Hands-on SQL

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Goals

- Practical Database Manipulation
- Overview of Available Database Systems
- Introducing Assignment 3

Outline

Database Management Software

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Variable Types

- INTEGER - Counting numbers (and negatives)
- FLOAT - Rational numbers (e.g. 3.1415)
- VARCHAR - Strings
- BLOB - Arbitrary data (we won't use this)

Why is this important?

As you design your database, you need to choose which datatype to use! Use integers whenever you can.

Outline

Working on Another Computer

- The database runs on OIT's server
- You have your own directory (where you put your webpages)
- Exposure to command line interface

OS X

- Already installed
- Go to "Applications"
- Then "Utilities"
- Look for Terminal

What to type

ssh USERNAME@terpconnect.umd.edu

Windows: PuTTY

http://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/ sgtatham/putty/download.html

- Might have come with WinSCP
- Similar interface

Outline

- I grabbed the index of Project Gutenberg
- Dumped first 500k lines of Dublin Core XML into SQLite database
- No cleanup; ignored all errors (just like real world!)

Source Data

```
<pgterms:etext rdf:ID="etext8476">
  <dc:publisher>&pg;</dc:publisher>
  <dc:title rdf:parseType="Literal">Life on the Mississippi,
    Part 6.</dc:title>
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    Part 6. by Mark Twain</pgterms:friendlytitle>
  <dc:language><dcterms:ISO639-2><rdf:value>en</rdf:value></dcterms:ISO639-2></dc:language>
  <dc:subject>
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      <rdf:li><dcterms:LCSH><rdf:value>Authors, American -- 19th century -- Biography
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  <dc:rights rdf:resource="&lic;" />
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Getting Data into DBMS

- Download the database for Assignment 3

```
wget http://umiacs.umd.edu/ jbg/teaching/LBSC_690_2010/books.db
```

  - wget is a program to get files from the web
  - CAUTION: wget will not overwrite existing files
  - If you want to delete the database, do "rm books.db"

- Start SQLite

```
sqlite3 books.db
```

Optional: Make output look pretty

```
.header on
.mode column
```

- By default, SQLite assumes you know the data you're looking at
- Uses space in most efficient way possible
- Column format better for us

What tables are there?

.tables

```
sqlite> .tables
authors         books           categories      category_map
```

What columns does a table have?

Pragma table_info(authors);

Special SQLite Command

```
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Viewing contents of a table

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1                                   Unknown
2           1887        1969        Dell, Floyd
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4           1852        1907        Skinner, Charle
5           1855        1919        Wilcox, Ella Wh
6           1817        1888        Storm, Theodor
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Counting and Arithmetic

```
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```

- Available functions: SUM, MIN, MAX, COUNT, AVG
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```
sqlite> select count(*) from authors;
count(*)
----------
10691
```

How long does the average author live?

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- Expression of functions - this is okay!
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Combining restrictions and bad data

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sqlite> select * from authors where year_died - year_born > 100;
authorID    year_born   year_died   name
----------  ----------  ----------  ------------------------------------------
5328        1868        1970        Enock, C. Reginald (Charles Reginald)
6843        1847        1948        Jennings, Frederick Charles
7706        1856        1963        Brown, Arthur Judson
7941        176         1849        Gallatin, Albert
9423        1895        1998        Jnger, Ernst
```

- Probably a typo.
- Let's remove that record from our calculation (as an example of multiple constraints)

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sqlite> select count(*), avg(year_died) - avg(year_born) from authors where year_born
   ...> is not null and not name = "Gallatin, Albert";
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Who wrote the most books?

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Author 69 wrote the most books . . . who is he / she?

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- Combine the books table with the authors table
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- "limit 10" (optional) means we only see ten results

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title                                              name
-------------------------------------------------  ----------------
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The Translation of a Savage, Complete              Parker, Gilbert
The Trespasser, Volume 2                           Parker, Gilbert
The Right of Way  Volume 02                        Parker, Gilbert
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217         33          Lytton, Ed
203         24          Twain, Mar
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145         71          Dickens, C
132         0           Parker, Gi
130         1           Unknown
125         41          Verne, Jul
125         610         Balzac, Ho
113         265         Kingston,
111         86          Jacobs, W.
109         662         Meredith,
106         53          Doyle, Art
103         670         Motley, Jo
101         26          Howells, W
99          958         Ballantyne
```

Asking and Answering Questions

- How many books were written by authors born before 1800?
- What's the average age of authors who wrote more than 10 books?

