

# SQL Syntax

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## Data types

<b>integer(size)</b>	Hold integers only. The maximum number of digits are specified in parenthesis.
<b>int(size)</b>	
<b>smallint(size)</b>	
<b>tinyint(size)</b>	
<b>decimal(size,d)</b>	Hold numbers with fractions. The maximum number of digits are specified in "size". The maximum number of digits to the right of the decimal is specified in "d".
<b>numeric(size,d)</b>	
<b>char(size)</b>	Holds a fixed length string (can contain letters, numbers, and special characters). The fixed size is specified in parenthesis.
<b>varchar(size)</b>	Holds a variable length string (can contain letters, numbers, and special characters). The maximum size is specified in parenthesis.
<b>date(yyyymmdd)</b>	Holds a date

## Database manipulation

<b>CREATE DATABASE database_name</b>	Create a database	CREATE DATABASE My_First_Database
<b>DROP DATABASE database_name</b>	Delete a database	DROP DATABASE My_First_Database

## Table manipulation

<b>CREATE TABLE "table_name"</b> ("column_1" "data_type_for_column_1", "column_2" "data_type_for_column_2", ... )	Create a table in a database.	CREATE TABLE Person (LastName varchar, FirstName varchar, Address varchar, Age int)
<b>DROP TABLE table_name</b>	Delete a table.	DROP TABLE Person

## Data manipulation

<b>INSERT INTO table_name VALUES (value_1, value_2,...)</b>	Insert new rows into a table.	INSERT INTO Persons VALUES('Hussein', 'Saddam', 'White House')
<b>INSERT INTO table_name (column1, column2,...) VALUES (value_1, value_2,...)</b>	Insert new rows into a table.	INSERT INTO Persons (LastName, FirstName, Address) VALUES('Hussein', 'Saddam', 'White House')
<b>UPDATE table_name SET column_name_1 = new_value_1, column_name_2 = new_value_2 WHERE column_name = some_value</b>	Update one or several columns in rows.	UPDATE Person SET Address = 'ups' WHERE LastName = 'Hussein'
<b>DELETE FROM table_name WHERE column_name = some_value</b>	Delete rows in a table.	DELETE FROM Person WHERE LastName = 'Hussein'

## Alias

<b>SELECT column_name AS column_alias FROM table_name</b>	Column name alias	SELECT LastName AS Family, FirstName AS Name FROM Persons
<b>SELECT table_alias.column_name FROM table_name AS table_alias</b>	Table name alias	SELECT LastName, FirstName FROM Persons AS Employees

## Select

**SELECT column\_name(s) FROM table\_name**

Select data from a table.

SELECT LastName, FirstName FROM Persons

**SELECT \* FROM table\_name**

Select all data from a table.

SELECT \* FROM Persons

**SELECT DISTINCT column\_name(s) FROM table\_name**

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 only certain data from a table.

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

**SELECT column\_name(s) FROM table\_name WHERE column\_name LIKE '%'**

Search for a pattern. A "%" sign can be used to define wildcards (missing letters in the pattern) both before and after the pattern.

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

**SELECT column\_name(s) FROM table\_name WHERE column\_name IN (value1, value2, ...)**

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

SELECT \* FROM Persons WHERE Year > 1970

**SELECT column\_name(s) FROM table\_name WHERE column\_name BETWEEN value1 AND value2;**

The BETWEEN operator selects values within a range. The values can be numbers, text, or dates.

SELECT \* FROM Products WHERE Price BETWEEN 10 AND 20;

Select data from a table with sort the rows.

**SELECT** column\_name(s) **FROM**  
table\_name **ORDER BY** row\_1  
**DESC**, row\_3 **ASC**, ...

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

**SELECT** column\_1, ...,  
**SUM**(group\_column\_name)  
**FROM** table\_name  
**GROUP BY**  
group\_column\_name

**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,  
**SUM**(Amount)  
**FROM** Sales  
**GROUP BY** Company

**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

## Operators

<b>=</b>	Equal
<b>&lt;&gt;</b>	Not equal
<b>&gt;</b>	Greater than
<b>&lt;</b>	Less than
<b>&gt;=</b>	Greater than or equal
<b>&lt;=</b>	Less than or equal
<b>BETWEEN</b>	Between an inclusive range
<b>LIKE</b>	Search for a pattern.

## Aggregate functions

<b>AVG</b> (column)	Returns the average value of a column
<b>COUNT</b> (column)	Returns the number of rows (without a <b>NULL</b> value) of a column
<b>MAX</b> (column)	Returns the highest value of a column
<b>MIN</b> (column)	Returns the lowest value of a column
<b>SUM</b> (column)	Returns the total sum of a column

## 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.foreign_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
```

```
SELECT column_1_name,
column_2_name, ...
FROM first_table_name
LEFT JOIN second_table_name
ON first_table_name.keyfield =
second_table_name.foreign_keyfield
```

The LEFT JOIN returns all the rows from the first table, even if there are no matches in the second table. If there are rows in first table that do not have matches in second table, those rows also will be listed.

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

```
SELECT column_1_name,
column_2_name, ...
FROM first_table_name
RIGHT JOIN second_table_name
ON first_table_name.keyfield =
second_table_name.foreign_keyfield
```

The RIGHT JOIN returns all the rows from the second table, even if there are no matches in the first table. If there had been any rows in second table that did not have matches in first table, those rows also would have been listed.

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