

# GQL cheatsheet



**GQL** The sones Graph Query Language (GQL) allows you to create, modify, administrate and query a graph (database).

**CREATE TYPE** Create a user-defined datatype  
CREATE [ABSTRACT] TYPE Identifier [EXTENDS Identifier] [ATTRIBUTES(AttrIdentifier [=DefaultValue])] [BACKWARDEdges(BackwardEdge [,BackwardEdge])] [UNIQUE(Identifier [,Identifier])] [MANDATORY(Identifier [,Identifier])] [INDICES(IndexOptOnCreateType)]

**CREATE TYPES** Create user-defined datatypes having circular dependencies  
CREATE TYPES [[ABSTRACT] bulk\_type\_list\_member] [, [ABSTRACT] bulk\_type\_list\_member]

**ALTER TYPE** Manipulates a user-defined datatype  
ALTER TYPE Identifier ADD ATTRIBUTES(attr\_definition [,attr\_definition])  
ALTER TYPE Identifier DROP ATTRIBUTES (Identifier [,Identifier])  
ALTER TYPE Identifier ADD BACKWARDEdges (BackwardEdge [,BackwardEdge])  
ALTER TYPE Identifier DROP BACKWARDEdges (Identifier [,Identifier])  
ALTER TYPE Identifier RENAME ATTRIBUTE Identifier TO Identifier  
ALTER TYPE Identifier RENAME TO Identifier  
ALTER TYPE Identifier RENAME BACKWARDEDGE Identifier TO Identifier  
ALTER TYPE Identifier UNIQUE (Identifier [,Identifier])  
ALTER TYPE Identifier DROP UNIQUE

**DROP TYPE** Deletes a user-defined datatype  
DROP TYPE Identifier

**TRUNCATE** Removes all records from a user-defined datatype  
TRUNCATE Identifier

**CREATE INDEX** Creates an index on a user-defined type  
CREATE INDEX identifier [EDITION identifier] ON identifier (index\_attribute\_list) [INDEXTYPE Identifier]

**REBUILD INDICES** rebuilds all or specific index of a user-defined datatype  
REBUILD INDICES  
REBUILD INDICES TypeIdentifier [,TypeIdentifier]

**DROP INDEX** Deletes an index of a user-defined datatype  
FROM Identifier DROP INDEX IndexIdentifier [EDITION EditionIdentifier]

**INSERT** Insert an object into a graph  
INSERT INTO Identifier VALUES (AttrAssign [,AttrAssign]) [WHERE where\_condition]

AttrAssign = [idNode=Value][idNode={REF(..),REFUID(..),SETOF(..),LISTOF(..),SETOFUIDS(..)}]

**INSERTORUPDATE** Inserts or Updates an object into a graph  
INSERTORUPDATE Identifier VALUES (AttrAssign [,AttrAssign]) [WHERE where\_condition]

**INSERTORREPLACE** Inserts or Replaces an object into a graph  
INSERTORREPLACE Identifier VALUES (AttrAssign [,AttrAssign]) [WHERE where\_condition]

**UPDATE** Updates an object within a graph  
UPDATE Identifier SET (update\_attr\_element [,update\_attr\_element]) [WHERE where\_condition]

**REPLACE** Replaces an object within a graph  
REPLACE Identifier VALUES (AttrAssign [,AttrAssign]) WHERE where\_condition

**DELETE** Deletes data from an object with a graph  
FROM Identifier DELETE [id] [WHERE where\_condition]

**BEGIN TRANSACTION** Starts a new transaction  
BEGIN [DISTRIBUTED] | [LONG-RUNNING] | [DISTRIBUTED LONG-RUNNING] TRANSACTION [ISOLATION = {Full | Read | Write}] [Name=transaction\_name] [TIMESTAMP=transaction\_timestamp]

**COMMIT TRANSACTION** Commits a currently running transaction  
COMMIT TRANSACTION [Name=transaction\_name] [ASYNC]

**ROLLBACK TRANSACTION** Revoke all changes of a transaction (rollback)  
ROLLBACK TRANSACTION [Name=transaction\_name] [ASYNC]

**BUILT-IN Datatypes (case sensitive)**  
Integer, UnsignedInteger, Double, String, Boolean, DateTime, BackwardEdge, List<Primitive-Datatype>, Set<Userdefined-Datatype>

