

Topic 3

Build an SQLite Database

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Module Objectives

At the end of this topic the learner will:

- Build an SQLite database
- Perform SQL queries on the database
- Review the data within the database
- Build a database using the Python sqlite3 module

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What is SQLite

- SQLite library
 - A RDBMS contained in a C library
 - SQLite is not a client-server database engine, it is embedded into the end program
 - A popular choice as embedded database software for local/client storage
 - ACID compliant and implements most of the SQL standard
- Sqlite3
 - A terminal-based front-end to the SQLite library that can evaluate queries interactively and display the results in multiple formats
 - sqlite3 can also be used within shell scripts and other applications to provide batch processing features
- DB Browser for SQLite
 - GUI editor for SQLite databases

Install SQLite

- Install the database, the SQLite3 python module and the SQLite Browser

```
~$ sudo apt install -y sqlite3 sqlitebrowser
```



Structured Query Language

- SQL is a specific language used in programming and designed for managing data held in a RDBMS, or for stream processing in a relational data stream management system
- In this case, the RDBMS is SQLite3

Structured Query Language

- Using the **sqlite3** terminal client open a new database

```
~$ sqlite3 db_1.sqlite
```

- Check if there are any current tables in the database

```
sqlite> .tables
```

Create a table

- Create a `class_list` table

```
sqlite> CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS class_list (ref_no INTEGER
PRIMARY KEY, fname TEXT, sname TEXT, number INTEGER);
```

- Confirm the table has been created

```
sqlite> .tables
class_list
```

Insert data into the table

- Add data to the `class_list` table

```
sqlite> INSERT INTO class_list (ref_no, fname, sname, number)
VALUES (0, 'Tom', 'Ryan', 111111);
```

```
sqlite> INSERT INTO class_list (ref_no, fname, sname, number)
VALUES (1, 'Mary', 'Murphy', 222222);
```

```
sqlite> INSERT INTO class_list (ref_no, fname, sname, number)
VALUES (2, 'Ada', 'Lovelace', 333333);
```

```
sqlite> INSERT INTO class_list (ref_no, fname, sname, number)
VALUES (3, 'Charles', 'Babbage', 444444);
```

Insert data into the table

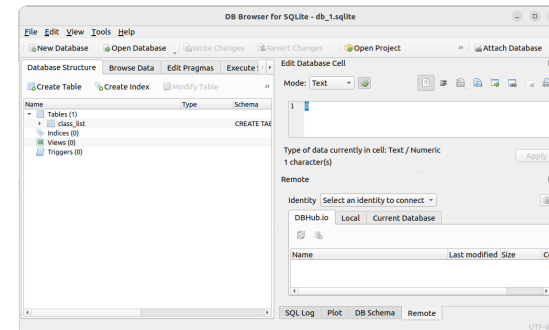
- Confirm the data is in the table via the terminal program

```
sqlite> SELECT * FROM class_list;
0 | Tom | Ryan | 111111
1 | Mary | Murphy | 222222
2 | Ada | Lovelace | 333333
3 | Charles | Babbage | 444444
```

SQLite Browser

- Run the `sqlitebrowser` to confirm

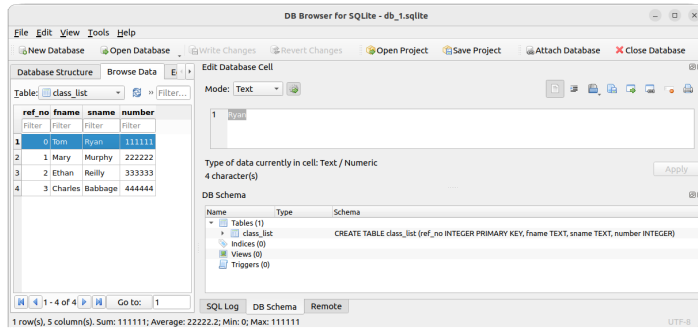
```
ada:~$ sqlitebrowser db_1.sqlite
```



