Introduction to SQL Programming Techniques

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The Six Phases of a Project:
- Enthusiasm
- Disillusionment
- Panic
- Search for the Guilty
- Punishment of the Innocent
- Praise for non-participants

Part I: PHP and MySQL
Architectures for Database Access

- **Client-Server Architectures**
  - **Client tasks:**
    - Provide a way for users to submit queries
    - Run applications that use the results of queries
    - Display results of queries
  - **Server tasks:**
    - Implement a data manipulation language that can directly access and update the database

- A two-tier system has clients that are connected directly to the server

- Problems with a two-tier system:
  - Because the relative power of clients has grown considerably, we could shift processing to the client, but then keeping all clients current with application updates is difficult.

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A solution to the problems of two-tier systems is to add a component in the middle
  - Create a three-tier system

For Web-based database access, the middle tier can run applications (client just gets results)
Architectures for Database Access

- **Microsoft Access Architecture**
  - A tool to access any common database structure
  - Use either the Jet database engine, or go through the Open Database Connectivity (ODBC) standard
  - ODBC is an API for a set of objects and methods that are an interface to different databases
- **Database vendors provide ODBC drivers for their products**
  - The drivers implement the ODBC objects and methods
  - An application can include SQL statements that work for any database for which a driver is available

Architectures for Database Access

- **PHP & Database Access**
  - An API for each specific database system
  - Also convenient for Web access to databases, because PHP is run on the Web server
- **The Java JDBC Architecture**
  - Related to both embedded languages and to ODBC
  - JDBC is a standard protocol that can be implemented as a driver for any database system
  - JDBC allows SQL to be embedded in Java applications, applets, and servlets
  - JDBC has the advantage of portability over embedded SQL
  - A JDBC application will work with any database system for which there is a JDBC driver
Database Access with PHP/MySQL

- mysqli or pdo?
  - PDO works with different database systems
  - mysqli works with MySQL databases
- mysqli provides both object-oriented and procedural interfaces.

To connect PHP to a database, use mysqli_connect, which can have three parameters:
  - host (default is localhost)
  - Username (default is the username of the PHP script)
  - Password (default is blank, which works if the database does not require a password)
  - $db = mysqli_connect() is usually checked for failure
    
    ```php
    if ($conn->connect_error) {
      die("Connection failed: " . $conn->connect_error);
    }
    ```

- Sever the connection to the database with mysqli_close
Putting Content into Your Database with PHP

- Connect to the database server and login
  - `mysqli_connect("host","username","password");`
- Choose the database
  - `mysqli_select_db("database");`
- Choose the database
  - `mysqli_select_db("database");`
- Close the connection to the database server
  - `mysqli_close();`

Database Access with PHP/MySQL

- To focus MySQL,
  - `mysqli_select_db("Guests");`
- Requesting MySQL Operations
  - Call `mysqli_query` with a string parameter, which is an SQL command

```php
$query = "SELECT * from MyGuests";
$result = mysqli_query($conn, $query);
```
Database Access with PHP/MySQL

- Dealing with the result:
  - Get the number of rows in the result
    \[
    \text{num\_rows} = \text{mysqli\_num\_rows}($\text{result});
    \]
  - Get the rows with `mysqli\_fetch\_array`
    ```
    \text{for ($row\_num = 0; $row\_num < \text{num\_rows}; $row\_num++) { }
    \text{$row = \text{mysqli\_fetch\_assoc}($\text{result});}
    \text{print "<p> Result row number" . ($row\_num + 1) . 
    " State\_id: ";
    \text{print htmlspecialchars($row["State\_id"]);}
    \text{print "State: ";}
    \text{etc.}
    ```

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Part II: Python MySQL

https://www.w3schools.com/python/python_mysql_getstarted.asp
Python MySQL

- Install MySQL Driver
  Use pip or pip3: `pip3 install mysql-connector`

- Test MySQL Connector
  ```python
  import mysql.connector
  ```

- Establish a Connection
  ```python
  mydb = mysql.connector.connect(  
    host="localhost",  
    user="yourusername",  
    passwd="yourpassword"
  )
  print(mydb)
  mycursor = mydb.cursor()
  ```

