

Show/Describe

SHOW TABLES

Show tables in a database.

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DESCRIBE *table_name*

Get fields (columns) and information about those fields for a given table

DESC Persons

Select

SELECT *column_name(s)*
FROM *table_name*

Select data from a table.

SELECT LastName, FirstName
FROM Persons

SELECT * FROM *table_name*
SELECT DISTINCT
column_name(s)
FROM *table_name*

Select all data from a table.

SELECT * FROM Persons

Select only distinct (different) data from a table.

SELECT DISTINCT LastName,
FirstName FROM Persons

SELECT *column_name(s)*
FROM *table_name*
WHERE *column operator value*
AND column operator value
OR column operator value
AND (... OR ...)
...

SELECT * FROM Persons
WHERE sex='female'

SELECT * FROM Persons
WHERE Year>1970

SELECT * FROM Persons
WHERE FirstName='Saddam'
AND LastName='Hussein'

SELECT * FROM Persons
WHERE
(FirstName='Tove' OR
FirstName='Stephen')
AND LastName='Svendson'

SELECT * FROM Persons
WHERE FirstName LIKE 'O%'
SELECT * FROM Persons
WHERE FirstName LIKE '%la%'

SELECT * FROM Persons
WHERE LastName IN
('Hansen','Pettersen')

SELECT * FROM Persons
ORDER BY LastName

SELECT *column_name(s)*
FROM *table_name*
WHERE *column_name*
IN (value1, value2, ...)
SELECT *column_name(s)*

Select only certain data from a table.

The IN operator may be used if you know the exact value you want to return for at least one of the columns.

Select data from a table with sorted rows.

Note:

Operators

| Operator | Description |
|----------|---|
| = | Equal |
| <> | Not equal |
| > | Greater than |
| < | Less than |
| >= | Greater than or equal |
| <= | Less than or equal |
| BETWEEN | Between an inclusive range |
| LIKE | Search for a pattern. A "%" sign can be used to define wildcards (missing letters in the pattern) both before and after the pattern. |

FROM *table_name*
ORDER BY *row_1, row_2*
DESC, row_3 ASC, ...

SELECT *column_1, ...,*
SUM(*group_column_name*)
FROM *table_name*
GROUP BY *group_column_name*

- **ASC** (ascend) is a alphabetical and numerical order (optional)
- **DESC** (descend) is a reverse alphabetical and numerical order

GROUP BY... was added to SQL because aggregate functions (like SUM) return the aggregate of all column values every time they are called, and without the GROUP BY function it was impossible to find the sum for each individual group of column values.

SELECT Company, OrderNumber
FROM Orders
ORDER BY Company DESC,
OrderNumber ASC
SELECT Company,
SUM(Amount)
FROM Sales
GROUP BY Company

Some aggregate functions

| Function | Description |
|---------------|---|
| AVG(column) | Returns the average value of a column |
| COUNT(column) | Returns the number of rows (without a NULL value) of a column |
| MAX(column) | Returns the highest value of a column |
| MIN(column) | Returns the lowest value of a column |
| SUM(column) | Returns the total sum of a column |

SELECT *column_1, ...,*
SUM(*group_column_name*)
FROM *table_name*
GROUP BY *group_column_name*
HAVING
SUM(*group_column_name*) *condition value*

HAVING... was added to SQL because the WHERE keyword could not be used against aggregate functions (like SUM), and without HAVING... it would be impossible to test for result conditions.

SELECT Company,
SUM(Amount)
FROM Sales
GROUP BY Company
HAVING SUM(Amount)>10000

Join

SELECT *column_1_name, column_2_name, ...*
FROM *first_table_name*
INNER JOIN
second_table_name
ON *first_table_name.keyfield =*
second_table_name.keyfield

The INNER JOIN returns all rows from both tables where there is a match. If there are rows in first table that do not have matches in second table, those rows will not be listed.

SELECT Employees.Name,
Orders.Product
FROM Employees
INNER JOIN Orders
ON Employees.Employee_ID=
Orders.Employee_ID