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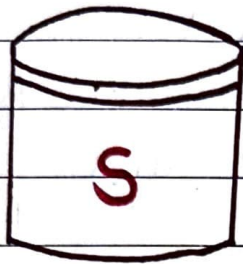
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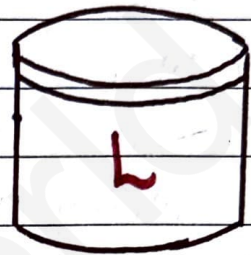
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Structured



Query



Language

Introduction to SQL :

What is SQL ?

- SQL stands for Structured Query Language
- SQL Lets you access and manipulate database
- SQL became a Standard of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) in 1986, and of the International Organization For Standardization (ISO) in 1987

RDBMS

RDBMS stands for Relational Database Management



System.

RDBMS is the basis for SQL, and for all Modern database systems such as MS SQL Server, IBM DB2, Oracle, MySQL, and Microsoft Access.

Some of The Most Important SQL commands

- **SELECT** - extracts data from a database
- **UPDATE** - updates data in a database
- **DELETE** - delete data from a database
- **INSERT INTO** - insert new data into a database.
- **CREATE DATABASE** - creates a new database
- **ALTER DATABASE** - Modifies a database
- **CREATE TABLE** - creates a new table
- **ALTER TABLE** - Modifies table
- **DROP TABLE** - deletes a table
- **CREATE INDEX** - creates an index
- **DROP INDEX** - deletes an index

SQL SELECT Statement :

The **SELECT** statement is used to select data from a database.



Example ↴

```
SELECT CustomerName, City FROM  
Customers;
```

Select ALL columns

Example ↴

```
SELECT * FROM Customers;
```

SQL SELECT DISTINCT Statement :

The **SELECT DISTINCT** statement is used to return only distinct (different) values.

Example ↴

```
SELECT DISTINCT Country FROM  
Customers;
```

The SQL WHERE Clause

The **WHERE** clause is used to filter records.



It is used to extract only those records that fulfill a specified condition.

Example ↴

```
SELECT * FROM customers  
WHERE country = 'Mexico';
```

Syntax

```
SELECT column1, column2, ...  
FROM table_name  
WHERE condition;
```

Note → The **WHERE** clause is not only used in **SELECT** statements, it is also used in **UPDATE**, **DELETE**, etc!

Operators in The WHERE clause

Example ↴

select all customers with a customerID greater than 80:

```
SELECT * FROM customers  
WHERE customerID > 80;
```



Operator	Description
=	Equal
>	Greater than
<	Less than
>=	Greater than or equal
<=	Less than or equal
<>	Not equal
Between	Between a certain range.
LIKE	Search for a pattern
IN	To specify multiple possible values for a column

The SQL ORDER By :

The ORDER By keyword is used to sort the

Result-Set in ascending or descending order.

Example ↴

```
SELECT * FROM products  
ORDER By price;
```

Syntax

```
SELECT column1, column2, ....  
FROM table_name  
ORDER By column1, column2, ----  
ASC/DESC;
```

DESC

The **ORDER By** keyword sorts the records in ascending order by default. To sort the records in descending order, use the **DESC** keyword.

Example ↴

```
SELECT * FROM products  
ORDER By price DESC;
```



Order Alphabetically

For String values the ORDER By keyword will order alphabetically

Example ↴

sort the products alphabetically by
productname:

```
SELECT * FROM products  
ORDER By productname;
```

Using Both Asc and Desc

The following SQL statement selects all customers from the "customers" table, sorted ascending by "country" and descending by the "customername" column:

Example ↴

```
SELECT * FROM customers  
ORDER By country ASC, customername  
DESC;
```


The SQL AND operator :

The **WHERE** clause can contain one or many **AND** operators.

The **AND** operator is used to filter records based on more than one condition, like if you want to return all customers from Spain that starts with the letter 'G':

Example ↴

```
SELECT *  
FROM customers  
WHERE country = 'Spain' AND  
customername LIKE 'G%';
```

Syntax

```
SELECT column1, column2, ---  
FROM table_name  
WHERE condition1 AND condition2 AND  
condition3 ---;
```



SQL OR Operator :

The **WHERE** clause can contain one or more **OR** operators.

The **OR** operator is used to filter records based on more than one condition, like if you want to return all customers from Germany but also those from Spain.

