

61A Lecture 33

Announcements

Joining Tables

Reminder: John the Patriotic Dog Breeder



Parents:

| Parent | Child |
|------------|----------|
| abraham | barack |
| abraham | clinton |
| delano | herbert |
| fillmore | abraham |
| fillmore | delano |
| fillmore | grover |
| eisenhower | fillmore |

```
create table parents as
select "abraham" as parent, "barack" as child union
select "abraham"      , "clinton"      union
select "delano"       , "herbert"       union
select "fillmore"     , "abraham"     union
select "fillmore"     , "delano"     union
select "fillmore"     , "grover"     union
select "eisenhower"   , "fillmore";
```

Joining Two Tables

Two tables A & B are joined by a comma to yield all combos of a row from A & a row from B

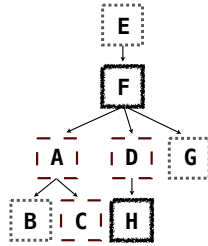
```
create table dogs as
select "abraham" as name, "long" as fur union
select "barack"      , "short"      union
select "clinton"    , "long"      union
select "delano"      , "long"      union
select "eisenhower" , "short"     union
select "fillmore"   , "curly"    union
select "grover"     , "short"    union
select "herbert"    , "curly";

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

Select the parents of curly-furred dogs

```
select parent from parents, dogs
where child = name and fur = "curly";
```

(Demo)



Aliases and Dot Expressions

Joining a Table with Itself

Two tables may share a column name; dot expressions and aliases disambiguate column values

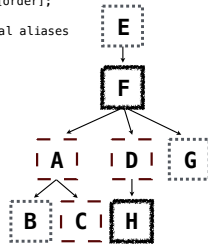
```
select [columns] from [table] where [condition] order by [order];
```

[table] is a comma-separated list of table names with optional aliases

Select all pairs of siblings

```
select a.child as first, b.child as second
from parents as a, parents as b
where a.parent = b.parent and a.child < b.child;
```

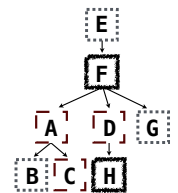
| First | Second |
|---------|---------|
| barack | clinton |
| abraham | delano |
| abraham | grover |
| delano | grover |



Example: Grandparents

Which select statement evaluates to all grandparent, grandchild pairs?

- select a.grandparent, b.child from parents as a, parents as b where b.parent = a.child;
- select a.parent, b.child from parents as a, parents as b where a.parent = b.child;
- select a.parent, b.child from parents as a, parents as b where b.parent = a.child;
- select a.grandparent, b.child from parents as a, parents as b where a.parent = b.child;
- None of the above



Joining Multiple Tables

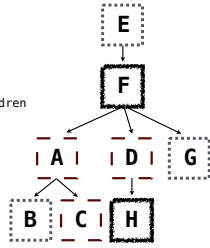
Multiple tables can be joined to yield all combinations of rows from each

```
create table grandparents as
select a.parent as granddog, 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 granddog from grandparents, dogs as c, dogs as d
where granddog = c.name and
granpup = d.name and
c.fur = d.fur;
```



Example: Dog Triples

Fall 2014 Quiz Question (Slightly Modified)

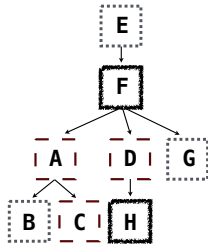
Write a SQL query that selects all possible combinations of three different dogs with the same fur and lists each triple in inverse alphabetical order

```
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)