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I am new to databases. I first used the PostgreSQL Exercises. However, I was lost since I had no experience. However, looking at the hints and answers I was able to figure out the basics of SQL. It felt like cheating, so I put a hold on the website and decided to search another source to learn.

I later used the Khan Academy website to have hands on experience with SQL. The short videos helped with the practice examples. However, I felt that it was not sufficient for me to learn the principles of SQL. I got far with SQL basics and more advanced SQL queries. The examples and videos helped me understand the basics of SQL and how to SELECT queries. It was simple and not problematic.

I chose Khan Academy since it is mostly for beginners and it is sorted with what you need to learn first. From basics to advanced and so on. It helped me understand the basics and somewhat the advanced features but I preferred looking other examples to grasp better knowledge towards SQL.

I started looking through YouTube videos on SQL and installed MySQL and PopSQL. Although it took a while to install, due to complicated configurations, I was able to install and work on examples. I learned more following examples online and have a grasp in how databases work.

This led me to go back to Khan Academy and finish the course. Compared to other languages like Java and Python, SQL is easier to learn once you get the hang of it. However, once you deal with multiple queries and tables it becomes confusing at first.