Example ↴

```
SELECT *  
FROM customers  
WHERE country = 'Germany' OR country  
= 'Spain' ;
```

Syntax

```
SELECT column1, column2, ---  
FROM table_name  
WHERE condition1 OR condition2 OR  
condition3 ---;
```


OR VS AND

The **OR** operator displays a record if any of the conditions are **TRUE**.

The **AND** operator displays a record if all the conditions are **TRUE**.

SQL NOT Operator :

The NOT operator

The **NOT** operator is used in combination with other operators to give the opposite result, also called the negative result.

In the select statement below we want to return all customers that are **NOT** from Spain.

Example ↴

```
SELECT * FROM customers  
WHERE NOT country = 'Spain';
```



Syntax

```
SELECT column1, column2, ...  
FROM table-name  
WHERE NOT condition;
```

NOT BETWEEN

Example ↴

```
SELECT * FROM customers  
WHERE customer ID NOT BETWEEN 10 AND  
60;
```

NOT Greater Than

Example ↴

```
SELECT * FROM customers  
WHERE NOT (customer ID > 50);
```

NOT Less Than

Example →

```
SELECT * FROM customers  
WHERE NOT (customerID < 50);
```




INSERT INTO Syntax :

It is possible to write the **INSERT INTO** Statement in two ways:

1. Specify both the column names and the values to be inserted.

```
INSERT INTO table_name (column1,  
column2, column3, ...)  
VALUES (value1, value2, value3, ...);
```

2. If you are adding values for all the columns of the table, you do not need to specify the column names in the SQL query. However, make sure the order of the values is in the same order as the columns in the table. Here, the **INSERT INTO** Syntax would be as follows.

```
INSERT INTO table_name  
VALUES (value1, value2, value3, ...);
```



SQL NULL Values :

What is a NULL value?

A field with NULL value is a field with no value.

If a field in a table is optional, it is possible to insert a new record or update a record without adding a value to this field. Then, the field will be saved with a NULL value.

How to Test for NULL values?

It is not possible to test for NULL values with comparison operators, such as =, <, or >.

IS NULL Syntax

```
SELECT column_names  
FROM table_name  
WHERE column_name IS NULL;
```

IS NOT NULL Syntax

```
SELECT column_names
```


FROM table_name
WHERE column_name IS NOT NULL;

SQL UPDATE Statement :

The **UPDATE** statement is used to modify the existing records in a table.

UPDATE Syntax

```
UPDATE table_name  
SET column1 = value1, column2 = value2,  
....  
WHERE
```

Example ↴

```
UPDATE customers  
SET ContactName = 'Alfred Schmidt',  
City = 'Frankfurt'  
WHERE CustomerID = 1;
```


SQL DELETE Statement :

The **DELETE** statement is used to delete existing records in a table.

Syntax

DELETE FROM table-name **WHERE** condition;

Example ↴

```
DELETE FROM customers WHERE  
CustomerName = 'Alfreds Futterkiste';
```

Delete All Records

Example → **DELETE FROM** customers;

It is possible to delete all rows in a table without deleting the table. This means that the table structure, attributes, and deleting the intact.

DELETE FROM table-name;



Delete a Table

To delete the table completely, use the **DROP TABLE** Statement.

Example ↴

```
DROP TABLE customers;
```

FIRST or ROWNUM clause :

The SQL SELECT TOP clause :

The **SELECT TOP** clause is used to specify the number of records to return.

The **SELECT TOP** clause is useful on large tables with thousands of records. Returning a large number of records can impact performance.

Example ↴

```
SELECT TOP 3 * FROM customers;
```


LIMIT

Example ↴

```
SELECT * FROM customers  
LIMIT 3 ;
```

FEICH FIRST

Example ↴

```
SELECT * FROM customers  
FEICH FIRST 3 ROWS ONLY ;
```

SQL TOP PERCENT Example :

Example ↴

```
SELECT TOP 50 PERCENT * FROM  
customers ;
```

ADD a WHERE CLAUSE

Example →

```
SELECT TOP 3 * FROM customers  
WHERE = 'Germany' ;
```




ADD the ORDER By Keyword :

Add the **ORDER By** keyword when you want to sort the result, and return the first 3 records of the sorted result.

Example ↴

```
SELECT TOP 3 * FROM customers  
ORDER By customerName DESC;
```

SQL Aggregate Functions

Aggregate functions are often used with the **GROUP By** clause of the **SELECT** statement.

The **GROUP By** clause splits the result-set into groups of values and the aggregate function can be used to return a single value for each group.

