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FAQ

What is SQL?

- SQL stands for Structured Query Language;
- SQL allows you to access a database;
- SQL is an ANSI standard computer language;
- SQL use to access and manipulate data in Oracle, Sybase, Microsoft SQL Server, DB2, Access, MySQL, PostgreSQL and other database systems;
- SQL can execute queries against a database;
- SQL can retrieve data from a database:
- SQL can insert new records in a database;
- SQL can delete records from a database;
- SQL can update records in a database:
- SQL is easy to learn.

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Database Manipulation

Create a database Delete a database

Table Manipulation

Create a table in a database.

Data Types

Data Type
Description
integer(size)
Hold integers only. The maximum number of digits are specified in parenthesis.

CREATE DATABASE My_First_Database DROP DATABASE My_First_Database

CREATE TABLE Person (LastName varchar, FirstName varchar, Address varchar, Age int)

CREATE DATABASE database_name
DROP DATABASE database name

CREATE TABLE "table_name"
("column_1" "data_type_for_column_1",
"column_2" "data_type_for_column_2",
...)

ALTER TABLE table_name ADD column_name datatype ALTER TABLE table_name DDROP column_name datatype DROP TABLE table_name
CREATE INDEX index_name ON table_name (column_name_1, column_name_2,)
CREATE UNIQUE INDEX index_name ON table_name (column_name_1, column_name_2,) DROP INDEX table_name.index_name
INSERT INTO table_name VALUES (value_1, value_2,) INSERT INTO table_name (column1, column2,) VALUES (value_1, value_2,) UPDATE table_name SET column_name_1 = new_value_1, column_name_2 = new_value_2 WHERE column_name = some_value DELETE FROM table_name WHERE column_name = some_value TRUNCATE TABLE table_name
SELECT column_name(s) FROM table_name SELECT * FROM table_name SELECT DISTINCT column_name(s) FROM table_name SELECT column_name(s) FROM table_name WHERE column operator value AND column operator value OR column operator value AND (OR)

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

Add columns in an existing table. Delete columns in an existing table. Delete a table.

Index Manipulation

Create a simple index.

Create a unique index.

Delete a index.

Data Manipulation

Insert new rows into a table.

Update one or several columns in rows.

Delete rows in a table.

Deletes the data inside the table.

Select

Select data from a table.
Select all data from a table.
Select only distinct (different) data from a table.

Select only certain data from a table.

Operators				
Operator		Description		
=	Equal			
$\langle \rangle$	Not equal			
>	Greater than			
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ALTER TABLE Person ADD Sex char(6)
ALTER TABLE Person DROP Sex char(6)
DROP TABLE Person

CREATE INDEX PersonIndex
ON Person (LastName, FirstName)

CREATE UNIQUE INDEX PersonIndex ON Person (LastName DESC) DROP INDEX Person.PersonIndex

INSERT INTO Persons
VALUES('Hussein', 'Saddam', 'White House')
INSERT INTO Persons (LastName, FirstName, Address)
VALUES('Hussein', 'Saddam', 'White House')
UPDATE Person
SET Address = 'ups'
WHERE LastName = 'Hussein'

DELETE FROM Person WHERE LastName = 'Hussein'

TRUNCATE TABLE Person

SELECT LastName, FirstName FROM Persons

SELECT * FROM Persons

SELECT DISTINCT LastName, FirstName FROM Persons

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='Saddam'

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

SELECT column_1, ..., SUM(group_column_name)
FROM table_name
GROUP BY group_column_name
HAVING SUM(group column name) condition value

SELECT column name AS column alias FROM table name

SELECT table_alias.column_name FROM table_name AS table alias

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
SELECT column 1 name, column 2 name, ...

<	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.	

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 sort the rows.

Note:

- 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.

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			

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.

Alias

Column name alias

Table name alias

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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.

The LEFT JOIN returns all the rows from the first table,

OR LastName='Hussein'

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

SELECT * FROM Persons WHERE FirstName LIKE '0%'

SELECT * FROM Persons WHERE FirstName LIKE '%a'

SELECT * FROM Persons WHERE FirstName LIKE '%1a%'

SELECT * FROM Persons

WHERE LastName IN ('Hansen', 'Pettersen')

SELECT * FROM Persons

ORDER BY LastName

SELECT FirstName, LastName FROM Persons ORDER BY LastName DESC

SELECT Company, OrderNumber FROM Orders ORDER BY Company DESC, OrderNumber ASC

SELECT Company, SUM (Amount)

FROM Sales

GROUP BY Company

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

SELECT LastName AS Family, FirstName AS Name FROM Persons SELECT LastName, FirstName FROM Persons AS Employees

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

SELECT Employees. Name, Orders. Product

FROM first_table_name
LEFT JOIN second_table_name
ON first_table_name.keyfield =
second_table_name.foreign_keyfield
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

SQL_Statement_1 UNION SQL_Statement_2 SQL_Statement_1 UNION ALL SQL_Statement_2

SELECT column_name(s)
INTO new_table_name
FROM source_table_name
WHERE query
SELECT column_name(s)
IN external_database_name
FROM source_table_name
WHERE query

CREATE VIEW view_name AS SELECT column_name(s) FROM table_name WHERE condition 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.

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.

UNION

Select all different values from $\ensuremath{\mathsf{SQL_Statement_1}}$ and $\ensuremath{\mathsf{SQL_Statement_2}}$

Select all values from SQL_Statement_1 and SQL_Statement_2

SELECT INTO/IN

Select data from table(S) and insert it into another table.

Select data from table(S) and insert it in another database.

CREATE VIEW

Create a virtual table based on the result-set of a SELECT statement.

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FROM Employees
LEFT JOIN Orders
ON Employees. Employee ID=Orders. Employee ID

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

SELECT E Name FROM Employees Norway

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SELECT E_Name FROM Employees_USA
SELECT E Name FROM Employees Norway

UNION

SELECT E_Name FROM Employees_USA

SELECT * INTO Persons backup FROM Persons

SELECT Persons. * INTO Persons IN 'Backup.db' FROM

Persons WHERE City='Sandnes'

CREATE VIEW [Current Product List] AS SELECT ProductID, ProductName FROM Products WHERE Discontinued=No