



Hands-on Lab: Using Views in MySQL using phpMyAdmin

Estimated time needed: 20 minutes

In this lab, you will learn how to create tables and load data in the MySQL database service using the phpMyAdmin graphical user interface (GUI) tool.

Software Used in this Lab

In this lab, you will use MySQL. MySQL is a Relational Database Management System (RDBMS) designed to efficiently store, manipulate, and retrieve data.



To complete this lab you will utilize MySQL relational database service available as part of IBM Skills Network Labs (SN Labs) Cloud IDE. SN Labs is a virtual lab environment used in this course.

Database Used in this Lab

The database used in this lab is an internal database. You will be working on a sample HR database. This HR database schema consists of 5 tables called EMPLOYEES, JOB_HISTORY, JOBS, DEPARTMENTS and LOCATIONS. Each table has a few rows of sample data. The following diagram shows the tables for the HR database:

SAMPLE HR DATABASE TABLES

EMPLOYE	ES													
EMP_ID	F_NAME	L_NAME	SSN	B_DATI		SEX	ADDRESS		JOB_ID	SALARY I		MANAGER_ID		DEP_ID
E1001	John	Thomas	123456	1976-01-09		М	5631 Rice, OakPark,IL		100	10000	00 3	30001		2
E1002	Alice	Alice James		1972-07-31		F	980 Berry In, Elgin,IL		200	80000		30002		5
E1003	Steve Wells		123458	23458 1980-0		М	291 Springs, Gary, IL		300	50000 30002			5	
JOB_HIST	TORY					J	OBS							
EMPL_ID	START_D	START_DATE		BS_ID DEPT_I		J	DB_IDENT	JOB_TII	TLE		MIN_SALARY		MAX	_SALAR
E1001	2000-01	2000-01-30		2	2		00	Sr. Arch	Sr. Architect		60000		100000	
E1002	2010-08	2010-08-16		5		2	00	Sr.SoftwareDeveloper		60000		80000		
E1003	2016-08	2016-08-10 3		5		3	00	Jr.Softv	Jr.SoftwareDeveloper		40000		60000	
DEPARTN	MENTS						LOCATI	IONS						
DEPT_ID_D	EP DEP_NA	DEP_NAME		GER_ID	LOC_ID)	LOCT_ID		DEP	DEP_ID_LOC				
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5	Softwar	Software Development		30002			L0002		5					
7	Design 1	Design Team		30003			L0003		7					
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Objectives

After completing this lab, you will be able to:

- Create a View and show a selection of data for a given table
- Update a View to combine two or more tables in meaningful ways
- Drop a created View

In this lab, you will learn about using views. In SQL, a view is an alternative way of representing data that exists in one or more tables. Just like a real table, it contains rows and columns. The fields in a view are fields from one or more real tables in the database. Though views can be queried like a table, views are dynamic; only the definition of the view is stored, not the data.

How does the syntax of a CREATE VIEW statement look?

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

How does the syntax of a REPLACE VIEW statement look?

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

How does the syntax of a DROP VIEW statement look?

DROP VIEW view_name;

Exercise 1: Create a View

In this exercise, you will create a View and show a selection of data for a given table.

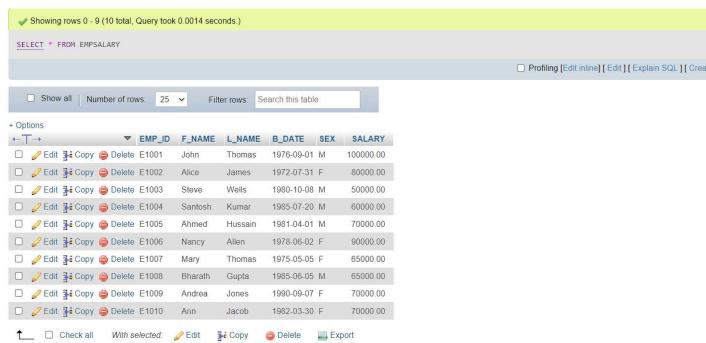
1. Let's create a view called EMPSALARY to display salary along with some basic sensitive data of employees from the HR database. To create the EMPSALARY view from the EMPLOYEES table, Copy the code below and paste it to the textarea of the SQL page. Click Go.

