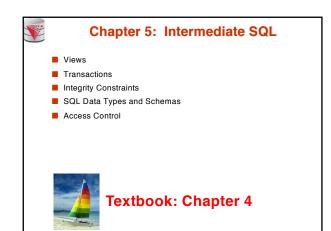


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Views

- In some cases, it is not desirable for all users to see the entire logical model (that is, all the actual relations stored in the database.)
- Consider a person who needs to know an instructors name and department, but not the salary. This person should see a relation described, in SQL, by

select ID, name, dept_name from instructor

- A view provides a mechanism to hide certain data from the view of certain users.
- Any relation that is not of the conceptual model but is made visible to a user as a "virtual relation" is called a view.

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View Definition

A view is defined using the create view statement which has the form

create view v as < query expression >

where <query expression> is any legal SQL expression. The view name is represented by $\emph{v}.$

- Once a view is defined, the view name can be used to refer to the virtual relation that the view generates.
- View definition is not the same as creating a new relation by evaluating the query expression
 - Rather, a view definition causes the saving of an expression; the expression is substituted into queries using the view.

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Example Views

- A view of instructors without their salary
 - create view faculty as select ID, name, dept_name
- Find all instructors in the Biology department select name from faculty
- where dept_name = 'Biology'
- Create a view of department salary totals
 - create view departments_total_salary(dept_name, total_salary) as
 select dept_name, sum (salary)
 from instructor
 - group by dept_name;

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Views Defined Using Other Views

■ create view physics_fall_2009 as

select course.course_id, sec_id, building, room_number from course, section

where course.course_id = section.course_id

and course.dept_name = 'Physics'
and section.semester = 'Fall'

and section.year = '2009';

■ create view physics_fall_2009_watson as

select course_id, room_number

from physics_fall_2009
where building= 'Watson';

where building = watson

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View Expansion

Expand use of a view in a query/another view

create view physics_fall_2009_watson as
(select course_id, room_number
from (select course_course_id, building, room_number
from course, section
where course.course_id = section.course_id
and course.dept_name = 'Physics'
and section.semester = 'Fall'
and section.year = '2009')
where building=' 'Watson';

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Views Defined Using Other Views

- One view may be used in the expression defining another view
- A view relation v₁ is said to depend directly on a view relation v₂ if v₂ is used in the expression defining v₁
- A view relation v₁ is said to depend on view relation v₂ if either v₁ depends directly to v₂ or there is a path of dependencies from v₁ to v₂
- A view relation v is said to be recursive if it depends on itself.

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View Expansion

- A way to define the meaning of views defined in terms of other views
- Let view v₁ be defined by an expression e₁ that may itself contain uses of view relations.
- View expansion of an expression repeats the following replacement step:

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Find any view relation v_i in e_1

Replace the view relation v_i by the expression defining v_i until no more view relations are present in e_1

 As long as the view definitions are not recursive, this loop will terminate

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Update of a View

Add a new tuple to faculty view which we defined earlier insert into faculty values ('30765', 'Green', 'Music');

This insertion must be represented by the insertion of the tuple ('30765', 'Green', 'Music', null) into the *instructor* relation

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Some Updates cannot be Translated Uniquely

- create view instructor_info as
 - select ID, name, building

from instructor, department

where instructor.dept_name= department.dept_name;

- insert into instructor_info values ('69987', 'White', 'Taylor');
 - which department, if multiple departments in Taylor?
 - what if no department is in Taylor?
- Most SQL implementations allow updates only on simple views
 - The from clause has only one database relation.
 - The select clause contains only attribute names of the relation, and does not have any expressions, aggregates, or distinct specification.
 - Any attribute not listed in the select clause can be set to null
 - The query does not have a group by or having clause.

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And Some Not at All

■ create view history_instructors as

select * from instructor

where dept_name= 'History';

What happens if we insert ('25566', 'Brown', 'Biology', 100000) into history_instructors?

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Materialized Views

- Materializing a view: create a physical table containing all the tuples in the result of the query defining the view
- If relations used in the query are updated, the materialized view result becomes out of date
 - Need to maintain the view, by updating the view whenever the underlying relations are updated.

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Transactions

- Unit of work
- Atomic transaction
 - either fully executed or rolled back as if it never occurred
- Isolation from concurrent transactions
- Transactions begin implicitly
 - Ended by commit work or rollback work
- But default on most databases: each SQL statement commits automatically
 - Can turn off auto commit for a session (e.g. using API)
 - In SQL:1999, can use: begin atomic end
 - Not supported on most databases

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Transactions Example

- Example Atomicity (all-or-nothing)
 - Recall example from the introduction
 - Relation accounts (accID, cust, type, balance)
 - A user want to transfer \$100 from his savings (accID = 100) to his checking account (accID= 101)

UPDATE accounts **SET** balance = balance - 100 **WHERE** accID = 100; **UPDATE** accounts **SET** balance = balance + 100 **WHERE** accID = 101;

- This can cause inconsistencies if the system crashes after the first update (user would loose money)
- Using a transaction either both or none of the statements are executed

BEGIN

UPDATE accounts **SET** balance = balance -100 **WHERE** accID = 100;

UPDATE accounts **SET** balance = balance + 100 **WHERE** accID = 101;

COMMIT

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Transactions and Concurrency

- Transactions are also used to isolate concurrent actions of different users
- Recall from the introduction that if several users are modifying the database at the same time that can lead to inconsistencies
- More on that later once we talk about concurrency control



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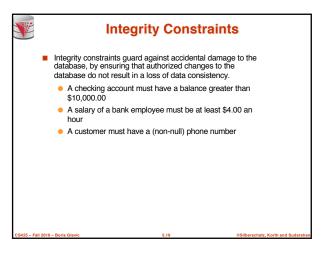
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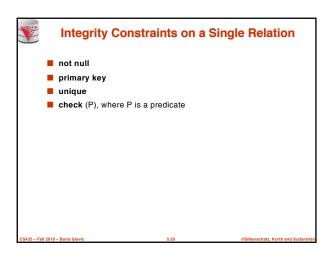
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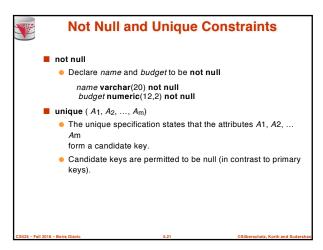
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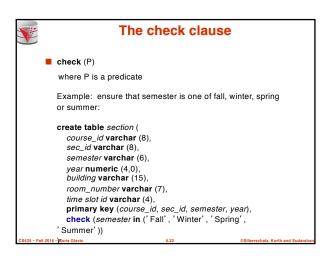
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Referential Integrity

In Ensures that a value that appears in one relation for a given set of attributes also appears for a certain set of attributes in another relation.

Example: If "Biology" is a department name appearing in one of the tuples in the instructor relation, then there exists a tuple in the department relation for "Biology".

Let A be a set of attributes. Let R and S be two relations that contain attributes A and where A is the primary key of S. A is said to be a foreign key of R if for any values of A appearing in R these values also appear in S.

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Cascading Actions in Referential Integrity

create table course (
    course_id char(5) primary key,
    title varchar(20),
    dept_name varchar(20) references department
)

create table course (
    dept_name varchar(20),
    foreign key (dept_name) references department
    on delete cascade
    on update cascade,
    ...
)

alternative actions to cascade: set null, set default
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