounts.AccountDescription LIKE '%mail%'
95     AND WS23SQL1001.AP1.InvoiceLineItems.InvoiceLineItemAmount <= 100
96 );
97
98
99 /* *****
100     As an alternative, we can use an alias for each table.
101
102     `i` for `AP1.InvoiceLineItems`
103     `g` for `AP1.GLAccounts`
104     ***** */

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105
106 CREATE VIEW lab07.InvoiceLineItemsGLAccountsVW
107 AS
108 SELECT DISTINCT i.InvoiceID,
109     i.InvoiceSequence,
110     i.AccountNo,
111     i.InvoiceLineItemAmount,
112     i.InvoiceLineItemDescription,
113     g.AccountDescription
114 FROM WS23SQL1001.AP1.InvoiceLineItems AS i
115 INNER JOIN WS23SQL1001.AP1.GLAccounts AS g
116     ON i.AccountNo = g.AccountNo
117 WHERE (
118     g.AccountDescription LIKE 'book%'
119     AND i.InvoiceLineItemAmount >= 1000
120 )
121 OR (
122     g.AccountDescription LIKE '%mail%'
123     AND i.InvoiceLineItemAmount <= 100
124 );
125
126
127 /* *****
128 2. LAB #8 (CREATING OBJECTS)
129 2.01. Create database `labs`.
130 2.02. Create schema `lab08` in database `labs`.
131 2.03. Create table `my_family` in schema `lab08` with the following
132     structure choosing the best file type for each column and assign
133     `NOT NULL` to each.
134
135         row_id
136         person_fname
137         person_lname
138         relation
139
140 2.04. Insert values accordingly.
141 2.05. Modify table `my_family` to add a column `dob`.
142 2.06. Update the table with data in `dob` (new values in an existing record
143     in table `labs.lab08.my_family`).
144 2.07. Change column `dob` to `NOT NULL`.
145 ***** */
146
147 CREATE DATABASE labs;           -- 1. creating database `labs`
148                                 -- 1.1. run #1 (all `CREATE
149                                 --     DATABASE` statements
150                                 --     run together, but
151                                 --     separately from
152                                 --     other statements)
153
154 CREATE SCHEMA lab08;           -- 2. creating schema `lab08`
155
156 CREATE TABLE lab08.my_family ( -- 3. creating table

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157 row_id INT NOT NULL, -- `lab08.my_family`
158 person_fname VARCHAR(25) NOT NULL, -- 3.1. run #3 (all `CREATE
159 person_lname VARCHAR(25) NOT NULL, -- TABLE` statement run
160 relation VARCHAR(15) NOT NULL -- together, but
161 ); -- separately from
162 -- other statements)
163
164 INSERT INTO lab08.my_family -- 4. inserting new values into
165 VALUES ( -- table `lab08.my_family`
166 1, -- 4.1. each row/record
167 'John', -- within a set of
168 'Doe', -- parenthesis followed
169 'crazy uncle' -- by a comma between
170 ), -- rows/records
171 ( -- 4.2. run #4 (all `INSERT`
172 2, -- statements run
173 'Michael', -- together, separately
174 'Jones', -- from other
175 'cousin' -- statements)
176 ),
177 (
178 3,
179 'Lucy',
180 'Smith',
181 'aunt'
182 );
183
184 ALTER TABLE lab08.my_family -- 5. altering table
185 ADD dob DATE; -- `lab08.my_family` to add
186 -- column `dob` with data
187 -- type `DATE`
188 -- 5.1. run #5 (all `ALTER`
189 -- statements run
190 -- together, separately
191 -- from other
192 -- statements)
193
194 UPDATE lab08.my_family -- 6. updating table
195 SET dob = '1970-01-01' -- `lab08.my_family` to pass
196 WHERE row_id = 1; -- a new values to column
197 -- `dob` in the existing
198 UPDATE lab08.my_family -- table `lab08.my_family`
199 SET dob = '1980/05/09' -- 6.1. run #6 (all `UPDATE`
200 WHERE row_id = 2; -- statements run
201 -- together, separately
202 UPDATE lab08.my_family -- from other
203 SET dob = '1988/08/19' -- statements)
204 WHERE row_id = 3;
205
206 ALTER TABLE lab08.my_family -- 7. changing new column `dob`
207 ALTER COLUMN dob DATE NOT NULL; -- to `NOT NULL` as column
208 -- now has values

