SQL Language: news from the 2003 standard

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SQL:2003

- a lot of corrections and bug fixes
- several new features
 - data types
 - operations
 - predicates
 - operation MERGE
 - OLAP: TABLESAMPLE
 - generated columns
 - the identity columns and generators
- part 14 SQL/XML





SQL:2003

Consists of 9 parts:

- part 1: SQL/Framework
- part 2: SQL/Foundation
- part 3: SQL/CLI (Call-Level Interface)
- part 4: SQL/PSM (Persistent Stored Modules)
- part 9: SQL/MED (Management of External Data)
- part 10: SQL/OLB (Object Language Binding)
- part 11: SQL/Schemes
- part 13: SQL/JRT (Java Routines and Types)
- part 14: SQL/XML

parts 5, 6, 7, 8, and 12 do not exist

New data types

BIGINTMULTISET

Rejected types (from 1999)
BIT
BIT VARYING

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BIGINT

- Precision of BIGINT ≥ precision of INTEGER ≥ precision of SMALLINT
- based on INT and SMALLINT
- the same operators like SMALLINT and INTEGER

MULTISET

- types of collections:
 - MULTISET
 - ARRAY
- multiset is a non-sorted, variable-length collection whose elements have a specified type
 - MULTISET no maximal cardinality is specified
 - ARRAY max. cardinality is not mandatory

MULTISET - definition

- A INTEGER MULTISET
- B ROW(F1 BIGINT, F2 VARCHAR(4000)) MULTISET
- C INTEGER MULTISET()
 - empty multiset of integers (not NULL!)
- D INTEGER MULTISET(2, 3, 5, 7)
 - non-empty multiset with several integers
- E INTEGER MULTISET(SELECT A FROM R WHERE A > 10) multiset of integers given by a SELECT

- /* *multi* stands for a multiset */
- CARDINALITY(*multi*)
 - returns number of elements in *multi*
- SET(multi)
 - returns content of *multi* without duplicities
- ELEMENT(multi)
 - the cardinality must by 1
 - returns the element (singleton)

UNNEST(multi) AS name

 returns the individual elements of *multi* as rows of a virtual table *name* UNNEST MULTISET (2, 3, 5, 7) AS P

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 multi1 MULTISET op [quantifier] multi2 op — UNION, EXCEPT, INTERSECT quantifier — ALL or DISTINCT
 Note: similar to the set operators UNION, EXCEPT a INTERSECT
 Note: quantifier ALL is implicit

MULTISET – ops. and functions SELECT A MULTISET INTERSECT DISTINCT B FROM R WHERE CARDINALITY(B) > 50

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New aggregation functions for multisets

- Assumption: a group is given by GROUP BY or by a collumn
- COLLECT transforms values in a group into the multiset
- FUSION creates a union of all multisests in a group — amount of duplicities of a value = sum of duplicities of the value in each multiset in a group
- INTERSECTION intersects all multisets in a group amount of duplicities on a value = minimum of duplicities on the value in all multisets in a group



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A part of Logins for the user with Id = 8 and his/her successful attempts

Logins:	session_Id	user_	Id attempts
	а	8	multiset[(1,x),(2,y)]
	b	8	multiset[(1,x)]
	С	8	multiset[(1,x),(3,h)]

Result (1 row for the user with Id = 8)s_idsall_attemptsmultiset[a,b,c]multiset[(1,x), (1,x),
(1,x), (2,y), (3,h)]

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- IS SET, IS NOT A SET
- [NOT] SUBMULTISET
- [NOT] MEMBER
- comparison (multiset!) operators = and <>

New predicates

Predicate MEMBER

h [NOT] MEMBER [OF] multi

- h must be compatible with the type of elements in *multi*
- FALSE if h is not in *multi* or it is empty
- TRUE if h is equals to any element in multi
- UNKNOWN if any element in *multi* is NULL

Predicate SUBMULTISET

multi1 [NOT] SUBMULTISET [OF] multi2

- ...element types from multisets have to be compatible
- relation "be a submultiset"
- TRUE if | multi1 | = | multi2 | and each value in multi1 has a correspondent value in multi2

Predicate SET

- multi IS [NOT] A SET
- multi is a multiset
- TRUE if there are no duplicities in multi
- max 1 NULL value in multiset

MERGE

- combines INSERT and UPDATE statements
- rows of input (reference) table are divided into two groups according to predicate P:
 - *insert source table (IST)* if P is FALSE or UNKNOWN
 - update source table (UST), if P is TRUE.

