

SQL-Oracle Cheat Sheet

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Oracle SQL Cheatsheet (A-Z)

A Aggregate Functions

```
SELECT COUNT(*), SUM(salary), AVG(salary), MIN(salary),  
MAX(salary)  
FROM Employees;
```

- **COUNT** – number of rows
 - **SUM** – total
 - **AVG** – average
 - **MIN/MAX** – smallest/largest
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B Basic Data Types

- **NUMBER(p, s)** → numeric (precision, scale)
- **VARCHAR2(size)** → variable length string
- **CHAR(size)** → fixed length string
- **DATE** → date & time

- CLOB/BLOB → large objects
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■ Constraints

```
CREATE TABLE Orders (  
    Order_ID    NUMBER PRIMARY KEY,  
    Cust_ID     NUMBER REFERENCES Customers(Cust_ID),  
    Amount      NUMBER CHECK (Amount > 0),  
    Email       VARCHAR2(50) UNIQUE,  
    Status      VARCHAR2(10) DEFAULT 'PENDING'  
);
```

- PRIMARY KEY, FOREIGN KEY, CHECK, NOT NULL, UNIQUE, DEFAULT
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■ DDL (Data Definition Language)

```
CREATE TABLE Employees (Emp_ID NUMBER PRIMARY KEY, Name  
VARCHAR2(50));  
ALTER TABLE Employees ADD Salary NUMBER;  
DROP TABLE Employees;  
TRUNCATE TABLE Employees; -- fast delete, no rollback
```

■ Expressions & Operators

- **Comparison:** =, <, >, <=, >=, <>
 - **Logical:** AND, OR, NOT
 - **Arithmetic:** +, -, *, /, %
 - **Special:** BETWEEN, IN, LIKE, IS NULL
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F Functions

-- String

```
SELECT UPPER('oracle'), LOWER('SQL'), LENGTH('Test'),  
SUBSTR('Oracle',1,3) FROM dual;
```

-- Date

```
SELECT SYSDATE, ADD_MONTHS(SYSDATE, 3),  
MONTHS_BETWEEN(SYSDATE, DATE '2024-01-01') FROM dual;
```

-- Conversion

```
SELECT TO_DATE('20-SEP-25', 'DD-MON-RR'),  
TO_CHAR(SYSDATE, 'YYYY-MM-DD'), TO_NUMBER('100') FROM dual;
```

-- Math

```
SELECT ROUND(123.456,2), TRUNC(123.456,1), MOD(10,3) FROM  
dual;
```

G GROUP BY & HAVING

```
SELECT Dept_ID, COUNT(*)  
FROM Employees  
GROUP BY Dept_ID  
HAVING COUNT(*) > 5;
```

H Hints (Optimizer)

```
SELECT /*+ INDEX(Employees idx_emp_name) */ Name FROM  
Employees;
```

I Indexes

```
CREATE INDEX idx_emp_name ON Employees(Name);  
DROP INDEX idx_emp_name;
```

J Joins

```
-- Inner Join  
SELECT e.Name, d.Dept_Name  
FROM Employees e  
JOIN Departments d ON e.Dept_ID = d.Dept_ID;  
  
-- Left Outer Join  
SELECT e.Name, d.Dept_Name  
FROM Employees e LEFT JOIN Departments d ON e.Dept_ID =  
d.Dept_ID;  
  
-- Self Join  
SELECT e1.Name, e2.Name AS Manager  
FROM Employees e1 JOIN Employees e2 ON e1.Manager_ID =  
e2.Emp_ID;
```

K Keys

- PRIMARY KEY → unique + not null
 - FOREIGN KEY → ensures referential integrity
 - CANDIDATE KEY → possible unique identifiers
 - COMPOSITE KEY → multiple columns as primary key
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L LIKE (Pattern Matching)

```
SELECT * FROM Employees WHERE Name LIKE 'A%';    -- starts
with A
SELECT * FROM Employees WHERE Name LIKE '%n';    -- ends with
n
SELECT * FROM Employees WHERE Name LIKE '_a%';    -- second
letter is a
```