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209 -- 7.1. run #7 (this `ALTER`
210 -- statement run after
211 -- populating new
212 -- column `dob`
213
214
215 /* *****
216 3. LAB #9 (ALTERING OBJECTS)
217 Make some changes to `AP1.ContactUpdates` and `AP1.Vendors`.
218
219 3.01. Add column `Email` to `AP1.ContactUpdates`, which should be
220 `VARCHAR(100)` and `NOT NULL` (HINT: `UPDATE` first, then `NOT NULL`
221 since a new column has no values).
222
223 First we need to add the column to the table.
224 ***** */
225
226 ALTER TABLE AP1.ContactUpdates
227 ADD Email VARCHAR(100);
228
229
230 /* *****
231 3.02. Populate the column (every field).
232
233 If we use `LastName` as part of the email, we should remove the
234 apostrophe in `O'Sullivan`. Make sure to push the new values to an
235 existing row in lower case (HINT: `UPDATE`).
236
237 Note below the changes that happen when using `REPLACE()` to change
238 certain characters to empty strings in order to make the email
239 accounts using `VendorName`.
240
241 Note that, if `REPLACE()` does not find the string that we ask the
242 function to replace, the value is unchanged. In the email shown
243 below, there is no ampersand (`&`) so the value is unchanged in the
244 third (3rd) instance of `REPLACE()` before it continues to the next
245 instance. The same happens in the fifth (5th) instance when
246 searching for apostrophes (`'`, called with two single quotes as an
247 escape character).
248 ***** */
249
250 UPDATE AP1.ContactUpdates
251 SET Email=LOWER(
252     REPLACE(
253     REPLACE(
254     REPLACE(
255     REPLACE(
256     CONCAT (
257         FirstName,
258         '.',
259         LastName,
260         '@',

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261         VendorName,
262         '.foo'
263     ), -- 1. `Anthony.Antavius@Courier Companies, Inc.foo`
264     ', ' '), -- 2. `Anthony.Antavius@CourierCompanies,Inc.foo`
265     '&', ' '), -- 3. `Anthony.Antavius@CourierCompanies,Inc.foo`
266     ', ' '), -- 4. `Anthony.Antavius@CourierCompaniesInc.foo`
267     ', ' '), -- 5. `anthony.antavius@couriercompaniesinc.foo`
268     ') -- 6. `anthony.antavius@couriercompaniesinc.foo`
269 FROM AP1.ContactUpdates
270 INNER JOIN AP1.Vendors
271     ON AP1.ContactUpdates.VendorID = AP1.Vendors.VendorID;
272 FROM AP1.ContactUpdates
273 INNER JOIN AP1.Vendors
274     ON AP1.ContactUpdates.VendorID = AP1.Vendors.VendorID;
275
276
277 /* *****
278     Since record with `VendorID` 76 does not have a related `VendorName`
279     (hence no means to make an email), we can assign a value. In this
280     case, We can assign `NO EMAIL` to that record.
281     ***** */
282
283 UPDATE AP1.ContactUpdates
284 SET Email = 'NO EMAIL'
285 WHERE VendorID = 76
286
287
288 /* *****
289     At this point, we change the column to `NOT NULL`.
290     ***** */
291
292 ALTER TABLE AP1.ContactUpdates
293 ALTER COLUMN Email VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL;
294
295
296 /* *****
297     3.03. Add column `VendorAddress` to `AP1.Vendors`, which should be
298     `VARCHAR(150)` and `NOT NULL`.
299     ***** */
300
301 ALTER TABLE AP1.Vendors
302 ADD VendorAddress VARCHAR(150);
303
304
305 /* *****
306     Then we move the values of `VendorAddress1` and `VendorAddress2` to
307     `VendorAddress`.
308     ***** */
309
310 UPDATE AP1.Vendors
311 SET VendorAddress = CONCAT (
312     VendorAddress1,

