

Databases

2. Single-table queries

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Outline

What is a database

purpose, design, data types

Create database

software, import data

Query

get data, join tables, SQL language

Interface

connect to database from other program

Goals

After this database course, you should:

1. **Understand** what a database is, and how it works
2. Be able to **create** a simple database
3. Be able to **get data** from any database

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How does a database work?

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Queries

- Users ask for specific data with a **query**
- Queries are written in a standard language called **SQL**

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Visual query builder

- Create – Query design
- Add table
- Drag columns
- Click **View** to toggle between query and result
- View SQL

SQL

The SQL language

SELECT, FROM

Select table columns

`SELECT` column `FROM` table

`SELECT` col1, col2 `FROM` table

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All columns

`SELECT` * `FROM` table

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Arithmetic

`SELECT` col1 `+` col2 *AS* *newname* `FROM` table

`SELECT` col1 `-` col2 *AS* *newname* `FROM` table

`SELECT` col1 `*` col2 *AS* *newname* `FROM` table

`SELECT` col1 `/` col2 *AS* *newname* `FROM` table

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SELECT * FROM table WHERE col1 = 0 AND col2 > 0

SELECT * FROM table WHERE col1 = 0 OR col2 > 0

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Condition (NA)

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SELECT * FROM table WHERE col IS NOT NULL
```

Sort

```
SELECT * FROM table ORDER BY col
```

GROUP BY

Function

```
SELECT avg(col) FROM table
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Aggregate

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SELECT col1, avg(col2) FROM table GROUP BY col1
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R interface

Querying from R

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32 vs. 64 bits

If you have 32-bit Access, then you should connect from 32-bit R

The RODB package

R functions

`odbcConnectAccess2007` Establish connection

`sqlTables` List all tables

`sqlQuery` Send query

`odbcClose` Close connection

The RODB package

```
# Start R (32-bit)
# install.packages("RODBC")

library(RODBC)

con <- odbcConnectAccess2007("c:/database/onetable.accdb")

sqlTables(con)

sqlQuery(con, "SELECT * FROM catch")

odbcClose(con)
```

We create a “connection” object and call it `con`