**Aggregates**  
COUNT | AVG | MIN | MAX | SUM

**Functions**  
CONCAT | TOUPPER | MAXWEIGHT | SUBSTRING | TOP | CURRENTDATE

**Comments**  
Comments within lines start with /\* and end with \*/

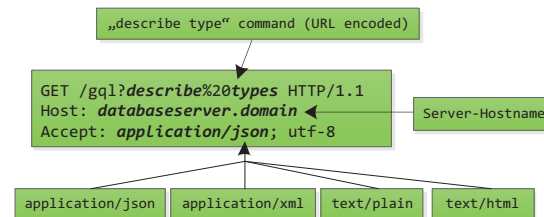
**DESCRIBE** Get information on items within the database  
DESCRIBE INDICES | DESCRIBE INDEX Identifier [edition]  
DESCRIBE EDGES | DESCRIBE EDGE Identifier  
DESCRIBE FUNCTIONS | DESCRIBE FUNCTION Identifier  
DESCRIBE AGGREGATES | DESCRIBE AGGREGATE Identifier  
DESCRIBE SETTINGS [ON TYPE TypeIdentifier | ON ATTRIBUTE attr\_definition | ON DB | ON SESSION] | DESCRIBE SETTING Identifier [ON TYPE TypeIdentifier | ON ATTRIBUTE attr\_definition | ON DB | ON SESSION]  
DESCRIBE TYPES | DESCRIBE TYPE TypeIdentifier

**SETTING** Set, get or remove a setting (in a session or global)  
SETTING DB SettingOperation (= SET ("SettingName"=value [, "SettingName"=value]) | GET ("SettingName" [, "SettingName"]) | REMOVE ("SettingName" [, "SettingName"]))  
SETTING SESSION SettingOperation | SETTING TYPE Identifier SettingOperation | SETTING ATTRIBUTE Identifier SettingOperation  
SettingName = (DEPTH, SETREADONLY, TYPE, UUID, SHOWREVISION, SELECTTIMEOUT)

**DUMP** Create a complete (query) dump in different formats  
DUMP [{GDOL|GDML|ALL}] [AS {GQL,CSV}]

**SELECT** Retrieve objects or their data from a graph  
FROM Identifier alias [,Identifier Alias] SELECT \* | selection\_list  
[WHERE where\_condition] [GROUP BY group\_expr] [ORDER BY order\_expr] [OFFSET offset\_expr] [LIMIT limit\_expr] [DEPTH depth\_expr]

**REST** The REST API can be used to run GQL queries. The query is encapsulated into the URL (URL encoded) and data then is returned in the specified format (xml / json / text). Basic authentication is mandatory.



Accessing the log:

GET /Logfile

**Login and Access** sones graphDB can be accessed through a number of different interfaces like SOAP Webservice, REST - even a WebShell running inside every browser is available.

**WebShell** sones graphDB WebShell is a unix-like shell in a web browser allowing the user to interact with an instance of a sones graphDB. It is based on well-known technologies and libraries like HTML, JavaScript, JQuery and our REST API. Authentication is mandatory.

Anyone can gain access to a personalized instance by logging on to <http://www.sones.com>.

useful commands:

command	parameters	description
help	n/a	displays help text
clear	n/a	clears the screen
format	xml   json   text	by default results are displays as xml. Output format can be switched to JSON or plain-text

sample xml output:

```
<sones version="1.0">
  <GraphDB version="1.0">
    <queryresult version="1.0">
      <query>FROM UserProfile u SELECT */</query>
      <result>Successful</result>
      <duration resolution="ms">1</duration>
      <warnings />
      <errors />
      <results>
        <DBObject>
          <attribute name="Username" type="String">User1</attribute>
          <attribute name="Age" type="Int64">25</attribute>
        </DBObject>
      </results>
    </queryresult>
  </GraphDB>
</sones>
```

sample json output:

```
{
  "query": "FROM User u SELECT **",
  "result": "Successful",
  "warnings": [],
  "errors": [],
  "results":
  [
    {
      "Username": "User1",
      "Age": "25"
    },
    {
      "Duration": ["1", "ms"]
    }
  ]
}
```

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# GQL cheatsheet examples



## Examples

### CREATE TYPE

```
CREATE TYPE
  UserProfile ATTRIBUTES (String Username, Integer Age, SET<UserProfile> Friends)
  BACKWARDGEDGES (UserProfile.Friends FriendOf)
  UNIQUE (Username)
  MANDATORY (Username)
```

```
CREATE TYPE
  SecondUserProfile EXTENDS UserProfile ATTRIBUTES (SET<UserProfile> Enemies)
```

```
CREATE TYPE
  ThirdUserProfile EXTENDS UserProfile ATTRIBUTES (LIST<String> Hobbies)
```

