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Prepared Statement

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"insert into instructor values(?,?,?,?)");
pStmt.setString(1, "88877");
pStmt.setString(3, "Finance");
pStmt.setString(2, "Perry");
pStmt.setString(1, "88878");
pStmt.executeUpdate();
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For queries, use pStmt.executeQuery(), which returns a ResultSet

WARNING: always use prepared statements when taking an input from the user and adding it to a query

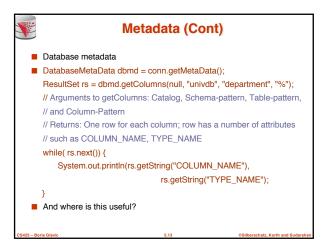
NEVER create a query by concatenating strings which you get as inputs

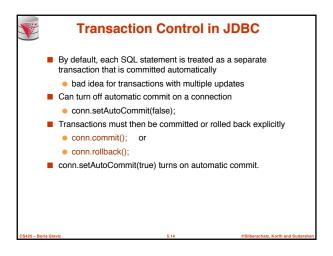
"insert into instructor values(' " + ID + " ' , ' " + name + " ' , " + dept name + " ' , " ' balance + " ' )"

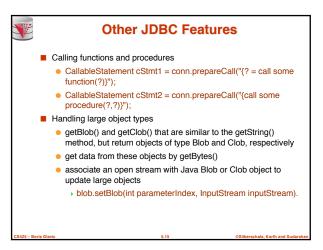
What if name is "D' Souza"?
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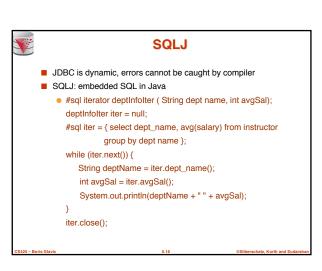
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Metadata Features

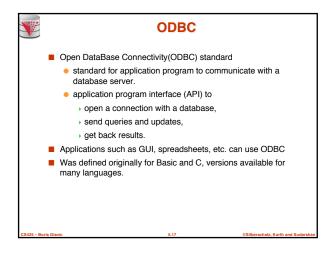
ResultSet metadata
E.g., after executing query to get a ResultSet rs:
ResultSetMetaData rsmd = rs.getMetaData();
for(int i = 1; i <= rsmd.getColumnCount(); i++) {
    System.out.println(rsmd.getColumnName(i));
    System.out.println(rsmd.getColumnTypeName(i));
}
How is this useful?
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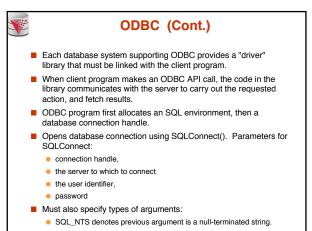












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■ int ODBC code

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{

RETCODE error;

HENV env; /* environment */

HDBC conn; /* database connection */

SQLAllocEnv(&env);

SQLAllocConnect(env, &conn);

SQLConnect(conn, "db.yale.edu", SQL_NTS, "avi", SQL_NTS,
    "avipasswd", SQL_NTS);

{ .... Do actual work ... }

SQLDisconnect(conn);

SQLFreeConnect(conn);

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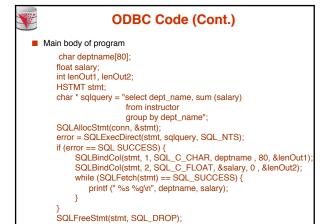
SQLFreeEnv(env);
}
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ODBC Code (Cont.)

- Program sends SQL commands to database by using SQLExecDirect
- Result tuples are fetched using SQLFetch()
- SQLBindCol() binds C language variables to attributes of the query result
 - When a tuple is fetched, its attribute values are automatically stored in corresponding C variables.
 - Arguments to SQLBindCol()
 - DDBC stmt variable, attribute position in query result
 - ▶ The type conversion from SQL to C.
 - > The address of the variable.
 - For variable-length types like character arrays.
 - The maximum length of the variable
 - Location to store actual length when a tuple is fetched.
 - Note: A negative value returned for the length field indicates null value.
- Good programming requires checking results of every function call for errors; we have omitted most checks for brevity.