The most commonly used SQL aggregate functions are :

- **MIN()** - returns the smallest value within the



Selected column.

- **MAX()** - Returns the largest value within the selected column.
- **COUNT()** - Returns the number of rows in a set.
- **SUM()** - Returns the total sum of a numerical column.
- **AVG()** - Returns the average value of a numerical column.

Aggregate functions ignore null values (except for **COUNT()**).

SQL MIN() and MAX() functions:

The **MIN()** function returns the smallest value of the selected column.

The **MAX()** function returns the largest value of the selected column.

MIN Example ↴

```
SELECT MIN(price)
FROM products;
```

MAX Example ↴

```
SELECT MAX(price)
FROM products;
```

SQL COUNT() Function :

The **COUNT()** function returns the number of rows that matches a specified criterion.

Example ↴

```
SELECT COUNT (*)
FROM products;
```

Syntax

```
SELECT COUNT (column_name)
FROM table_name
WHERE condition;
```




Use COUNT() With GROUP By :

Here use the COUNT() function and the GROUP By clause, to return the number of records for each category in the products table:

Example ↴

```
SELECT COUNT(*) AS [Number of  
records], CategoryID  
FROM products  
GROUP BY CategoryID;
```

SQL SUM() Function :

The SUM() function returns the total sum of a numeric column.

Example ↴

```
SELECT SUM(Quantity)  
FROM OrderDetails;
```

Syntax

```
SELECT SUM (column_name)
FROM table_name
WHERE condition;
```

The SQL AVG() Function :

The **AVG()** function returns the average value of a numeric column.

Example ↴

```
SELECT AVG(price)
FROM products;
```

Syntax

```
SELECT AVG (column_name)
FROM table_name
WHERE condition;
```

SQL LIKE Operator :

The **LIKE** operator is used in a **WHERE** clause to search for a specified pattern in a column.

There are two wildcards often used in conjunction with the **LIKE** operator.

- The percent sign **%** represents Zero, One, or Multiple characters.
- The underscore sign **_** represents One, Single character

Example ↴

```
SELECT * FROM customers  
WHERE customername LIKE 'a%';
```

Syntax

```
SELECT column1, column2, ...  
FROM table_name  
WHERE column1 LIKE pattern;
```

SQL Wildcard Characters

A Wildcard character is used to substitute One or More characters in a string



Wildcard characters

Symbol	Description
%	Represents Zero or More characters
_	Represents a single character
[]	Represents any single character within the brackets *
^	Represents any character not in the brackets *
-	Represents any single character within the specified range *
{ }	Represents any escaped character *



Using the % Wildcard

Example ↴

```
SELECT * FROM Customers  
WHERE CustomerName LIKE '%es';
```

Using the _ Wildcard

Example ↴

Return all customers with a city starting with any character, followed by "ondon".

```
SELECT * FROM Customers  
WHERE city LIKE '_ondon';
```

Using the [] Wildcard

Example ↴

Return all customers starting with either "b", "s", or "p".

```
SELECT * FROM Customers  
WHERE CustomerName LIKE '[bsp]%';
```



Using the - Wildcard

Example ↴

Return all customers starting with "a", "b", "c", "d", "e", or "f".

```
SELECT * FROM customers  
WHERE CustomerName LIKE '[a-f] %';
```

Combine Wildcards

Example ↴

Return all customers that starts with "a" and are at least 3 characters in length.

```
SELECT * FROM customers  
WHERE CustomerName LIKE 'a--- %';
```

SQL IN Operator :

The **IN** Operator allows you to specify multiple values in a **WHERE** clause.



Example ↴

Return all customers from 'Germany', 'France',
or 'UK'.

```
SELECT * FROM customers  
WHERE country IN ('Germany', 'France',  
'UK');
```

SQL BETWEEN Operator :

The **BETWEEN** operator selects values within a given range. The values can be numbers, text, or dates.

The **BETWEEN** operator is inclusive: begin and end values are included.

Example ↴

Selects all products with a price between 10
and 20

```
SELECT * FROM products  
WHERE price BETWEEN 10 AND 20 ;
```



Syntax

```
SELECT column_name(s)
FROM table_name
WHERE column_name BETWEEN value1 AND
value2;
```

SQL Aliases

SQL aliases are used to give a table, or a column in table, a temporary name.

Aliases are often used to make column names more readable.

An alias only exists for the duration of that query.

