SUMMARY OF SQL QUERIES

```
SELECT <attribute and function list>
FROM 
[WHERE <condition>]
[GROUP BY <grouping attribute(s)>]
[HAVING <group condition>]
[ORDER BY <attribute list>];
```

- 1. Assemble all tables according to **From** clause ("," means to use \times).
- 2. Keep only tuples matching Where clause.
- 3. Group into blocks based on **Group By** clause.
- Keep only blocks matching Having clause.
- 5. Create one tuple for each block using **Select** clause.
- Order resulting tuples according to Order By clause.

Tables for the Example

Student ID First Last Year Grade ID Code Mark YearTaken Module Code Title Credits

A Final Example

- Examiners' reports
 - We want a list of students and their average mark
 - For first and second years the average is for that year
 - For finalists it is 40% of the second year plus 60% of the final year average.

- We want the results
 - Sorted by year then average mark (High to low) then last name, first name, and finally ID
 - To take into account the number of credits each module is worth
 - Produced by a single query

We'll Need a UNION

- Finalists are treated differently
 - Write one query for the finalists
 - Write a second query for the first and second years
 - Use a UNION to join them together

<QUERY FOR FINALISTS>

UNION

<QUERY FOR OTHERS>

We'll need to Join the Tables

- Both of the subqueries need information from all the tables
 - The student ID, name and year
 - The marks for each module and the year taken
 - The number of credits for each module

- This is a natural join operation
 - We could use a NATURAL JOIN statement, and hope that our version of SQL can do it
 - Safer to just use a WHERE clause

The Query So Far

```
SELECT <some information>
  FROM Student, Module, Grade
WHERE Student.ID = Grade.ID
  AND Module.Code = Grade.Code
  AND <student is in third year>

UNION

SELECT <some information>
  FROM Student, Module, Grade
WHERE Student.ID = Grade.ID
  AND Module.Code = Grade.Code
  AND <student is in first or second year>
```

Information for Finalists

- We need to retrieve
 - Compute average mark, weighted 40-60 across years 2 and 3
 - First year marks need to be ignored
 - The ID, Name, and Year are needed as they are used for ordering

- The average is hard
 - We don't have any statement to separate years 2 and 3 easily
 - We can exploit the fact that 40 = 20*2 and 60 = 20*3, so YearTaken and the weighting have a simple relationship

Information for Finalists

Information for Other Students

- Other students are easier than finalists
 - We just need to average their marks where YearTaken and Year are the same
 - As before we need the ID, Name, and Year for ordering

Information for Other Students

The Final Query

```
inventory(<u>inventory id</u>, user_id, item_id)
item(<u>item id</u>, name)
favs(<u>fav id</u>, user_id, item_id)
```

We want a query to remove a given user's items, but only duplicate copies. However, do not remove any copies of an item if the user has it favourited.

1.

DELETE FROM inventory WHERE inventory_id IN <user's duplicate items, but not favourited>

2.

SELECT item_id FROM favs WHERE user_id = \$user_id

This query will get the user's favourited items

3.

SELECT MIN(inventory_id) as inv_id, user_id, item_id FROM inventory GROUP BY user id, item id

This query will get only one copy of the user's items

4.

SELECT inventory_id
FROM inventory
LEFT JOIN
(SELECT MIN(inventory_id) as inv_id, user_id, item_id
FROM inventory GROUP BY user_id, item_id) as KeepRows
ON inventory.inventory_id = KeepRows.inv_id
WHERE KeepRows.inv_id IS NULL AND inventory.user_id =
\$user_id

In the left join, all duplicate items will have KeepRows.inv_id as null because of the left join

5. The final query

DELETE FROM inventory
WHERE inventory_id
IN
(SELECT inventory_id
FROM inventory
LEFT JOIN
(SELECT MIN(inventory_id) as inv_id, user_id, item_id
FROM inventory GROUP BY user_id, item_id) as KeepRows
ON inventory.inventory_id = KeepRows.inv_id
WHERE KeepRows.inv_id IS NULL AND inventory.user_id =
\$user_id AND inventory.item_id NOT IN (SELECT item_id
FROM favs WHERE user id = \$user id))