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313     ' ',
314     VendorAddress2
315 );
316
317
318 /* *****
319     Then we make sure the new column has the data and delete the original
320     two columns.
321     ***** */
322
323 ALTER TABLE AP1.Vendors
324 DROP COLUMN VendorAddress1;
325
326 ALTER TABLE AP1.Vendors
327 DROP COLUMN VendorAddress2;
328
329
330 /* *****
331     Then we change the new column to `NOT NULL`.
332     ***** */
333
334 ALTER TABLE AP1.Vendors
335 ALTER COLUMN VendorAddress VARCHAR(150) NOT NULL;
336
337
338 /* *****
339     3.04. Call all the values from `AP1.ContactUpdates` with any corresponding
340     values in `AP1.Vendors` (HINT: `LEFT JOIN` to get 8 records).
341     ***** */
342
343 SELECT DISTINCT *
344 FROM AP1.ContactUpdates
345 LEFT JOIN AP1.Vendors
346 ON AP1.ContactUpdates.VendorID = AP1.Vendors.VendorID;
347
348
349 /* *****
350     3.05. Make a view named `AP1.ContactUpdatesVendorsVW` from the prior query.
351     ***** */
352
353 CREATE VIEW AP1.ContactUpdatesVendorsVW
354 AS
355 (
356     SELECT DISTINCT AP1.ContactUpdates.VendorID,
357         AP1.ContactUpdates.LastName,
358         AP1.ContactUpdates.FirstName,
359         AP1.ContactUpdates.Email,
360         -- AP1.Vendors.VendorID AS Expr1,
361         AP1.Vendors.VendorName,
362         AP1.Vendors.VendorCity,
363         AP1.Vendors.VendorState,
364         AP1.Vendors.VendorZipCode,
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365     AP1.Vendors.VendorPhone,
366     AP1.Vendors.VendorContactLName,
367     AP1.Vendors.VendorContactFName,
368     AP1.Vendors.DefaultTermsID,
369     AP1.Vendors.DefaultAccountNo,
370     AP1.Vendors.VendorAddress
371 FROM AP1.ContactUpdates
372 LEFT JOIN AP1.Vendors
373     ON AP1.ContactUpdates.VendorID = AP1.Vendors.VendorID
374 );
375
376
377 /* *****
378     As an alternative, we can use an alias for each table.
379
380     `c` for `AP1.ContactUpdates`
381     `v` for `AP1.Vendors`
382     ***** */
383
384 ALTER VIEW AP1.ContactUpdatesVendorsVW
385 AS
386 (
387     SELECT DISTINCT c.VendorID,
388         c.LastName,
389         c.FirstName,
390         c.Email,
391         v.VendorName,
392         v.VendorCity,
393         v.VendorState,
394         v.VendorZipCode,
395         v.VendorPhone,
396         v.VendorContactLName,
397         v.VendorContactFName,
398         v.DefaultTermsID,
399         v.DefaultAccountNo,
400         v.VendorAddress
401 FROM AP1.ContactUpdates AS c
402 LEFT JOIN AP1.Vendors AS v
403     ON c.VendorID = v.VendorID
404 );
405
406
407 /* *****
408     We can also make the view in schema `lab09` database `labs`.
409     ***** */
410
411 CREATE SCHEMA lab09;
412
413 CREATE VIEW lab09.ContactUpdatesVendorsVW
414 AS
415 (
416     SELECT DISTINCT
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417     WS23SQL1001.AP1.ContactUpdates VendorID,    -- calling database
418     WS23SQL1001.AP1.ContactUpdates.LastName,    -- `WS23SQL1001` since the view
419     WS23SQL1001.AP1.ContactUpdates.FirstName,   -- is in data `labs`
420     WS23SQL1001.AP1.ContactUpdates.Email,
421     -- WS23SQL1001.AP1.Vendors.VendorID AS Expr1,
422     WS23SQL1001.AP1.Vendors.VendorName,
423     WS23SQL1001.AP1.Vendors.VendorCity,
424     WS23SQL1001.AP1.Vendors.VendorState,
425     WS23SQL1001.AP1.Vendors.VendorZipCode,
426     WS23SQL1001.AP1.Vendors.VendorPhone,
427     WS23SQL1001.AP1.Vendors.VendorContactLName,
428     WS23SQL1001.AP1.Vendors.VendorContactFName,
429     WS23SQL1001.AP1.Vendors.DefaultTermsID,
430     WS23SQL1001.AP1.Vendors.DefaultAccountNo,
431     WS23SQL1001.AP1.Vendors.VendorAddress
432 FROM WS23SQL1001.AP1.ContactUpdates
433 LEFT JOIN WS23SQL1001.AP1.Vendors
434     ON WS23SQL1001.AP1.ContactUpdates.VendorID =
435     WS23SQL1001.AP1.Vendors.VendorID
436 );
437
438 /* *****
439     As an alternative, we can use an alias for each table.
440
441     `c` for `WS23SQL1001.AP1.ContactUpdates`
442     `v` for `WS23SQL1001.AP1.Vendors`
443
444     In this scenario, using an alias for each table can make the creating
445     the same view in other databases by just changing the names of the
446     tables rather than adding the database before each column.
447     ***** */
448
449 ALTER VIEW lab09.ContactUpdatesVendorsVW
450 AS
451 (
452     SELECT DISTINCT c.VendorID,
453     c.LastName,
454     c.FirstName,
455     c.Email,
456     v.VendorName,
457     v.VendorCity,
458     v.VendorState,
459     v.VendorZipCode,
460     v.VendorPhone,
461     v.VendorContactLName,
462     v.VendorContactFName,
463     v.DefaultTermsID,
464     v.DefaultAccountNo,
465     v.VendorAddress
466 FROM WS23SQL1001.AP1.ContactUpdates AS c    -- quick change, adding the
467 LEFT JOIN WS23SQL1001.AP1.Vendors AS v    -- database name in the `FROM`
468     ON c.VendorID = v.VendorID            -- clause rather than placing

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469 ); -- the name of the database
470 -- before each column

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474 4. The following set of concepts that is good for we to know involve how  
 475 humans communicate with the computer and vice versa.

476  
 477 ``A command line interface (CLI) is a text-based user interface (UI)  
 478 used to view and manage computer files. Command line interfaces are  
 479 also called command-line user interfaces, console user interfaces and  
 480 character user interfaces...

