

Changing the Database Structure

alter table

- The structure of an existing database can be modified with the **alter table** statement
- The table below lists some **alter table** operations you will need in your exercises:

Operation	Syntax
Remove a column by name.	<code>alter table table_name drop column column_name;</code>
Rename a column.	<code>alter table table_name change old_name new_name datatype;</code>
Name a primary key for the table.	<code>alter table table_name add primary key(column_name);</code>
Name a foreign key for the table.	<code>alter table table_name add foreign key (column_name) references table_name (column_name);</code>