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1  /* *****
2      INTRODUCTION TO STRUCTURED QUERY LANGUAGE FOR DATA ANALYTICS
3          SF25SQL6172025, 2025/11/17 - 2025/12/17
4          https://folvera.commons.gc.cuny.edu/?cat=35
5  *****
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7  SESSION #9 (2025/12/16): CREATING DATABASE OBJECTS
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9  1. Parameters, user-defined functions and stored procedures
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12 1. LAB #10 (QUICK REVIEW)
13     1.01. In schema `lab10` in database `labs`, create table `students`
14           (referenced as `labs.lab10.students`) with the following structure.
15
16           student_id INT NULL
17           student_fname VARCHAR(50) NULL
18           student_lname VARCHAR(50) NULL
19           student_phone VARCHAR(15) NULL
20           student_dob DATE NULL
21           record_date DATE NULL
22 ***** */
23
24 CREATE SCHEMA lab10;
25
26 CREATE TABLE lab10.students (
27     student_id INT NULL,
28     student_fname VARCHAR(50) NULL,
29     student_lname VARCHAR(50) NULL,
30     student_phone VARCHAR(15) NULL,
31     student_dob DATE NULL,
32     record_date DATE NULL
33 );
34
35     -- 01. rule of thumb: table names in plural
36     -- 02. declared as INT; can accept NULL (can have no value)
37     -- 03. declared as VARCHAR(50); can accept NULL (can have no value)
38     -- 04. declared as VARCHAR(50); can accept NULL (can have no value)
39     -- 05. declared as VARCHAR(50); can accept NULL (can have no value)
40     -- 06. declared as DATE
41     -- DATETIME 4/08/2024 21:54
42     -- DATE 4/08/2024
43     -- TIME 21:54
44     -- can accept NULL (can have no value)
45     -- 07. declared as DATE; when record was created; can accept NULL (can have no value)
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54
55 /* *****
56     1.02. Populate the table with some data of your choice.
57
58     If we do not have a value for a specific field, we can push an empty
59     string or NULL.
60 ***** */
61
62 INSERT INTO lab10.students
63 VALUES (
64     1,
65     'Joe',
66     'Smith',
67     '555-123-4567',
68     '1980/05/01',
69     GETDATE()
70 );
71
72     -- 01. built-in function to

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70                                     --      retrieve system DATETIME
71     ),
72     (
73     2,
74     'Mary',
75     'Jones',
76     '212-555-1000',
77     '1983/05/16',
78     GETDATE ()
79     ),
80     (
81     3,
82     'Peter',
83     'Johnson',
84     NULL,                                     -- 02. inserting empty strings
85                                             --      (``) or NULL since we
86                                             --      have no values for
87                                             --      fields in order to
88                                             --      insert same number of
89                                             --      values as columns
90     '06/01/1980',
91     GETDATE ()
92     );
93
94
95 /* *****
96     We do not need to call columns in order as long order as long as
97     values are pushed in the same order (value 1 in field 1, value 2 in
98     field 2, value 3 in field 3 and value 7 in field 7).
99 ***** */
100
101 INSERT INTO lab10.students (
102     student_id,                                     -- 01. inserting values to only
103     student_fname,                                 --      four (4) columns;
104     student_lname,                                 --      indicating which four
105     record_date                                    --      (4) columns
106 )
107 VALUES (
108     4,                                             -- 02. values to be inserted in
109     'Smith',                                       --      columns `student_id`,
110     'Tom',                                         --      `student_fname`,
111     GETDATE ()                                    --      `student_lname` and
112     );                                             --      `record_date` receiving
113                                             --      value from `GETDATE()`
114
115
116 /* *****
117     In the example below, we insert row 6 before 5.
118
119     The values in `student_id` (the row identifier) are unique, but they
120     do not need to be in order.
121
122     If we need to insert values in `student_id` automatically in
123     incremental order, we would need to use `IDENTITY(1,1)` as part of
124     the table structure. The first integer indicates that the first
125     value as 1. The second integer indicates that the value is
126     incremented by 1. Refer to
127     https://www.w3schools.com/sql/sql\_autoincrement.asp for more
128     information.