481 Before the mouse, users interacted with an operating system (OS) or  
 482 application with a keyboard. Users typed commands in the command line  
 483 interface to run tasks on a computer.

484 Typically, the command line interface features a black box with white  
 485 text. The user responds to a prompt in the command line interface by  
 486 typing a command. The output or response from the system can include  
 487 a message, table, list, or some other confirmation of a system or  
 488 application action.

489 Today, most users prefer the graphical user interface (GUI) offered by  
 490 operating systems such as Windows, Linux and macOS. Most current  
 491 Unix-based systems offer both a command line interface and a graphical  
 492 user interface.

493 The MS-DOS operating system and the command shell in the Windows  
 494 operating system are examples of command line interfaces. In  
 495 addition, programming languages can support command line interfaces,  
 496 such as Python.``

497 [https://searchwindowserver.techtarget.com/definition/command-line-  
 498 interface-CLI](https://searchwindowserver.techtarget.com/definition/command-line-interface-CLI) ↗

499 ``A GUI (usually pronounced G00-ee) is a graphical (rather than purely  
 500 textual) user interface to a computer. As we read this, we are  
 501 looking at the GUI or graphical user interface of your particular Web  
 502 browser. The term came into existence because the first interactive  
 503 user interfaces to computers were not graphical; they were  
 504 text-and-keyboard oriented and usually consisted of commands we had  
 505 to remember and computer responses that were infamously brief. The  
 506 command interface of the DOS operating system (which we can still get  
 507 to from your Windows operating system) is an example of the typical  
 508 user-computer interface before GUIs arrived. An intermediate step in  
 509 user interfaces between the command line interface and the GUI was the  
 510 non-graphical menu-based interface, which let we interact by using a  
 511 mouse rather than by having to type in keyboard commands.

512 <https://searchwindevelopment.techtarget.com/definition/GUI>

513  
 514 5. Now that we are going to start programability, we use parameters to pass  
 515 values either to a SQL script and/or receiving parameters from external  
 516 programs, built-in and/or user-defined procedures and/or functions.

517  
 518 ``In information technology, a parameter (pronounced puh-RAA-meh-tuhr,  
 519 from Greek for, roughly, through measure) is an item of information

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520      -- such as a name, a number, or a SELECT DISTINCTed option -- that is passed
521      to a program by a user or another program. Parameters affect the
522      operation of the program receiving them.``
523      http://whatis.techtarget.com/definition/parameter
524
525      ``Parameters can be passed to the stored procedures. This makes the
526      procedure dynamic.
527      The following points are to be noted:
528      * One or more number of parameters can be passed in a procedure.
529      * The parameter name should proceed with an @ symbol.
530      * The parameter names will be local to the procedure in which they are
531      defined.
532      The parameters are used to pass information into a procedure from the
533      line that executes the parameter. The parameters are given just after
534      the name of the procedure on a command line. Commas should separate
535      the list of parameters.
536      * The values can be passed to stored procedures by:
537      * By supplying the parameter values exactly in the same order as given
538      in the CREATE PROCEDURE statement.
539      * By explicitly naming the parameters and assigning the appropriate
540      value.``
541      http://devguru.com/technologies/t-sql/7132
542
543      Every time users pass values to a query commonly using a web form, we are
544      at risk of SQL injections where the user could pass a SQL statement, which
545      the server may execute. For this reason, every database should have a
546      read-only account that queries data returning values to the front-end
547      application limiting the possibility of SQL injections and similar exploits
548      (http://searchsecurity.techtarget.com/definition/exploit).
549
550      ``SQL injection is a type of security exploit in which the attacker
551      adds Structured Query Language (SQL) code to a Web form input box to
552      gain access to resources or make changes to data. An SQL query is a
553      request for some action to be performed on a database. Typically, on
554      a Web form for user authentication, when a user enters their name and
555      password into the text boxes provided for them, those values are
556      inserted into a SELECT DISTINCT query. If the values entered are found
557      as
558      expected, the user is allowed access; if they aren't found, access is
559      denied. However, most Web forms have no mechanisms in place to block
560      input other than names and passwords. Unless such precautions are
561      taken, an attacker can use the input boxes to send their own request
562      to the database, which could allow them to download the entire
563      database or interact with it in other illicit ways.``
564      http://searchsoftwarequality.techtarget.com/definition/SQL-injection
565
566      5.01. In the example below, we first declare parameter `@foo` and `@pi`
567      (always starting with the `@` sign) to tell SQL Server that it should
568      expect a value within SQL script and/or receiving a value from an
569      external programs, built-in and/or user-defined procedure and/or
570      function.
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570
571     Note that there are no limit to the number of parameters we can use
572     in a SQL script.
573
574     Go to https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foobar if we are interested about
575     terms `foobar`, `foo` and `bar`.
576
577     We first declare parameters `@foo` with data type INT and `@pi` with
578     data type FLOAT.
579
580     We then set (assign) a value to parameters `@foo` and `@pi`.
581
582     We can then call the value of `@foo` and `@pi` within a SQL statement.
583     ***** */
584
585 DECLARE @foo INT = 3,                -- 1. declaring parameter
586         -- `@foo` as INT initialized
587         -- with value of 3
588     @pi FLOAT = 3.14159265358979;    -- 2. declaring parameter `@pi`
589         -- as FLOAT initialized with
590         -- value of 3.14159265358979
591
592
593 /* *****
594     5.02. At this point, we can call the values of parameters `@foo` and `@pi`
595     in a SQL statement.
596
597         +-----+-----+-----+
598         | foo  | pi(e)          | foo pi(e)      |
599         +-----+-----+-----+
600         | 3    | 3.14159265358979 | 9.42477796076937 |
601         +-----+-----+-----+
602
603     Note that we use a `SELECT DISTINCT` statement in the same way we use ↗
604     `PRINT`
605     in other languages to show the output in the console.
606     ***** */
607
608 SELECT DISTINCT @foo AS 'foo',      -- 1. displaying value ↗
609 of
610     -- `@foo` (INT) with alias
611     -- `foo`
612     @pi AS 'pi(e)',                -- 2. displaying value of
613     -- `@pi` (FLOAT) with alias
614     -- `pi(e)`
615     @foo * @pi AS 'foo pi(e)';    -- 3. displaying value of
616     -- `@foo` multiplied by
617     -- `@pi`, which returns a
618     -- FLOAT due to data type
619     -- conversion with alias
620     -- `foo pi(e)`