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ODBC Prepared Statements

■ Prepared Statement

- SQL statement prepared: compiled at the database
- Can have placeholders: E.g. insert into account values(?,?,?)
- Repeatedly executed with actual values for the placeholders
- To prepare a statement SQLPrepare(stmt, <SQL String>);
- To bind parameters
 - SQLBindParameter(stmt, <parameter#>,
 - ... type information and value omitted for simplicity..)
- To execute the statement
 - retcode = SQLExecute(stmt);
- To avoid SQL injection security risk, do not create SQL strings directly using user input; instead use prepared statements to bind user inputs

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More ODBC Features

- Metadata features
 - finding all the relations in the database and
 - finding the names and types of columns of a query result or a relation in the database.
- By default, each SQL statement is treated as a separate transaction that is committed automatically.
 - Can turn off automatic commit on a connection
 - $\qquad \qquad \textbf{SQLSetConnectOption} (conn, \, \textbf{SQL_AUTOCOMMIT}, \, \textbf{0}) \}$
 - Transactions must then be committed or rolled back explicitly by
 - > SQLTransact(conn, SQL_COMMIT) or
 - → SQLTransact(conn, SQL_ROLLBACK)

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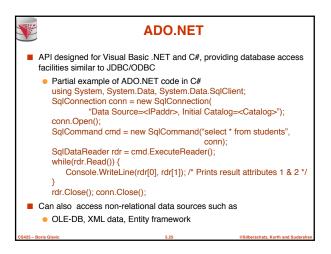
ODBC Conformance Levels

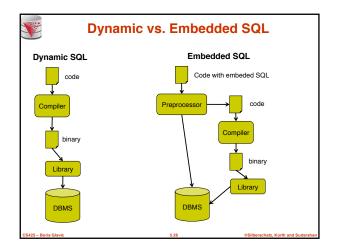
- Conformance levels specify subsets of the functionality defined by the standard.
 - Core
 - Level 1 requires support for metadata querying
 - Level 2 requires ability to send and retrieve arrays of parameter values and more detailed catalog information.
- SQL Call Level Interface (CLI) standard similar to ODBC interface, but with some minor differences.

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Embedded SQL

- The SQL standard defines embeddings of SQL in a variety of programming languages such as C, Java, and Cobol.
- A language to which SQL queries are embedded is referred to as a host language, and the SQL structures permitted in the host language comprise embedded SQL.
- The basic form of these languages follows that of the System R embedding of SQL into PL/I.
- EXEC SQL statement is used to identify embedded SQL request to the preprocessor

EXEC SQL <embedded SQL statement > END_EXEC

Note: this varies by language (for example, the Java embedding uses $\# \, SQL \, \{ \, \dots \, \}; \,)$

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Example Query

- From within a host language, find the ID and name of students who have completed more than the number of credits stored in variable credit_amount.
- Specify the query in SQL and declare a cursor for it EXEC SQL

declare c cursor for select ID. name

from student
where tot cred > :credit amount

END_EXEC

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Embedded SQL (Cont.)

- The open statement causes the query to be evaluated EXEC SQL open c END EXEC
- The fetch statement causes the values of one tuple in the query result to be placed on host language variables.

EXEC SQL fetch c into :si, :sn END_EXEC
Repeated calls to fetch get successive tuples in the query result

- A variable called SQLSTATE in the SQL communication area (SQLCA) gets set to '02000' to indicate no more data is
- The **close** statement causes the database system to delete the temporary relation that holds the result of the query.

EXEC SQL close c END_EXEC

Note: above details vary with language. For example, the Java embedding defines Java iterators to step through result tuples.

