

Introduction to SQL

SQL Overview

SQL is a language to operate databases; it includes database creation, deletion, fetching rows, modifying rows, etc. SQL is an ANSI (American National Standards Institute) standard language, but there are many different versions of the SQL language.

What is SQL?

- SQL stands for Structured Query Language
- SQL is a computer language for storing, manipulating and retrieving data stored in a relational database.
- SQL is the standard language for Relational Database System.
- All the Relational Database Management Systems (RDMS) like MySQL, MS Access, Oracle, Sybase, Informix, Postgres and SQL Server use SQL as their standard database language.

What Can SQL do?

SQL is widely popular because it offers the following advantages:

- SQL can execute queries against a database
- SQL can retrieve data from a database
- SQL can insert records in a database
- SQL can update records in a database
- SQL can delete records from a database
- SQL can create new databases
- SQL can create new tables in a database
- SQL can create stored procedures in a database
- SQL can create views in a database
- SQL can set permissions on tables, procedures, and views Is SQL a

standard query processing language..?

Although SQL is an ANSI/ISO standard, there are different versions of the SQL language.

However, to be compliant with the ANSI standard, they all support at least the major commands (such as SELECT, UPDATE, DELETE, INSERT, WHERE) in a similar manner.



SQL Commands

The standard SQL commands to interact with relational databases are CREATE, SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE and DROP. These commands can be classified into the following groups based on their nature:

- DDL Data Definition Language
- 2. **DML** Data Manipulation Language
- 3. **DCL** Data Control Language
- 4. TCL Transaction Control Language

DDL commands

Data Definition Language is used to define the database structure or schema. DDL is also used to specify additional properties of the data.

- CREATE Creates a new table, a view of a table, or other object in the database.
- ALTER Modifies an existing database object, such as a table.
- **DROP** Deletes an entire table, a view of a table or other objects in the database.

Creating a basic table involves naming the table and defining its columns and each column's data type.

The SQL CREATE TABLE statement is used to create a new table.

Syntax: Basic syntax of CREATE TABLE statement is as follows:

```
-- creating table

CREATE TABLE table_name
( column1 datatype,
  column2 datatype,
  column3 datatype,
  ....

columnN datatype,
PRIMARY KEY( one or more columns ) );
```



```
-- creating table
    CREATE TABLE sales(
         sales employee VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
         fiscal year INT NOT NULL,
         sale DECIMAL(14,2) NOT NULL,
         PRIMARY KEY(sales employee, fiscal year)
     );
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      -- creating table
        CREATE TABLE sales(
          sales_employee VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
          fiscal_year INT NOT NULL,
          sale DECIMAL(14,2) NOT NULL,
          PRIMARY KEY(sales_employee,fiscal_year)
```

Execution of the above DDL statement creates the sales table with three columns – sales_employee, fiscal_year, and sale; each of which has a specific datatype associated with it.

The SQL **DROP** TABLE statement is used to remove a table definition and all data, indexes, triggers, constraints, and permission specifications for that table.

NOTE: You have to be careful while using this command because once a table is deleted then all the information available in the table would also be lost forever.

Syntax: Basic syntax of DROP TABLE statement is as follows:

```
-- DROP TABLE COMMAND
DROP TABLE table_name;

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-- DROP TABLE COMMAND
DROP TABLE if exists sales;

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table "sales" does not exist, skipping
```

The execution of above DDL statement drops the sales table if it exists.



DML statements are used for managing data with in schema objects.

- SELECT Retrieves certain records from one or more tables.
- INSERT Creates a record.
- UPDATE Modifies records.
- DELETE Deletes records.

The SQL **INSERT** INTO Statement is used to add new rows of data to a table in the database.

Syntax: There are two basic syntaxes of INSERT INTO statement as follows:

Syntax 1:

```
-- inserting records
--basic syntax

INSERT INTO TABLE_NAME (column1, column2, column3,...columnN)] VALUES (value1, value2, value3,...valueN);
```

Here, column1, column2, ... columnN are the names of the columns in the table into which you want to insert data.