129
130     CREATE TABLE lab10.students (
131         student_id INT NOT NULL IDENTITY(1, 1) PRIMARY KEY,
132         student_fname VARCHAR(50) NULL,
133         student_lname VARCHAR(50) NULL,
134         student_phone VARCHAR(15) NULL,
135         student_dob DATE NULL,
136         record_date DATE NULL
137     );
138 ***** */

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139
140 INSERT INTO lab10.students
141 VALUES (
142     6,
143     'John',
144     'Scott',
145     '',
146     '',
147                                     -- 01. inserting empty strings
148                                     --     (``) or NULL since we
149                                     --     have no values for
150                                     --     fields in order to
151                                     --     insert same number of
152                                     --     values as columns
153
154 GETDATE ()
155                                     -- 02. built-in function to
156                                     --     retrieve system DATETIME
157 ) ,
158 (
159     5,
160     'Mary Ann',
161     'Saunders',
162     '',
163     '',
164                                     -- 03. inserting empty strings
165                                     --     (``) or NULL since we
166                                     --     have no values for
167                                     --     fields in order to
168                                     --     insert same number of
169                                     --     values as columns
170
171 GETDATE ()
172                                     -- 04. built-in function to
173                                     --     retrieve system DATETIME
174 );
175
176 /* *****
177
178     We can also delete/destroy data objects.
179
180     For the time being, we will work with tables
181     (https://techonthenet.com/sql\_server/tables/drop\_table.php).
182
183     Once an object is deleted, there is no way to rescue the data
184     (`ROLLBACK`) unless first creating a `SAVEPOINT`
185     (https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms178157.aspx).
186
187     In the example below, we destroy (`DROP`) table `lab10.students`
188     understanding that, once we do, we cannot recover the structure or
189     the data.
190 ***** */
191
192 DROP TABLE lab10.students;
193
194 /* *****
195
196     In the case of tables, we can destroy (`TRUNCATE`) the data in the
197     table without affecting the structure of the table understanding
198     that, once we do, we cannot recover the data.
199 ***** */
200
201 TRUNCATE TABLE lab10.students;
202
203 /* *****
204
205     We can also modify (`ALTER`) data objects
206     (https://techonthenet.com/sql\_server/tables/alter\_table.php).
207
208     ADD         to add a column to a table
209
210     DROP        to delete a column to a table
211
212     ALTER       to change the data type or size of a column
213 ***** */

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209     1.03. Change the structure of table `lab10.students`.
210
211     * Add `email` as VARCHAR(100).
212     * Drop `Email` because we want a different name. Remember that there
213     is no means to rename any object.
214     * Add `student_email` as VARCHAR(100).
215     * Alter the size of `student_email` to 50.
216     * Alter `student_id` to `NOT NULL`.
217     * Alter `record_date`, `student_fname` and `student_lname` to
218     `NOT NULL`.
219     * Alter `student_id` to `VARCHAR(5)`.
220     * Try to change `student_fname` to FLOAT. Note you will get an error
221     since a string cannot be made into a number.