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621 /* *****
622 6. ``In SQL Server, a procedure is a stored program that you can pass
623 parameters into. It does not return a value like a function does.
624 However, it can return a success/failure status to the procedure that
625 called it.``
626 https://techonthenet.com/sql\_server/procedures.php
627
628 CREATE PROCEDURE procedure_name [@input_param data_type]
629 AS
630 BEGIN
631 [DECLARE @output_param data_type
632 SET @output_param = some_value]
633 executable_code
634 END;
635
636 This means that we can take the code that we used to capitalize the first
637 letter in a string and make it into a procedure that we can call indicating
638 the input parameter instead of writing the same code several times and
639 avoid the possibility of errors.
640
641 SELECT DISTINCT CONCAT (
642 UPPER(LEFT(`hello`, 1)),
643 LOWER(SUBSTRING(`hello`, 2, LEN(`hello`) - 1))
644 );
645
646 6.01. In the example below, we declare function `AP5.properUDP`. We end
647 the name of the function with `UDP` to identify it as an user-defined
648 procedure.
649
650 The procedure has input parameter `@in_string` declared as
651 VARCHAR(50) -- in this case, the string `hello`.
652
653 We enclose the executable section between `BEGIN` and `END`.
654
655 We create output using parameter `@out_string`, which must have the
656 same file type as the input, in order to print (not return) the value
657 of `hello` as `Hello`.
658
659 Then we pass the value of `UPPER(LEFT(@in_string, 1)) +
660 LOWER(SUBSTRING(@in_string, 2, LEN(@in_string)-1))` to parameter
661 `@out_string`.
662 ***** */
663
664 CREATE SCHEMA AP5; -- 1. creating schema `AP5` if
665 -- not created already
666
667 CREATE PROCEDURE AP5.properUDP -- 2. creating stored procedure
668 -- `AP5.properUDP`
669 @in_string VARCHAR(50) -- 3. declaring input parameter
670 -- `@in_string` with data
671 -- type `VARCHAR(50)`