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Updates Through Cursors

 Can update tuples fetched by cursor by declaring that the cursor is for update

 $\mathbf{declare}\; c\, \mathbf{cursor}\; \mathbf{for}$

select *
from instructor

where dept_name = 'Music'

for update

lacktriangle To update tuple at the current location of cursor c

update instructor set salary = salary + 100 where current of c

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Procedural Constructs in SQL

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Procedural Extensions and Stored Procedures

- SQL provides a module language
 - Permits definition of procedures in SQL, with if-then-else statements, for and while loops, etc.
- Stored Procedures
 - Can store procedures in the database
 - then execute them using the call statement
 - permit external applications to operate on the database without knowing about internal details
- Object-oriented aspects of these features are covered in Chapter 22 (Object Based Databases) in the textbook

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Why have procedural extensions?

- Shipping data between a database server and application program (e.g., through network connection) is costly
- Converting data from the database internal format into a format understood by the application programming language is costly
- Example:
 - Use Java to retrieve all users and their friend-relationships from a friends relation representing a world-wide social network with 10,000,000 users
 - Compute the transitive closure
 - All pairs of users connects through a path of friend relationships.
 E.g., (Peter, Magret) if Peter is a friend of Walter who is a friend of Magret
 - Return pairs of users from Chicago say 4000 pairs
 - 1) cannot be expressed (efficiently) as SQL query, 2) result is small
 - -> save by executing this on the DB server

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Functions and Procedures

- SQL:1999 supports functions and procedures
 - Functions/procedures can be written in SQL itself, or in an external programming language.
 - Functions are particularly useful with specialized data types such as images and geometric objects.
 - Example: functions to check if polygons overlap, or to compare images for similarity.
 - Some database systems support table-valued functions, which can return a relation as a result.
- SQL:1999 also supports a rich set of imperative constructs, including
 - Loops, if-then-else, assignment
- Many databases have proprietary procedural extensions to SQL that differ from SQL:1999.

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SQL Functions

■ Define a function that, given the name of a department, returns the count of the number of instructors in that department.

create function dept_count (dept_name varchar(20))
returns integer

begin

declare d_count integer;

select count (*) into d_count from instructor

where instructor.dept_name = dept_name;

return d_count; end

■ Find the department name and budget of all departments with more that 12 instructors.

select dept_name, budget
from department
where dept_count (dept_name) > 1

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Table Functions

- SQL:2003 added functions that return a relation as a result
- Example: Return all accounts owned by a given customer

 $\textbf{create function} \textit{ instructors_of (dept_name \textbf{char}(20)}$

returns table (*ID* varchar(5), name varchar(20).

dept_name varchar(20), salary numeric(8,2))

return table

(select ID, name, dept_name, salary

from instructor

where instructor.dept_name = instructors_of.dept_name)

Usage

select *

from table (instructors_of ('Music'))

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SQL Procedures

The dept_count function could instead be written as procedure: create procedure dept_count_proc (in dept_name varchar(20), out d count integer)

begin

select count(*) into d_count from instructor

where instructor.dept_name = dept_count_proc.dept_name

Procedures can be invoked either from an SQL procedure or from embedded SQL, using the call statement.

declare d_count integer;
call dept_count_proc('Physics', d_count);

Procedures and functions can be invoked also from dynamic SQL

 SQL:1999 allows more than one function/procedure of the same name (called name overloading), as long as the number of arguments differ, or at least the types of the arguments differ

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Procedural Constructs

- Warning: most database systems implement their own variant of the standard syntax below
 - read your system manual to see what works on your system
- Compound statement: begin ... end,
 - May contain multiple SQL statements between begin and end.
 - Local variables can be declared within a compound statements
- While and repeat statements :

declare *n* integer default 0; while *n* < 10 do set *n* = *n* + 1

end while

repeat

 $\mathbf{set}\ n=n-1$

until n = 0 end repeat

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Procedural Constructs (Cont.)

