Introduction to Database Systems
CSE 444

Lecture 4: Views and Constraints
Outline

- **Views**: Sections 8.1, 8.2, 8.3
- **Constraints**: Sections 2.3, 7.1, 7.2
- Won’t discuss updates! In sections…
Views

Views are relations, except that they might not be physically stored.

For presenting different information to different users:

Employee(ssn, name, department, project, salary)

```
CREATE VIEW Developers AS
    SELECT name, project
    FROM Employee
    WHERE department = 'Development'
```

Can give Payroll access to Employee, others only to Developers.
Example

Purchase(customer, product, store)
Product(pname, price)

CREATE VIEW CustomerPrice AS
    SELECT x.customer, y.price
    FROM Purchase x, Product y
    WHERE x.product = y.pname

CustomerPrice(customer, price)  
“virtual table”
Example

Purchase(customer, product, store)
Product(pname, price)

CustomerPrice(customer, price)

We can later use the view just like any other relation:

```
SELECT DISTINCT u.customer, v.store
FROM CustomerPrice u, Purchase v
WHERE u.customer = v.customer AND u.price > 100
```
Types of Views

- **Virtual views**
  - Used in databases
  - Computed only on-demand – slow at runtime
  - Always up to date

- **Materialized views**
  - Used in data warehouses
  - Pre-computed offline – fast at runtime
  - May have stale data
  - Indexes are materialized views (read book)
Queries Over Views: Query Modification

View:

CREATE VIEW CustomerPrice AS
SELECT x.customer, y.price
FROM Purchase x, Product y
WHERE x.product = y.pname

Query:

SELECT DISTINCT u.customer, v.store
FROM CustomerPrice u, Purchase v
WHERE u.customer = v.customer AND u.price > 100
Queries Over Views: Query Modification

Modified query:

```sql
SELECT DISTINCT u.customer, v.store
FROM (SELECT x.customer, y.price
      FROM Purchase x, Product y
      WHERE x.product = y.pname) u, Purchase v
WHERE u.customer = v.customer AND u.price > 100
```
Queries Over Views: Query Modification

Modified and unnested query:

```
SELECT DISTINCT x.customer, v.store 
FROM Purchase x, Product y, Purchase v, 
WHERE x.customer = v.customer  AND 
y.price > 100 AND 
x.product = y.pname
```
Applications of Virtual Views

• **Increased physical data independence.** E.g.
  – Vertical data partitioning
  – Horizontal data partitioning

• **Logical data independence.** E.g.
  – Change schemas of base relations (i.e., stored tables)

• **Security**
  – View reveals only what the users are allowed to know
### Vertical Partitioning

<table>
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Vertical Partitioning

CREATE VIEW Resumes AS
SELECT T1.ssn, T1.name, T1.address, T2.resume, T3.picture
FROM T1, T2, T3
WHERE T1.ssn=T2.ssn and T2.ssn=T3.ssn
Vertical Partitioning

```
SELECT address
FROM Resumes
WHERE name = 'Sue'
```

Which of the tables T1, T2, T3 will be queried by the system?

When do we use vertical partitioning?
Vertical Partitioning Applications

1. Can improve performance of some queries
   – When queries touch small fraction of columns
   – Only need to read desired columns from disk
   – Can produce big I/O savings for wide tables
   – Potential benefit in data warehousing applications

• But
  – Repeated key columns add a lot of overhead
  – Need expensive joins to reconstruct tuples
Vertical Partitioning Applications

2. When some fields are large and rarely accessed
   - E.g. Picture

3. In distributed databases
   - Customer personal info at one site, profile at another

4. In data integration
   - T1 comes from one source
   - T2 comes from a different source
Horizontal Partitioning

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**CustomersInHouston**

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Horizontal Partitioning

CREATE VIEW Customers AS
 CustomersInHouston
 UNION ALL
 CustomersInSeattle
 UNION ALL
 . . .
Horizontal Partitioning

```
SELECT name
FROM   Customers
WHERE  city = 'Seattle'
```

Which tables are inspected by the system?