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672 AS
673 BEGIN           -- 4. beginning of executable
674                -- code
675     DECLARE @out_string VARCHAR(50)           -- 5. declaring output
676                -- parameter `@out_string`
677                -- with same data type as
678                -- input parameter
679                -- `@in_string` with data
680                -- type `VARCHAR(50)`
681     SET @out_string = CONCAT (               -- 6. setting value of output
682         UPPER(LEFT(@in_string, 1)),         -- parameter `@out_string`
683         LOWER(SUBSTRING(@in_string, 2, LEN(@in_string) - 1))
684     )
685     PRINT @out_string;                       -- 7. printing (not returning)
686                -- value of `@out_string`
687 END;           -- 8. end of executable code
688                -- and stored procedure
689
690
691 /* *****
692     6.02. In order to execute (`EXEC`) our user-defined procedure (`UDP`), we
693     must indicate the schema where it resides -- in this case, `AP5`.
694
695     Since the output is printed (displayed only) and not returned, we
696     cannot use the value by the procedure (`AP5.properUDP`).
697     ***** */
698
699 EXEC AP5.properUDP @in_string = 'HELLO';
700
701
702 /* *****
703     6.03. Procedures do not need input and/or output parameters if the
704     executable code does not need parameters in order to work.
705
706     In the example below, we have procedure `AP5.create_tempUDP` to
707     create database `TEMP` and prints a message when it has been
708     completed without the need of parameters.
709     ***** */
710
711 CREATE PROCEDURE AP5.create_tempUDP           -- 1. creating stored procedure
712 AS                                           -- `AP1.create_tempUDP`
713 BEGIN                                       -- 2. beginning of procedure
714     -- executable code
715     CREATE DATABASE TEMP                   -- 3. creating database `TEMP`
716     PRINT 'Database Complete'             -- 4. message displayed (not
717     -- returned)
718 END;                                       -- 5. end of executable code
719     -- and stored procedure
720
721 EXEC AP5.create_tempUDP;                   -- 6. executing procedure;
722     -- no parameters needed in
723     -- this example

```

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724
725 /* *****
726     6.04. In the example below, we have procedure `AP1.drop_tempUDP` to create
727         database `TEMP` and prints a message when it has been completed
728         without the need of parameters.
729     ***** */
730
731 CREATE PROCEDURE AP5.drop_tempUDP           -- 1. creating stored procedure
732 AS                                           -- `AP1.drop_tempUDP`
733 BEGIN                                       -- 2. beginning of executable
734     -- code
735     DROP DATABASE TEMP                     -- 3. dropping database `TEMP`
736     PRINT 'Database Dropped'              -- 4. message displayed (not
737     -- returned)
738 END;                                         -- 5. end of executable code
739     -- and stored procedure
740
741 EXEC AP5.drop_tempUDP;                      -- 6. executing procedure;
742     -- no parameters needed in
743     -- this example
744
745
746 /* *****
747     6.05. As with all types of data objects, we can DROP procedures too.
748     ***** */
749
750 DROP PROCEDURE AP5.create_tempUDP;         -- dropping procedure
751
752
753 /* *****
754     7. In the two examples below, we have two procedures to change Celsius to
755         Fahrenheit and vice versa.
756
757     7.01. We first create schema `temps` in the `labs` database.
758     ***** */
759
760 CREATE SCHEMA temps;
761
762
763 /* *****
764     7.02. We create procedure `temps.c2f` taking in one parameter declared as a
765         FLOAT to convert temperatures in Celsius to Fahrenheit.
766     ***** */
767
768 CREATE PROCEDURE temps.c2f @in_temp FLOAT   -- 1. input parameter
769     -- initialized as a FLOAT
770 AS
771 BEGIN
772     -- formula needed (9/5 C) + 32
773     DECLARE @out_temp FLOAT                -- 2. declaring output
774     -- parameter `@out_temp`
775     -- with the same datatype as

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776                                     -- `@in_temp`, in this case
777                                     -- a FLOAT
778 SET @out_temp = (9 / 5 * @in_temp) + 32 -- 3. formula to convert
779                                     -- Celsius to Fahrenheit
780                                     -- including `@in_temp`
781 DECLARE @out_result VARCHAR(150)      -- 4. new output to take the
782                                     -- the value of
783 SET @out_result = CONCAT (           -- 5. passing values including
784     CONVERT(VARCHAR(25), @in_temp),  -- `@in_temp` (temperature
785     'C = ',                          -- in Celsius), `@out_temp`
786     CONVERT(VARCHAR(25), @out_temp), -- `@out_temp` (temperature
787     'F'                                -- in Fahrenheit)
788 )
789 PRINT @out_result                    -- 6. printing value to screen
790 END;
791
792 EXEC temps.c2f 75;                   -- 7. executing procedure
793                                     -- `temps.c2f` passing 75
794                                     -- as temperature in Celsius
795                                     -- returning `75C = 107F`
796
797
798 /* *****
799     7.03. We create procedure `temps.f2c` taking in one parameter declared as a
800     FLOAT to convert temperatures in Fahrenheit to Celsius.
801     ***** */
802
803 CREATE PROCEDURE temps.f2c @in_temp FLOAT -- 1. input parameter
804                                     -- initialized as a FLOAT
805 AS
806 BEGIN
807     -- formula needed 5/9(F - 32)
808     DECLARE @out_temp FLOAT          -- 2. declaring output
809                                     -- parameter `@out_temp`
810                                     -- with the same datatype as
811                                     -- `@in_temp`, in this case
812                                     -- a FLOAT
813     SET @out_temp = (@in_temp - 32) * 5 / 9 -- 3. formula to convert
814                                     -- Fahrenheit to Celsius
815                                     -- including `@in_temp`
816     DECLARE @out_result VARCHAR(150) -- 4. new output to take the
817                                     -- the value of
818     SET @out_result = CONCAT (       -- 5. passing values including
819     CONVERT(VARCHAR(25), @in_temp),  -- `@in_temp` (temperature
820     'C = ',                          -- in Fahrenheit),
821     CONVERT(VARCHAR(25), @out_temp), -- `@out_temp` (temperature
822     'F'                                -- in Celsius)
823 )
824     PRINT @out_result                -- 6. printing value to screen
825 END;
826
827 EXEC temps.f2c 73;                   -- 7. executing procedure

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828 -- `temps.f2c` passing 73
829 -- as temperature in
830 -- Fahrenheit returning
831 -- `73F = 22.7778C`
832
833