Syntax 2:

You may not need to specify the column(s) name in the SQL query if you are adding values for all the columns of the table. But make sure the order of the values is in the same order as the columns in the table.

The SQL INSERT INTO syntax would be as follows:

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

e.g. SQL query to **insert** some records into the sales table.



```
-- inserting records
INSERT INTO sales(sales employee, fiscal year, sale)
VALUES('Bob',2016,100),
        ('Bob',2017,150),
        ('Bob', 2018, 200),
        ('Alice',2016,150),
        ('Alice',2017,100),
        ('Alice',2018,200),
         ('John', 2016, 200),
        ('John', 2017, 150),
        ('John', 2018, 250);
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       INSERT INTO sales(sales_employee,fiscal_year,sale)
       VALUES('Bob',2016,100),
          ('Bob',2017,150),
          ('Bob',2018,200),
          ('Alice', 2016, 150),
          ('Alice', 2017, 100),
          ('Alice', 2018, 200),
          ('John', 2016, 200),
          ('John',2017,150),
          ('John', 2018, 250)
```

SQL **SELECT** Statement is used to fetch the data from a database table which returns data in the form of result table. These result tables are called result-sets.

Syntax: The basic syntax of SELECT statement is as follows:

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SELECT column1, column2, columnN FROM table_name;
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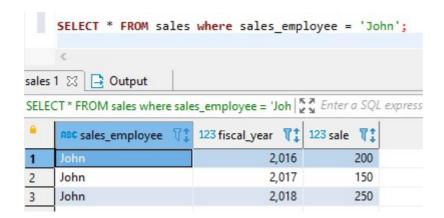
Here, column1, column2...are the fields of a table whose values you want to fetch.

If you want to fetch all the fields available in the field, then you can use the following syntax:

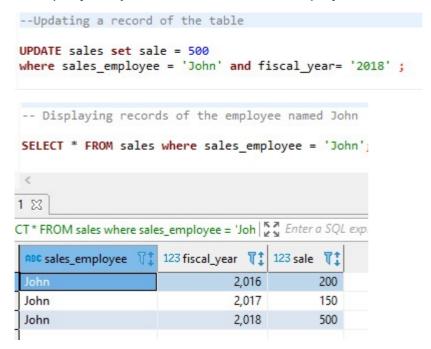
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SELECT * FROM table_name;
```

SQL query to display all the records of the employee 'John' from the sales table.





SQL query to **update** sale value of the employee 'John' from the sales table.



The basic syntax of **DELETE** query with WHERE clause is as follows:

DELETE FROM table_name

WHERE [condition];

You can combine N number of conditions using AND or OR operators.

```
-- Deleting a record from the table

DELETE FROM table_name

WHERE [condition];

DELETE from sales
where sales_employee = 'John' and fiscal_year= '2018';
```



DCL commands

A Data Control Language is a syntax similar to a computer programming language used to control access to data stored in a database (Authorization). In particular, it is a component of Structured Query Language (SQL).

- GRANT Gives a privilege to user.
- **REVOKE** Takes back privileges granted from user.

TCI commands

Transaction Control Language commands are used to manage transactions in the database. These are used to manage the changes made by DML-statements. It also allows statements to be grouped together into logical transactions.

COMMIT: Commit command is used to permanently save any transaction into the database.

```
-- SQL COMMIT Statement:
COMMIT;
```

ROLLBACK: This command restores the database to last committed state. It is also used with savepoint command to jump to a savepoint in a transaction.

```
-- SQL ROLLBACK Statement:
ROLLBACK;
```

■ **SAVEPOINT**: Savepoint command is used to temporarily save a transaction so that you can rollback to that point whenever necessary.

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.

What is a table?

The data in an RDBMS is stored in database objects which are called as tables. This table is basically a collection of related data entries and it consists of numerous columns and rows. Remember, a table is the most common and simplest form of data storage in a relational database.



The following program is an example of a sales table:

23 sale ₹‡
100
150
200
150
100
200
200
150

What is a field?

Every table is broken up into smaller entities called fields. The fields in the sales table consist of sales_employee, fiscal_year, and sale. A field is a column in a table that is designed to maintain specific information about every record in the table.

What is a Record or a Row?

A record is also called as a row of data is each individual entry that exists in a table. For example, there are 8 records in the above sales table. Following is a single row of data or record in the sales table:



A record is a horizontal entity in a table.

What is a column?

A column is a vertical entity in a table that contains all information associated with a specific field in a table.

For example, a column in the sales table is fiscal_year, which represents that particular fiscal year into consideration and would be as shown below:

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3	2,018
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5	2,017
6	2,018
7	2,016
8	2,017



What is a NULL value?

A NULL value in a table is a value in a field that appears to be blank, which means a field with a NULL value is a field with no value. It is very important to understand that a NULL value is different than a zero value or a field that contains spaces. A field with a NULL value is the one that has been left blank during a record creation.

SQL Constraints

Constraints are the rules enforced on data columns on a table. These 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 database. Constraints can either be column level or table level. Column level constraints are applied only to one column whereas, table level constraints are applied to the entire table.

```
CREATE TABLE sales(
    sales_employee VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
    fiscal_year INT NOT NULL,
    sale DECIMAL(14,2) NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY(sales_employee,fiscal_year)
);
```

In above SQL query we have used NOT NULL and Primary KEY constraints.

Following are some of the most commonly used constraints available in SQL:

- NOT NULL Constraint: Ensures that a column cannot have a NULL value.
- DEFAULT Constraint: Provides a default value for a column when none is specified.
- **UNIQUE** Constraint: Ensures that all the values in a column are different.
- PRIMARY Key: Uniquely identifies each row/record in a database table.
- FOREIGN Key: Uniquely identifies a row/record in any another database table.
- CHECK Constraint: The CHECK constraint ensures that all values in a column satisfy certain conditions.
- INDEX: Used to create and retrieve data from the database very quickly.



```
CREATE TABLE CUSTOMERS(
ID INT NOT NULL,
NAME VARCHAR (20) NOT NULL,
AGE INT NOT NULL,
ADDRESS CHAR (25) ,
SALARY DECIMAL (18, 2) DEFAULT 5000.00,
PRIMARY KEY (ID)
);
```

The above SQL query creates a new table called CUSTOMERS and adds five columns. Here, SALARY column is set to 5000.00 by **default**, so in case INSERT INTO statement does not provide a value for this column, then by default this column would be set to 5000.00.

