SQL Cheat Sheet: CREATE TABLE, ALTER, DROP, TRUNCATE



| Command | Syntax | Description | Example |
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| CREATE TABLE | CREATE TABLE table_name (col1 datatype optional keyword, col2 datatype optional keyword,col3 datatype optional keyword,, coln datatype optional keyword) | CREATE TABLE statement is to create the table. Each column in the table is specified with its name, data type and an optional keyword which could be PRIMARY KEY , NOT NULL , etc., | CREATE TABLE employee (employee_id char(2) PRIMARY KEY, first_name varchar(30) NOT NULL, mobile int); |
| ALTER TABLE - ADD COLUMN | ALTER TABLE table_name ADD COLUMN column_name_1 datatypeADD COLUMN column_name_n datatype; | ALTER TABLE statement is used to add the columns to a table. | ALTER TABLE employee ADD COLUMN income bigint; |
| ALTER TABLE - ALTER COLUMN | ALTER TABLE table_name ALTER COLUMN column_name_1 SET DATA TYPE datatype; | ALTER TABLE ALTER COLUMN statement is used to modify the data type of columns. | ALTER TABLE employee ALTER COLUMN mobile SET DATA TYPE CHAR(20); |
| ALTER TABLE - DROP COLUMN | ALTER TABLE table_name DROP COLUMN column_name_1; | ALTER TABLE DROP COLUMN statement is used to remove columns from a table. | ALTER TABLE employee DROP COLUMN mobile; |
| ALTER TABLE - RENAME COLUMN | ALTER TABLE table_name RENAME COLUMN current_column_name TO new_column_name; | ALTER TABLE RENAME COLUMN statement is used to rename the columns in a table. | ALTER TABLE employee RENAME COLUMN first_name TO name; |
| TRUNCATE TABLE | TRUNCATE TABLE table_name IMMEDIATE; | TRUNCATE TABLE statement is used to delete all of the rows in a table. The IMMEDIATE specifies to process the statement immediately and that it cannot be undone. | TRUNCATE TABLE employee IMMEDIATE; |
| DROP TABLE | DROP TABLE table_name ; | Use the DROP TABLE statement to delete a table from a database. If you delete a table that contains data, by default the data will be deleted alongside the table. | DROP TABLE employee ; |

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