M MERGE (UPSERT)

```
MERGE INTO Employees e
USING New_Employees n
ON (e.Emp_ID = n.Emp_ID)
WHEN MATCHED THEN UPDATE SET e.Salary = n.Salary
WHEN NOT MATCHED THEN INSERT (Emp_ID, Name, Salary) VALUES
(n.Emp_ID, n.Name, n.Salary);
```

N NULL Handling

```
SELECT NVL(commission, 0) FROM Employees;
SELECT COALESCE(commission, bonus, 0) FROM Employees;
```

O ORDER BY

```
SELECT * FROM Employees ORDER BY Salary DESC;
```

P Privileges

```
GRANT SELECT, INSERT ON Employees TO trainee;
REVOKE INSERT ON Employees FROM trainee;
```

Q Queries (Subqueries)

-- Single-row subquery

```
SELECT * FROM Employees WHERE Salary > (SELECT AVG(Salary)
FROM Employees);
```

-- Multi-row subquery

```
SELECT * FROM Employees WHERE Dept_ID IN (SELECT Dept_ID
FROM Departments WHERE Location = 'Chennai');
```

-- Correlated subquery

```
SELECT e.Name FROM Employees e
WHERE Salary > (SELECT AVG(Salary) FROM Employees WHERE
Dept_ID = e.Dept_ID);
```

R ROLLUP & CUBE

```
SELECT Dept_ID, Job_ID, SUM(Salary)
FROM Employees
GROUP BY ROLLUP(Dept_ID, Job_ID);
```

```
SELECT Dept_ID, Job_ID, SUM(Salary)
FROM Employees
GROUP BY CUBE(Dept_ID, Job_ID);
```

S Set Operations

```
SELECT Emp_ID FROM Employees
UNION
```

```
SELECT Emp_ID FROM Managers;
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```
SELECT Emp_ID FROM Employees  
INTERSECT  
SELECT Emp_ID FROM Managers;
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```
SELECT Emp_ID FROM Employees  
MINUS  
SELECT Emp_ID FROM Managers;
```

T Transactions

```
BEGIN;  
UPDATE Employees SET Salary = Salary + 500 WHERE Dept_ID =  
10;  
SAVEPOINT step1;  
DELETE FROM Employees WHERE Dept_ID = 20;  
ROLLBACK TO step1; -- undo delete but keep salary update  
COMMIT;           -- save permanently
```

U UPDATE

```
UPDATE Employees SET Salary = Salary * 1.10 WHERE Dept_ID =  
101;
```

V Views

```
CREATE VIEW HighSalaryEmployees AS  
SELECT Name, Salary FROM Employees WHERE Salary > 50000;
```

```
DROP VIEW HighSalaryEmployees;
```

W WITH (CTE – Common Table Expression)

```
WITH Dept_Salary AS (  
    SELECT Dept_ID, AVG(Salary) AS avg_sal  
    FROM Employees  
    GROUP BY Dept_ID  
)  
SELECT e.Name, e.Salary, d.avg_sal  
FROM Employees e JOIN Dept_Salary d ON e.Dept_ID =  
d.Dept_ID;
```

X XML Functions (Oracle specific)

```
SELECT XMLELEMENT("employee", Name, Salary) FROM Employees;
```

Y Your Session Info

```
SHOW USER;  
SELECT USER, SYSDATE FROM dual;
```

Z Zones & Time Functions

```
SELECT CURRENT_DATE, CURRENT_TIMESTAMP, SYSTIMESTAMP FROM  
dual;
```

Quick Oracle-Specific Notes

- Oracle uses **dual** table for test queries.
- **VARCHAR2** is preferred over **VARCHAR**.
- **ROWNUM** and **FETCH FIRST n ROWS ONLY** for limiting rows.
- Use **DBMS_XPLAN.DISPLAY** to view execution plans.