Overview

Concepts covered in this lecture:
- SQL in application code
- Embedded SQL
- Cursors
- Dynamic SQL
- JDBC
- SQLJ
- Stored procedures

SQL in Application Code

- SQL commands can be called from within a host language (e.g., C++ or Java) program.
  - SQL statements can refer to host variables (including special variables used to return status).
  - Must include a statement to connect to the right database.
- Two main integration approaches:
  - Embed SQL in the host language (Embedded SQL, SQLJ)
  - Create special API to call SQL commands (JDBC)

SQL in Application Code (Contd.)

Impedance mismatch:
- SQL relations are (multi-) sets of records, with no a priori bound on the number of records.
  No such data structure exist traditionally in procedural programming languages such as C++. (Though now: STL)
  - SQL supports a mechanism called a cursor to handle this.

Embedded SQL

- Approach: Embed SQL in the host language.
  - A preprocessor converts the SQL statements into special API calls.
  - Then a regular compiler is used to compile the code.
- Language constructs:
  - Connecting to a database:
    EXEC SQL CONNECT
  - Declaring variables:
    EXEC SQL BEGIN (END) DECLARE SECTION
  - Statements:
    EXEC SQL Statement;

Embedded SQL: Variables

EXEC SQL BEGIN DECLARE SECTION
char c_sname[20];
long c_sid;
short c_rating;
float c_age;
EXEC SQL END DECLARE SECTION

- Two special “error” variables:
  - SQLCODE (long, is negative if an error has occurred)
  - SQLSTATE (char[6], predefined codes for common errors)
**Cursors**

- Can declare a cursor on a relation or query statement (which generates a relation).
- Can open a cursor, and repeatedly fetch a tuple then move the cursor, until all tuples have been retrieved.
  - Can use a special clause, called ORDER BY, in queries that are accessed through a cursor, to control the order in which tuples are returned.
  - Fields in ORDER BY clause must also appear in SELECT clause.
  - The ORDER BY clause, which orders answer tuples, is only allowed in the context of a cursor.
- Can also modify/delete tuple pointed to by a cursor.

**Cursor that gets names of sailors who’ve reserved a red boat, in alphabetical order**

EXEC SQL DECLARE sinfo CURSOR FOR
SELECT S.sname
FROM Sailors S, Boats B, Reserves R
WHERE S.sid=R.sid AND R.bid=B.bid AND B.color='red'
ORDER BY S.sname

- Note that it is illegal to replace S.sname by, say, S.sid in the ORDER BY clause! (Why?)
- Can we add S.sid to the SELECT clause and replace S.sname by S.sid in the ORDER BY clause?

**Embedding SQL in C: An Example**

```sql
char SQLSTATE[6];
EXEC SQL BEGIN DECLARE SECTION
char c_sname[20]; short c_minrating; float c_age;
EXEC SQL END DECLARE SECTION
c_minrating = random();
EXEC SQL DECLARE sinfo CURSOR FOR
SELECT S.sname, S.age FROM Sailors S
WHERE S.rating > :c_minrating
ORDER BY S.sname;
do {
  EXEC SQL FETCH sinfo INTO :c_sname, :c_age;
  printf("%s is %d years old\n", c_sname, c_age);
} while (SQLSTATE != '02000');
EXEC SQL CLOSE sinfo;
```

**Dynamic SQL**

- SQL query strings are now always known at compile time (e.g., spreadsheet, graphical DBMS frontend): Allow construction of SQL statements on-the-fly
- Example:
  ```sql
  char c_sqlstring[]=
  {"DELETE FROM Sailors WHERE rating>5"};
  EXEC SQL PREPARE readytogo FROM :c_sqlstring;
  EXEC SQL EXECUTE readytogo;
  ```

**Database APIs: Alternative to embedding**

Rather than modify compiler, add library with database calls (API)
- Special standardized interface: procedures/objects
- Pass SQL strings from language, presents result sets in a language-friendly way
- Sun’s JDBC: Java API
- Supposedly DBMS-neutral
  - a “driver” traps the calls and translates them into DBMS-specific code
  - database can be across a network

**JDBC: Architecture**

- Four architectural components:
  - Application (initiates and terminates connections, submits SQL statements)
  - Driver manager (load JDBC driver)
  - Driver (connects to data source, transmits requests and returns/converts results and error codes)
  - Data source (processes SQL statements)
JDBC Architecture (Contd.)

Four types of drivers:

**Bridge:**
- Translates SQL commands into non-native API.
- Example: JDBC-ODBC bridge. Code for ODBC and JDBC driver needs to be available on each client.

**Direct translation to native API, non-Java driver:**
- Translates SQL commands to native API of data source.
  - Need OS-specific binary on each client.

**Network bridge:**
- Send commands over the network to a middleware server that talks to the data source.
  - Needs only small JDBC driver at each client.

