SQL References

SQL Keywords

Keyword	Description
ADD	Adds a column in an existing table
ADD CONSTRAINT	Adds a constraint after a table is already created
ALL	Returns true if all of the subquery values meet the condition
ALTER	Adds, deletes, or modifies columns in a table, or changes the data type of a column in a table
ALTER COLUMN	Changes the data type of a column in a table
ALTER TABLE	Adds, deletes, or modifies columns in a table
AND	Only includes rows where both conditions is true
ANY	Returns true if any of the subquery values meet the condition
AS	Renames a column or table with an alias
ASC	Sorts the result set in ascending order
BACKUP DATABASE	Creates a back up of an existing database
BETWEEN	Selects values within a given range
CASE	Creates different outputs based on conditions
CHECK	A constraint that limits the value that can be placed in a column
COLUMN	Changes the data type of a column or deletes a column in a table
CONSTRAINT	Adds or deletes a constraint
CREATE	Creates a database, index, view, table, or procedure
CREATE DATABASE	Creates a new SQL database
CREATE INDEX	Creates an index on a table (allows duplicate values)
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW	Updates a view
CREATE TABLE	Creates a new table in the database
CREATE PROCEDURE	Creates a stored procedure

CREATE UNIQUE INDEX	Creates a unique index on a table (no duplicate values)
CREATE VIEW	Creates a view based on the result set of a SELECT statement
DATABASE	Creates or deletes an SQL database
DEFAULT	A constraint that provides a default value for a column
DELETE	Deletes rows from a table
DESC	Sorts the result set in descending order
DISTINCT	Selects only distinct (different) values
DROP	Deletes a column, constraint, database, index, table, or view
DROP COLUMN	Deletes a column in a table
DROP CONSTRAINT	Deletes a UNIQUE, PRIMARY KEY, FOREIGN KEY, or CHECK constraint
DROP DATABASE	Deletes an existing SQL database
DROP DEFAULT	Deletes a DEFAULT constraint
DROP INDEX	Deletes an index in a table
DROP TABLE	Deletes an existing table in the database
DROP VIEW	Deletes a view
EXEC	Executes a stored procedure
EXISTS	Tests for the existence of any record in a subquery
FOREIGN KEY	A constraint that is a key used to link two tables together
FROM	Specifies which table to select or delete data from
FULL OUTER JOIN	Returns all rows when there is a match in either left table or right table
GROUP BY	Groups the result set (used with aggregate functions: COUNT, MAX, MIN, SUM, AVG)
HAVING	Used instead of WHERE with aggregate functions
IN	Allows you to specify multiple values in a WHERE clause
INDEX	Creates or deletes an index in a table
INNER JOIN	Returns rows that have matching values in both tables

INSERT INTO	Inserts new rows in a table
INSERT INTO SELECT	Copies data from one table into another table
IS NULL	Tests for empty values
IS NOT NULL	Tests for non-empty values
JOIN	Joins tables
LEFT JOIN	Returns all rows from the left table, and the matching rows from the right table
LIKE	Searches for a specified pattern in a column
LIMIT	Specifies the number of records to return in the result set
NOT	Only includes rows where a condition is not true
NOT NULL	A constraint that enforces a column to not accept NULL values
OR	Includes rows where either condition is true
ORDER BY	Sorts the result set in ascending or descending order
OUTER JOIN	Returns all rows when there is a match in either left table or right table
PRIMARY KEY	A constraint that uniquely identifies each record in a database table
PROCEDURE	A stored procedure
RIGHT JOIN	Returns all rows from the right table, and the matching rows from the left table
ROWNUM	Specifies the number of records to return in the result set
SELECT	Selects data from a database
SELECT DISTINCT	Selects only distinct (different) values
SELECT INTO	Copies data from one table into a new table
SELECT TOP	Specifies the number of records to return in the result set
SET	Specifies which columns and values that should be updated in a table
TABLE	Creates a table, or adds, deletes, or modifies columns in a table, or deletes a table or data inside a table
TOP	Specifies the number of records to return in the result set
TRUNCATE TABLE	Deletes the data inside a table, but not the table itself

UNION	Combines the result set of two or more SELECT statements (only distinct values)
UNION ALL	Combines the result set of two or more SELECT statements (allows duplicate values)
UNIQUE	A constraint that ensures that all values in a column are unique
UPDATE	Updates existing rows in a table
VALUES	Specifies the values of an INSERT INTO statement
VIEW	Creates, updates, or deletes a view
WHERE	Filters a result set to include only records that fulfill a specified condition

MySQL Functions

MySQL has many built-in functions.

