

Syllabus - Beginner to Expert

🎓 SQL Syllabus – Beginner to Expert

● Level 1: Introduction & Basics

Objective: Understand databases, tables, and basic data manipulation.

Week/Module	Topics
1.1	What is a Database and SQL? Types of Databases (Relational vs. NoSQL)
1.2	Creating & Using a Database (<code>CREATE DATABASE</code> , <code>USE</code>)
1.3	Creating Tables (<code>CREATE TABLE</code>) with Data Types (<code>INT</code> , <code>VARCHAR</code> , <code>DATE</code> , etc.)
1.4	Inserting Data (<code>INSERT INTO</code>)
1.5	Retrieving Data (<code>SELECT</code> , <code>SELECT *</code> , <code>SELECT column_name</code>)
1.6	Filtering Data (<code>WHERE</code> , comparison operators)
1.7	Sorting Results (<code>ORDER BY ASC/DESC</code>)
1.8	Limiting Results (<code>LIMIT</code>)

● Level 2: Intermediate Queries & Functions

Objective: Learn to update, delete, and summarize data.

Week/Module	Topics
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2.1	Updating Data (<code>UPDATE</code>)
2.2	Deleting Data (<code>DELETE</code>)
2.3	SQL Functions: <code>COUNT()</code> , <code>SUM()</code> , <code>AVG()</code> , <code>MIN()</code> , <code>MAX()</code>
2.4	Grouping Data (<code>GROUP BY</code>)
2.5	Filtering Groups (<code>HAVING</code>)
2.6	Pattern Matching (<code>LIKE</code> , <code>%</code> , <code>_</code>)
2.7	Logical Operators (<code>AND</code> , <code>OR</code> , <code>NOT</code> , <code>IN</code> , <code>BETWEEN</code>)
2.8	Aliases (<code>AS</code>) and Column Renaming

● Level 3: Relationships and Joins

Objective: Understand table relationships and retrieve data from multiple tables.

Week/Module	Topics
3.1	Primary Keys, Foreign Keys
3.2	INNER JOIN
3.3	LEFT JOIN
3.4	RIGHT JOIN
3.5	FULL OUTER JOIN (conceptual; not directly supported in MySQL)
3.6	Self Join
3.7	Using <code>ON</code> vs <code>USING</code>
3.8	Cross Join & Cartesian Product

● Level 4: Advanced SQL Techniques

Objective: Perform complex queries, subqueries, and use set operations.

Week/Module	Topics
4.1	Subqueries (Scalar, Column, Row, Table subqueries)
4.2	Correlated Subqueries
4.3	EXISTS , NOT EXISTS
4.4	Set Operations: UNION , UNION ALL , INTERSECT , EXCEPT
4.5	CASE Statements and Conditional Logic
4.6	Derived Tables (Inline Views)
4.7	Views: CREATE VIEW , ALTER VIEW , DROP VIEW
4.8	Window Functions (if using MySQL 8+): ROW_NUMBER() , RANK() , OVER(PARTITION BY)

● **Level 5: Schema Design & Optimization**

Objective: Understand schema design, constraints, indexing, and performance.

Week/Module	Topics
5.1	Constraints: NOT NULL , UNIQUE , DEFAULT , CHECK , AUTO_INCREMENT
5.2	Composite Keys & Surrogate Keys
5.3	Indexes: CREATE INDEX , DROP INDEX , pros/cons

5.4	Transaction Control: BEGIN , COMMIT , ROLLBACK , SAVEPOINT
5.5	Isolation Levels (Read Uncommitted to Serializable)
5.6	Stored Procedures (Intro only)
5.7	Triggers (Intro only)
5.8	Query Optimization Basics (EXPLAIN, execution plans)

■ Optional Topics (For Advanced Learners)

- JSON support in MySQL
- Full-text search
- CTEs (Common Table Expressions)
- Temporal tables
- Partitioning

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