SQLite Browser

- Run the `sqlitebrowser` to confirm

```
ada:~$ sqlitebrowser db_1.sqlite
```



Update data in the table

- Update data in the `class_list` table

```
sqlite> UPDATE class_list SET fname = 'Ethan' WHERE number  
LIKE 333333;
```

```
sqlite> UPDATE class_list SET sname = 'Reilly' WHERE ref_no  
LIKE 2;
```

- Confirm the change

```
sqlite> SELECT * FROM class_list;  
0|Tom|Ryan|111111  
1|Mary|Murphy|222222  
2|Ethan|Reilly|333333  
3|Charles|Babbage|444444
```

Select data from the table using Wildcard

- Select data in the `sname` table where name includes "y"
 - Note: "%" is the wildcard

```
sqlite> SELECT * FROM class_list WHERE sname LIKE "y";
```

```
sqlite> SELECT * FROM class_list WHERE sname LIKE "%y";  
1|Mary|Murphy|222222
```

```
sqlite> SELECT * FROM class_list WHERE sname LIKE "%y%";  
0|Tom|Ryan|111111  
1|Mary|Murphy|222222
```

Delete data from the table

- Delete some data from the table. The SQL query deletes all rows from the `class_list` table whose reference number starts with the digit 3

```
sqlite> DELETE FROM class_list WHERE ref_no LIKE 3;
```

- Confirm the change

```
sqlite> SELECT * FROM class_list;  
0|Tom|Ryan|111111  
1|Mary|Murphy|222222  
2|Ethan|Reilly|333333
```

Delete all data from the table

- Delete all data from the table

```
sqlite> DELETE FROM class_list;
```

- Confirm the change

```
sqlite> SELECT * FROM class_list;
```

Exit from the database

- Exit from the database

```
sqlite> .quit
```



Laboratory 1



SQLite
Database



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Laboratory #1

- Write an SQL Database that includes information on some cars outside the window. If you cannot see cars make them up.
- Include:
 - Car manufacturers
 - Car model
 - Car colour
 - Car registration
 - Wheel type, alloy, etc...

Python sqlite3 module



Interfacing with databases via Python

```
-$ cat working_with_db.py
1  #! /usr/bin/env python3
2
3  import pprint
4  import sqlite3
5  import sys
6
7  # Defined variables
8  database = "db_2.sqlite"
9  table = "class_list"
10 columns = {
11     "ref_no": "INTEGER PRIMARY KEY",
12     "fname": "TEXT",
13     "sname": "TEXT",
14     "number": "INTEGER",
15 }
16 data = (
17     (0, "Tom", "Ryan", 111111),
18     (1, "Mary", "Murphy", 222222),
19     (2, "Ada", "Lovelace", 333333),
20     (3, "Charles", "Babbage", 444444),
21 )
22 list_ = list()
23 str_ = str()
24 tuple_ = tuple()
25
```



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Interfacing with databases via Python

```
26 # // Query Function //
27 def query_(query):
28     """Query function for the Database"""
29
30     list_ = list()
31     with sqlite3.connect(database) as con:
32         cur = con.cursor()
33         cur.execute(query)
34         list_ = cur.fetchall() # Empty except for SELECT
35         cur.close() # Close database cursor
36         con.commit() # Commit labels to the database
37     return (0, list_)
38
39
40 # // Use SQL to drop a 'class_list' table if it currently exists //
41 print(f"Dropping '{table}' from the db '{database}' if it exists")
42 query_(f"DROP TABLE IF EXISTS {table}")
43
44 # // Use SQL to create new 'class_list' table //
45 print(f"Creating '{table}' in the '{database}' db")
46 for (key, value) in columns.items():
47     list_.append(f"{key} {value}")
48 str_ = " ".join(list_)
49 query_(f"CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS {table} ({str_})")
50
```