This reference contains string, numeric, date, and some advanced functions in MySQL.

MySQL String Functions

Function	Description
ASCII	Returns the ASCII value for the specific character
CHAR_LENGTH	Returns the length of a string (in characters)
CHARACTER_LENGTH	Returns the length of a string (in characters)
CONCAT	Adds two or more expressions together
CONCAT_WS	Adds two or more expressions together with a separator
FIELD	Returns the index position of a value in a list of values
FIND_IN_SET	Returns the position of a string within a list of strings
FORMAT	Formats a number to a format like "#,###,###.##", rounded to a specified number of decimal places
INSERT	Inserts a string within a string at the specified position and for a certain number of characters
INSTR	Returns the position of the first occurrence of a string in another string
LCASE	Converts a string to lower-case
LEFT	Extracts a number of characters from a string (starting from left)
LENGTH	Returns the length of a string (in bytes)
LOCATE	Returns the position of the first occurrence of a substring in a string
LOWER	Converts a string to lower-case
LPAD	Left-pads a string with another string, to a certain length
LTRIM	Removes leading spaces from a string
MID	Extracts a substring from a string (starting at any position)
POSITION	Returns the position of the first occurrence of a substring in a string
REPEAT	Repeats a string as many times as specified

REPLACE	Replaces all occurrences of a substring within a string, with a new substring
REVERSE	Reverses a string and returns the result
RIGHT	Extracts a number of characters from a string (starting from right)
RPAD	Right-pads a string with another string, to a certain length
RTRIM	Removes trailing spaces from a string
SPACE	Returns a string of the specified number of space characters
STRCMP	Compares two strings
SUBSTR	Extracts a substring from a string (starting at any position)
SUBSTRING	Extracts a substring from a string (starting at any position)
SUBSTRING_INDEX	Returns a substring of a string before a specified number of delimiter occurs
TRIM	Removes leading and trailing spaces from a string
UCASE	Converts a string to upper-case
UPPER	Converts a string to upper-case

MySQL Numeric Functions

Function	Description
ABS	Returns the absolute value of a number
ACOS	Returns the arc cosine of a number
ASIN	Returns the arc sine of a number
ATAN	Returns the arc tangent of one or two numbers
ATAN2	Returns the arc tangent of two numbers
AVG	Returns the average value of an expression
CEIL	Returns the smallest integer value that is >= to a number
CEILING	Returns the smallest integer value that is >= to a number
COS	Returns the cosine of a number
COT	Returns the cotangent of a number
COUNT	Returns the number of records returned by a select query
DEGREES	Converts a value in radians to degrees
DIV	Used for integer division
EXP	Returns e raised to the power of a specified number
FLOOR	Returns the largest integer value that is <= to a number
GREATEST	Returns the greatest value of the list of arguments
LEAST	Returns the smallest value of the list of arguments
LN	Returns the natural logarithm of a number
LOG	Returns the natural logarithm of a number, or the logarithm of a number to a specified base
LOG10	Returns the natural logarithm of a number to base 10
LOG2	Returns the natural logarithm of a number to base 2
MAX	Returns the maximum value in a set of values
MIN	Returns the minimum value in a set of values
MOD	Returns the remainder of a number divided by another number
PI	Returns the value of PI

POW	Returns the value of a number raised to the power of another number
POWER	Returns the value of a number raised to the power of another number
RADIANS	Converts a degree value into radians
RAND	Returns a random number
ROUND	Rounds a number to a specified number of decimal places
SIGN	Returns the sign of a number
SIN	Returns the sine of a number
SQRT	Returns the square root of a number
SUM	Calculates the sum of a set of values
TAN	Returns the tangent of a number
TRUNCATE	Truncates a number to the specified number of decimal places