Database Manipulation

- Create a Database
  ```python
  mycursor.execute("CREATE DATABASE mydatabase")
  ```

- Check if database exists
  ```python
  mycursor.execute("SHOW DATABASES")
  ```

- Create a Table
  ```python
  mycursor.execute("CREATE TABLE customers (name VARCHAR(255), address VARCHAR(255))")
  mycursor.execute("CREATE TABLE customers (id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY, name VARCHAR(255), address VARCHAR(255))")
  ```

- Alter Table
  ```python
  mycursor.execute("ALTER TABLE customers ADD COLUMN id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY")
  ```
Database Manipulation

- **Select**
  ```python
  mycursor.execute("SELECT * FROM customers")
  myresult = mycursor.fetchall()
  ```

- **Where**
  ```python
  sql = "SELECT * FROM customers WHERE address = 'Park Lane 38'"
  mycursor.execute(sql)
  myresult = mycursor.fetchall()
  ```

- **Insert**
  ```python
  sql = "INSERT INTO customers (name, address) VALUES (%s, %s)"
  val = ("John", "Highway 21")
  mycursor.execute(sql, val)
  mydb.commit()
  print(mycursor.rowcount, "record inserted.")
  ```

- **Join**
  ```python
  sql = "SELECT 
  users.name AS user, 
  products.name AS favorite 
  FROM users 
  INNER JOIN products ON users.fav = products.id"
  mycursor.execute(sql)
  myresult = mycursor.fetchall()
  for x in myresult:
    print(x)
  ```
Part III: Stored Procedures

Stored Procedures in MySQL

- A stored procedure contains a sequence of SQL commands stored in the database catalog so that it can be invoked later by a program.

- Stored procedures are declared using the following syntax:
  
  ```sql
  Create Procedure <proc-name>
  (param_spec1, param_spec2, …, param_specn)
  begin
  -- execution code
  end;
  
  ```

  where each param_spec is of the form:
  
  ```sql
  [in | out | inout] <param_name> <param_type>
  ```

  - in mode: allows you to pass values into the procedure,
  - out mode: allows you to pass value back from procedure to the calling program.
Example

Suppose we want to keep track of the total salaries of employees working for each department.

```sql
mysql> create table deptsal as
    -> select dnumber, 0 as totalsalary from department;

Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.00 sec)
Records: 3  Duplicates: 0  Warnings: 0
```

```sql
mysql> select * from deptsal;
+----------+-----------------
| dnumber  | totalsalary    |
+----------+-----------------|
| 1        | 0               |
| 2        | 0               |
| 3        | 0               |
+----------+-----------------+
```

We need to write a procedure to update the salaries in the deptsal table.

Example

Step 1:

Change the delimiter (i.e., terminating character) of SQL statement from semicolon (;) to something else (e.g., //) So that you can distinguish between the semicolon of the SQL statements in the procedure and the terminating character of the procedure definition.
Step 2:
1. Define a procedure called updateSalary which takes as input a department number.
2. The body of the procedure is an SQL command to update the totalsalary column of the deptsal table.
3. Terminate the procedure definition using the delimiter you had defined in step 1 (//)

Example

```
Example

mysql> delimiter //
mysql> create procedure updateSalary (IN param1 int)
    -> begin
    ->   update deptsal
    ->   set totalsalary = (select sum(salary) from employee where dno = param1)
    ->   where dnumber = param1;
    -> end; //
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

Step 3: Change the delimiter back to semicolon (;)
**Example**

```sql
mysql> call updateSalary(1);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> call updateSalary(2);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> call updateSalary(3);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

