

Introduction to SQL

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session 2

recap

the SELECT command

The **SELECT** statement is used to pull information from a table.

```
SELECT what_to_select
FROM which_table
WHERE conditions_to_satisfy;
```

what_to_select indicates what you want to see. This can be a list of columns, or * to indicate "all columns."

which_table indicates the table from which you want to retrieve data.

The **WHERE** clause is optional. If it is present, *conditions_to_satisfy* specifies one or more conditions that rows must satisfy to qualify for retrieval.

exercise

- list complete table pet
- list the column 'owner'
- list the columns 'name' and 'owner'
- list rows where 'name' is 'Bowser'
- list rows where name is Bowser or Claws
- list the columns name and owner in rows where name is Bowser or Claws
 - which animals were born during or after 1998
 - list all female dogs
 - list all male cats and female dogs

exercise

- list complete table: `select * from pet;`
- list the column 'owner': `select owner from pet;`
- list the columns 'name' and 'owner': `select name, owner from pet;`
- list rows where 'name' is 'Bowser': `select * from pet WHERE name = 'Bowser';`
- list rows where name is Bowser or Claws: `select * from pet WHERE name = 'Bowser' or name = 'Claws';`
- list the columns name and owner in rows where name is Bowser or Claws: `select name, owner from pet WHERE name = 'Bowser' or name = 'Claws';`

exercises

list all female dogs

```
sql> SELECT * FROM pet WHERE species = 'dog' AND sex = 'f';
```

name	owner	species	sex	birth	death
Buffy	Harold	dog	f	1989-05-13	NULL

1 row in set (0.00 sec)

exercises

list all male cats and female dogs

```
sql> SELECT * FROM pet WHERE (species = 'cat' AND sex = 'm')  
OR (species = 'dog' AND sex = 'f');
```

name	owner	species	sex	birth	death
Claws	Gwen	cat	m	1994-03-17	NULL
Buffy	Harold	dog	f	1989-05-13	NULL

2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

Sorting rows

Sorting Rows

List animal names and birthdays, sorted by date

```
sql> SELECT name, birth FROM pet ORDER BY  
birth;
```

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name	birth
Buffy	1989-05-13
Bowser	1989-08-31
Fluffy	1993-02-04
Claws	1994-03-17
Puffball	1999-03-30

5 rows in set (0.08 sec)

Sorting Rows

List in descending order:

```
sql> SELECT name, birth FROM pet ORDER BY birth  
DESC;
```

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```

```
+-----+-----+
| name   | birth   |
+-----+-----+
| Puffball | 1999-03-30 |
| Claws   | 1994-03-17 |
| Fluffy  | 1993-02-04 |
| Bowser  | 1989-08-31 |
| Buffy   | 1989-05-13 |
+-----+-----+
```

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-> ORDER BY species, birth DESC;
```

```
+-----+-----+-----+
| name   | species | birth   |
+-----+-----+-----+
| Claws   | cat     | 1994-03-17 |
| Fluffy  | cat     | 1993-02-04 |
| Bowser  | dog     | 1989-08-31 |
| Buffy   | dog     | 1989-05-13 |
| Puffball | hamster | 1999-03-30 |
+-----+-----+-----+
```

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    1 <> NULL or
    1 < NULL or
    1 > NULL or
    NULL = NULL;
```

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NULL or 1 < NULL or 1 > NULL or NULL = NULL;
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```
COUNT(*)
-----
0
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Use the **IS NULL** and **IS NOT NULL** operators!!!

```
SQL> select name from pet where death is null;
```

```
NAME
-----
Puffball
Fluffy
Claws
Buffy
```

Working with NULL Values

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```
SQL> select name from pet where death is not null;
```

```
NAME
-----
Bowser
```

Working with more than one table

loading the event table

- execute
SQL> @/ubfs/myfiles/b/i/bittner3/ubuntu/GIS-design/pet_event.sql;
- you can find the file pet_event.sql on ublearns.

list the event table.

```
sql> select * from event;
```

```
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| name  | date      | type  | remark  |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Fluffy | 1995-05-15 | litter | 4 kittens, 3 female, 1 male |
| Buffy  | 1993-06-23 | litter | 5 puppies, 2 female, 3 male |
| Buffy  | 1994-06-19 | litter | 3 puppies, 3 female |
| Chirpy | 1999-03-21 | vet    | needed beak straightened |
| Slim   | 1997-08-03 | vet    | broken rib |
| Bowser | 1991-10-12 | kennel | |
| Fang   | 1991-10-12 | kennel | |
| Fang   | 1998-08-28 | birthday | Gave him a new chew toy |
| Claws  | 1998-03-17 | birthday | Gave him a new flea collar |
| Whistler | 1998-12-09 | birthday | First birthday |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

Queries using two tables

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inner join

- The query uses an **INNER JOIN** to combine the tables.
- An **INNER JOIN** allows for rows from either table to appear in the result if and only if both tables meet the conditions specified in the **ON** clause.
- In this example, the **ON** clause specifies that the **name** column in the **pet** table must match the **name** column in the **event** table.
- If a name appears in one table but not the other, the row will not appear in the result because the condition in the **ON** clause fails.

Queries using two tables

- Suppose that you want to find out the ages at which each pet had its litters.
- The litter date of the mother is in the **event** table, but to calculate her age on that date you need her birth date, which is stored in the **pet** table.
- This means the query requires both tables

Queries using two tables

tablename.attributename

```
SELECT  
pet.name,  
(to_char(edate, 'YYYY')-to_char(birth, 'YYYY')) AS age,  
remark  
FROM pet INNER JOIN event ON pet.name = event.name  
WHERE event.type = 'litter';
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```

name	age	remark
Fluffy	2	4 kittens, 3 female, 1 male
Buffy	4	5 puppies, 2 female, 3 male
Buffy	5	3 puppies, 3 female

The country database

Create and fill the following database tables:

COUNTRY	Name	Cont	Pop (millions)	GDP (billions)	Life-Exp	Shape
	Canada	NAM	30.1	658.0	77.08	Polygonid-1
	Mexico	NAM	107.5	694.3	69.36	Polygonid-2
	Brazil	SAM	183.3	1004.0	65.60	Polygonid-3
	Cuba	NAM	11.7	16.9	75.95	Polygonid-4
	USA	NAM	270.0	8003.0	75.75	Polygonid-5
	Argentina	SAM	36.3	348.2	70.75	Polygonid-6

(a) Country

CITY	Name	Country	Pop (millions)	Capital	Shape
	Havana	Cuba	2.1	Y	Pointid-1
	Washington, D.C.	USA	3.2	Y	Pointid-2
	Monterrey	Mexico	2.0	N	Pointid-3
	Toronto	Canada	3.4	N	Pointid-4
	Brasilia	Brazil	1.5	Y	Pointid-5
	Rosario	Argentina	1.1	N	Pointid-6
	Ottawa	Canada	0.8	Y	Pointid-7
	Mexico City	Mexico	14.1	Y	Pointid-8
	Buenos Aires	Argentina	10.75	Y	Pointid-9

(b) City

RIVER	Name	Origin	Length (kilometers)	Shape
	Rio Parana	Brazil	2600	LineStringid-1
	St. Lawrence	USA	1200	LineStringid-2
	Rio Grande	USA	3000	LineStringid-3
	Mississippi	USA	6000	LineStringid-4

(c) River