MySQL Date Functions

Function	Description
ADDDATE	Adds a time/date interval to a date and then returns the date
ADDTIME	Adds a time interval to a time/datetime and then returns the time/datetime
CURDATE	Returns the current date
CURRENT_DATE	Returns the current date
CURRENT_TIME	Returns the current time
CURRENT_TIMESTAMP	Returns the current date and time
CURTIME	Returns the current time
DATE	Extracts the date part from a datetime expression
DATEDIFF	Returns the number of days between two date values
DATE_ADD	Adds a time/date interval to a date and then returns the date
DATE_FORMAT	Formats a date
DATE_SUB	Subtracts a time/date interval from a date and then returns the date
DAY	Returns the day of the month for a given date
DAYNAME	Returns the weekday name for a given date
DAYOFMONTH	Returns the day of the month for a given date
DAYOFWEEK	Returns the weekday index for a given date
DAYOFYEAR	Returns the day of the year for a given date
EXTRACT	Extracts a part from a given date
FROM_DAYS	Returns a date from a numeric datevalue
HOUR	Returns the hour part for a given date
LAST_DAY	Extracts the last day of the month for a given date
LOCALTIME	Returns the current date and time
LOCALTIMESTAMP	Returns the current date and time
MAKEDATE	Creates and returns a date based on a year and a number of days value

MAKETIME	Creates and returns a time based on an hour, minute, and second value
MICROSECOND	Returns the microsecond part of a time/datetime
MINUTE	Returns the minute part of a time/datetime
MONTH	Returns the month part for a given date
MONTHNAME	Returns the name of the month for a given date
NOW	Returns the current date and time
PERIOD_ADD	Adds a specified number of months to a period
PERIOD_DIFF	Returns the difference between two periods
QUARTER	Returns the quarter of the year for a given date value
SECOND	Returns the seconds part of a time/datetime
SEC_TO_TIME	Returns a time value based on the specified seconds
STR_TO_DATE	Returns a date based on a string and a format
SUBDATE	Subtracts a time/date interval from a date and then returns the date
SUBTIME	Subtracts a time interval from a datetime and then returns the time/datetime
SYSDATE	Returns the current date and time
TIME	Extracts the time part from a given time/datetime
TIME_FORMAT	Formats a time by a specified format
TIME_TO_SEC	Converts a time value into seconds
TIMEDIFF	Returns the difference between two time/datetime expressions
TIMESTAMP	Returns a datetime value based on a date or datetime value
TO_DAYS	Returns the number of days between a date and date "0000-00-00"
WEEK	Returns the week number for a given date
WEEKDAY	Returns the weekday number for a given date
WEEKOFYEAR	Returns the week number for a given date
YEAR	Returns the year part for a given date
YEARWEEK	Returns the year and week number for a given date

MySQL Advanced Functions

Function	Description
BIN	Returns a binary representation of a number
BINARY	Converts a value to a binary string
CASE	Goes through conditions and return a value when the first condition is met
CAST	Converts a value (of any type) into a specified datatype
COALESCE	Returns the first non-null value in a list
CONNECTION_ID	Returns the unique connection ID for the current connection
CONV	Converts a number from one numeric base system to another
CONVERT	Converts a value into the specified datatype or character set
CURRENT_USER	Returns the user name and host name for the MySQL account that the server used to authenticate the current client
DATABASE	Returns the name of the current database
IF	Returns a value if a condition is TRUE, or another value if a condition is FALSE
IFNULL	Return a specified value if the expression is NULL, otherwise return the expression
ISNULL	Returns 1 or 0 depending on whether an expression is NULL
LAST_INSERT_ID	Returns the AUTO_INCREMENT id of the last row that has been inserted or updated in a table
NULLIF	Compares two expressions and returns NULL if they are equal. Otherwise, the first expression is returned
SESSION_USER	Returns the current MySQL user name and host name
SYSTEM_USER	Returns the current MySQL user name and host name
USER	Returns the current MySQL user name and host name
VERSION	Returns the current version of the MySQL database

SQL Server Functions

QL Server has many built-in functions.
This reference contains string, numeric, date, conversion, and some advanced functions in SQL Server.

