

SQL Cheat Sheet with Commands & Description [Dec 2022]

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Create Database and table commands



| Command | Description |
|--|---|
| CREATE DATABASE DATABASE; | Create database |
| CREATE DATABASE IF NOT EXISTS database1; | IF NOT EXISTS let you to instruct MySQL server to check the existence of a database with a similar name prior to creating database. |
| CREATE DATABASE IF NOT EXISTS database1 CHARACTER SET latin1 COLLATE latin1_swedish_ci | the Latin1 character set uses the latin1_swedish_ci collation which is the Swedish case insensitive order. |
| SHOW DATABASES | You can see list of existing databases by running following SQL command. |
| CREATE TABLE [IF NOT EXISTS] TableName (fieldname dataType [optional parameters]) ENGINE = storage Engine; | Create table syntax |

SQL Data Types Cheat Sheet

Numeric Data types

| Command | Description |
|-------------|--|
| TINYINT() | -128 to 127 normal 0 to 255 UNSIGNED. |
| SMALLINT() | -32768 to 32767 normal 0 to 65535 UNSIGNED. |
| MEDIUMINT() | -8388608 to 8388607 normal 0 to 16777215 UNSIGNED. |
| INT() | -2147483648 to 2147483647 normal 0 to 4294967295 UNSIGNED. |
| BIGINT() | -9223372036854775808 to 9223372036854775807 normal 0 to 18446744073709551615 UNSIGNED. |



| Command | Description |
|--------------|---|
| FLOAT | A small approximate number with a floating decimal point. |
| DOUBLE(,) | A large number with a floating decimal point. |
| DECIMAL(,) | A DOUBLE stored as a string , allowing for a fixed decimal point. Choice for storing currency values. |

Text Data Types

| Command | Description |
|------------|--|
| CHAR() | A fixed section from 0 to 255 characters long. |
| VARCHAR() | A variable section from 0 to 255 characters long. |
| TINYTEXT | A string with a maximum length of 255 characters. |
| TEXT | A string with a maximum length of 65535 characters. |
| BLOB | A string with a maximum length of 65535 characters. |
| MEDIUMTEXT | A string with a maximum length of 16777215 characters. |
| MEDIUMBLOB | A string with a maximum length of 16777215 characters. |
| LONGTEXT | A string with a maximum length of 4294967295 characters. |
| LOBLOB | A string with a maximum length of 4294967295 characters. |

Date / Time data types

| Command | Description |
|-----------|---------------------|
| DATE | YYYY-MM-DD |
| DATETIME | YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS |
| TIMESTAMP | YYYYMMDDHHMMSS |
| TIME | HH:MM:SS |



| Command | Description |
|-----------|--|
| ENUM | To store text value chosen from a list of predefined text values. |
| SET | This is also used for storing text values chosen from a list of predefined text values. It can have multiple values. |
| BOOL | Synonym for TINYINT(1), used to store Boolean values |
| BINARY | Similar to CHAR, difference is texts are stored in binary format. |
| VARBINARY | Similar to VARCHAR, difference is texts are stored in binary format. |

MySQL SELECT statement command

| Command | Description |
|--|---|
| SELECT [DISTINCT ALL] { * [fieldExpression [AS newName]] FROM tableName [alias] [WHERE condition][GROUP BY fieldName(s)] [HAVING condition] ORDER BY fieldName(s) | SQL SELECT statement syntax |
| SELECT * FROM table1; | select the table |
| SELECT t1,t2,t3, t4 FROM table1; | we are only interested in getting only the t1, t2, t3 and t4 fields only. |
| SELECT Concat(t1, (, t3,)) , t4 FROM table2; | Getting table2 listing |
| SELECT column_name value expression [AS] alias_name; | Alias field names syntax |

MySQL WHERE clause with AND, OR, IN, NOT IN commands

| Command | Description |
|---|--|
| SELECT * FROM tableName WHERE condition; | WHERE clause Syntax |
| SELECT * FROM table1 WHERE t1 = | WHERE clause combined with – AND LOGICAL |



| Command | Description |
|---|--|
| SELECT * FROM table1 WHERE t1 = 1 OR t1 = 2; | WHERE clause combined with – OR LOGICAL Operator |
| SELECT * FROM table2 WHERE t1 IN (1,2,3); | WHERE clause combined with – IN Keyword |
| SELECT * FROM table2 WHERE t1 NOT IN (1,2,3); | WHERE clause combined with – NOT IN Keyword |
| SELECT * FROM table2 WHERE t3 = Female; | WHERE clause combined with Equal(=) to COMPARISON OPERATORS |
| SELECT * FROM table3 WHERE t3 > 2000; | WHERE clause combined with greater than(>) to COMPARISON OPERATORS |
| SELECT * FROM table1 WHERE t1<> 1; | WHERE clause combined with Not Equal to (<>)COMPARISON OPERATORS |