An alias is created with the **AS** keyword.

Example ↴

```
SELECT customerID AS ID
FROM customers;
```




Syntax

```
SELECT column_name AS alias_name  
FROM table_name;
```

SQL Joins :

A **JOIN** clause is used to combine rows from two or more tables, based on a related column between them.

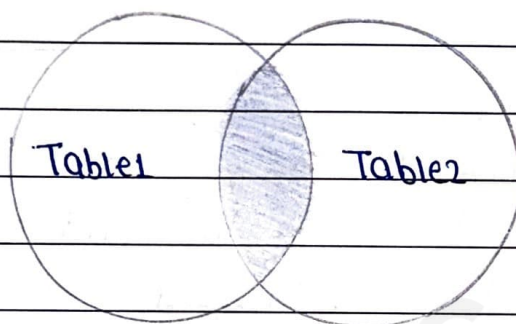
Different Types of SQL JOINS

- **(INNER) JOIN** - Returns records that have matching values in both tables.
- **LEFT (OUTER) JOIN** - Returns all records from the left table, and the matched records from the right table.
- **RIGHT (OUTER) JOIN** - Returns all record from the right table, and the matched records from the left table.
- **FULL (OUTER) JOIN** - Returns all records when

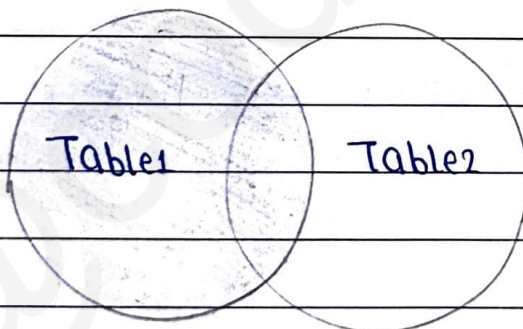


there is a Match in either left or right table.

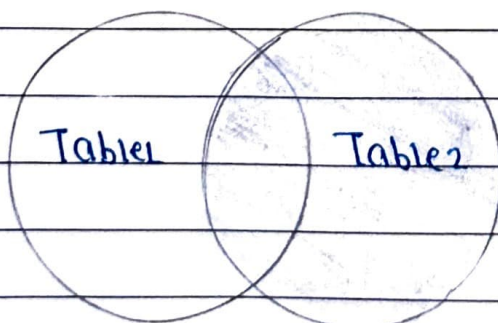
INNER JOIN



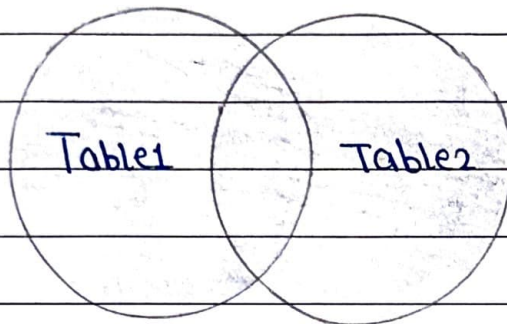
LEFT JOIN



RIGHT JOIN



FULL OUTER JOIN



SQL INNER JOIN :

The **INNER JOIN** keyword selects record that have matching values in both tables.

Examples ↴

Join products and categories with the **INNER JOIN** keyword.

```
SELECT productID, productName,  
categoryName  
FROM products  
INNER JOIN categories ON  
products.categoryID =  
categories.categoryID;
```



SQL LEFT JOIN KEYWORD :

The **LEFT JOIN** keyword returns all records from the left table (table1) and the matching records from the right (table2). The result is 0 records from the right side, if there is no match.

Syntax

```
SELECT column_name(s)
FROM table1
LEFT JOIN table2
ON table1.column_name =
table2.column_name;
```

SQL RIGHT JOIN keyword

The **RIGHT JOIN** keyword returns all records from the right table (table2), and the matching records from the left table (table1). The result is 0 records from the left side, if there is no match.



Syntax

```
SELECT column-name(s)  
FROM table1  
RIGHT JOIN table2  
ON table1.column-name =  
table2.column-name;
```

SQL FULL OUTER JOIN Keyword :

The **FULL OUTER JOIN** keyword returns all records when there is a match in left (table1) or right (table2) table records.

Tip: **FULL OUTER JOIN** and **FULL JOIN** are the same.