SQL Server String Functions

Function	Description
ASCII	Returns the ASCII value for the specific character
CHAR	Returns the character based on the ASCII code
CHARINDEX	Returns the position of a substring in a string
CONCAT	Adds two or more strings together
Concat with +	Adds two or more strings together
CONCAT_WS	Adds two or more strings together with a separator
DATALENGTH	Returns the number of bytes used to represent an expression
DIFFERENCE	Compares two SOUNDEX values, and returns an integer value
FORMAT	Formats a value with the specified format
LEFT	Extracts a number of characters from a string (starting from left)
LEN	Returns the length of a string
LOWER	Converts a string to lower-case
LTRIM	Removes leading spaces from a string
NCHAR	Returns the Unicode character based on the number code
PATINDEX	Returns the position of a pattern in a string
QUOTENAME	Returns a Unicode string with delimiters added to make the string a valid SQL Server delimited identifier
REPLACE	Replaces all occurrences of a substring within a string, with a new substring
REPLICATE	Repeats a string a specified number of times
REVERSE	Reverses a string and returns the result
RIGHT	Extracts a number of characters from a string (starting from right)
RTRIM	Removes trailing spaces from a string
SOUNDEX	Returns a four-character code to evaluate the similarity of two strings

SPACE	Returns a string of the specified number of space characters
STR	Returns a number as string
STUFF	Deletes a part of a string and then inserts another part into the string, starting at a specified position
SUBSTRING	Extracts some characters from a string
TRANSLATE	Returns the string from the first argument after the characters specified in the second argument are translated into the characters specified in the third argument.
TRIM	Removes leading and trailing spaces (or other specified characters) from a string
UNICODE	Returns the Unicode value for the first character of the input expression
UPPER	Converts a string to upper-case

SQL Server Math/Numeric Functions

Function	Description
ABS	Returns the absolute value of a number
ACOS	Returns the arc cosine of a number
ASIN	Returns the arc sine of a number
ATAN	Returns the arc tangent of a number
ATN2	Returns the arc tangent of two numbers
AVG	Returns the average value of an expression
CEILING	Returns the smallest integer value that is >= a number
COUNT	Returns the number of records returned by a select query
COS	Returns the cosine of a number
COT	Returns the cotangent of a number
DEGREES	Converts a value in radians to degrees
EXP	Returns e raised to the power of a specified number
FLOOR	Returns the largest integer value that is <= to a number
LOG	Returns the natural logarithm of a number, or the logarithm of a number to a specified base
LOG10	Returns the natural logarithm of a number to base 10
MAX	Returns the maximum value in a set of values
MIN	Returns the minimum value in a set of values
PI	Returns the value of PI
POWER	Returns the value of a number raised to the power of another number
RADIANS	Converts a degree value into radians
RAND	Returns a random number
ROUND	Rounds a number to a specified number of decimal places
SIGN	Returns the sign of a number
SIN	Returns the sine of a number
SQRT	Returns the square root of a number

SQUARE	Returns the square of a number
SUM	Calculates the sum of a set of values
TAN	Returns the tangent of a number

SQL Server Date Functions

Function	Description
CURRENT_TIMESTAMP	Returns the current date and time
DATEADD	Adds a time/date interval to a date and then returns the date
DATEDIFF	Returns the difference between two dates
DATEFROMPARTS	Returns a date from the specified parts (year, month, and day values)
DATENAME	Returns a specified part of a date (as string)
DATEPART	Returns a specified part of a date (as integer)
DAY	Returns the day of the month for a specified date
GETDATE	Returns the current database system date and time
GETUTCDATE	Returns the current database system UTC date and time
ISDATE	Checks an expression and returns 1 if it is a valid date, otherwise 0
MONTH	Returns the month part for a specified date (a number from 1 to 12)
SYSDATETIME	Returns the date and time of the SQL Server
YEAR	Returns the year part for a specified date