**Direction translation to native API via Java driver:**
- Converts JDBC calls directly to network protocol used by DBMS.
  - Needs DBMS-specific Java driver at each client.

JDBC Classes and Interfaces

Steps to submit a database query:
1. Load the JDBC driver
2. Connect to the data source
3. Execute SQL statements

JDBC Driver Management

- All drivers are managed by the DriverManager class
- Loading a JDBC driver:
  - In the Java code:
    - `Class.forName("oracle/jdbc.driver.OracleDriver");`
  - When starting the Java application:
    - `-Djdbc.drivers=oracle/jdbc.driver`

Connections in JDBC

We interact with a data source through sessions. Each connection identifies a logical session.

- JDBC URL:
  - `jdbc:<subprotocol>:<otherParameters>`

  Example:
  ```java
  String url="jdbc:oracle:www.bookstore.com:3083";
  Connection con;
  try{
      con = DriverManager.getConnection(url, usedId, password);
  } catch SQLException excpt { …}
  ```

Connection Class Interface

- `public int getTransactionIsolation()` and `void setTransactionIsolation(int level)`
  - Sets isolation level for the current connection.

- `public boolean getReadonly()` and `void setReadonly(boolean b)`
  - Specifies whether transactions in this connection are read-only.

- `public boolean getAutoCommit()` and `void setAutoCommit(boolean b)`
  - If autocommit is set, then each SQL statement is considered its own transaction. Otherwise, a transaction is committed using `commit()`, or aborted using `rollback()`.

- `public boolean isClosed()`
  - Checks whether connection is still open.

Executing SQL Statements

- Three different ways of executing SQL statements:
  - Statement (both static and dynamic SQL statements)
  - PreparedStatement (semi-static SQL statements)
  - CallableStatement (stored procedures)

- PreparedStatement class:
  - Precompiled, parametrized SQL statements:
    - Structure is fixed
    - Values of parameters are determined at run-time
Executing SQL Statements (Contd.)

String sql="INSERT INTO Sailors VALUES(?,?,?,?)";
PreparedStatement pstmt=con.prepareStatement(sql);
pstmt.clearParameters();
pstmt.setInt(1,sid);
pstmt.setString(2,sname);
pstmt.setInt(3, rating);
pstmt.setFloat(4,age);

// we know that no rows are returned, thus we use
executeUpdate()
int numRows = pstmt.executeUpdate();

ResultSets

- PreparedStatement.executeUpdate only returns the number of affected records
- PreparedStatement.executeQuery returns data, encapsulated in a ResultSet object (a cursor)

ResultSet rs=pstmt.executeQuery(sql);
// rs is now a cursor
While (rs.next()) {
  // process the data
}

ResultSets (Contd.)

A ResultSet is a very powerful cursor:
- previous(): moves one row back
- absolute(int num): moves to the row with the specified number
- relative (int num): moves forward or backward
- first() and last()

Matching Java and SQL Data Types

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JDBC: Exceptions and Warnings

- Most of java.sql can throw a SQLException if an error occurs.
- SQLWarning is a subclass of SQLException; not as severe (they are not thrown and their existence has to be explicitly tested)

Warning and Exceptions (Contd.)

try {
  stmt=con.createStatement();
  warning=con.getWarnings();
  while(warning != null) {
    // handle SQLWarnings;
    warning = warning.getNextWarning();
  }
  con.clearWarnings();
  stmt.executeUpdate(queryString);
  warning = con.getWarnings();
  ...
} //end try
catch (SQLException SQLe) {
  // handle the exception
}
Examining Database Metadata

DatabaseMetaData object gives information about the database system and the catalog.

```java
DatabaseMetaData md = con.getMetaData();
// print information about the driver:
System.out.println("Name:" + md.getDriverName() + 
"version:" + md.getDriverVersion());
```

Database MetaData (Contd.)

```java
DatabaseMetaData md = con.getMetaData();
ResultSet trs = md.getTables(null, null, null, null);
String tableName;
While(trs.next()) {
    tableName = trs.getString("TABLE_NAME");
    System.out.println("Table: " + tableName);
    //print all attributes
    ResultSet crs = md.getColumns(null, null, tableName, null);
    while (crs.next()) {
        System.out.println(crs.getString("COLUMN_NAME") + ", ");
    }
}
```

A (Semi-)Complete Example

```java
Connection con = DriverManager.getConnection(url, "login", "pass");
Statement stmt = con.createStatement();
String query = "SELECT name, rating FROM Sailors";
ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery(query);
try { // handle exceptions
    // loop through result tuples
    while (rs.next()) {
        String s = rs.getString("name");
        Int n = rs.getFloat("rating");
        System.out.println(s + "   " + n);
    }
} catch(SQLException ex) {
    System.out.println(ex.getMessage () + ex.getSQLState () + ex.getErrorCode ());
}
```

SQLJ

Complements JDBC with a (semi-)static query model: Compiler can perform syntax checks, strong type checks, consistency of the query with the schema

