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Joining Multiple Tables

Multiple tables can be joined to yield all combinations of rows from each create table grandparents as select a.parent as grandog, b.child as granpup from parents as a, parents as b where b.parent = a.child;

Select all grandparents with the same fur as their grandchildren Which tables need to be joined together?

select grandog from grandparents, dogs as c, dogs as d where grandog = c.name and granpup = d.name and c.fur = d.fur;
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Example: Dog Triples

Fall 2014 Quiz Question (Slightly Modified)

Write a SQL query that selects all possible combinations of three different dogs with the same fur and lists each triple in inverse alphabetical order

create table dogs as select "abraham" as name, "long" as fur union select "barack", "short" union ...;

create table parents as select "abraham" as parent, "barack" as child union select "abraham" , "clinton" union ...;

Expected output:

delano|clinton|abraham grover|eisenhower|barack (Demo)

Numerical Expressions

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Expressions can contain function calls and arithmetic operators

[[expression] as [name], [expression] as [name], ...]

select [columns] from [table] where [expression] order by [expression];

Combine values: +, -, *, /, %, and, or

Transform values: abs, round, not,
Compare values: <, <=, >, >=, <>, !=, =

(Demo)

String Expressions

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String values can be combined to form longer strings

sqlite> select "hello," || " world";
hello, world

Basic string manipulation is built into SQL, but differs from Python

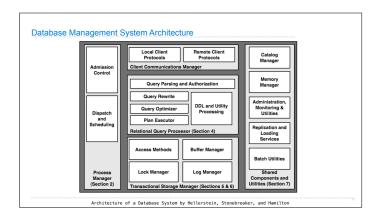
sqlite> create table phrase as select "hello, world" as s;
sqlite> select substr(s, 4, 2) || substr(s, instr(s, " ")+1, 1) from phrase;
low

Strings can be used to represent structured values, but doing so is rarely a good idea

sqlite> create table lists as select "one" as car, "two, three, four" as cdr;
sqlite> select substr(cdr, 1, instr(cdr, ",")-1) as cadr from lists;
two

(Demo)

Database Management Systems



Query Planning The manner in which tables are filtered, sorted, and joined affects execution time Select the parents of curly-furred dogs: select parent from parents, dogs; where child = name and fur = "curly"; Join all rows of parents to all rows of dogs, filter by child = name and fur = "curly" Join only rows of parents and dogs where child = name, filter by fur = "curly" Filter dogs by fur = "curly", join result with all rows of parents, filter by child = name Filter dogs by fur = "curly", join only rows of result and parents where child = name