MySQL Command INSERT INTO Table

| Command | Description |
|---|---|
| INSERT INTO table_name(column_1,column_2,...) VALUES (value_1,value_2,...); | basic syntax of the SQL INSERT command |
| INSERT INTO table1 (t1,t2,t3,t4) VALUES (X1,X2,X3,X4); | INSERT data into table |
| INSERT INTO table_1 SELECT * FROM table_2; | Inserting into a Table from another Table |

MySQL DELETE command

| Command | Description |
|---|-----------------------|
| DELETE FROM table_name [WHERE condition]; | Delete a row in MySQL |



(delete entry of 18 number id form table1.)

```
DELETE FROM table1 WHERE table1_id IN (20,21);
```

(delete entry of 20 and 21 number id form table1)

MySQL Update Command

| Command | Description |
|--|-----------------------|
| UPDATE table_name SET column_name = new_value [WHERE condition]; | update command syntax |

Example :-

```
SELECT * FROM table1 WHERE t1 = 1;
```

(retrieve the record for t1 =1)

```
UPDATE table1 SET t4 = X1 WHERE t1 = 1;
```

(update the t4 value in table)

ORDER BY in MySQL: DESC & ASC command

| Command | Description |
|--|------------------------------|
| SELECT statement... [WHERE condition GROUP BY field_name(s) HAVING condition] ORDER BY field_name(s) [ASC DESC]; | Order by clause basic syntax |
| SELECT {fieldName(s) *} FROM tableName(s) [WHERE condition] ORDER BY fieldname(s) ASC /DESC [LIMIT N] | DESC and ASC syntax |

Example :-

For DESC (descending)

```
SELECT * FROM table1 ORDER BY t3 DESC;
```

For ASC (ascending)

```
SELECT * FROM table1 ORDER BY t3 ASC;
```

MySQL GROUP BY and HAVING Clause command

Group by



| Command | Description |
|--|--------------------|
| SELECT statements... GROUP BY column_name1[,column_name2,...] [HAVING condition]; | GROUP BY Syntax |

Example for grouping a single column :-

SELECT t4 FROM table1 ;

SELECT t4 FROM table1 GROUP BY t4;(suppose we want to get the unique values for t4.)

Example for grouping a multiple columns :-

SELECT t1_id,t4 FROM table2 ;

SELECT t1_id,t4 FROM table2 GROUP BY t1_id,t4;(using group by method)

Grouping and aggregate functions

| Command | Description |
|---|---|
| SELECT t2,COUNT(t1) FROM table1 GROUP BY t2; | Suppose we want the total number of t2 column values in our database. |

HAVING clause

| Command | Description |
|--|---|
| SELECT * FROM table2 GROUP BY t1_id,t4 HAVING t1_id = x1; | all the t4 for table2 t1 id x1. We would use the following script to achieve our results. |

MySQL Wildcards commands for Like, NOT Like, Escape, (%), (_)

% the percentage wildcards command in MySQL

| Command | Description |
|--|--|
| SELECT statements... WHERE fieldname LIKE xxx%; | basic syntax for % percentage wildcard |



Example :- we would use the percentage wildcard to perform a pattern match on both sides of the word “X1” as part t2 of table1

```
SELECT * FROM table1 WHERE t2 LIKE %X1%;
```

```
SELECT * FROM table1 WHERE t2 LIKE %X1;
```

(the percentage wildcard at the beginning of the search criteria only)

```
SELECT * FROM table1 WHERE t2 LIKE X1%;
```

(the percentage wildcard to the end of the specified pattern to be matched.)

_ underscore wildcard command

| Command | Description |
|---|--|
| SELECT * FROM table1 WHERE t3 LIKE x2_; | all the table1 that were t3 in the year “x2” |

NOT Like wildcard command

| Command | Description |
|---|--|
| SELECT * FROM table1 WHERE t3 NOT LIKE X2_; | Suppose we want to get table1 that were not t3 in the year X2_ |

Escape keyword wildcard command

| Command | Description |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| LIKE 67#%%% ESCAPE #; | we want to check for the string “67%” |

MYSQL Regular Expressions (REGEXP)

| Command | Description |
|--|------------------------------------|
| SELECT statements... WHERE fieldname REGEXP pattern; | basic syntax of Regular Expression |

Example :- all the table1 t1 that have the word X1 in them. It does not matter whether the “X1” is at the beginning, middle or end of the title.

```
SELECT * FROM table1 WHERE t1 REGEXP X1.
```