SQL Server Advanced Functions

Function	Description
CAST	Converts a value (of any type) into a specified datatype
COALESCE	Returns the first non-null value in a list
CONVERT	Converts a value (of any type) into a specified datatype
CURRENT_USER	Returns the name of the current user in the SQL Server database
IIF	Returns a value if a condition is TRUE, or another value if a condition is FALSE
ISNULL	Return a specified value if the expression is NULL, otherwise return the expression
ISNUMERIC	Tests whether an expression is numeric
NULLIF	Returns NULL if two expressions are equal
SESSION_USER	Returns the name of the current user in the SQL Server database
SESSIONPROPERTY	Returns the session settings for a specified option
SYSTEM_USER	Returns the login name for the current user
USER_NAME	Returns the database user name based on the specified id

MS Access Functions

MS Access has many built-in functions.
This reference contains the string, numeric, and date functions in MS Access.

MS Access String Functions

Function	Description
Asc	Returns the ASCII value for the specific character
Chr	Returns the character for the specified ASCII number code
Concat with &	Adds two or more strings together
CurDir	Returns the full path for a specified drive
Format	Formats a value with the specified format
InStr	Gets the position of the first occurrence of a string in another
InstrRev	Gets the position of the first occurrence of a string in another, from the end of string
LCase	Converts a string to lower-case
Left	Extracts a number of characters from a string (starting from left)
Len	Returns the length of a string
LTrim	Removes leading spaces from a string
Mid	Extracts some characters from a string (starting at any position)
Replace	Replaces a substring within a string, with another substring, a specified number of times
Right	Extracts a number of characters from a string (starting from right)
RTrim	Removes trailing spaces from a string
Space	Returns a string of the specified number of space characters
Split	Splits a string into an array of substrings
Str	Returns a number as string
StrComp	Compares two strings
StrConv	Returns a converted string
StrReverse	Reverses a string and returns the result
Trim	Removes both leading and trailing spaces from a string

UCase	Converts a string to upper-case

MS Access Numeric Functions

Function	Description
Abs	Returns the absolute value of a number
Atn	Returns the arc tangent of a number
Avg	Returns the average value of an expression
Cos	Returns the cosine of an angle
Count	Returns the number of records returned by a select query
Exp	Returns e raised to the power of a specified number
Fix	Returns the integer part of a number
Format	Formats a numeric value with the specified format
Int	Returns the integer part of a number
Max	Returns the maximum value in a set of values
Min	Returns the minimum value in a set of values
Randomize	Initializes the random number generator (used by Rnd())
Rnd	Returns a random number
Round	Rounds a number to a specified number of decimal places
Sgn	Returns the sign of a number
Sqr	Returns the square root of a number
Sum	Calculates the sum of a set of values
Val	Reads a string and returns the numbers found in the string

MS Access Date Functions

Function	Description
Date	Returns the current system date
DateAdd	Adds a time/date interval to a date and then returns the date
DateDiff	Returns the difference between two dates
DatePart	Returns a specified part of a date (as an integer)
DateSerial	Returns a date from the specified parts (year, month, and day values)
DateValue	Returns a date based on a string
Day	Returns the day of the month for a given date
Format	Formats a date value with the specified format
Hour	Returns the hour part of a time/datetime
Minute	Returns the minute part of a time/datetime
Month	Returns the month part of a given date
MonthName	Returns the name of the month based on a number
Now	Returns the current date and time based on the computer's system date and time
Second	Returns the seconds part of a time/datetime
Time	Returns the current system time
TimeSerial	Returns a time from the specified parts (hour, minute, and second value)
TimeValue	Returns a time based on a string
Weekday	Returns the weekday number for a given date
WeekdayName	Returns the weekday name based on a number
Year	Returns the year part of a given date

MS Access Some Other Functions

Function	Description
CurrentUser	Returns the name of the current database user
Environ	Returns a string that contains the value of an operating system environment variable
IsDate	Checks whether an expression can be converted to a date
IsNull	Checks whether an expression contains Null (no data)
IsNumeric	Checks whether an expression is a valid number

