

More SQL

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Quiz

sqlitebrowser demo & SQLite reference

Keys

name	addr	phone	job
remy	...	123	UCLA
zifan	...	234	UCLA
vincent	...	345	UCLA
remy	...	123	UW
dan	...	456	UW
magda	...	567	UW

name	addr
UCLA	LA
UW	seattle

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Primary Key



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Foreign Key

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Primary Key

name	addr
UCLA	LA
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PK **determines** all other columns

FK **references** a PK in another table

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must exist

```
PRAGMA foreign_keys = ON
```

```
CREATE TABLE employers (
    name TEXT PRIMARY KEY,
    addr TEXT
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE people (
    name TEXT,
    addr TEXT,
    phone TEXT,
    job TEXT,
    FOREIGN KEY(job) REFERENCES
    employers(name)
);
```

Q: join T with itself on PK?

Q: check FK w/ SQL?

```
SELECT name FROM people  
EXCEPT  
SELECT name FROM people, employers  
WHERE people.job = employers.name
```

People with both cats & dogs?

name	breed	age	origin	kind	person
casa	tabby	8	seattle	cat	remy
kira	tuxedo	6	hawaii	cat	remy
toby	border collie	17	seattle	dog	remy
maya	husky	10	LA	dog	sam

Q: pet kind w/ average age > 10?

sql	python
WITH	local var
CREATE TABLE	global var
CREATE VIEW	helper function
MATERIALIZED VIEW	N/A

Q: average age of each kind?

Q: average age of cats?

Q: avg. each kind, no group by?

SQL: the ugly parts...

Q: does this return R?

```
SELECT r1.x  
FROM R as r1, R as r2  
WHERE r1.x = r2.x
```

Q: does this return R?

```
SELECT *
FROM R
WHERE R.x = R.x
```

Q: does this return R?

```
SELECT *
FROM R
WHERE R.x = R.x
OR R.x <> R.x
```

THE DATABASE MANAGER



**WHEN THE COMPANY
HIRES JOHN NULL**

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0 vs NULL

NULL IS STRANGE



**BUT NULL = NULL
IS TRUE, RIGHT?**



RIGHT?



Q: does this return R?

```
SELECT *
FROM R
WHERE null = null
```

Q: does this return R?

```
SELECT *
FROM R
WHERE null <> null
```

Q: does this return R?

```
SELECT *
FROM R
WHERE not null <> null
```

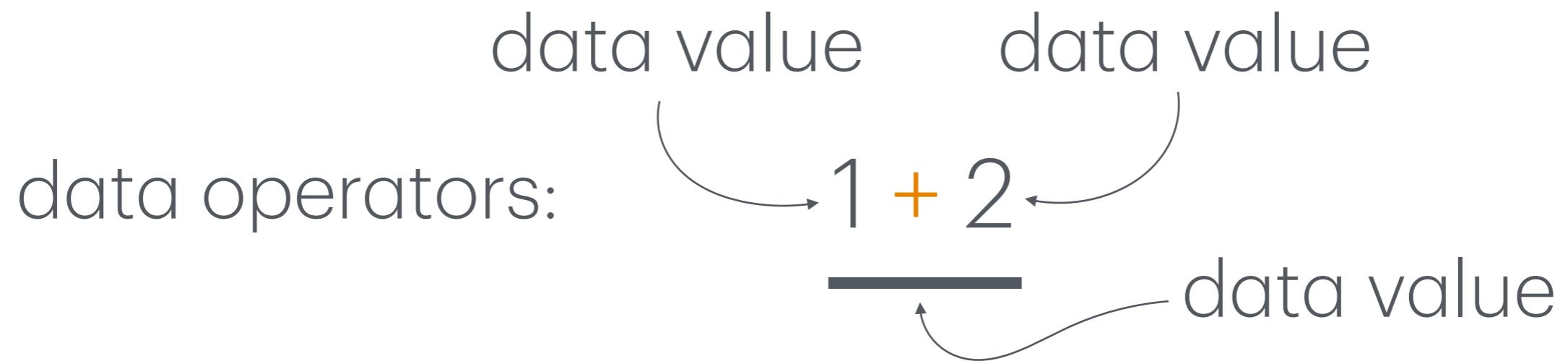
2 kinds of values in SQL

data values
256
10.33
04-08-2025
"UCLA"
NULL

logical values
T
F
UNKNOWN

a.k.a. NULL in SQLite 

3 kinds of operators in SQL



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op. kind	example	input→output
data	+ - * /	data→data
predicate	> < =	data→logic
logical	AND OR NOT	logic→logic

rules for NULL

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3 valued logic

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```
SELECT *  
FROM R  
WHERE x < y
```

Only return rows where $x < y$ is **TRUE**

Let's revisit the examples

outer joins

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← Pad w/ NULLs

```
SELECT * FROM p LEFT OUTER JOIN e  
ON p.job = e.name
```

Aggregates ignore NULLs, but...

Q: how many offices?

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dan	...	456	UW
remy	...	123	USC
seymour	...	367	USC

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The witness problem (argmax):

Q: who's the oldest cat?

The ORDER BY trick

Multiple oldest cats?

Replace nesting with join

Challenge

inner product w/ frequencies