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Interfacing with databases via Python

```
51 # // Get input and put in the database table 'class_list' //
52 str_ = " ".join(columns.keys())
53 for d in data:
54     print(f"Inserting {d} into the '{table}' table")
55     query_(f"INSERT INTO {table} ({str_}) VALUES {d}")
56
57 # // Getting data from database table 'class_list' //
58 print(f"Retrieving {d} from the '{table}' table")
59 (_, list_) = query_(f"SELECT * FROM {table}")
60
61 # // Printing table 'class_list' //
62 for t in list_:
63     print(" ", " ".join([str(e) for e in t]))
64
```



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Interfacing with databases via Python

- Running the program

```
~$ ./python_sqlite.py
Dropping 'class_list' from the db 'db_2.sqlite' if it exists
Creating 'class_list' in the 'db_2.sqlite' db
Inserting (0, 'Tom', 'Ryan', 111111) into the 'class_list' table
Inserting (1, 'Mary', 'Murphy', 222222) into the 'class_list' table
Inserting (2, 'Ada', 'Lovelace', 333333) into the 'class_list' table
Inserting (3, 'Charles', 'Babbage', 444444) into the 'class_list' table
Retrieving (3, 'Charles', 'Babbage', 444444) from the 'class_list' table
0, Tom, Ryan, 111111
1, Mary, Murphy, 222222
2, Ada, Lovelace, 333333
3, Charles, Babbage, 444444
```

Interfacing with databases via Python

- Checking the table

```
~$ sqlite3 db_2.sqlite
SQLite version 3.37.2 2022-01-06 13:25:41
Enter ".help" for usage hints.

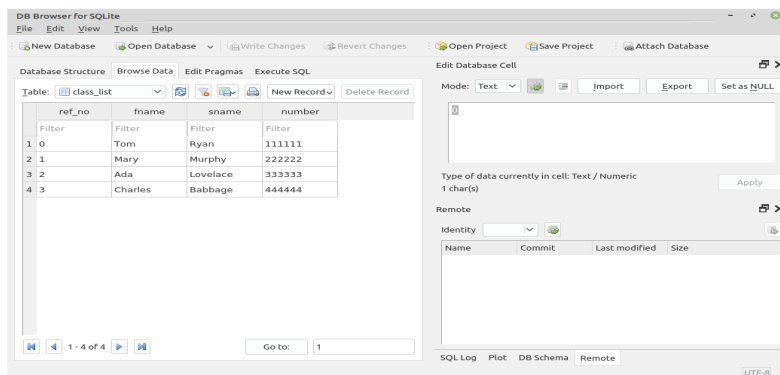
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class_list

sqlite> SELECT * FROM class_list;
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2|Ada|Lovelace|333333
3|Charles|Babbage|444444

sqlite> .quit
```

Interfacing with databases

- SQLite Database Browser



Laboratory 2
Python sqlite3 module

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Laboratory #2

- Add a shebang line and a document string “**Exercise #3.2 in Python3**”.
- Import the `sqlite3` module and declare global variables.
- Copy the `query()` function from the “`python_sqlite.py`” program.
- Open the database and retrieve the data from the “`class_list`” table.
- Remove “**Mary Murphy**” from the course.
- Replace “**Mary Murphy**” with her sister “**Nora**”.
- Add “**Leo Ashe**” to the course with a student number “**555555**”.
- Output the current state of the table.

Laboratory #2

- Output should be somewhat like this:

```
~$ exercise3.2.py
Retrieving data from the 'class_list' table
0, Tom, Ryan, 111111
1, Mary, Murphy, 222222
2, Ada, Lovelace, 333333
3, Charles, Babbage, 444444
Deleting 'Mary Murphy from the 'class_list'
Inserting 1, Nora, Murphy, 222222 into the 'class_list' table
Inserting 4, Leo, Ashe, 555555 into the 'class_list' table
Retrieving data from the 'class_list' table
0, Tom, Ryan, 111111
1, Nora, Murphy, 222222
2, Ada, Lovelace, 333333
3, Charles, Babbage, 444444
4, Leo, Ashe, 555555
```

Learning Objectives

- Build an SQLite database ✓
- Perform SQL queries on the database ✓
- Review the data within the database ✓
- Build a database using the Python `sqlite3` module ✓



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