Outline

Design

- Need to keep track of employees
  - Age
  - Degree
  - Driver's License Number
  - First Name
  - Last Name
  - Pay (determined exclusively by degree)
- How many tables do we need?
- What columns are in each table?

Design

- Two tables
- Degrees
  - degreeID
  - pay
  - degree_name
  - degree_abbrv
- Employees
  - First Name
  - Last Name
  - License
  - Age

Creating a Table

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CREATE TABLE Degrees (degreeID integer, Abbrev varchar(5), pay integer, FullName varchar(30));
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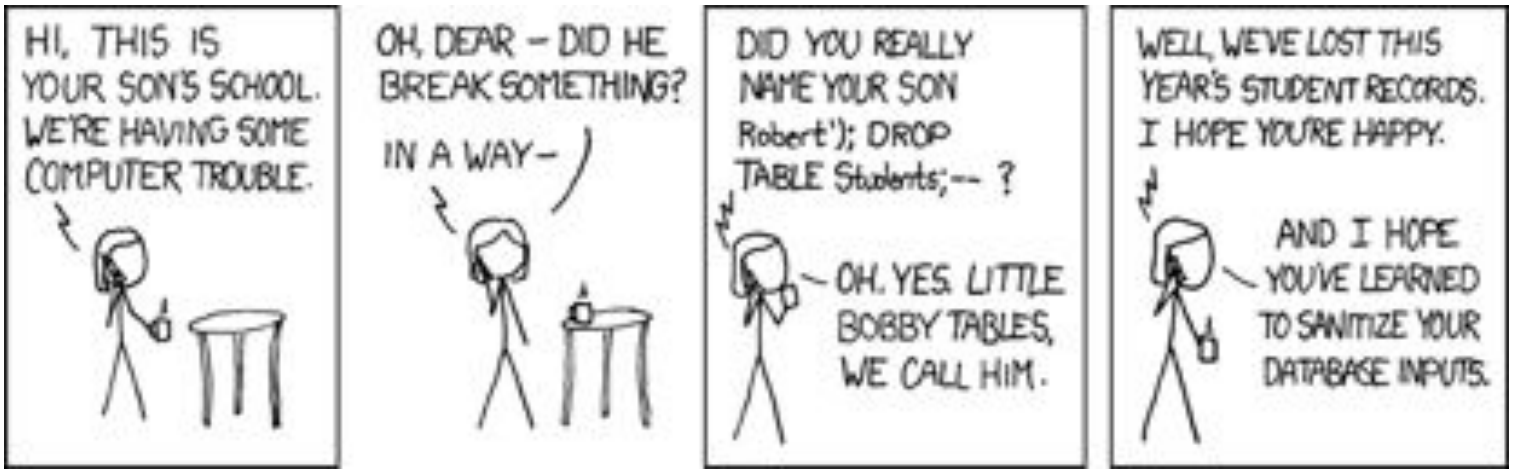
Deleting a table and injection

drop table degrees;



- Make sure you check input
- Most packages have methods to "sanitize" inputs

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Modifying Data

```
update degrees set pay=60000 where degreeID=2;
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- But won't work on terpconnect (for backwards compatibility)

Deleting Data

```
DELETE from employees where empID = 0;
```

- Can delete multiple things at once
- Won't complain when it deletes nothing

Outline

- You should now know everything you need to know to do Assignment 3
- Two questions
  - Limiting queries
  - Inner Joins
- Due November 12 (but you should do it sooner)