Syntax

```
SELECT column-name(s)  
FROM table1  
FULL OUTER JOIN table2  
ON table1.column-name =  
table2.column-name  
WHERE condition;
```



SQL Self Join

A self join is a regular Join, but the table is joined with itself.

Syntax

```
SELECT column_name(s)  
FROM table1 T1, table1 T2  
WHERE condition;
```

SQL UNION OPERATOR :

The **UNION** operator is used to combine the result-set of two or more **SELECT** statements.

- Every **SELECT** statement within **UNION** must have the same number of columns.
- The columns must also have similar data types.
- The columns in every **SELECT** statement must also be in the same order.



Syntax

```
SELECT column_name(s) FROM table1  
UNION  
SELECT column_name(s) FROM table2;
```

UNION ALL Syntax

```
SELECT column_name(s) FROM table1  
UNION ALL  
SELECT column_name(s) FROM table2;
```

The SQL GROUP By Statement :

The **GROUP By** Statement groups rows that have the same values into summary rows, like "Find the number of customers in each country".

Syntax →

```
SELECT column_name(s)  
FROM table_name  
WHERE condition  
GROUP By column_name(s)  
ORDER By column_name(s);
```



SQL HAVING clause :

The **HAVING** clause was added to SQL because the **WHERE** keyword cannot be used with aggregate functions.

HAVING Syntax

```
SELECT column - name (s)
FROM table - name
WHERE condition
GROUP BY column - name (s)
HAVING condition
ORDER BY column - name (s);
```

SQL EXISTS Operator

The **EXISTS** operator is used to test for the existence of any record in a subquery.

The **EXISTS** operator returns **TRUE** if the subquery returns one or more records.

Syntax →

```
SELECT column - name (s)
FROM table - name
WHERE EXISTS
(SELECT column - name FROM table - name
WHERE condition);
```


The SQL ANY Operator

The ANY operator

- returns a boolean value as a result
- returns TRUE if Any of the Subquery values meet the condition.

Syntax

```
SELECT (column - name (s))  
FROM table - name  
WHERE (column - name Operator ANY  
      (SELECT (column - name  
FROM table - name  
WHERE (condition));
```

SQL SELECT INTO Statement :

The **SELECT INTO** Statement copies data
From one table into a new table.

Copy all columns into a new table

Syntax

```
SELECT *  
INTO newtable [IN externaldb]  
FROM oldtable  
WHERE condition;
```

The SQL INSERT INTO SELECT Statement :

The INSERT INTO SELECT Statement copies data from one table and inserts it into another table.

The INSERT INTO SELECT Statement requires that the data types in source and target tables match.

Syntax

```
INSERT INTO table2  
SELECT * FROM table1  
WHERE condition;
```


The SQL CASE Expression

The **CASE** expression goes through conditions and returns a value when the first condition is met (like an if-then-else statement). So, once a condition is true, it will stop reading and return the result. If no conditions are true, it returns the value in the **ELSE** clause.

If there is no **ELSE** part and no conditions are true, it returns NULL.

Syntax

CASE

WHEN condition1 THEN result1

WHEN condition2 THEN result2

WHEN conditionN THEN resultN

ELSE result

END;

Example ↴

```
SELECT OrderID, Quantity,
```

```
CASE
```

```
WHEN Quantity > 30 THEN
```



```
'The quantity is greater than 30'  
WHEN Quantity = 30 THEN  
'The quantity is 30'  
Else 'The quantity is under 30'  
AND AS QuantityText  
FROM orderDetails;
```

SQL Comments :

Single Line Comments

Single line comments starts with --

Any text between -- and the end of the line
will be ignored (will not be executed)

Example 1

```
-- select all:
```

```
SELECT * FROM Customers;
```

Multi-line Comments

Multi-line comments start with /* and
end with */.

Any text between /* and */ will be ignored.



Example ↴

/* Select all the columns
of all the records
in the customers table : */
SELECT * FROM customers ;

SQL operators :

Arithmetic Operators

Operator	Description
+	Add
-	Subtract
*	Multiply
/	Divide
%	Modulo



Bitwise Operators

Operator	Description
&	Bitwise AND
	Bitwise OR
^	Bitwise exclusive OR

Comparison Operators

Operator	Description
=	Equal to
>	Greater than
<	Less than
>=	Greater than or equal to
<=	Less than or equal to
<>	Not equal to



SQL Compound Operators

Operator	Description
+=	Add equals
-=	subtract equals
*=	Multiply equals
/=	Divide equals
%=	Modulo equals
&=	Bitwise AND equals
^=	Bitwise exclusive equals
*=	Bitwise OR equals

SQL Logical Operators

Operator	Description
ALL	TRUE IF all the Subquery values



Meet the
Condition

AND

TRUE if all the
Conditions
seperated by AND
is TRUE

Any

TRUE if any of the
Subquery values
meet the condition

BETWEEN

True if the Operand
is Within the range
of Comparisons

EXISTS

TRUE if the
Subquery returns
one ore More
records

IN

TRUE if the
Operand is equal
to one of the
list of expressions.