**Step 4:** Call the procedure to update the totalsalary for each department

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**Example**

```sql
mysql> select * from deptsal;
+------------+------------+
| dnumber | totalsalary |
|----------+------------|
|        1 | 100000     |
|        2 | 50000      |
|        3 | 130000     |
+------------+------------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

**Step 5:** Show the updated total salary in the deptsal table
Stored Procedures in MySQL

- Use `show procedure status` to display the list of stored procedures you have created

```
mysql> show procedure status;
+-------+-------------------+------------------+----------------+-------------+------------------+------------------+
| Db    | Name              | Type             | Definition      | Security     | Comment          | collation_connection |
+-------+-------------------+------------------+----------------+-------------+------------------+------------------+
| plan  | updateSalary@     | PROCEDURE         | plan0           | DEFINER     | latin_swedish_ci | latin_swedish_ci |
|       |                   |                  | plan0           | DEFINER     | latin_swedish_ci | latin_swedish_ci |
+-------+-------------------+------------------+----------------+-------------+------------------+------------------+
1 row in set (0.02 sec)
```

```
mysql> drop procedure updateSalary;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

- Use drop procedure to remove a stored procedure

Stored Procedures in MySQL

- You can declare variables in stored procedures

- You can use flow control statements (conditional IF-THEN-ELSE or loops such as WHILE and REPEAT)

- MySQL also supports cursors in stored procedures.
  - A cursor is used to iterate through a set of rows returned by a query so that we can process each individual row.

- To learn more about stored procedures, go to: [http://www.mysqltutorial.org/mysql-stored-procedure-tutorial.aspx](http://www.mysqltutorial.org/mysql-stored-procedure-tutorial.aspx)
Part IV: JDBC and SQLJ

SQL in Application Code

- SQL commands can be called from within a host language (e.g., C++ or Java) program.
  - SQL statements can refer to host variables (including special variables used to return status).
  - Must include a statement to connect to the right database.
- Two main integration approaches:
  - Embed SQL in the host language (Embedded SQL, SQLJ)
  - Create special API to call SQL commands (JDBC)
Database API Approaches

- JDBC is a collection of Java classes and interface that enables database access
- JDBC contains methods for
  - connecting to a remote data source,
  - executing SQL statements,
  - receiving SQL results
  - transaction management, and
  - exception handling
- The classes and interfaces are part of the java.sql package

Advantage of API Approach

Applications using ODBC or JDBC are DBMS-independent at the source code level and at the level of the executable.

This is achieved by introducing an extra level of indirection

- A DBMS-specific “driver” traps the calls and translates them into DBMS-specific code
Driver Manager

Drivers are registered with a driver manager
- Drivers are loaded dynamically on demand
- The application can access several different DBMS’s simultaneously

JDBC: Architecture

Four architectural components:
- Application (initiates and terminates connections, submits SQL statements)
- Driver manager (loads JDBC driver and passes function calls)
- Driver (connects to data source, transmits requests and returns/translation results and error codes)
- Data source (processes SQL statements)
JDBC Classes and Interfaces

Steps to submit a database query:

1. Load the JDBC driver
2. Connect to the data source
3. Execute SQL statements

JDBC Driver Management

- **DriverManager class:**
  - Maintains a list of currently loaded drivers
  - Has methods to enable dynamic addition and deletion of drivers

- **Two ways of loading a JDBC driver:**
  1. In the Java code:
     ```java
     Class.forName("oracle/jdbc.driver.OracleDriver");
     /* This method loads an instance of the driver class */
     
     2. Enter at command line when starting the Java application:
        ```
        -Djdbc.drivers=oracle/jdbc.driver
        ```
**JDBC Steps**

1) Importing Packages
2) Registering the JDBC Drivers
3) Opening a Connection to a Database
4) Creating a Statement Object
5) Executing a Query and Returning a Result Set Object
6) Processing the Result Set
7) Closing the Result Set and Statement Objects
8) Closing the Connection

