

# Data Manipulation Language (DML)

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search for information in a database : **SELECT**

```
SELECT { <expression> [AS <column name>] } [ , ... n ]  
[ INTO <new table> ]  
FROM <table> or <table join>  
[ WHERE <line filtering condition> ]  
[ GROUP BY { <expression> } [ , ... n ] ]  
[ HAVING <line filtering condition s> ]  
[ ORDER BY { <expression> } [ , ... n ] ]  
[ COMPUTE { <expression> } [ , ... n ] BY { <attribute> } [ , ... n ] ]  
[ COMPUTE { <expression> } [ , ... n ]
```

inserting rows into a table : **INSERT INTO**

```
INSERT [INTO] <table> [ ( <attribute 1>, <attribute 2>, ..., <attribute n> ) ]  
  { VALUES { ( <val_attribute 1>, <val_attribute 2>, ..., <val_attribute n> ) } [ , ... n ] |  
    <query SELECT> }
```

modifying the rows of a table : **UPDATE**

```
UPDATE <table> SET { <attribute>=<expression> } [ , ... n ]  
[ WHERE <line filtering condition> ]
```

removing rows from a table : **DELETE**

```
DELETE [FROM] <table> [ WHERE <line filtering condition> ]
```

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creating a table : **CREATE TABLE**

```
CREATE TABLE <table>
( {      <column name> <type>
    [ NULL | NOT NULL ]
    [ IDENTITY [ ( <initial value>, <increment> ) ] | DEFAULT ( <constant> | <expression> ) ]
    [ { <constraint on columns> } [ , ... n ] ]
  } [ , ... n ] ,
  [ { <constraint on columns> } [ , ... n ] ]
)
```

changing columns or constraints in a table : **ALTER TABLE**

```
ALTER TABLE <table>
{ ALTER COLUMN <column name> <type> ... |
  ADD { <column definition> | <constraint> } [ , ... n ] |
  DROP { [CONSTRAINT] { <constraint name> } [ , ... n ] |
         COLUMN { <column name> } [ , ... n ]
        } [ , ... n ]
}
```

**NB** : statements between the square brackets [ ] are optional.

{ <content> } [ , ... n ] means that <content> can be repeated one or more times.

(each <content> is separated with a comma).