CREATE VIEW EMPSALARY AS
SELECT EMP_ID, F_NAME, L_NAME, B_DATE, SEX, SALARY
FROM EMPLOYEES;



2. Using SELECT, query the EMPSALARY view to retrieve all the records. Copy the code below and paste it to the textarea of the SQL page. Click Go.

SELECT * FROM EMPSALARY;



Exercise 2: Update a View

In this exercise, you will update a View to combine two or more tables in meaningful ways.

- 1. It now seems that the EMPSALARY view we created in exercise 1 doesn't contain enough salary information, such as max/min salary and the job title of the employees. Let's update the EMPSALARY view:
 - combining two tables EMPLOYEES and JOBS so that we can display our desired information from the HR database.
 - o including the columns JOBTITLE, MINSALARY, MAX_SALARY of the JOBS table as well as excluding the SALARY column of the EMPLOYEES table.

Copy the code below and paste it to the textarea of the SQL page. Click Go..

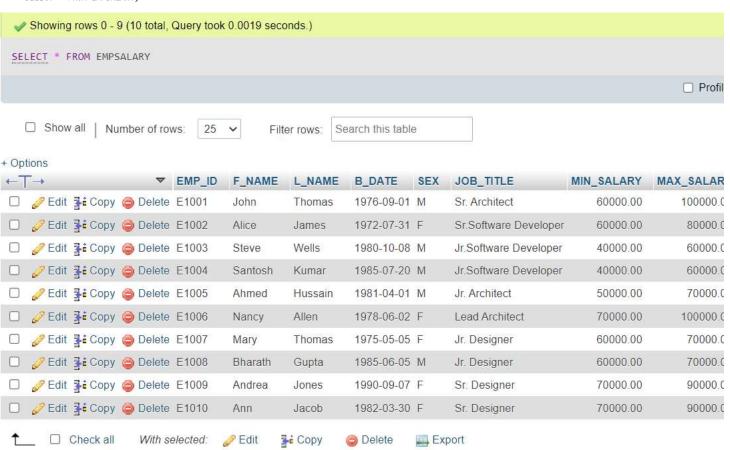
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CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW EMPSALARY AS
SELECT EMP_ID, F_NAME, L_NAME, B_DATE, SEX, JOB_TITLE, MIN_SALARY, MAX_SALARY FROM EMPLOYEES, JOBS
WHERE EMPLOYEES.JOB_ID = JOBS.JOB_IDENT;
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NOTE: Don't worry if you don't understand how to combine to two tables using implicit inner join. You will learn more about joins later on. For now, just think you are combining the data of two different tables, EMPLOYEES and JOBS by connecting their respective columns JOBID and JOBIDENT since both the columns contain common unique data. You can have a look at the diagram (at the beginning of the lab) showing the tables for the HR database to observe how the JOBID and JOBIDENT columns from the EMPLOYEES and JOBS tables respectively contain common unique data.

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2. Using SELECT, query the updated EMPSALARY view to retrieve all the records. Copy the code below and paste it to the textarea of the SQL page. Click Go.

SELECT * FROM EMPSALARY;



Exercise 3: Drop a View

In this exercise, you will drop a created View.

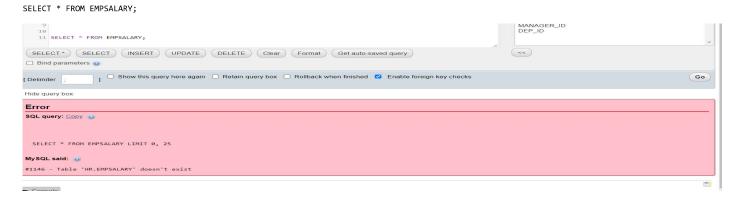
1. Let's delete the created EMPSALARY view. Copy the code below and paste it to the paste it to the textarea of the SQL page. Click Go..

DROP VIEW EMPSALARY;

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2. Using SELECT, you can verify whether the EMPSALARY view has been deleted or not. Copy the code below and paste it to the textarea of the SQL page. Click Go..



Congratulations! You have completed this lab, and you are ready for the next topic.

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