SQL Quick Reference from W3Schools

QL Statement	Syntax
AND / OR	SELECT column_name(s) FROM table_name WHERE condition AND|OR condition
ALTER TABLE	ALTER TABLE table_name ADD column_name datatype or ALTER TABLE table_name DROP COLUMN column_name
AS (alias)	SELECT column_name AS column_alias FROM table_name or SELECT column_name FROM table_name AS table_alias
BETWEEN	SELECT column_name(s) FROM table_name WHERE column_name BETWEEN value1 AND value2
CREATE DATABASE	CREATE DATABASE database_name
CREATE TABLE	CREATE TABLE table_name (column_name1 data_type, column_name2 data_type, column_name3 data_type, ...)
CREATE INDEX	CREATE INDEX index_name ON table_name (column_name) or CREATE UNIQUE INDEX index_name ON table_name (column_name)
CREATE VIEW	CREATE VIEW view_name AS SELECT column_name(s) FROM table_name WHERE condition
DELETE	DELETE FROM table_name WHERE some_column=some_value or DELETE FROM table_name (**Note:** Deletes the entire table!!)

	DELETE * FROM table_name (**Note:** Deletes the entire table!!)
DROP DATABASE	DROP DATABASE database_name
DROP INDEX	DROP INDEX table_name.index_name (SQL Server) DROP INDEX index_name ON table_name (MS Access) DROP INDEX index_name (DB2/Oracle) ALTER TABLE table_name DROP INDEX index_name (MySQL)
DROP TABLE	DROP TABLE table_name

EXISTS	IF EXISTS (SELECT * FROM table_name WHERE id = ?)
	BEGIN
	--do what needs to be done if exists
	END
	ELSE
	BEGIN
	--do what needs to be done if not
	END

GROUP BY	SELECT column_name, aggregate_function(column_name) FROM table_name WHERE column_name operator value GROUP BY column_name
HAVING	SELECT column_name, aggregate_function(column_name) FROM table_name WHERE column_name operator value GROUP BY column_name HAVING aggregate_function(column_name) operator value
IN	SELECT column_name(s) FROM table_name WHERE column_name IN (value1,value2,..)
INSERT INTO	INSERT INTO table_name VALUES (value1, value2, value3,....) *or* INSERT INTO table_name (column1, column2, column3,...) VALUES (value1, value2, value3,....)
INNER JOIN	SELECT column_name(s) FROM table_name1 INNER JOIN table_name2 ON table_name1.column_name=table_name2.column_name
LEFT JOIN	SELECT column_name(s) FROM table_name1

	LEFT JOIN table_name2 ON table_name1.column_name=table_name2.column_name
RIGHT JOIN	SELECT column_name(s) FROM table_name1 RIGHT JOIN table_name2 ON table_name1.column_name=table_name2.column_name
FULL JOIN	SELECT column_name(s) FROM table_name1 FULL JOIN table_name2 ON table_name1.column_name=table_name2.column_name
LIKE	SELECT column_name(s) FROM table_name WHERE column_name LIKE pattern
ORDER BY	SELECT column_name(s) FROM table_name ORDER BY column_name [ASC|DESC]
SELECT	SELECT column_name(s) FROM table_name
SELECT *	SELECT * FROM table_name
SELECT DISTINCT	SELECT DISTINCT column_name(s) FROM table_name
SELECT INTO	SELECT * INTO new_table_name [IN externaldatabase] FROM old_table_name *or* SELECT column_name(s) INTO new_table_name [IN externaldatabase] FROM old_table_name
SELECT TOP	SELECT TOP number|percent column_name(s) FROM table_name
TRUNCATE TABLE	TRUNCATE TABLE table_name
UNION	SELECT column_name(s) FROM table_name1 UNION SELECT column_name(s) FROM table_name2
UNION ALL	SELECT column_name(s) FROM table_name1 UNION ALL SELECT column_name(s) FROM table_name2

UPDATE	UPDATE table_name SET column1=value, column2=value,... WHERE some_column=some_value
WHERE	SELECT column_name(s) FROM table_name WHERE column_name operator value