- For loop
 - Permits iteration over all results of a query
 - Example:

declare n integer default 0; for r as select budget from department where dept_name = 'Music' do set n = n - r.budget end for

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Procedural Constructs (cont.)

- Conditional statements (if-then-else)
 SQL:1999 also supports a case statement similar to C case statement
- Example procedure: registers student after ensuring classroom capacity is not exceeded
 - Returns 0 on success and -1 if capacity is exceeded
 - See book for details
- Signaling of exception conditions, and declaring handlers for exceptions

declare out_of_classroom_seats condition declare exit handler for out_of_classroom_seats begin

... signal out_of_classroom_seats

- The handler here is exit -- causes enclosing begin..end to be exited
- Other actions possible on exception

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External Language Functions/Procedures

- SQL:1999 permits the use of functions and procedures written in other languages such as C or C++
- Declaring external language procedures and functions

create procedure dept_count_proc(in dept_name varchar(20), out count integer)

language C

external name ' /usr/avi/bin/dept_count_proc'

create function dept_count(dept_name varchar(20))
returns integer
language C

external name '/usr/avi/bin/dept_count'

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External Language Routines (Cont.)

- Benefits of external language functions/procedures:
 - more efficient for many operations, and more expressive power.
- Drawbacks
 - Code to implement function may need to be loaded into database system and executed in the database system's address space.
 - → risk of accidental corruption of database structures
 - > security risk, allowing users access to unauthorized data
 - There are alternatives, which give good security at the cost of potentially worse performance.
 - Direct execution in the database system's space is used when efficiency is more important than security.

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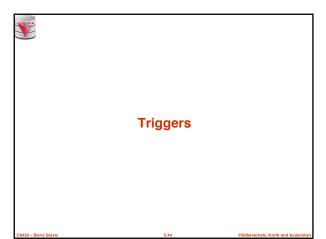
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Security with External Language Routines

- To deal with security problems
 - Use sandbox techniques
 - E.g., use a safe language like Java, which cannot be used to access/damage other parts of the database code.
 - Or, run external language functions/procedures in a separate process, with no access to the database process' memory.
 - Parameters and results communicated via inter-process communication
- Both have performance overheads
- Many database systems support both above approaches as well as direct executing in database system address space.





Triggers

- A trigger is a statement that is executed automatically by the system as a side effect of a modification to the
- To design a trigger mechanism, we must:
 - Specify the conditions under which the trigger is to be
 - Specify the actions to be taken when the trigger executes.
- Triggers introduced to SQL standard in SQL:1999, but supported even earlier using non-standard syntax by
 - Syntax illustrated here may not work exactly on your database system; check the system manuals



Trigger Example

- E.g. time_slot_id is not a primary key of timeslot, so we cannot create a foreign key constraint from section to timeslot.
- Alternative: use triggers on section and timeslot to enforce integrity constraints

create trigger timeslot_check1 after insert on section referencing new row as nrow for each row

when (nrow.time_slot_id not in (

select time_slot_id

from time_slot)) /* time_slot_id not present in time_slot */

begin rollback

end:



Trigger Example Cont.

create trigger timeslot_check2 after delete on timeslot referencing old row as orow for each row

when (orow.time_slot_id not in (

select time_slot_id
from time_slot)

* last tuple for time slot id deleted from time slot */

and orow.time_slot_id in (

from section)) /* and time_slot_id still referenced from section*/

begin

rollback

end:

Triggering Events and Actions in SQL

- Triggering event can be insert, delete or update
- Triggers on update can be restricted to specific attributes
 - E.g., after update of takes on grade
- Values of attributes before and after an update can be
 - referencing old row as : for deletes and updates
 - referencing new row as : for inserts and updates
- Triggers can be activated before an event, which can serve as extra constraints. E.g. convert blank grades to null.

create trigger setnull_trigger before update of takes referencing new row as nrow for each row when (nrow.grade = '') begin atomic

set nrow.grade = null; end:

