CS 327E Lecture 7

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Agenda

- Reading Quiz
- Views Discussion
- Concept Questions
- Midterm #1 Discussion

Reminder: Midterm #1 is next class

Homework for Today

- Chapter 14 from the Learning SQL book
- Exercises at the end of Chapter 14

Question 1

What is a database view?

A. A mechanism for reading raw data files from disk
B. A mechanism for querying database tables
C. A mechanism for doing bulk imports and exports
D. A web-based interface for running SQL queries
E. None of the above

Question 2

What is **NOT** a motivation for views?

A. Aggregation: to appear as though data is aggregated
B. Complexity: making multiple tables appear to be a simple table
C. Security: to avoid having to reveal individual data rows
D. Space saving: to reduce the storage of database tables

Question 3

Can you update data through a view?

A. No, views are only designed to simplify a `SELECT` statement
B. No, views are statically-generated tables and do not update
C. Yes, with several restrictions on clauses and functions
D. Yes, for all views

Question 4

```
mysql> desc customer;
+--------------+------------------+------+-----+---------+----------------+
| Field        | Type             | Null | Key | Default | Extra          |
+--------------+------------------+------+-----+---------+----------------+
| cust_id      | int(10) unsigned | NO   | PRI | NULL    | auto_increment |
| fed_id       | varchar(12)      | NO   |     | NULL    |                |
| cust_type_cd | enum('I','B')    | NO   |     | NULL    |                |
+--------------+------------------+------+-----+---------+----------------+
```

Which of these views hides the `fed_id` field from the `customer` table?

A.
```
CREATE VIEW customer_vw (cust_id, cust_type_cd) AS
 SELECT cust_id, cust_type_cd
 FROM customer;
```

B.
```
CREATE VIEW customer_vw AS
 SELECT cust_id, cust_type_cd
 FROM customer;
```

C.
```
CREATE VIEW customer_vw (cust_id, cust_type_cd) AS
 SELECT c.cust_id, c.cust_type_cd
 FROM customer c;
```

D.
```
CREATE VIEW customer_vw (cust_num, cust_type) AS
 SELECT cust_id, cust_type_cd
 FROM customer;
```

E. All of the above

Views

- Views are like procedures in SQL
- They are defined by a SQL query
- They return a table of results from the SQL query

Example view:

Employees(ssn, first_name, last_name, role, title, salary)

```
CREATE VIEW  SeniorStaff  AS
   SELECT ssn, first_name, last_name, role, title, salary
   FROM  Employees
   WHERE title LIKE 'Senior%'
   ORDER BY salary
```

SeniorStaff(ssn, first_name, last_name, title, salary) = virtual table

We can now use the *SeniorStaff* view as if it were a table

Types of Views

- **Virtual views:**
  - computed only on-demand
  - always up-to-date

- **Materialized views:**
  - pre-computed offline
  - requires extra storage
  - may be out-of-date with the base tables

Query Modification

Orders(order_id, item_id, customer_id, quantity, store)
Items(id, item_name, price)

```
CREATE VIEW  CustomerSales  AS
    SELECT  o.customer_id, i.price
    FROM    Orders o, Items i
    WHERE   o.item_id = i.id
```

CustomerSales(customer_id, price) = virtual table

Using the view:

```
SELECT  c.customer_id, c.price, o.store
FROM    CustomerSales c, Orders o
WHERE   c.customer_id = o.customer_id
AND     c.price > 100
```

Question: How will this query be computed?

Query Modification

Using the view:

```
SELECT  c.customer_id, c.price, o.store
FROM    CustomerSales c, Orders o
WHERE   c.customer_id = o.customer_id
AND     c.price > 100
```

Modified query (at runtime):

```
SELECT  c.customer_id, c.price, o.store
FROM    (SELECT x.customer_id, y.price,
         FROM Orders x, Items y
         WHERE x.item_id = y.id) c, Orders o
WHERE   c.customer_id = o.customer_id
AND     c.price > 100
```

Query Modification

Rewritten query (at runtime):

```
SELECT  c.customer_id, c.price, o.store
FROM    (SELECT x.customer_id, y.price,
          FROM Orders x, Items y
          WHERE x.item_id = y.id) c, Orders o
WHERE   c.customer_id = o.customer_id
AND     c.price > 100
```

Flattened query (at runtime):

```
SELECT  o.customer_id, i.price, o.store
FROM    Orders o, Items i
WHERE   o.item_id = i.id
AND     i.price > 100
```

Concept Question 1

Orders(order_id, item_id, customer_id, quantity, store)
Items(id, item_name, price)

```
CREATE VIEW  CustomerSales  AS
        SELECT  o.customer_id, o.store, i.price
        FROM     Orders o, Items i
        WHERE   o.item_id = i.id
```

CustomerSales(customer_id, store, price) = virtual table

Using the View:

```
SELECT  customer_id
FROM     CustomerSales
WHERE  store = 'Texas Union'
```

Question: Which base table(s) will be used to answer this query?

A. Only *Orders* B. *Orders* and *Item* C. Only *Item* D. *Customer_Sales*

Applications of Views

- Logical Data Independence
  (recall: Physical Data Independence)

- Optimizations
  - vertical partitioning
  - horizontal partitioning

- Security
  - controlled access to fields and records

Vertical Partitioning

Students(eid, first_name, middle_initial, last_name)
Students_Photo(eid, photo, date_taken)

```
CREATE VIEW  StudentsView  AS
        SELECT  s.eid, s.first_name, s.middle_initial,
                s.last_name, p.photo, p.date_taken
        FROM    Students s, Student_Photo p
        WHERE   s.eid = p.eid
```

Using the View:

```
SELECT  eid, first_name, middle_initial
FROM    StudentsView
WHERE  last_name = 'Evans'
```

Concept Question 2: Which base table(s) will be used to answer this query?

A. Only *Students_Photo* B. *Students* and *Students Photo* C. Only *Students*

Horizontal Partitioning

Students(eid, first_name, middle_initial, last_name)
Students_Photo_2015(eid, photo, date_taken)
Students_Photo_2016(eid, photo, date_taken)

```
CREATE VIEW  Students_Photos  AS
        SELECT  eid, photo, date_taken
        FROM    Student_Photo_2015
        UNION ALL
        SELECT  eid, photo, date_taken
        FROM    Student_Photo_2016
```

Using the View:

```
SELECT  s.eid, s.first_name, s.middle_initial, s.last_name,
            p.photo, p.date_taken
FROM    Students s, Students_Photos p
WHERE   s.eid = p.eid
AND     p.date_taken < '2015-09-01'
```

Concept Question 3: Which base table(s) will be used to answer this query?

A. Only *Students* B. *Students* and *Students_Photo_2015* C. All base tables

Security Views

Employees(ssn, first_name, last_name, role, title, salary)

```
CREATE VIEW  All_Employee_View  AS
   SELECT first_name, last_name, role, title
   FROM  Employees
   ORDER BY last_name, first_name
```

```
CREATE VIEW  Manager_Employee_View  AS
   SELECT ssn, first_name, last_name, role, title, salary
   FROM  Employees
   WHERE role <> 'Executive'
   ORDER BY last_name, first_name
```

Concept Question 4: what data do these two views hide?

A. Salary information for all employees
B. Salary information for executives
C. All employee records
D. Only executive employee records
E. A and D

Midterm #1 Topics

- CREATE TABLE
- SELECT CLAUSE
- FROM CLAUSE
- WHERE CLAUSE
- ORDER BY CLAUSE
- Null values
- INNER JOINS
- OUTER JOINS
- GROUP BY and HAVING CLAUSE
- Aggregate functions (count, sum, avg, min, max)
- CREATE VIEWS

Midterm #1 Format

- Closed book exam
- Lasts 90 minutes
- 11 short-answer questions
- Budget 5-7 minutes per question