222     *****/
223
224 ALTER TABLE lab10.students -- 01. adding new column
225 ADD email VARCHAR(100); -- `Email`; no need to
226 -- specify that we are
227 -- adding a column
228
229 ALTER TABLE lab10.students -- 02. dropping (deleting)
230 DROP COLUMN email; -- column `Email` as there
231 -- is no SQL statement to
232 -- rename data objects;
233 -- must specify that we are
234 -- dropping a column
235
236 ALTER TABLE lab10.students -- 03. adding new (replacement)
237 ADD student_email VARCHAR(100); -- column `student_email`;
238 -- no need to specify that
239 -- we are adding a column
240
241 ALTER TABLE lab10.students -- 04. altering column with new
242 ALTER COLUMN student_email VARCHAR(50) NULL; -- data type VARCHAR(50)
243 -- from VARCHAR(100) and
244 -- `NOT NULL`; must
245 -- specify that we are
246 -- altering a column
247
248 ALTER TABLE lab10.students -- 05. altering column as
249 ALTER COLUMN student_id INT NOT NULL; -- `NOT NULL`; must
250 -- specify that we are
251 -- altering a column
252
253 ALTER TABLE lab10.students -- 06. altering column with new
254 ALTER COLUMN record_date DATETIME NOT NULL; -- data type DATETIME from
255 -- DATE and `NOT NULL`;
256 -- must specify that we are
257 -- altering a column
258
259 ALTER TABLE lab10.students -- 07. altering column with new
260 ALTER COLUMN student_fname VARCHAR(25) NOT NULL; -- data type VARCHAR(25)
261 -- from VARCHAR(50) and
262 -- `NOT NULL`; must
263 -- specify that we are
264 -- altering a column
265
266 ALTER TABLE lab10.students -- 08. altering column with new
267 ALTER COLUMN student_lname VARCHAR(25) NOT NULL; -- data type VARCHAR(25)
268 -- from VARCHAR(50) and
269 -- `NOT NULL`; must
270 -- specify that we are
271 -- altering a column
272
273 ALTER TABLE lab10.students -- 09. altering column with new
274 ALTER COLUMN student_id VARCHAR(5); -- data type VARCHAR(5)
275 -- from INT; no error
276 -- during conversion; must

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277                                     -- specify that we are
278                                     -- altering a column
279
280 ALTER TABLE lab10.students          -- 10. altering column back to
281 ALTER COLUMN student_id INT NOT NULL; -- data type INT from
282                                     -- VARCHAR(5); no error
283                                     -- during conversion; must
284                                     -- specify that we are
285                                     -- altering a column
286
287 ALTER TABLE lab10.students          -- 11. trying to alter column
288 ALTER COLUMN student_fname FLOAT;   -- to data type FLOAT from
289                                     -- VARCHAR(25); conversion
290                                     -- failure due to format
291                                     -- incompatibility (letters
292                                     -- to numbers)
293
294
295 /* *****
296     1.04. Update (overwrite) the value of column `student_phone` passing value
297     `No Number` where there is no value (`IS NULL`) or there is an empty
298     space (` `) or empty string (``).
299     ***** */
300
301 UPDATE lab10.students
302 SET student_phone = 'No Number'
303 WHERE student_phone IS NULL          -- 01. checking for NULL
304     OR student_phone = ' '           -- 02. checking for a space
305     OR student_phone = '';          -- 03. checking for an empty
306                                     -- string
307
308
309 /* *****
310     1.05. Update (overwrite) the value of column `student_email` passing the
311     value of the concatenation of `student_fname` and `student_lname`
312     with a period (`. `) between the two columns -- for example,
313     `john.smith@foobar.foo` for `student_fname` with value of `John` and
314     `student_lname` with value of `Smith`.
315     ***** */
316
317 UPDATE lab10.students
318 SET student_email = LOWER(CONCAT (
319     student_fname,
320     '. ',
321     student_lname,
322     '@foobar.foo'
323 ));
324
325
326 /* *****
327     1.06. In the example below, we UPDATE column `record_date` where the field
328     is NULL or has an empty space (` `) with value from `GETDATE()`.
329     ***** */
330
331 UPDATE lab10.students
332 SET record_date = GETDATE()
333 WHERE record_date IS NULL
334     OR record_date = '';
335
336
337 /* *****
338     In the example below, we can UPDATE `student_dob` to `1980/01/23`
339     where `student_id` is `1`.
340     ***** */
341
342 UPDATE lab10.students
343 SET student_dob = '1980/01/23'
344 WHERE student_id = 1;
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347 /* *****
348 2. LAB #11 (CREATING OBJECTS)
349 2.01. In schema `lab11` in database `labs`, create table `grades`
350 (referenced as `labs.lab11.grades`) with the following structure.