** Executing SQL Statements **

- Three different ways of executing SQL statements:
  1. Statement (both static and dynamic SQL statements)
  2. PreparedStatement (semi-static SQL statements)
  3. CallableStatement (stored procedures)

- PreparedStatement class:
  - Used to create precompiled, **parameterized SQL statements**
    - SQL structure is fixed
    - Values of parameters are determined at run-time

- Example
  - [https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/jdbc/basics/prepared.html](https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/jdbc/basics/prepared.html)
1: Importing Packages

//Import packages
import java.sql.*;  //JDBC packages
import java.math.*;
import java.io.*;
import oracle.jdbc.driver.*;

2. Registering JDBC Drivers

class MyExample {
    public static void main (String args []) throws SQLException
    {
        // Load Oracle driver
        Class.forName("oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver")

        // Or:
        //DriverManager.registerDriver (new oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver());
3. Connections in JDBC

- We interact with a data source through sessions.
- A session is started through creation of a Connection object.
- Each connection identifies a logical session with a data source.
- Connections are specified through a URL that uses the jdbc protocol: \textit{jdbc:<subprotocol>:<otherParameters>}

\begin{example}
\begin{verbatim}
String url = "jdbc:oracle:www.bookstore.com:3083";
Connection con;
try{
    con = DriverManager.getConnection(url, userId, password);
} catch(SQLException excpt) { ... }
\end{verbatim}
\end{example}

Different drivers have slightly different URL formats – check the documentation.

3. Opening Connection to a Database

// Prompt user for username and password
String user;
String password;
user = readEntry("username: ");
password = readEntry("password: ");

// Connect to the database
Connection conn = DriverManager.getConnection("jdbc:oracle:thin:@apollo.ite.gmu.edu: 1521:ite10g", user, password);
4. Creating a Statement Object

// Suppose Books has attributes isbn, title, author, // quantity, price, year. Initial quantity is always // zero; ?’s are placeholders

String sql = “INSERT INTO Books VALUES(?,?,?,0,?,?)”;
PreparedStatement pstmt = conn.prepareStatement(sql);

// now instantiate the parameters with values. // Assume that isbn, title, etc. are Java variables // that contain the values to be inserted.

pstmt.clearParameters();
pstmt.setString(1, isbn);
pstmt.setString(2, title);
pstmt.setString(3, author);
pstmt.setFloat(5, price);
pstmt.setInt(6, year);

5. Executing a Query, Returning Result Set

6. Processing the Result Set

// The executeUpdate command is used if the SQL stmt does not return any // records (e.g. UPDATE, INSERT, ALTER, and DELETE stmts). // Returns an integer indicating the number of rows the SQL stmt modified.

int numRows = pstmt.executeUpdate();

// If the SQL statement returns data, such as in a SELECT query, we use executeQuery method

String sqlQuery = “SELECT title, price FROM Books WHERE author=?”; PreparedStatement pstmt2 = conn.prepareStatement(sqlQuery);
pstmt2.setString(1, author);
ResultSet rset = pstmt2.executeQuery();

// Print query results the (1) in getString refers to the title value, and the (2) refers to the price value

while (rset.next ())
System.out.println (rset.getString (1)+ " "+ rset.getFloat(2));
7. Closing the Result Set and Statement Objects
8. Closing the Connection

// close the result set, statement, // and the connection

rset.close();
pstmt.close();
pstmt2.close();
conn.close();
}

Connection Class Interface (1)

- void setTransactionIsolation(int level)
  Sets isolation level for the current connection
- public int getTransactionIsolation()
  Get isolation level of the current connection
- void setReadOnly(boolean b)
  Specifies whether transactions are read-only
- public boolean getReadOnly()
  Tests if transaction mode is read-only
- void setAutoCommit(boolean b)
  - If autocommit is set, then each SQL statement is considered its own transaction.
  - Otherwise, a transaction is committed using commit(), or aborted using rollback().
- public boolean getAutoCommit()
  Test if autocommit is set
Connection Class Interface (2)