```
CREATE TABLE CUSTOMERS(
ID INT NOT NULL,
NAME VARCHAR (20) NOT NULL,
AGE INT NOT NULL UNIQUE,
ADDRESS CHAR (25),
SALARY DECIMAL (18, 2),
PRIMARY KEY (ID)
);
```

The above SQL query creates a new table called CUSTOMERS and adds five columns. Here, AGE column is set to **UNIQUE**, so that you can't have two records with same age:

Primary key vs Unique constraint: o Primary key can't accept NULL values whereas Unique key can accept NULL values.

 Primary Key is used to identify a row (record) in a table, whereas Uniquekey is to prevent duplicate values in a column

SQL Syntax

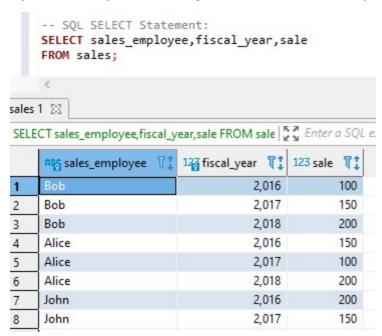
SQL is followed by a unique set of rules and guidelines called Syntax. Let's have a quick start with SQL by listing down all the basic SQL Syntax.

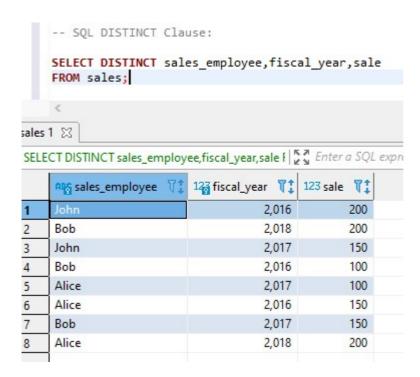
All the SQL statements start with any of the keywords like SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE, ALTER, DROP, CREATE, USE, SHOW and all the statements end with a semicolon (;).



The most important point to be noted here is that SQL is case insensitive, which means SELECT and select have same meaning in SQL statements.

Whereas, MySQL makes difference in table names. So, if you are working with MySQL, then you need to give table names as they exist in the database.



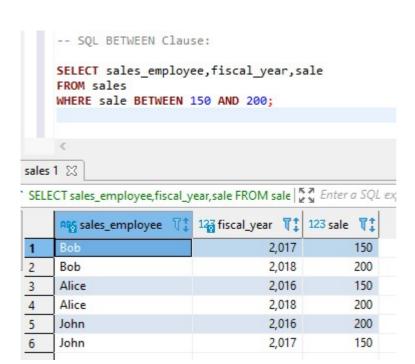




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-- SQL WHERE Clause:
    SELECT sales_employee, fiscal_year, sale
    FROM sales
    WHERE fiscal_year = 2016;
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```
-- SQL IN Clause:
    SELECT sales_employee,fiscal_year,sale
    FROM sales
    WHERE sales_employee IN ('Bob', 'John');
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-- SQL LIKE Clause:
    SELECT sales_employee, fiscal_year, sale
    FROM sales
    WHERE sales_employee LIKE 'B%';
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SELECT sales_employee,fiscal_year,sale FROM sale 5 Enter a SQL
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-- SQL ORDER BY Clause:

SELECT sales_employee,fiscal_year,sale
FROM sales
ORDER BY sale ASC;

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6	Bob	2,018	200
7	Alice	2,018	200
8	John	2,016	200

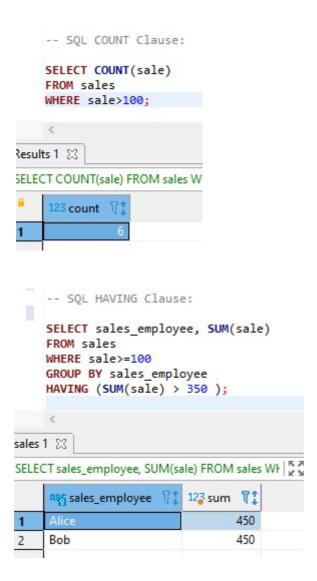
-- SQL GROUP BY Clause: SELECT sales_employee,SUM(sale) FROM sales GROUP BY sales_employee;

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Alice			450
Bob			450
John			350





We will discuss some more SQL clauses later on...

SQL Data Types

SQL Data Type is an attribute that specifies the type of data of any object. Each column, variable and expression has a related data type in SQL.

You can use these data types while creating your tables. You can choose a data type for a table column based on your requirement.

SQL Server offers six categories of data types for your use which are listed below -

Exact Numeric Data Types

There are nine subtypes which are given below in the table. The table contains the range of data in a particular type.



DATA TYPE	FROM	то
Bigint	-9,223,372,036,854,775,808	9,223,372,036,854,775,807
Int	-2,147,483,648	2,147,483,647
Smallint	-32,768	32,767
Tinyint	0	255
Bit	0	1
Decimal	-10^38 +1	10^38 -1
Numeric	-10^38 +1	10^38 -1
Money	-922,337,203,685,477.5808	+922,337,203,685,477.5807
Smallmoney	-214,748.3648	+214,748.3647

Approximate Numeric Data Types:

The subtypes of this datatype are given in the table with the range.

DATA TYPE	FROM	то	
Float	-1.79E + 308	1.79E + 308	
Real	-3.40E + 38	3.40E + 38	

Date and Time Data Types:

The details are given in below table:

DATA TYPE	FROM	то	
Datetime	Jan 1, 1753	Dec 31, 9999	
Smalldatetime	Jan 1, 1900	Jun 6, 2079	
Date	Stores a date like June 30,	1991	
Time	Stores a time of day like 12	2:30 P.M.	

Character Strings Data Types:

The details are given in below table:



DATA TYPE	FROM	то
Char	Char	Maximum length of 8,000 characters.(Fixed length non-Unicode characters)
Varchar	Varchar	Maximum of 8,000 characters.(Variable-length non-Unicode data).
varchar(max)	varchar(max)	Maximum length of 231characters, Variable-length non-Unicode data (SQL Server 2005 only).
Text	text	Variable-length non-Unicode data with a maximum length of 2,147,483,647 characters.

Unicode Character Strings Data Types:

The details are given in below table:

DATA TYPE	Description	
Nchar	Maximum length of 4,000 characters.(Fixed length Unicode)	
Nvarchar	Maximum length of 4,000 characters.(Variable length Unicode)	
nvarchar(max)	Maximum length of 231characters (SQL Server 2005 only).(Variable length Unicode)	
Ntext	Maximum length of 1,073,741,823 characters. (Variable length Unicode)	

Binary Data Types:

The details are given in below table:

DATA TYPE	Description	
Binary	Maximum length of 8,000 bytes(Fixed-length binary data)	
Varbinary	Maximum length of 8,000 bytes.(Variable length binary data)	

SQL Operators

What is an Operator in SQL?

An SQL operator is a special word or character used to perform tasks. These tasks can be anything from complex comparisons, to basic arithmetic operations. Think of an SQL operator as similar to how the different buttons on a calculator function.

SQL operators are primarily used within the WHERE clause of an SQL statement. This is the part of the statement that is used to filter data by a specific condition or conditions.

There are six types of SQL operators that we are going to cover: Arithmetic, Bitwise, Comparison, Compound, Logical and String.

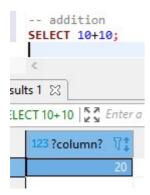


Arithmetic operators

Arithmetic operators are used for mathematical operations on numerical data, such as adding or subtracting.

+ (Addition)

The + symbol adds two numbers together.



- (Subtraction)

The – symbol subtracts one number from another.

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-- subtraction arithmetic operator

SELECT 10 - 10;

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* (Multiplication)

The * symbol multiples two numbers together.

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-- Multiplication arithmetic operator
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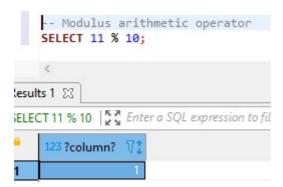
/ (Division)

The / symbol divides one number by another.



% (Remainder/Modulus)

The % symbol (sometimes referred to as Modulus) returns the remainder of one number divided by another.



Comparison operators

A comparison operator is used to compare two values and test whether they are the same.

= (Equal to)

The = symbol is used to filter results that equal a certain value. In the below example, this query will return all records of the fiscal_year 2018.

!= (Not equal to)

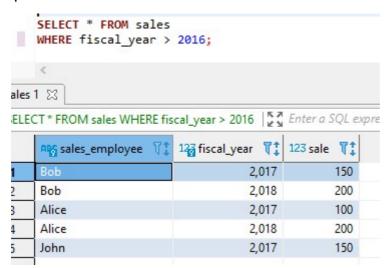
The != symbol is used to filter results that do not equal a certain value.



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     WHERE fiscal year != 2018;
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> (Greater than)

The > symbol is used to filter results where a column's value is greater than the queried value.



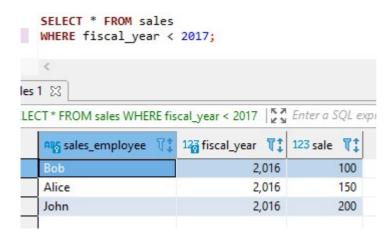
!> (Not greater than)

The !> symbol is used to filter results where a column's value is not greater than the queried value.

< (Less than)

The < symbol is used to filter results where a column's value is less than the queried value.



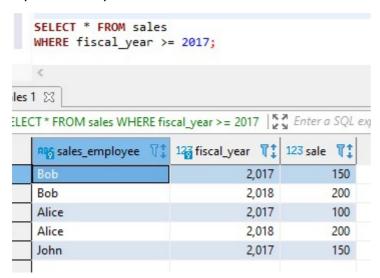


!< (Not less than)

The !< symbol is used to filter results where a column's value is not less than the queried value.

>= (Greater than or equal to)

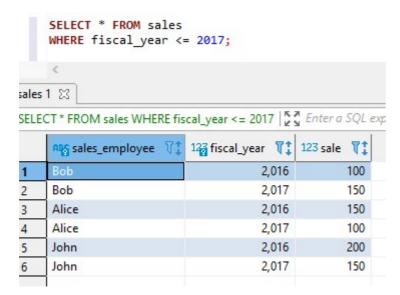
The >= symbol is used to filter results where a column's value is greater than or equal to the queried value.



<= (Less than or equal to)

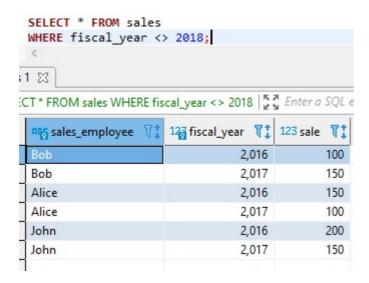
The <= symbol is used to filter results where a column's value is less than or equal to the queried value.





<> (Not equal to)

The <> symbol performs the exact same operation as the != symbol and is used to filter results that do not equal a certain value. You can use either, but <> is the SQL92 standard.



Logical operators

Logical operators are those that return true or false, such as the AND operator, which returns true when both expressions are met.

ALL

The ALL operator returns TRUE if all of the subquery values meet the specified condition. In the below example, we are filtering all users who have an age that is greater than the highest age of users in London.



ANY/SOME

The ANY operator returns TRUE if any of the subquery values meet the specified condition. In the below example, we are filtering all products which have any record in the orders table. The SOME operator achieves the same result.