351
352         grade_id      INT          NOT NULL    UNIQUE
353         student_id    INT          NOT NULL
354         student_grade  FLOAT       NOT NULL
355         grade_comment  VARCHAR(255) NULL
356 ***** */
357
358 CREATE SCHEMA lab11;
359
360 CREATE TABLE lab11.grades (
361     grade_id INT NOT NULL UNIQUE,
362     student_id INT NOT NULL,
363     student_grade FLOAT NOT NULL,
364     grade_comment VARCHAR(255) NULL
365 );
366
367
368 /* *****
369 2.02. Then populate the table with some data of your choice.
370 ***** */
371
372 INSERT INTO lab11.grades
373 VALUES (
374     1,
375     1,
376     80,
377     'He missed the midterm.'
378 ),
379 (
380     2,
381     3,
382     65,
383     'He slept in class.'
384 ),
385 (
386     3,
387     2,
388     98,
389     ''
390 );
391
392
393 /* *****
394 2.03. Since we have shared (`student_id`) data between `labs.lab11.grades`
395 and `labs.lab10.students` from the previous lab, we can retrieve all
396 the data from `labs.lab10.students` (main) and any related data from
397 `labs.lab11.grades` (secondary) without duplicate rows (`SELECT
398 DISTINCT`).
399 ***** */
400
401 SELECT DISTINCT lab10.students.student_id,
402     lab10.students.student_fname,
403     lab10.students.student_lname,
404     lab10.students.student_phone,
405     lab10.students.student_dob,
406     lab10.students.record_date,
407     lab11.grades.grade_id,
408     -- lab11.grades.student_id AS Expr1,
409     lab11.grades.student_grade,
410     lab11.grades.grade_comment
411 FROM lab10.students
412 LEFT OUTER JOIN lab11.grades
413     ON lab10.students.student_id = lab11.grades.student_id
414 ORDER BY student_lname;

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415
416
417 /* *****
418     As an alternative, we can use an alias (`AS`) for each table to make
419     our code tidier and to avoid repeating the database and schema before
420     each table (`<database>.<schema>.<table>` or `<schema>.<table>`)
421     throughout the query.
422
423         `s` for `lab10.students`
424         `g` for `lab11.grades`
425 ***** */
426
427 SELECT DISTINCT s.student_id,
428     s.student_fname,
429     s.student_lname,
430     s.student_phone,
431     s.student_dob,
432     s.record_date,
433     g.grade_id,
434     -- g.student_id AS Expr1,
435     g.student_grade,
436     g.grade_comment
437 FROM lab10.students AS s
438 LEFT OUTER JOIN lab11.grades AS g
439     ON s.student_id = g.student_id
440 ORDER BY student_lname;
441
442
443 /* *****
444     2.04. Since we can query `labs.lab10.students` (main table) and
445     `labs.lab11.grades` (secondary table), we can also CREATE VIEW
446     `labs.lab11.students_grades_vw` from it.
447
448     Since a VIEW calls a `SELECT` statement and is of the same hierarchy
449     as a TABLE, we can query the VIEW as if it were a TABLE.
450
451         CREATE VIEW schema.view_name
452         AS
453         (
454             SELECT ...
455         )
456 ***** */
457
458 CREATE VIEW lab11.students_grades_vw
459 AS
460 SELECT DISTINCT lab10.students.student_id,
461     lab10.students.student_fname,
462     lab10.students.student_lname,
463     lab10.students.student_phone,
464     lab10.students.student_dob,
465     lab10.students.record_date,
466     lab11.grades.grade_id,
467     -- lab11.grades.student_id AS Expr1,
468     lab11.grades.student_grade,
469     lab11.grades.grade_comment
470 FROM lab10.students
471 LEFT JOIN lab11.grades
472     ON lab10.students.student_id = lab11.grades.student_id
473 -- ORDER BY student_lname;
474
475
476 /* *****
477     As an alternative, we can use an alias (`AS`) for each table to make
478     our code tidier and to avoid repeating the database and schema before
479     each table (`<database>.<schema>.<table>` or `<schema>.<table>`)
480     throughout the query.
