Data Types

Built-in Data Types

- Numeric: TINYINT INT, BIGINT
- Floating numbers: DECIMAL, FLOAT
- Strings: CHAR, VARCHAR, BLOB, TEXT
- Date and Time: DATE, TIME, DATETIME



Every relational database has its own **maximum and minimum size limit** for different-different data types which we do not need to remember. The objective is to have an idea of what data type to use in specific conditions.

Numeric – Data Types

Datatype	From	То
Tinyint	0	255
int	-2,147,483,648	2,147,483,647
bigint	-9,223,372,036,854,775,808	9,223,372,036,854,775,807

Floating Numbers

Datatype	From	То
Decimal	-10^38 +1	10^38 -1
Float	-1.79E + 308	1.79E + 308

Strings

DataType	Description
CHAR	Fixed length (Max - 8,000 characters)
VARCHAR	Variable length storage (Max – 8,000 characters)
BLOB	For binary large objects
TEXT	Variable length storage (Max Size – 1GB data)

Date and Time

Datatype	Description
DATE	Stores date (format YYYY-MM-DD)
TIME	Stores time (format HH:MI:SS)
DATETIME	Stores information of date and time (format YYYY-MM-DD HH:MI:SS)