- All arguments always bound to the same variable:
  ```sql
  #sql = {
  SELECT name, rating INTO :name, :rating
  FROM Books WHERE sid = :sid;
  }
  ```
- Compare to JDBC:
  ```java
  sid=rs.getInt(1);
  if (sid==1) {sname=rs.getString(2);}
  else { sname2=rs.getString(2);}
  ```

SQLJ (part of the SQL standard) versus embedded SQL (vendor-specific)

SQLJ Code

```java
Int sid; String name; Int rating;
// named iterator
#sql iterator Sailors(Int sid, String name, Int rating);
Sailors sailors;
// assume that the application sets rating
#sailors = {
    SELECT sid, sname INTO :sid, :name
    FROM Sailors WHERE rating = :rating
};
// retrieve results
while (sailors.next()) {
    System.out.println(sailors.sid + " " + sailors.sname);
} sailors.close();
```

SQLJ Iterators

Two types of iterators (“cursors”):
- Named iterator
  - Need both variable type and name, and then allows retrieval of columns by name.
  - See example on previous slide.
- Positional iterator
  - Need only variable type, and then uses FETCH .. INTO construct:
    ```sql
    #sql iterator Sailors(Int, String, Int);
    Sailors sailors;
    #sailors = 
    while (true) {
    #sql {FETCH :sailors INTO :sid, :name} ;
    if (sailors.endFetch()) { break; }
    // process the sailor
    }
    ```
Stored Procedures

- What is a stored procedure:
  - Program executed through a single SQL statement
  - Executed in the process space of the server
- Advantages:
  - Can encapsulate application logic while staying "close" to the data
  - Reuse of application logic by different users
  - Avoid tuple-at-a-time return of records through cursors

Stored Procedures: Examples

CREATE PROCEDURE ShowNumReservations
SELECT S.sid, S.sname, COUNT(*)
FROM Sailors S, Reserves R
WHERE S.sid = R.sid
GROUP BY S.sid, S.sname

Stored procedures can have parameters:
- Three different modes: IN, OUT, INOUT

CREATE PROCEDURE IncreaseRating(
  IN sailor_sid INTEGER, IN increase INTEGER)
UPDATE Sailors
SET rating = rating + increase
WHERE sid = sailor_sid

Stored Procedures: Examples (Contd.)

Stored procedure do not have to be written in SQL:

CREATE PROCEDURE TopSailors(
  IN num INTEGER)
LANGUAGE JAVA
EXTERNAL NAME "file:///c:/storedProcs/rank.jar"

Calling Stored Procedures

EXEC SQL BEGIN DECLARE SECTION
Int sid;
Int rating;
EXEC SQL END DECLARE SECTION

// now increase the rating of this sailor
EXEC CALL IncreaseRating(:sid,:rating);

Calling Stored Procedures (Contd.)

JDBC:
CallableStatement cstmt=
  con.prepareCall("call ShowSailors");
ResultSet rs =
  cstmt.executeQuery();
while (rs.next()) {
  ...
}

SQL/
DECLARE SQL iterator ShowSailors(...);
ShowSailors show coil s;
SHOW Sailors = (CALL
ShowSailors);
while (show coil s.next()) {
...}

SQL/PSM

Most DBMSs allow users to write stored procedures in a simple, general-purpose language (close to SQL) → SQL/PSM standard is a representative

Declare a stored procedure:
CREATE PROCEDURE name(p1, p2, ..., pn)
  local variable declarations
  procedure code;

Declare a function:
CREATE FUNCTION name (p1, ..., pn) RETURNS sqlData type
  local variable declarations
  function code;
Main SQL/PSM Constructs

CREATE FUNCTION rate Sailor
(IN sailorId INTEGER)
RETURNS INTEGER
DECLARE rating INTEGER
DECLARE numRes INTEGER
SET numRes = (SELECT COUNT(*)
    FROM Reserves R
    WHERE R.sid = sailorId)
IF (numRes > 10) THEN rating = 1;
ELSE rating = 0;
END IF;
RETURN rating;

Main SQL/PSM Constructs (Contd.)

- Local variables (DECLARE)
- RETURN values for FUNCTION
- Assign variables with SET
- Branches and loops:
  - IF (condition) THEN statements;
  - ELSEIF (condition) statements;
  - … ELSE statements; END IF;
  - LOOP statements; END LOOP
- Queries can be parts of expressions
- Can use cursors naturally without “EXEC SQL”

Summary

- Embedded SQL allows execution of parametrized static queries within a host language
- Dynamic SQL allows execution of completely ad-hoc queries within a host language
- Cursor mechanism allows retrieval of one record at a time and bridges impedance mismatch between host language and SQL
- APIs such as JDBC introduce a layer of abstraction between application and DBMS

Summary (Contd.)

- SQLJ: Static model, queries checked at compile-time.
- Stored procedures execute application logic directly at the server
- SQL/PSM standard for writing stored procedures