481
482         `s` for `lab10.students`
483         `g` for `lab11.grades`

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484      ***** */
485
486 ALTER VIEW lab11.students_grades_vw
487 AS
488 SELECT DISTINCT s.student_id,
489     s.student_fname,
490     s.student_lname,
491     s.student_phone,
492     s.student_dob,
493     s.record_date,
494     g.grade_id,
495     -- g.student_id AS Expr1,
496     g.student_grade,
497     g.grade_comment
498 FROM lab10.students AS s
499 LEFT OUTER JOIN lab11.grades AS g
500     ON s.student_id = g.student_id
501 -- ORDER BY student_lname;
502
503
504 /* *****
505     Although we can UPDATE a record when we change any existing value,
506     there are situations where we need to keep track every transaction
507     historically -- for example, to keep track of bank transactions. In
508     such scenario, we should INSERT a new record for each transaction
509     with a separate column to record the time stamp.
510
511     First we would need to add a column for the time stamp.
512
513     Then we would push the value of `GETDATE()` into the new column. Of
514     course, for this to work all records should have a value in new
515     column.
516
517     To retrieve the latest record for student, we would need to call the
518     `MAX()` value of all fields in the query and group the results by an
519     identifier -- for example, `student_id` in the example below.
520     ***** */
521
522 ALTER TABLE lab11.grades -- 01. adding `grade_timestamp`
523 ADD grade_timestamp DATETIME; -- to table `lab11.grades`
524
525 UPDATE lab11.grades -- 02. inserting values into
526 SET grade_timestamp = GETDATE(); -- `grade_timestamp`
527
528 INSERT INTO lab11.grades -- 03. inserting two new
529 VALUES ( -- records at the same time
530     1, -- hence writing the same
531     1, -- value of `GETDATE()` to
532     90, -- both records
533     'teacher''s pet',
534     GETDATE()
535 ),
536 (
537     5,
538     2,
539     85,
540     '',
541     GETDATE()
542 );
543
544 INSERT INTO lab11.grades -- 04. inserting a new record
545 VALUES ( -- for `student_id` 1
546     1,
547     8,
548     95,
549     'grade change',
550     GETDATE()
551 );
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553 DECLARE @p_student_id INT = 1
554 SELECT DISTINCT TOP 1 lab11.grades.student_id,
555     lab10.students.student_fname,
556     lab10.students.student_lname,
557     lab11.grades.grade_id,
558     lab11.grades.student_grade,
559     lab11.grades.grade_timestamp
560 FROM lab11.grades
561 INNER JOIN lab10.students
562     ON lab11.grades.student_id = lab10.students.student_id
563 WHERE lab11.grades.student_id = @p_student_id
564 GROUP BY lab11.grades.student_id,
565     lab10.students.student_fname,
566     lab10.students.student_lname,
567     lab11.grades.grade_id,
568     lab11.grades.student_grade,
569     lab11.grades.grade_timestamp
570 HAVING grade_timestamp = (
571     SELECT MAX(grade_timestamp)
572     FROM lab11.grades
573     WHERE student_id = @p_student_id
574 );
575
576
577 /* *****
578     As an alternative, we can use an alias (`AS`) for each table to make
579     our code tidier and to avoid repeating the database and schema before
580     each table (`<database>.<schema>.<table>` or `<schema>.<table>`)
581     throughout the query.
