



SKILLPILLS

Skill Pill: Database Manipulation

Session 2 - SQL requests



- Let's suppose we have a database, how can we get the information out?
- We use Structured Query Language (SQL)
- While SQL is standard, there are many implementations and variants (MySQL, Oracle-SQL, PostgreSQL, Microsoft SQL Server...)



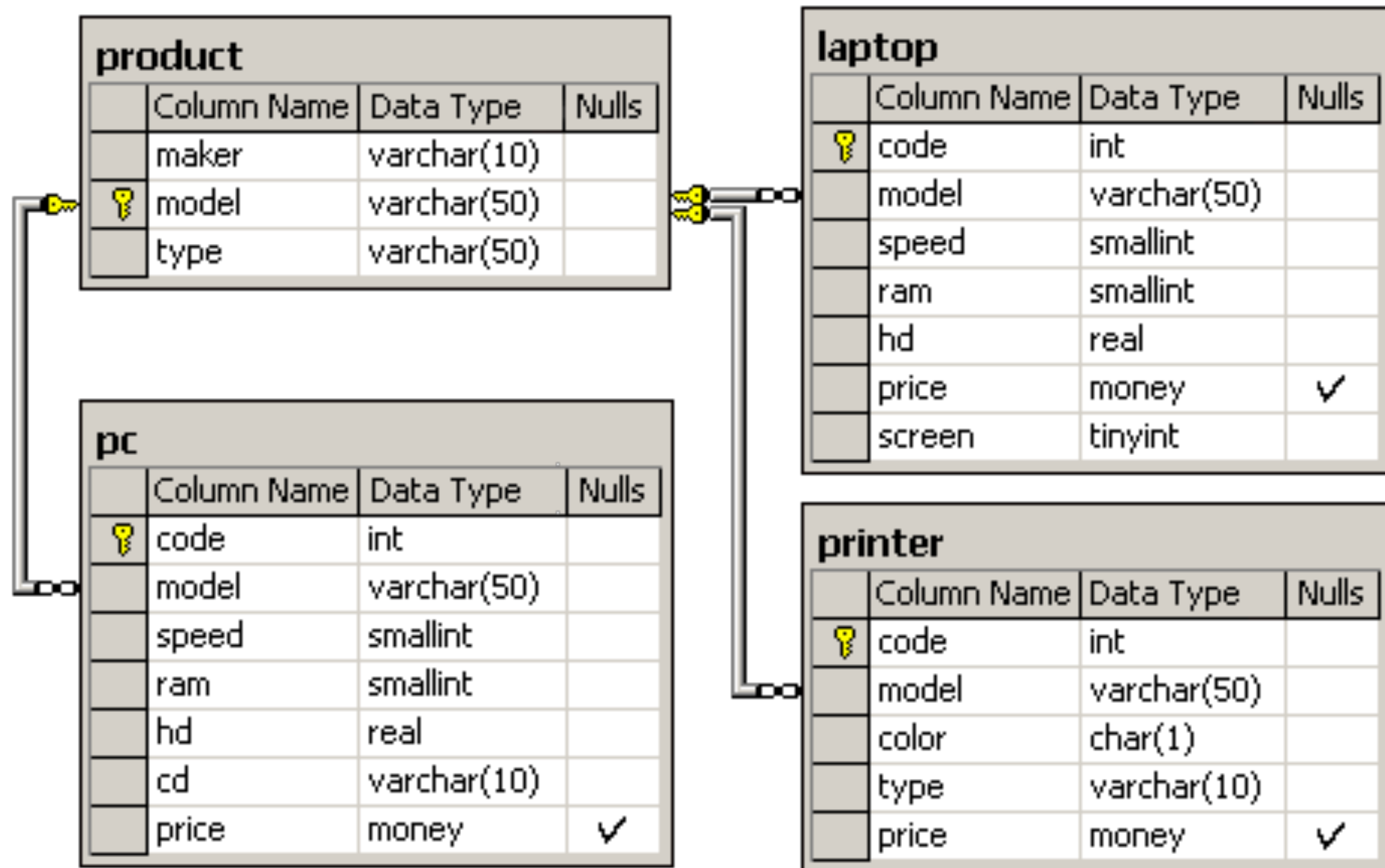
Let's jump right to it!

- Open up a terminal
- Access the (temporary) Skill Pill MySQL server:
 - ★ `ssh your_OIST_username@skillpills`
 - ★ `mysql -u userX -p -h localhost`
- Select the pre-existing database:
 - ★ `USE userX;`
- We're in!



- Check what tables exist in the DB
 - ★ `SHOW TABLES;`
- Get details on any table:
 - ★ `DESCRIBE table_of_interest;`
- Display all the data in the PC table:
 - ★ `SELECT * FROM PC;`

The computer database



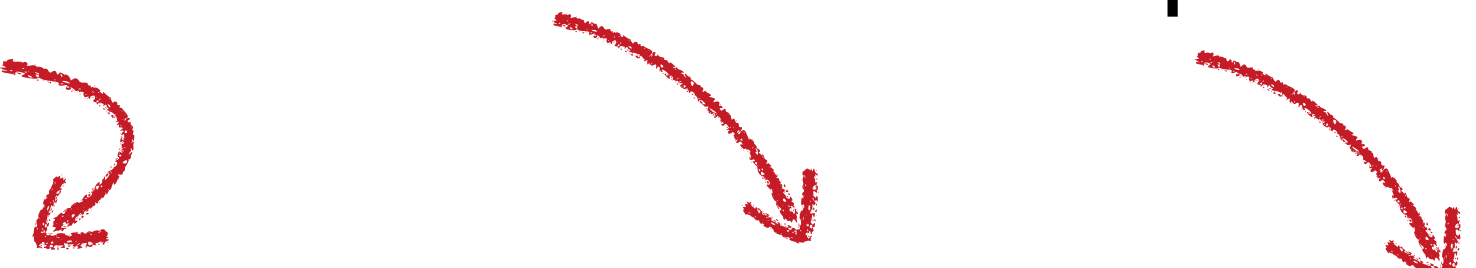
<http://www.sql-ex.ru>



Comparison predicates

column names table name comparison

SELECT model, speed FROM PC WHERE HD=10;