```
--ANY /SOME
SELECT product_name
FROM products
WHERE product_id > ANY (SELECT product_id FROM orders);
```

AND

The AND operator returns TRUE if all of the conditions separated by AND are true. In the below example, we are filtering users that have an age of 20 and a location of London.

```
-- AND
SELECT *
FROM users
WHERE age = 20 AND location = 'London';
```

BETWEEN

The BETWEEN operator filters your query to only return results that fit a specified range.

```
--BETWEEN
SELECT *
FROM users
WHERE age BETWEEN 20 AND 30;
```

EXISTS

The EXISTS operator is used to filter data by looking for the presence of any record in a subquery.



```
-- EXISTS

SELECT name

FROM customers

WHERE EXISTS

(SELECT order FROM ORDERS WHERE customer_id = 1);
```

IN

The IN operator includes multiple values set into the WHERE clause.

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-- IN
   SELECT *
   FROM sales
   WHERE sales_employee IN ('Bob', 'Fred', 'Harry');
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```

LIKE

The LIKE operator searches for a specified pattern in a column. (For more information on how/why the % is used here, see the section on the wildcard character operator).

```
--LIKE
     SELECT *
     FROM sales
     WHERE sales_employee LIKE '%Bob%';
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NOT

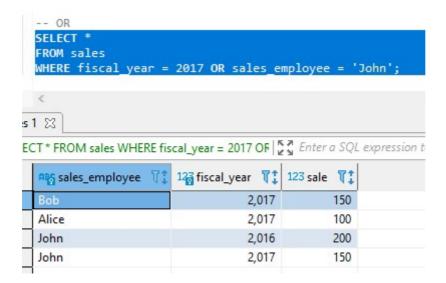
The NOT operator returns results if the condition or conditions are not true.



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-- NOT
     SELECT *
     FROM sales
     WHERE sales employee NOT IN ('Bob', 'Fred', 'Harry');
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```

OR

The OR operator returns TRUE if any of the conditions separated by OR are true.In the below example, we are filtering users that have an age of 20 or a location of London.



IS NULL

The IS NULL operator is used to filter results with a value of NULL.



```
-- IS NULL
SELECT *
FROM sales
WHERE sale IS NULL;

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ELECT * FROM sales WHERE sale IS NULL | 📆 Enter a SQL expression to
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