582
583         `g` for `lab11.grades`
584         `s` for `lab10.students`
585     ***** */
586
587 SELECT DISTINCT MAX(s.student_id) AS student_id,
588     MAX(s.student_fname) AS student_fname,
589     MAX(s.student_lname) AS student_lname,
590     MAX(s.student_phone) AS student_phone,
591     MAX(s.student_dob) AS student_dob,
592     MAX(s.record_date) AS record_date,
593     MAX(g.grade_id) AS grade_id,
594     MAX(g.student_grade) AS student_grade,
595     MAX(g.grade_comment) AS grade_comment,
596     MAX(g.grade_timestamp) AS grade_timestamp
597 FROM lab11.grades AS g
598 INNER JOIN lab10.students AS s
599     ON g.student_id = s.student_id
600 GROUP BY g.student_id;
601
602
603 /* *****
604 3. LAB #12 (PROCEDURES)
605     3.01. Understanding that the following is the structure for a procedure
606         (https://techonthenet.com/sql\_server/procedures.php)
607
608             CREATE PROCEDURE procedure_name [@input_param data_type]
609             AS
610             BEGIN
611                 [DECLARE @output_param data_type
612                 SET @output_param = some_value]
613                 executable_code
614             END;
615
616         that we EXECUTE (EXEC) in order for it to run,
617
618             EXEC procedure_name [@input_param]
619
620         write a procedure `strings2_sp` in schema `lab12` in database `labs`
621         to concatenate two (2) strings with an empty space (` `) between the

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622         two strings.
623
624         HINT: two (2) input parameters to produce one (1) output parameter
625               with the minimal size of the sum of the sizes of the first
626               input parameter and the second input parameter
627
628     3.02. To test that procedure `lab12.strings2_sp` works, execute the
629           procedure passing first name and last name.
630
631           HINT: EXEC procedure_name(@in_param1, @in_param2)
632   /* ***** */
633
634   CREATE SCHEMA lab12;
635
636   CREATE PROCEDURE lab12.string2_sp           -- 01. start of procedure
637     @in_string1 VARCHAR(50),                 --      accepting two (2) input
638     @in_string2 VARCHAR(50)                 --      parameters
639   AS
640   BEGIN
641     DECLARE @out_string VARCHAR(101)        -- 02. accepting VARCHAR(50)
642                                           --      for `@in_string1`,
643                                           --      VARCHAR(1) for a space
644                                           --      and VARCHAR(50) for
645                                           --      `@in_string2`
646     SET @out_string = CONCAT (              -- 03. push value returned from
647       @in_string1,                          --      the concatenation of the
648       ' ',                                    --      values of the three (3)
649       @in_string2                            --      input parameters into
650     )                                         --      output parameter
651                                           --      `@out_string`
652     PRINT @out_string                       -- 04. print value of
653                                           --      `@out_string` to console
654   END;
655
656
657   /* ***** */
658   3.03. Then we execute procedure `lab12.string2_sp` passing two (2) values.
659         Passing more or fewer values will return an error.
660
661           Msg 201, Level 16, State 4, Procedure lab12.string2_sp,
662           Line 0 [Batch Start Line 53]
663           Procedure or function 'string2_sp' expects parameter
664           '@in_string2', which was not supplied.
665   /* ***** */
666
667   EXEC lab12.string2_sp 'John', 'Smith';
668
669
670   /* ***** */
671   4. LAB #13 (FUNCTIONS)
672     4.01. Understanding that the following is the structure for a function
673           (https://techonthenet.com/sql\_server/functions.php)
674
675           CREATE FUNCTION function_name (@input_param data_type)
676             RETURNS data_type
677           AS
678           BEGIN
679             DECLARE @output_param data_type
680             SET @output_param = some_value
681             executable_code
682             RETURN output_param
683           END;
684
685           that affects a field or other value,
686
687           function_name(field)
688
689           write function `strings2_udf()` in schema `lab13` in database `labs`
690           to concatenate two (2) strings with an empty space (` `) between the

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691         two strings.
692
693         HINT: two (2) input parameters to produce one (1) output parameter
694             with the minimal size of the sum of the sizes of the first
695             input parameter and the second input parameter
696
697     4.02. To test that function `lab13.strings2_udf()` works, write a query
698           calling all values from `AP1.ContactUpdates` using function
699           `lab13.string2_udf()` on `first_name` and `last_name`.