MERGE

IST rows are inserted into result table R.

- each row in R which equals to a row in UST is updated.
 - if there are more equal rows in R for one row from UST, an error is raised
- Syntax is done by MATCHED and NOT MATCHED keywords

MERGE

MERGE INTO table [AS name] USING reference_table ON condition WHEN MATCHED THEN SET column = value

MERGE INTO table [AS name] USING reference_table ON condition WHEN NOT MATCHED THEN INSERT [(a_list_of_columns)] VALUES (a_list_of_values) store(prod_id, descr, amount)
import(prod_id, descr, amount, price)

MERGE

MERGE INTO store AS ST USING (SELECT prod id, desc, amount FROM import) AS IM ON (ST.prod id = IM.prod id) WHEN MATCHED THEN UPDATE SET amount = ST.amount + IM.amount WHEN NOT MATCHED THEN **INSERT** (prod id, descr, amount) VALUES (IM.prod id, IM.descr, IM.amount)

TABLESAMPLE

- new feature for OLAP
- evaluation of aggregation functions in samples
- faster application development
- two different sampling methods: BERNOULLI and SYSTEM

TABLESAMPLE

TABLESAMPLE {BERNOULLI | SYSTEM} (%amount) [REPEATABLE(amount_op)]

- BERNOULLI: sample table consists of appr. %amount of original table; probability of appearance a given row in the sample is %amount independently of every other row.
- SYSTEM: sample table consists of appr. %amount of original table; probability of appearance a given row in the sample can depend on rows already inserted into the sample
- REPEATABLE: amount of repeated operation calls (amount_op) generates the same sample for the same source.

TABLESAMPLE

Q.: Guess appr. estimation of the total salary for each department

SELECT dept, SUM(salary) * 10 FROM employees TABLESAMPLE BERNOULLI (10) REPEATABLE (5) GROUP BY dept

Generated columns

- original columns of table: base columns
- generated columns their value is computed from 0 or more base columns of the same row

CREATE TABLE employees (INTEGER, emp_ID dept string(6) DECIMAL(7,2),salary DECIMAL(7,2),addition **GENERATED ALWAYS AS** total salary (salary + addition), **GENERATED ALWAYS AS** user (CURRENT USER))

Identity columns & generators

- identity column: mechanism for automatic key population
- generator: used for generation of the next value of a sequence
- together provides the mechanism for automatic key generation for identity columns

Parameters:

- data type (numeric)
- start value
- increment (positive or negative, 1 by default)
- minimal and maximal values
- cycle (when the maximum value is reached, it starts from the beginning)
- external (explicit object of the schema) or internal (part of another schema object, column for example)

External generators

CREATE SEQUENCE s_name AS type START WITH value INCREMENT BY value MAXVALUE value CYCLE

- possibilities:
 - NO CYCLE
 - NO MAXVALUE, MINVALUE, NO MINVALUE

- is initialized to a base value Z
- generation of the next value: NEXT VALUE FOR s_name
- returns Z + N **incremental_value, for* $N \ge 0$
 - if computed value > MAXVALUE (or < MINVALUE) and NO CYCLE, then raise exception

Examples:

Order(order id, prod, amount)

INSERT INTO Order VALUES (NEXT VALUE FOR seqgen, 'prod1', 2);

CALL myproc(NEXT VALUE FOR seqgen);

SET J = J + NEXT VALUE FOR seqgen;

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value of start, max, min, increment, and cycle/nocycle can be changed by alter statement

> ALTER SEQUENCE s_name RESTART WITH new_base_value

removing of sequence

DROP SEQUENCE s_name

Internal sequence generators

- GENERATED ALWAYS or GENERATED BY DEFAULT
 - ALWAYS means UPDATE on column is not allowed; INSERT requires OVERRIDING SYSTEM VALUE (privilege)
 - BY DEFAULT INSERT or UPDATE allowed; the value is generated during INSERT, if it is not specified in statement

Internal sequence generators

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CREATE TABLE Employees (
  em id INTEGER
    GENERATED ALWAYS AS IDENTITY
    START WITH 100
    INCREMENT 1
    MINVALUE 100
    NO MAXVALUE
    NO CYCLE,
  salary DECIMAL(7,2), ...,
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Conclusion

 These extensions support creating analytical functions in SQL, i.e., they are usable for OLAP and now for so called Big Analytics.