### CREATE TYPES

```
CREATE TYPES
  Tag ATTRIBUTES (String Name) BACKWARDGEDGES (Website.Tags TaggedSite) INDICES (Name)
  Website ATTRIBUTES (String Name, String URL, SET<Tag> Tags) INDICES (Name)
```

### ALTER TYPE

```
ALTER TYPE
  UserProfile ADD ATTRIBUTES (SET<UserProfile> Enemies, UserProfile Father)
ALTER TYPE
  UserProfile ADD BACKWARDGEDGES (UserProfile.Enemies EnemyOf)
ALTER TYPE
  UserProfile ADD ATTRIBUTES (SET<WEIGHTED(Double, DEFAULT = 1.5, SORTED = DESC)
  <UserProfile>> WeightedFriends )
```

### DROP TYPE

```
DROP TYPE SecondUserProfile
```

### DROP INDEX

```
FROM UserProfile DROP INDEX IDX_Name
```

### CREATE INDEX

```
CREATE INDEX
  IDX_Name ON UserProfile(Name) INDEXTYPE Hashtable
```

### TRUNCATE

```
TRUNCATE UserProfile
```

### INSERTORUPDATE

```
INSERTORUPDATE
  UserProfile VALUES (Name = "User1", Age = 40) WHERE Name = "User1"
INSERTORUPDATE
  UserProfile VALUES (Name = "User5") WHERE Name = "User5"
```

### INSERTORREPLACE

```
INSERTORREPLACE
  UserProfile VALUES (Name = "User1-new", Age = 50) WHERE Name = "User1"
```

### INSERT Insert an object into a graph

```
INSERT INTO
  UserProfile VALUES (Name = "User1", Age = 25)
INSERT INTO
  UserProfile VALUES (Name = "User2", Age = 22, Friends = SETOF(Name = "User1"))
INSERT INTO
  UserProfile VALUES (Name = "User3" Father = REF(Name = "User1"), Enemies = SETOF(Name = "User2"))
INSERT INTO
  UserProfile VALUES (Name = "User4", WeightedFriends = SETOF(Name = "User1):(1.2)))
INSERT INTO
  ThirdUserProfile VALUES (Name = "User5", Hobbies = LISTOF("Books", "Music"))
INSERT INTO
  UserProfile VALUES (Name = "UndefinedAttributeUser", Weight = 70.1) /* Undefined Attribute */
```

### SELECT

```
FROM UserProfile U SELECT U.Friends.Friends.Name WHERE U.Name = "User1"
FROM UserProfile U SELECT U.Name WHERE U.Friends.Friends.Name = "User1"
FROM UserProfile U SELECT U.Friends.Count()
```

### DESCRIBE

```
DESCRIBE TYPES
DESCRIBE TYPE UserProfile
DESCRIBE SETTING Depth ON TYPE UserProfile
DESCRIBE SETTING Depth ON ATTRIBUTE UserProfile.Friends
DESCRIBE SETTINGS ON DB
DESCRIBE INDEX Tag.Name
DESCRIBE FUNCTION CONCAT
```

### SETTING

```
SETTING TYPE User SET („DEPTH“=2)
```

### UPDATE

```
UPDATE
  UserProfile SET (Friends += SETOF(Name="User2", Name="User4"))
  WHERE Name = "User3"
```

### REPLACE

```
REPLACE
  UserProfile VALUES (Name = "User1", Age = 50)
  WHERE Name= "User1-new"
```

### DELETE

```
FROM UserProfile DELETE WHERE Name = "User1"
```

### Functions

```
FROM UserProfile U
  SELECT U.Name.CONCAT("-> Age:", U.Age) AS "Name"
FROM UserProfile U
  SELECT U.Name, CURRENTDATE()
FROM UserProfile U
  SELECT U.WeightedFriends.MAXWEIGHT()
FROM UserProfile U
  SELECT U.Name.SUBSTRING(2,3)
FROM UserProfile U
  SELECT U.Friends.Path($Name = "User1", 10, 10, "true", "false")
  WHERE U.Name = "User2" DEPTH 1
```

### Aggregates

```
FROM UserProfile U
  SELECT AVG(U.Age)
FROM UserProfile U
  SELECT AVG(U.Age), U.Name
  GROUP BY U.Name
  OFFSET 10
  LIMIT 10
```

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