700
701           HINT: SELECT function_name(@in_param1, @in_param2)
702           ***** */
703
704 CREATE SCHEMA lab13;
705
706 CREATE FUNCTION lab13.string2_udf (           -- 01. start of function
707     @in_string1 VARCHAR(50),                 --      accepting two (2) input
708     @in_string2 VARCHAR(50)                 --      parameters
709 )
710 RETURNS VARCHAR(101)                       -- 03. returning same datatype
711                                             --      and size as output
712                                             --      parameter `@out_string`,
713                                             --      in this case
714 AS
715 BEGIN
716     DECLARE @out_string VARCHAR(101)        -- 04. accepting VARCHAR(50)
717                                             --      for `@in_string1`,
718                                             --      VARCHAR(1) for a space
719                                             --      and VARCHAR(50) for
720                                             --      `@in_string2`
721     SET @out_string = CONCAT (              -- 05. push value returned from
722         @in_string1,                         --      the concatenation of the
723         ' ',                                  --      values of the three (3)
724         @in_string2                           --      input parameters into
725     )                                         --      output parameter
726                                             --      `@out_string`
727 END;
728
729
730 /* *****
731     4.03. Then we use function `lab13.string2_udf` passing two (2) values.
732     Note that passing more or fewer values will return an error.
733
734             Msg 313, Level 16, State 2, Line 101
735             An insufficient number of arguments were supplied for the
736             procedure or function lab13.string2_udf.
737     ***** */
738
739 SELECT lab13.string2_udf('John', 'Smith');
740
741
742 /* *****
743     5. LAB #14 (FUNCTIONS)
744     5.01. Make a function to dress up phone numbers as `(xxx) xxx-xxxx` in
745           schema `lab14`.
746     ***** */
747
748 CREATE SCHEMA lab14;
749
750 CREATE FUNCTION lab14.phones_udf (@in_phone VARCHAR(15))
751 RETURNS VARCHAR(15)                       -- 01. need to remember that a
752                                             --      function RETURNS a value
753 AS
754 BEGIN
755     DECLARE @out_phone VARCHAR(15)
756     SET @out_phone = CASE                   -- 02. `CASE` clause to check
757         WHEN @in_phone IS NOT NULL        --      if `CONCAT` needs to be
758         OR @in_phone <> ''                --      run
759         OR @in_phone NOT LIKE '(%)%-%'   -- 03. checking if phone is

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760                                     --      already formatted
761     THEN CONCAT (
762         '(',
763         LEFT(@in_phone, 3),
764         ')',
765         SUBSTRING(@in_phone, 4, 3),
766         '-',
767         RIGHT(@in_phone, 4)
768     )
769 ELSE @in_phone
770 END                                     -- 04. ending/closing `CASE`
771                                     --      clause
772 RETURN @out_phone                       -- 05. returning value of
773                                     --      function
774 END;                                     -- 06. ending/closing function
775
776
777 /* *****
778 5.02. Use function `lab13.string2_udf` from the previous lab passing two
779 (2) values when querying `SF25SQL6172025.AP1.Vendors`.
780
781 Since accessing another objects in another database, you need to call
782 the full name the function (`labs.lab13.string2_udf`) and/or the
783 table (`SF25SQL6172025.AP1.Vendors`) depending in which database you
784 are in.
785 ***** */
786
787 SELECT SF25SQL6172025.AP1.Vendors.VVendorID,
788        SF25SQL6172025.AP1.Vendors.VendorName,
789        labs.lab13.string2_udf(SF25SQL6172025.AP1.Vendors.VendorAddress1,
790                               SF25SQL6172025.AP1.Vendors.VendorAddress2) -- 01. using function
791        AS VendorAddress,                                     --      `labs.lab13.string2_udf`
792                                                         --      on `VendorAddress1` and
793                                                         --      `VendorAddress2`
794        SF25SQL6172025.AP1.Vendors.VendorCity,
795        SF25SQL6172025.AP1.Vendors.VendorState,
796        SF25SQL6172025.AP1.Vendors.VendorZipCode,
797        labs.lab14.phones_udf(SF25SQL6172025.AP1.Vendors.VendorPhone)
798                                                         -- 02. using function
799        AS VendorPhone                                     --      `labs.lab14.phones_udf`
800 FROM SF25SQL6172025.AP1.Vendors;
801
802
803 /* *****
804 As an alternative, we can use an alias (`AS`) for each table to make
805 our code tidier and to avoid repeating the database and schema before
806 each table (`<database>.<schema>.<table>` or `<schema>.<table>`)
807 throughout the query.
