



Databases: SQL + SQL injections

Lecture - Housekeeping

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Objective s

- 1. Define the purpose of SQL in relational databases.
- Identify and Describe the two main categories of SQL commands: Data Definition Language(DDL) & Data Manipulation Language(DML)
- 3. Execute basic SQL commands to create and query tables.
- 4. Identify common SQL injection techniques and attack vectors by analyzing sample SQL injection payloads.
- Apply mitigation strategies to prevent SQL injection vulnerabilities in SQL queries by implementing best practices such as prepared statements and input validation.

Previously:

Defined what MITM & XSS attacks and vulnerabilities are.

We explored the different types and effectively explored how to mitigate the above.



Introduction to SQL

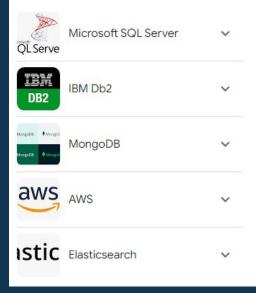
• **Definition:** SQL (Structured Query Language) is a standardized language used for managing and manipulating relational databases.

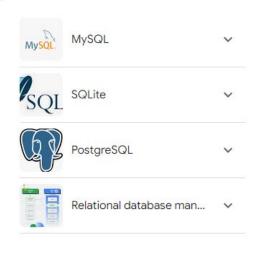
 Purpose: Create and manage database structures, insert and manipulate data, and query information.

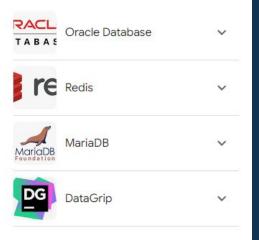
 Portability: SQL commands work similarly across different DBMSs, making it a versatile tool for database management.

SQL Platforms

From sources across the web





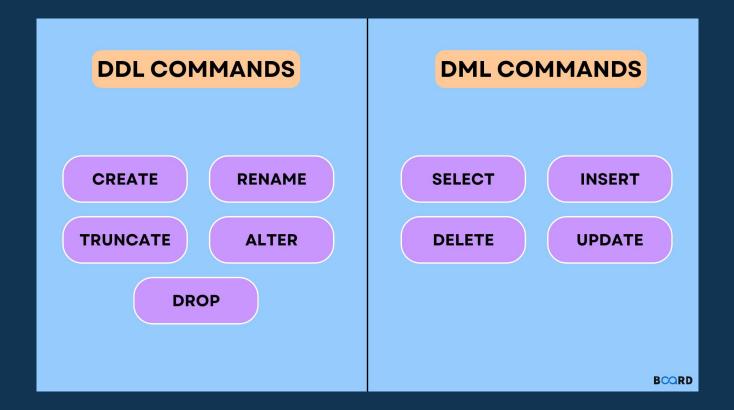


SQL Command Categories

DDL DML

| Data Definition Language | Data Manipulation Language | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| It affects the entire table | It affects only specific rows of a table | | |
| Helps in defining fields/columns in a table | Helps in defining rows or records of a table | | |
| Changes are permanent | We can roll back our changes | | |

SQL Command Categories



SQL Syntax

Tables

Employee

| EmployeeID (int) | LastName | FirstName | Address | Number | Email |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| 736 | Naidoo | Liano | 8th Cyber Ave | 098 123 7822 | liano@test.com |
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CREATE statement

```
1 CREATE TABLE Employee (
      EmployeeID int NOT NULL,
      LastName varchar(255) NOT NULL,
3
      FirstName varchar(255),
      Address varchar(255),
      PhoneNumber varchar(255),
      PRIMARY KEY (EmployeeID)
```

Alter Table

```
10 ALTER TABLE Employee
11 ADD Email varchar(255);
```

INSERT INTO

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13 INSERT INTO Employee (EmployeeID, LastName, FirstName, Address, PhoneNumber, Email)
14 VALUES
15 (1234, 'Smith', 'John', '25 Oak Rd', '0837856767', 'john@smith.com'),
16 (4321, 'Man', 'Jelly', '33 Sweety Ave', '0913405097', 'Jelly@man.com');
```

Conditionally SELECT

```
18 SELECT * FROM Employee
19 WHERE FirstName = 'John';
```

Conditionally SELECT

```
18 SELECT * FROM Employee
19 WHERE FirstName = 'John';
```

Conditionally SELECT and sort

21 SELECT * FROM Employee
22 ORDER BY LastName DESC;

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24 UPDATE Employee
25 SET Address = '78 Oak St'
26 WHERE EmployeeID = 1234;
```

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24 UPDATE Employee
25 SET Address = '78 Oak St'
26 WHERE EmployeeID = 1234;
```

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24 UPDATE Employee
25 SET Address = '78 Oak St'
26 WHERE EmployeeID = 1234;
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31 DROP TABLE Employee;



SQL Injections

SQL Injection

SQL injection (SQLi) is a web security vulnerability that allows an attacker to interfere with the queries that an application makes to its database.

In some situations, an attacker can escalate a SQL injection attack to compromise the underlying server or other back-end infrastructure. It can also enable them to perform denial-of-service attacks.

Session Recap

SQL Basics:

• We reviewed fundamental SQL concepts, including simple queries using SELECT statements, and the distinction between Data Definition Language (DDL) and Data Manipulation Language (DML).

Highlight Vulnerabilities:

• We explored how SQL injection can exploit vulnerabilities in SQL queries, particularly focusing on the risks associated with not using prepared statements.

Practical Exercise:

• You examined a deliberately vulnerable Python script linked to a SQLite3 database, demonstrating how SQL injection can be executed through input manipulation using an external text file.

Mitigation Strategies:

• We discussed and applied strategies to prevent SQL injection, including the use of prepared statements and input validation, to secure SQL queries against common attack vectors.

Key Takeaways:

• Understanding SQL injection techniques and implementing robust security practices are crucial for protecting databases and applications from potential attacks. Ensure to apply these best practices in your coding to enhance security and safeguard data integrity.

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Q & A Section

Please use this time to ask any questions relating to the topic explained, should you have any



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Take regular breaks.
Stay hydrated.
Avoid prolonged screen time.
Remember to have fun:)