

	ACTION	COMMAND	EXAMPLE
R E F I N E S E L E C T I O N	DISTINCT-gives unique values	SELECT DISTINCT <columnname> FROM <tablename>;	
	Sorting Data with ORDER BY	SELECT <columnname> FROM <tablename> ORDER BY <columnname>;	sorting ASECENDING by default.
		SELECT <columnname> FROM <tablename> ORDER BY <columnname> DESC;	DESC for descending order
		SELECT <columnname1>,<columnname2>,<columnname3> FROM <tablename> ORDER BY 2; SELECT <columnname1>,<columnname2>,<columnname3> FROM <tablename> ORDER BY 2 DESC;	ORDER BY #n : choose the nth column in SELECT for sorting
		SELECT <columnname1>,<columnname2> FROM books ORDER BY <columnname1>,<columnname2>;	ORDER BY x,y : first sort wrt x and then the result is sorted on y
	LIMIT	SELECT <columnname> FROM <tablename> LIMIT <#number>;	LIMIT comes @ the end of statement.
		SELECT <columnname> FROM <tablename> ORDER BY <columnname> DESC LIMIT <#number>;	SELECT title FROM books LIMIT 3;
		SELECT <columnname> FROM <tablename> LIMIT x,y; x - starting position y - how many entries from x	SELECT title, released_year FROM books ORDER BY released_year DESC LIMIT 0,5;
		SELECT * FROM <tablename> LIMIT x,18446744073709551615; x - starting position 18446744073709551615- to get all the values till end	
	LIKE	SELECT <columnname> FROM <tablename> WHERE <columnname> LIKE %abc%;	Better searching - % and _ are Wildcards % = means anything can come ie. none to many _ = means only 1 chara
		SELECT <columnname> FROM <tablename> WHERE <columnname> LIKE '%\%%'	To match % and _ in a text. Then use backslash before each
		SELECT <columnname> FROM <tablename> WHERE <columnname> LIKE '%_%%'	
	Replace parts of a string	SELECT REPLACE(<text>, '<to be replaced>', '<replace with>'); SELECT REPLACE(<columnname>, '<to be replaced>', '<replace with>') FROM <tablename>;	The REPLACE() function, as well as the other string functions, only change the query output, they don't affect the actual data in the database.
	Reverse string	SELECT REVERSE(<text>); SELECT REVERSE(<columnname>) FROM <tablename>;	
	Length of string	SELECT CHAR_LENGTH(<text>);	
		SELECT CHAR_LENGTH(<columnname>) FROM <tablename>;	
	UPPER case LOWER case	SELECT UPPER(<text>); SELECT UPPER(<columnname>) FROM <tablename>; SELECT LOWER(<text>); SELECT LOWER(<columnname>) FROM <tablename>;	only takes one argument