808
809 `v` for `SF25SQL6172025.AP1.Vendors`
810 ***** */
811
812 SELECT v.VVendorID,
813        v.VendorName,
814        labs.lab13.string2_udf(v.VendorAddress1, v.VendorAddress2) AS VendorAddress,
815        v.VendorCity,
816        v.VendorState,
817        v.VendorZipCode,
818        labs.lab14.phones_udf(VendorPhone) AS VendorPhone
819 FROM SF25SQL6172025.AP1.Vendors AS v;
820
821
822 /* *****
823 6. This marks the end of new material.
824
825 6.01. As a developer, you should have a list of resources -- websites,
826 books or people whom you can contact for help. The following is only
827 a list of resources -- not a recommendation of goods and/or services.
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829 Analytics Vidhya (data science community)
830 <https://analyticsvidhya.com/>
831
832 Apache Spark - Unified Analytics Engine
833 <https://spark.apache.org/>
834
835 Apache Spark - Unified Analytics Engine - Spark SQL & DataFrames
836 <https://spark.apache.org/sql/>
837
838 Azure Cosmos DB
839 <https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/services/cosmos-db/>
840
841 Azure SQL - Azure SQL documentation - Microsoft Docs
842 <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/azure-sql/>
843
844 Cockroach Labs - CockroachDB
845 <https://cockroachlabs.com/>
846
847 DBeaver - Universal Database Tool
848 <https://dbeaver.com/>
849
850 DBeaver Community (client)
851 <https://dbeaver.io/>
852
853 EverSQL - SQL Query Optimizer Tool Online
854 <https://eversql.com/sql-syntax-check-validator/>
855
856 HeidiSQL (client)
857 <https://heidisql.com/>
858
859 Infrastructure as SQL (iaSQL)
860 <https://iasql.com/>
861
862 MariaDB (MySQL fork, not related to Oracle)
863 <https://mariadb.org/>
864
865 Microsoft Azure
866 <https://portal.azure.com/>
867
868 Microsoft Azure - Quickstart Templates
869 <https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/resources/templates/>
870
871 Microsoft Power Automate
872 <https://flow.microsoft.com/en-us/desktop/>
873
874 Microsoft Power BI (business intelligence)
875 <https://powerbi.microsoft.com/>
876
877 Microsoft SQL Server
878 <https://microsoft.com/en-us/sql-server/>
879
880 Microsoft SQL Server - Get Started
881 <https://microsoft.com/en-us/sql-server/developer-get-started/>
882
883 MongoDB
884 <https://mongodb.com/>
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886 MongoDB Blog
887 <https://mongodb.com/blog>
888
889 mycli (CLI MariaDB, MySQL & Percona)
890 <https://mycli.net/>
891
892 MySQL (Oracle)
893 <https://mysql.com/>
894
895 Oracle
896 <http://oracle.com/>
897

898 phpMyAdmin (administration tool for MySQL/MariaDB)
899 <https://phpmyadmin.net/>
900
901 Poor SQL (code formatter)
902 <https://poorsql.com/>
903
904 PostgreSQL
905 <https://postgresql.org/>
906
907 Slack - codebar - sql
908 <https://app.slack.com/client/T08CJBA82/CHPE04RU7>
909
910 SQLite
911 <https://sqlite.org/>
912
913 SQLZOO
914 <https://sqlzoo.net/>
915
916 Tech on the Net - SQL Server
917 https://techonthenet.com/sql_server/
918
919 Vespa (big data AI, Oath/Yahoo)
920 <http://vespa.ai/>
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922 *****
923 <https://folvera.commons.gc.cuny.edu/?p=1421>
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