- public boolean isClosed()
  Checks whether connection is still open.
- connectionname.close()
  Close the connection connectionname

PreparedStatement

String sql = "INSERT INTO Sailors VALUES(?,?,?,?)";
PreparedStatement pstmt = con.prepareStatement(sql);
pstmt.clearParameters();
pstmt.setInt(1, sid);
pstmt.setString(2, sname);
pstmt.setInt(3, rating);
pstmt.setFloat(4, age);

int numRows = pstmt.executeUpdate();
**ResultSet Example**

- PreparedStatement.executeUpdate only returns the number of affected records
- PreparedStatement.executeQuery returns data, encapsulated in a ResultSet object
  - ResultSet is similar to a cursor
  - Allows us to read one row at a time
  - Initially, the ResultSet is positioned before the first row
  - Use next() to read the next row
  - next() returns false if there are no more rows

**Common ResultSet Methods (1)**

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<td>Move to next row</td>
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<td>previous()</td>
<td>Moves back one row</td>
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<td>absolute(int num)</td>
<td>Moves to the row with the specified number</td>
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<td>relative(int num)</td>
<td>Moves forward or backward (if negative)</td>
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<td>first()</td>
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<td>Last()</td>
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Common ResultSet Methods (2)

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<td>getString(int columnIndex)</td>
<td>Retrieves the value of designated column in current row</td>
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<tr>
<td>getFloat (string columnName)</td>
<td>Retrieves the value of designated column in current row</td>
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Matching Java and SQL Data Types

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<th>Java class</th>
<th>ResultSet get method</th>
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<td>Boolean</td>
<td>getBoolean()</td>
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<td>CHAR</td>
<td>String</td>
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<td>A variable-length character string with a maximum length n</td>
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<td>DOUBLE</td>
<td>A double-precision floating point value</td>
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<td>A 32-bit signed integer value</td>
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<td>REAL</td>
<td>A high precision numeric value</td>
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<tr>
<td>DATE</td>
<td>A day/month/year value</td>
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<tr>
<td>TIME</td>
<td>A time of day (hour, minutes, second) value</td>
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<td>TIMESTAMP</td>
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SQLJ

- Embedded SQL for Java
- SQLJ is similar to existing extensions for SQL that are provided for C, FORTRAN, and other programming languages.
- IBM, Oracle, and several other companies have proposed SQLJ as a standard and as a simpler and easier-to-use alternative to JDBC.
**SQLJ**

```sql
{ ... } ;
```

- SQL can span multiple lines
- Java host expressions in SQL statement

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**SQLJ Example**

```java
String title; Float price; String author("Lee");

// declare iterator class

#sql iterator Books(String title, Float price);
Books books;

// initialize the iterator object books; sets the
// author, execute query and open the cursor

#sql books =
{SELECT title, price INTO :title, :price
 FROM Books WHERE author=:author };
// retrieve results
while(books.next()){
 System.out.println(books.title() + "," + books.price());
 books.close();
```
**JDBC Equivalent**

```java
String sqlQuery = "SELECT title, price FROM Books WHERE author=?";
PreparedStatement pstmt2 = conn.prepareStatement(sqlQuery);
pstmt2.setString(1, author);
ResultSet rset = pstmt2.executeQuery();

// Print query results. The (1) in getString refers
// to the title value, and the (2) refers to the
// price value

while (rset.next ())
  System.out.println (rset.getString (1)+ " " +
  rset.getFloat(2));
```

**SQLJ Advantage**

- Can check for program’s errors at translation-time rather than at run-time
- Can write an application that is deployable to other databases
  - SQLJ allows users to customize the static SQL for that database at deployment-time.
- Can work with a database that contains compiled SQL
  - Cannot compile SQL statements in a JDBC program.
JDBC Tutorials

- Check
  - http://java.sun.com/docs/books/tutorial/jdbc/basics/
  - http://infolab.stanford.edu/~ullman/fcdb/oracle/or-jdbc.html