

Objectives

After completing this lesson, you should be able to do the following:

- Describe each data manipulation language (DML) statement
- Insert rows into a table
- Update rows in a table
- Delete rows from a table
- Control transactions

INSERT Statement Syntax

 Add new rows to a table by using the INSERT statement:

```
INSERT INTO table [(column [, column...])]
VALUES (value [, value...]);
```

With this syntax, only one row is inserted at a time.

Inserting Rows with Null Values

Implicit method: Omit the column from the column list.

 Explicit method: Specify the NULL keyword in the VALUES clause.

```
INSERT INTO departments
VALUES (100, 'Finance', NULL, NULL);
1 row created.
```

UPDATE Statement Syntax

Modify existing rows with the UPDATE statement:

```
UPDATE table

SET column = value [, column = value, ...]

[WHERE condition];
```

Update more than one row at a time (if required).

Updating Rows Based on Another Table

Use subqueries in UPDATE statements to update rows in a table based on values from another table:

DELETE Statement

You can remove existing rows from a table by using the DELETE statement:

DELETE [FROM] table

[WHERE condition];

Deleting Rows Based on Another Table

Use subqueries in DELETE statements to remove rows from a table based on values from another table:

TRUNCATE Statement

- Removes all rows from a table, leaving the table empty and the table structure intact
- Is a data definition language (DDL) statement rather than a DML statement; cannot easily be undone
- Syntax:

TRUNCATE TABLE table_name;

Database Transactions

A database transaction consists of one of the following:

- DML statements that constitute one consistent change to the data
- One DDL statement
- One data control language (DCL) statement

Controlling Transactions