```

834 /\* \*\*\*\*\*  
835 8. In SQL Server, a function is a stored program that we can pass parameters  
836 into and return a value.  
837 [https://techonthenet.com/sql\\_server/functions.php](https://techonthenet.com/sql_server/functions.php)  
838

```

839 CREATE FUNCTION function_name (@input_param data_type)
840 RETURNS data_type
841 AS
842 BEGIN
843 DECLARE @output_param data_type
844 SET @output_param = some_value
845 executable_code
846 RETURN output_param
847 END;
848

```

849 This also means that we can take the code that we used to capitalize the  
850 first letter in a string and make it into a function that we can call  
851 instead of writing the same code several times and avoid the possibility of  
852 errors.

```

853
854 SELECT DISTINCT CONCAT (
855     UPPER(LEFT(`hello`, 1)),
856     LOWER(SUBSTRING(`hello`, 2, LEN(`hello`) - 1))
857 );
858

```

859 8.01. In the example below, we create function `AP5.properUDF`. We end the  
860 name of the function with `UDF` to identify it as an user-defined  
861 function. As explained before, no two objects of the same hierarchy  
862 can have the same name. Therefore our user-defined procedure and  
863 function cannot share the name (`AP5.proper`) and a suffix tells  
864 the system which object to use.

865  
866 The function has input parameter `@in\_string` declared as VARCHAR(50)  
867 -- in this case, the string `hello`.

868  
869 We enclose the executable section between `BEGIN` and `END`.

870  
871 We create output using parameter `@out\_string`, which must have the  
872 same file type as the input parameter, in order to return the value of  
873 `hello` as `Hello`.

874  
875 Then we pass the value of concatenation

```

876
877 CONCAT(
878     UPPER(
879     LEFT(@in_string, 1)

```

```

880         ),
881         LOWER(
882             SUBSTRING(@in_string, 2,
883                 LEN(@in_string) - 1)
884         )
885
886     or concatenation using the `+` sign
887
888         UPPER(
889             LEFT(@in_string, 1)
890         ) +
891         LOWER(
892             SUBSTRING(@in_string, 2,
893                 LEN(@in_string) - 1)
894         )
895
896     to parameter `@out_string`.
897
898     As the last step, we must indicate what value must be returned from
899     the function -- in this case, parameter `@out_string`.
900     ***** */
901
902 CREATE FUNCTION AP5.properUDF -- 1. creating function
903     (@in_string VARCHAR(50)) -- 2. declaring input parameter
904     RETURNS VARCHAR(50) -- 3. indicating the same data
905     AS -- type and size of output
906     BEGIN -- parameter `@out_string`
907         DECLARE @out_string VARCHAR(50) -- 4. beginning of executable
908         -- code
909         -- 5. declaring output
910         SET @out_string = CONCAT ( -- 6. setting value to output
911             UPPER(LEFT(@in_string, 1)), -- parameter `@out_string`
912             -- LOWER(SUBSTRING(@in_string, 2, LEN(@in_string) - 1))
913             LOWER(RIGHT(@in_string, LEN(@in_string) - 1))
914         )
915         RETURN @out_string; -- 7. returning value of output
916     END; -- 8. end of executable code
917         -- and function
918
919
920
921
922
923
924
925
926
927
928
929
930
931 /* ***** */