Exercices

1. Find the model number, speed and hard drive capacity for all the PCs with prices below \$500.
2. Find all records from the Printer table about color printers.
3. List all printer makers.



DISTINCT and comparisons

To avoid duplicate answers:

```
SELECT DISTINCT maker FROM Product  
WHERE type='printer';
```

To enter more criteria:

field = value1
field <> value1
field LIKE 'value _ %'
field IS NULL
field IS NOT NULL

field IN (value1, value2)
field NOT IN (value1, value2)
field BETWEEN value1 AND value2
condition1 AND condition2
condition1 OR condition2

Exercices

1. Find the model number, speed and hard drive capacity of PCs cheaper than \$600 having a 12x or a 24x CD drive
2. Find all the information there is on PCs with a CD drive speed multiple of 10x.



ORDER BY, functions

To order the answers (ASC is default):

```
SELECT * FROM PC
ORDER BY price, speed DESC;
```

You can combine the answers

```
SELECT
model + SQRT(speed) as crazy_number
FROM PC;
```

Alias

Exercise

1. For each element in the PC table, calculate $B = \text{speed} \times \text{HD}^2$ and order the answers by ascending values of B.



Multiple tables

Goal: Print all PC models along with their maker.

PC

| model | price |
|-------|-------|
| 1 | 200 |
| 2 | 300 |

Product

| mod | maker |
|-----|-------|
| 2 | A |
| 3 | B |

Solution 1: using multiple tables

```
SELECT * FROM PC, Product;
```

| model | price | mod | maker |
|-------|-------|-----|-------|
| 1 | 200 | 2 | A |
| 1 | 200 | 3 | B |
| 2 | 300 | 2 | A |
| 2 | 300 | 3 | B |

```
SELECT * FROM PC, Product  
WHERE PC.model=Product.mod;
```

| model | price | mod | maker |
|-------|-------|-----|-------|
| 2 | 300 | 2 | A |

JOIN

Goal: Print all PC models along with their maker.

PC

| model | price |
|-------|-------|
| 1 | 200 |
| 2 | 300 |

Solution 2: using JOIN

Product

| mod | maker |
|-----|-------|
| 2 | A |
| 3 | B |

```
SELECT * FROM PC JOIN Product p
ON PC.model=p.mod;
```

| model | price | mod | maker |
|-------|-------|-----|-------|
| 2 | 300 | 2 | A |

```
SELECT * FROM PC LEFT JOIN Product p
ON PC.model=p.mod;
```

| model | price | mod | maker |
|-------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 | 200 | NULL | NULL |
| 2 | 300 | 2 | A |

```
SELECT * FROM PC RIGHT JOIN Product p
ON PC.model=p.mod;
```

| model | price | mod | maker |
|-------|-------|-----|-------|
| 2 | 300 | 2 | A |
| NULL | NULL | 3 | B |



```
SELECT * FROM PC  
[LEFT, RIGHT] JOIN Product p  
ON PC.model=p.model;
```

Exercices

1. Print all PC models along with their maker.
2. For each maker, find the speed of laptops with a hard drive capacity of 10 Gb or higher. Result set: maker, speed.
3. Find the makers of PCs with a processor speed of 450 MHz or more.



Aggregation

```
SELECT COUNT(*), MAX(hd), MIN(hd) FROM PC;
```

You can aggregate globally, like above, or by sub-groups, like below

```
SELECT cd, COUNT(*), MAX(hd), MIN(hd)  
FROM PC GROUP BY cd;
```

or even finer

```
SELECT cd, ram, COUNT(*), MAX(hd), MIN(hd)  
FROM PC GROUP BY cd, ram;
```

Exercices

1. Find out the average speed of the laptops priced over \$1000.
2. Find out the average speed of the PCs produced by each maker. Result set: maker, speed.



You can impose conditions on the sub-groups

```
SELECT cd, COUNT(*), MAX(hd), MIN(hd)
FROM PC GROUP BY cd HAVING COUNT(*)=2;
```

Exercices

1. Get the makers who produce only one product type and more than one model. Result set: maker, type.
2. Get hard drive capacities that are identical for two or more PCs. Result set: hd.



```
SELECT speed FROM PC
UNION
SELECT speed FROM Laptop;
```

Exercise

1. Find out the models and prices for all the products (of any type) produced by maker B.



Subqueries

```
SELECT model, speed FROM PC
WHERE speed NOT IN (SELECT speed FROM Laptop);
```

```
SELECT model, speed,
(SELECT COUNT(*) FROM PC p2
WHERE p2.speed=p1.speed ) speed_count
FROM PC p1;
```

Exercise

1. Find the printer models having the highest price. Result set: model, price.
2. Get the laptop models that have a speed smaller than the speed of any PC. Result set: type, model, speed.