LIKE

TRUE if the operand
Matches a pattern

NOT

Displays a record if
the condition(s) is
NOT TRUE

OR

TRUE if any of the
conditions
Separated by OR is
TRUE

SOME

TRUE if any of the
Subquery values
meet the condition

SQL CREATE DATABASE Statement :

The **CREATE DATABASE** Statement is used to
create a new SQL database

Syntax

CREATE DATABASE databasename;

Example → **CREATE DATABASE** testDB;



SQL DROP DATABASE Statement :

The **DROP DATABASE** statement is used to drop an existing database.

Syntax

```
DROP DATABASE databasename;
```

Example ↴

```
DROP DATABASE testDB;
```

SQL BACKUP DATABASE for SQL Server :

The **BACKUP DATABASE** statement is used in SQL Server to create a full back up of an existing SQL database.

Syntax

```
BACKUP DATABASE databasename  
TO DISK = 'filepath';
```




SQL CREATE TABLE Statement :

The **CREATE TABLE** Statement is used to create a new table in a database.

Syntax

```
CREATE TABLE table-name  
(column1 datatype,  
column2 datatype,  
column3 datatype,  
....  
);
```

Example ↴

```
CREATE TABLE persons  
(personID int,  
lastName varchar (255),  
firstName varchar (255),  
Address varchar (255),  
city varchar (255),  
);
```



SQL DROP TABLE Statement :

The **DROP TABLE** Statement is used to drop an existing table in a database.

Syntax

DROP TABLE table_name;

Example ↴

DROP TABLE shippers;

SQL ALTER TABLE Statement :

The **ALTER TABLE** Statement is used to add, delete, or modify columns in an existing table.

The **ALTER TABLE** Statement is also used to add and drop various constraints on an existing table.

ALTER TABLE - ADD Column

To add a column in a table, use the following syntax.

Syntax

```
ALTER TABLE table-name  
ADD column-name datatype;
```

Example ↴

```
ALTER TABLE Customers  
ADD Email Varchar (225);
```

ALTER TABLE - DROP Column

To delete a column in a table, use the following syntax

Syntax

```
ALTER TABLE table-name  
DROP COLUMN column-name;
```



Example ↴

```
ALTER TABLE Customers  
DROP COLUMN Email;
```

ALTER TABLE - RENAME Column

Syntax

```
ALTER TABLE table_name  
RENAME COLUMN old_name to new_name;
```

ALTER TABLE - ALTER / MODIFY Datatype :

Syntax

```
ALTER TABLE table_name  
ALTER COLUMN column_name datatype;
```

SQL Constraints :

SQL Constraints are used to specify rules for the data in a table.



Constraints are used to limit the type of data that can go into a table. This ensures the accuracy and reliability of the data in the table. If there is any violation between the constraint and the data action, the action is aborted.

The following constraints are commonly used in SQL:

- **NOT NULL** - Ensures that a column cannot have a NULL value.
- **UNIQUE** - Ensures that all values in a column are different.
- **PRIMARY KEY** - A combination of a **NOT NULL** and **UNIQUE**. Uniquely identifies each row in a table.
- **FOREIGN KEY** - prevents actions that would destroy links between tables
- **CHECK** - Ensures that the values in a column satisfies specific condition.



- **DEFAULT** - set a default value for a column if no value is specified.
- **CREATE INDEX** - Used to create and retrieve data from the database very quickly.

SQL NOT NULL on CREATE TABLE :

Example ↴

```
CREATE TABLE persons (  
  ID int NOT NULL,  
  LastName varchar (255) NOT NULL,  
  FirstName varchar (255) NOT NULL,  
  Age int  
);
```

SQL UNIQUE Constraint

The **UNIQUE** constraint ensures that all values in a column are different.

Both the **UNIQUE** and **PRIMARY KEY**

Constraints provide a guarantee for uniqueness for a column or set of columns.