```

```
932     8.02. In order to call our user-defined function (`UDF`), we must indicate
933     the schema where it resides -- in this case, `AP5`.
934     ***** */
935
936 SELECT DISTINCT AP5.properUDF('hello');
937
938
939 /* *****
940     8.03. We can use `AP5.properUDF` on any string value in any table, schema
941     or database as long as we have access to the data objects -- for
942     example, columns `AP2.Customers.FirstName` and
943     `AP2.Customers.LastName`. Of course, first we insert values into
944     `AP2.Customers`.
945     ***** */
946
947 INSERT INTO AP2.Customers          -- all values in order
948 VALUES (
949     1,
950     'Smith',
951     'John',
952     '',
953     '',
954     '',
955     '',
956     ''
957 ),
958 (
959     2,
960     'Doe',
961     'Jane',
962     '123 Main St. Apt. 1',
963     'New York',
964     'NY',
965     '10001',
966     'jane.doe@foobar.foo'
967 );
968
969 INSERT INTO AP2.Customers (          -- some values specifying the
970     CustomerID,                    -- the order of the fields
971     LastName,
972     FirstName
973 )
974 VALUES (
975     3,
976     'Smith',
977     'Tom'
978 );
979
980 INSERT INTO AP2.Customers
981 VALUES (
982     5,
983     'Doe',
```

```
984     'John',
985     '',
986     'New York',
987     'NY',
988     '10001',
989     'john.doe@foobar.foo'
990 ),
991 (
992     4,
993     'Doe',
994     'Jane',
995     '',
996     'New York',
997     'NY',
998     '',
999     'jane.doe2@foobar.foo'
1000 );
1001
1002 UPDATE AP2.Customers
1003 SET FirstName = AP5.properUDF(FirstName),
1004     LastName = AP5.properUDF(LastName);
1005
1006
1007 /* *****
1008     8.04. We can also create functions to FORMAT dollar amounts
1009         (`AP5.dollarUDF`) and dates (`AP5.dateUDF`) considering that numeric
1010         values become strings when formatted.
1011     ***** */
1012
1013 CREATE FUNCTION AP5.dollarUDF (@in_dollar FLOAT)
1014 RETURNS VARCHAR(50)
1015 AS
1016 BEGIN
1017     DECLARE @out_dollar VARCHAR(50)
1018     SET @out_dollar = FORMAT(@in_dollar, 'c', 'en-us')
1019     RETURN @out_dollar
1020 END;
1021
1022 SELECT DISTINCT AP5.dollarUDF(10000) AS FormattedDollarAmout;
1023
1024 CREATE FUNCTION AP5.dateUDF (@in_date DATE)
1025 RETURNS VARCHAR(10)
1026 AS
1027 BEGIN
1028     DECLARE @out_date VARCHAR(10)
1029     SET @out_date = FORMAT(@in_date, 'd', 'en-us')
1030     RETURN @out_date
1031 END;
1032
1033 SELECT DISTINCT AP5.dateUDF(GETDATE()) AS FormattedDate;
1034
1035
```

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1036 /* *****
1037      8.05. Going back to procedures, we can call user-defined functions inside
1038           user-defined procedures (commonly referred to as stored procedures).
1039           We can call `AP5.properUDF` on `AP2.Customers.FirstName` and
1040           `AP2.Customers.LastName`.
1041      ***** */
1042
1043 CREATE PROCEDURE AP5.properUDP                                -- 1. creating stored procedure
1044 AS                                                            --      without input parameters
1045 BEGIN                                                        -- 2. beginning of executable
1046 UPDATE AP2.Customers                                       -- 3. updating `AP2.Customers`
1047 SET FirstName = AP5.properUDF(FirstName);
1048 PRINT 'Proper case assigned to first names'; -- 4. printing message
1049 UPDATE AP2.Customers                                       -- 5. updating `AP2.Customers`
1050 SET LastName = AP5.properUDF(LastName);
1051 PRINT 'Proper case assigned to last names'; -- 6. printing message
1052 END;                                                         -- 7. end of executable code
1053                                                            --      and stored procedure
1054
1055
1056
1057 CREATE PROCEDURE AP5.CloneInvoicesUDP                       -- 1. creating stored procedure
1058 AS                                                            --      `AP1.CloneInvoicesUDP`
1059 BEGIN                                                        -- 2. beginning of executable
1060 DROP TABLE AP1.CloneInvoices; -- 3. dropping old clone table
1061 PRINT 'Old table `AP1.Invoices` destroyed'; -- 4. displaying completion
1062                                                            --      message
1063 SELECT DISTINCT                                           -- 5. SELECT
1064     DISTINCTing all values from
1065     InvoiceID, -- `AP1.Invoices`
1066     VendorID,
1067     InvoiceNumber,
1068     AP5.dateUDF(InvoiceDate) -- 6. calling date values of
1069     AS InvoiceDate, --      columns using
1070     AP5.dollarUDF(InvoiceTotal) --      user-defined functions
1071     AS InvoiceTotal, --      `AP5.dateUDF` and
1072     AP5.dollarUDF(PaymentTotal) --      `AP5.dollarUDF`
1073     AS PaymentTotal, --
1074     AP5.dollarUDF(CreditTotal)
1075     AS CreditTotal,
1076     TermsID,
1077     AP5.dateUDF(InvoiceDueDate)
1078     AS InvoiceDueDate,
1079     AP5.dateUDF(PaymentDate)
1080     AS PaymentDate -- 7. pushing values from old
1081 INTO AP1.CloneInvoices --      table `AP1.Invoices` to
1082 --      new table
1083 --      `AP1.CloneInvoices`
1084 FROM AP1.Invoices; -- 8. from `AP1.Invoices`
1085 PRINT 'New table `AP5.Invoices` created'; -- 9. displaying completion

```

```
1087 -- message
1088 END; -- 10. end of executable code
1089 -- and stored procedure
1090
1091 EXEC AP5.CloneInvoicesUDP;
1092
1093
1094 /* *****
1095 https://folvera.commons.gc.cuny.edu/?p=1237
1096 ***** */
```