[**Difference between TRUNCATE and DELETE commands**](http://www.orafaq.com/faq/difference_between_truncate_delete_and_drop_commands#comment-1869)

1. TRUNCATE is a DDL command whereas DELETE is a DML command.
2. TRUNCATE is much faster than DELETE.
3. Reason: When you type DELETE. All the data get copied into the Rollback Table space first, then delete operation get performed. That’s why when you type ROLLBACK after deleting a table, you can get back the data (The system gets it for you from the Rollback Table space). All this process takes time. But when you type TRUNCATE, it removes data directly without copying it into the Rollback Tablespace. That’s why TRUNCATE is faster. Once you truncate you can’t get back the data.
4. You can’t rollback in TRUNCATE but in DELETE you can rollback. TRUNCATE removes the record permanently.
5. In case of TRUNCATE, Trigger doesn't get fired. But in DML commands like DELETE, Trigger get fired.
6. You can’t use conditions (WHERE clause) in TRUNCATE. But in DELETE you can write conditions using WHERE clause.
7. In case of TRUNCATE all spaces allocated for the records are removed but in case of DELETE all spaces allocated for the records are remain.
8. The TRUNCATE Table Command Resets the IDENTITY Column to its base value but in case of DELETE Table Command does not Resets the IDENTITY Column to its base value.