Announcements.

HW8 now due Tuesday (4/18).

Lecture 30: Aggregation and Grouping

Aggregation, Again

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We briefly saw examples of aggregation in a previous lecture:
 select max(score) from grades;

> select avg(score) from grades;
12.0769230769231
> select avg(score) from grades
... where assign="hw1";
2.0

John Brown Valerie Blue Walt Green Valerie Blue Sarah Tan Sarah Tan Valerie Blue Walt Green Simon Red Walt Green John Brown Simon Red John Brown name grades test2 test1 test2 test2 test2 test1 assign test1 test1 test1 hw2 hw1 hw1 ¥

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Aggregation

- Sometimes, we'd like a query that groups the data into subsets and aggregates each.
- A clumsy approach:

```
> select assign, avg(score) from grades where assign="hw1" union
... select assign, avg(score) from grades where assign="hw2" union
... select assign, avg(score) from grades where assign="test1" union
... select assign, avg(score) from grades where assign="test2";
```

But it is generally cleaner to let SQL do the grouping for you:
 select assign, avg(score) from grades group by assign;

hw1|2.0 hw2|3.0 test1|16.6 test2|16.25

 First, groups rows with the same assign column value. Then runs the query on each group separately, unioning the results.

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Selecting Groups

 Just as we often want to filter rows, may also need to filter groups.

grades

- Example: I want a summary of assignments that have at least two submissions.
- The where clause isn't quite right, because it happens before grouping.

So for groups, we use a new clause:

having:
> select assign, avg(score)
from grades

Sarah Tan

test1

John Brown Walt Green Walt Green Valerie Blue John Brown Walt Green Valerie Blue John Brown Simon Red Valerie Blue Sarah Tan Simon Red assign test2 test2 test2 test2 test1 test1 test1 test1 hw1 hw2 hw1

A Bit Fancier

 Id like average scores for each category of assignment: categories

test2	test1	hw2	hw1	assign
test	test	hw	hw	type

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A Bit Fancier

• I'd like average scores for each category of assignment:

categories

assign type
hw1 hw
hw2 hw
test1 test
test2 test

> select type, avg(score) from grades, categories
... where grades.assign = categories.assign
... group by type;
hw|2.25

test | 16.44444444444444

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Some Bells and Whistles

We can sort the rows presented, and can filter out duplicates:
 select name from grades
 order by name;
 grades

... order by name; John Brown

John Brown
John Brown
Sarah Tan
Sarah Tan
Sarah Tan
Simon Red
Valerie Blue
Valerie Blue
Valerie Blue
Valerie Blue
Walt Green
Walt Green

Sarah Tan Simon Red Valerie Blue Walt Green

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One More Bell

Finally, can limit the number of responses:

> select name from grades order by name limit 8;
John Brown
John Brown
John Brown
Sarah Tan
Sarah Tan
Sarah Tan
Simon Red
Valerie Blue

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