A **PRIMARY KEY** constraint automatically has a **UNIQUE** constraint.

```
CREATE TABLE persons (  
    ID int NOT NULL UNIQUE,  
    LastName varchar (255) NOT NULL,  
    FirstName varchar (255),  
    Age int  
);
```

SQL PRIMARY KEY Constraint :

The **PRIMARY KEY** constraint uniquely identifies each record in a table.

Primary keys must contain **UNIQUE** values, and cannot contain **NULL** values.

A table can have only **ONE** primary key; and in the table, this primary key can consist of single or multiple columns (fields).



Example ↴

PRIMARY KEY (ID);

SQL PRIMARY KEY ON ALTER TABLE

ALTER TABLE persons
ADD PRIMARY KEY (ID);

SQL FOREIGN KEY constraint :

The FOREIGN KEY constraint is used to prevent actions that would destroy links between tables.

A FOREIGN KEY is a field (or collection of fields) in one table, that refers to the PRIMARY KEY in another table.

The table with Foreign key is called the child table, and the table with the primary key is called the referenced or parent table.

Example ↴

```
FOREIGN KEY (personID)
REFERENCES persons (personID)
```

SQL CHECK constraint :

The **CHECK** constraint is used to limit the value range that can be placed in a column.

If you define a **CHECK** constraint on a column it will allow only certain values for this column.

Example ↴

```
Age int,
CHECK (Age >= 18)
```

SQL DEFAULT constraint :

The **DEFAULT** constraint is used to set a default value for a column.

The default value will be added to all new

records, if no other value is specified.

Example ↴

```
city varchar (255) DEFAULT  
'Sandnes'
```

SQL CREATE INDEX Statement :

Indexes are used to retrieve data from the database more quickly than otherwise. The users cannot see the indexes, they are just used to speed up searches/queries.

Syntax

```
CREATE INDEX index_name  
ON table_name  
(column1, column2, ...);
```

SQL AUTO INCREMENT Field :

Auto-increment allows a unique number to be generated automatically when a new record



is inserted into a table.

Syntax

```
personid int NOT NULL  
AUTO INCREMENT,
```

SQL Date Data Types

MySQL comes with the following data types for storing a date or a date/time value in the database.

- **DATE** - Format yyyy-MM-DD
- **DATETIME** - Format : yyyy-MM-DD HH:MI:SS
- **TIMESTAMP** - Format : yyyy-MM-DD HH:MI:SS
- **YEAR** - Format yyyy or yy

SQL Server comes with the following data types for storing a date or a date/time value in the database.



- **DATE** - Format $yyyy-mm-dd$
- **DATETIME** - Format : $yyyy-mm-dd$
 $HH:MI:SS$
- **SMALLDATETIME** - Format : $yyyy-mm-dd$
 $HH:MI:SS$
- **TIMESTAMP** - Format : a unique number

Statement ↓

```
SELECT * FROM Orders WHERE  
OrderDate = '2008-11-11'
```

SQL CREATE VIEW Statement :

In SQL, a view is virtual table based on the result-set of an SQL Statement.

A view contains rows and columns, just like a real table. The fields in a view are fields from one or more real tables in the database.



You can add SQL Statements and Functions to a View and present the data as if the data were coming from one single table.

A View is created with the **CREATE VIEW** statement.

Syntax

```
CREATE VIEW view_name AS  
SELECT column1, column2; ...  
FROM table_name  
WHERE condition;
```

Example ↴

The following SQL creates a view that shows all customers from Brazil.

```
CREATE VIEW [Brazil customers] AS  
SELECT customerName, contactName  
FROM customers  
WHERE Country = 'Brazil';
```



We can query the view above as follows.

Example ↴

```
SELECT * FROM [Brazil Customers];
```

SQL Injection :

SQL injection is a code injection technique that might destroy your database.

SQL injection is one of the most common web hacking techniques.

SQL injection is the placement of malicious code in SQL statements, via web page input.

Example ↴

```
txtUserId =  
getRequestString ("UserId");  
txtSQL = "SELECT * FROM Users WHERE  
UserId = " + txtUserId;
```




SQL Hosting:

If you want your web site to be able to store and retrieve data from a database, your web server should have access to a database system that uses the SQL language.

If your web server is hosted by an Internet Service provider (ISP), you will have to look for SQL hosting plans.

The most common SQL hosting databases are MS SQL server, Oracle, MySQL, and MS Access.