WHY??
Horizontal Partitioning

Better:

```
CREATE VIEW Customers AS
(SELECT * FROM CustomersInHouston
 WHERE city = 'Houston')
UNION ALL
(SELECT * FROM CustomersInSeattle
 WHERE city = 'Seattle')
UNION ALL
...
```

Other techniques exist: read DBMS documentation
Horizontal Partitioning

```
SELECT name
FROM Customers
WHERE city = 'Seattle'
```

```
SELECT name
FROM CustomersInSeattle
```
Horizontal Partitioning Applications

• Performance optimization
  – Especially for data warehousing
  – E.g. archived applications and active applications

• Distributed and parallel databases

• Data integration
Views and Security

Customers:

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CREATE VIEW PublicCustomers
SELECT Name, Address
FROM Customers
Views and Security

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Wilma is not allowed to see >0 balances

CREATE VIEW BadCreditCustomers
SELECT *
FROM Customers
WHERE Balance < 0
Types of Constraints in SQL

Constraints in SQL:
• Keys, foreign keys
• Attribute-level constraints
• Tuple-level constraints
• Global constraints: assertions

• The more complex the constraint, the harder it is to check and to enforce
Key Constraints

Product(name, category)

CREATE TABLE Product (  
    name CHAR(30) PRIMARY KEY,  
    category VARCHAR(20))

OR:

CREATE TABLE Product (  
    name CHAR(30),  
    category VARCHAR(20)  
    PRIMARY KEY (name))
Keys with Multiple Attributes

Product(name, category, price)

```
CREATE TABLE Product (  
    name CHAR(30),  
    category VARCHAR(20),  
    price INT,  
    PRIMARY KEY (name, category))
```
Other Keys

```
CREATE TABLE Product (  
  productID CHAR(10),  
  name CHAR(30),  
  category VARCHAR(20),  
  price INT,  
  PRIMARY KEY (productID),  
  UNIQUE (name, category))
```

There is at most one **PRIMARY KEY**; there can be many **UNIQUE**
CREATE TABLE Purchase (  
prodName CHAR(30) 
REFERENCES Product(name),  
date DATETIME)
### Foreign Key Constraints

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**Purchase**

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**Foreign Key Constraints**

- Example with multi-attribute primary key

```sql
CREATE TABLE Purchase (
    prodName CHAR(30),
    category VARCHAR(20),
    date DATETIME,
    FOREIGN KEY (prodName, category)
    REFERENCES Product(name, category)
)
```

- (name, category) must be a PRIMARY KEY in Product
What happens during updates?

Types of updates:
- In Purchase: insert/update
- In Product: delete/update

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What happens during updates?

- SQL has three policies for maintaining referential integrity:
  - **Reject** violating modifications (default)
  - **Cascade**: after delete/update do delete/update
  - **Set-null** set foreign-key field to NULL

READING ASSIGNMENT: 7.1.2 and 7.1.3
Constraints on Attributes and Tuples

- Constraints on attributes:
  - NOT NULL -- obvious meaning...
  - CHECK condition -- any condition!

- Constraints on tuples
  - CHECK condition
Constraints on Attributes and Tuples

What is the difference from Foreign-Key?

```
CREATE TABLE Purchase (  
  prodName CHAR(30)  
  CHECK (prodName IN  
    (SELECT Product.name  
    FROM Product),  
  date DATETIME NOT NULL)
```
General Assertions

CREATE ASSERTION myAssert CHECK NOT EXISTS(
    SELECT Product.name
    FROM Product, Purchase
    WHERE Product.name = Purchase.prodName
    GROUP BY Product.name
    HAVING count(*) > 200)

But most DBMSs do not implement assertions
Instead, they provide triggers
To learn more, read the rest of Chapter 7