Regular expression Metacharacters

| Command | Description |
|------------------------|---|
| <code>*</code> | The asterisk (*) metacharacter is used to match zero (0) or more instances of the strings preceding it |
| <code>+</code> | The plus (+) metacharacter is used to match one or more instances of strings preceding it. |
| <code>?</code> | The question(?) metacharacter is used to match zero (0) or one instances of the strings preceding it. |
| <code>.</code> | The dot (.) metacharacter is used to match any single character in exception of a new line. |
| <code>[abc]</code> | The charlist [abc] is used to match any of the enclosed characters. |
| <code>[^abc]</code> | The charlist [^abc] is used to match any characters excluding the ones enclosed. |
| <code>[A-Z]</code> | The [A-Z] is used to match any upper case letter |
| <code>[a-z]</code> | The [a-z] is used to match any lower case letter |
| <code>[0-9]</code> | The [0-9] is used to match any digit from 0 through to 9. |
| <code>^</code> | The caret (^) is used to start the match at beginning. |
| <code> </code> | The vertical bar () is used to isolate alternatives. |
| <code>[:<:]</code> | The[:<:] matches the beginning of words. |
| <code>[>:]</code> | The [>:] matches the end of words. |
| <code>[:class:]</code> | The [:class:] matches a character class i.e. [:alpha:] to match letters, [:space:] to match white space, [:punct:] is match punctuations and [:upper:] for upper class letters. |

SQL Functions commands



| Command | Description |
|--|---|
| SELECT t1_id,t2, UCASE(t2) FROM table1; | the “UCASE” function to do that. It takes a string as a parameter and converts all the letters to upper case. |

Numeric functions

| Command | Description | Example |
|---------------------|---|--|
| DIV | Integer division | SELECT 23 DIV 6; |
| / | Division | SELECT 23 / 6 ; |
| - | Subtraction | SELECT 23 – 6 ; |
| + | Addition | SELECT 23 + 6 ; |
| * | Multiplication | SELECT 23 * 6 AS multiplication_result; |
| % or MOD | Modulus | SELECT 23 % 6 ; or SELECT 23 MOD 6; |
| Floor | this function removes decimals places from a number and rounds it to the nearest lowest number. | SELECT FLOOR(23 / 6) AS floor_result; |
| Round | this function rounds a number with decimal places to the nearest whole number. | SELECT ROUND(23 / 6) AS round_result; |

Stored functions

| Command | Description |
|---|---|
| CREATE FUNCTION sf_name ([parameter(s)]) RETURNS data type DETERMINISTIC STATEMENTS | basic syntax for creating a stored function |



| Command | Description |
|-------------------|--|
| | the parenthesis. |
| RETURNS data type | Mandatory and specifies the data type that the function should return. |
| DETERMINISTIC | The function will return the same values if the same arguments are supplied to it. |
| STATEMENTS | The procedural code that the function executes. |

MySQL Aggregate function commands

| Command | Description |
|--|----------------|
| SELECT COUNT(t1_id) FROM table1 WHERE t1_id = 2; | COUNT Function |
| SELECT MIN(t3) FROM table2; | MIN function |
| SELECT MAX(t3) FROM table2; | MAX function |
| SELECT SUM(t4) FROM table3; | SUM function |
| SELECT AVG(t4) FROM table3; | AVG function |

MySQL IS NULL & IS NOT NULL commands

| Command | Description |
|---|---------------------------|
| SELECT COUNT(t3) FROM table1; (if t3 have null value present that not count) | Null as a Value |
| CREATE TABLE table2(t1_number int NOT NULL, t2_names varchar(255) , t3 varchar(6)); | NOT NULL Values |
| column_name IS NULL | NULL Commands Description |



| Command | Description |
|---|------------------------|
| SELECT * FROM table1 WHERE t2_number IS NULL; | Example of IS NULL |
| SELECT * FROM table1 WHERE t2_number IS NOT NULL; | Example of IS NOT NULL |

MySQL AUTO_INCREMENT commands

| Command | Description |
|--|-----------------------|
| <pre>CREATE TABLE table1 (t1_id int(11) AUTO_INCREMENT, t2_name varchar(150) DEFAULT NULL, t3 varchar(500) DEFAULT NULL, PRIMARY KEY (t1_id));</pre> | Auto increment syntax |

MYSQL – ALTER, DROP, RENAME, MODIFY

| Command | Description |
|--|-----------------------|
| ALTER TABLE table_name ADD COLUMN column_name data_type; | Alter- syntax |
| DROP TABLE sample_table; | DROP TABLE syntax |
| RENAME TABLE current_table_name TO new_table_name; | RENAME COMMAND syntax |
| ALTER TABLE table1 CHANGE COLUMN t1_names t1name char(250) NOT NULL; | CHANGE KEYWORD |
| ALTER TABLE table1 MODIFY t1name char(50) NOT NULL; | MODIFY KEYWORD |
| ALTER TABLE table1 ADD t4 date NULL AFTER t3; | AFTER KEYWORD |

MySQL LIMIT & OFFSET



| Command | Description |
|--|----------------------------|
| SELECT {fieldname(s) *} FROM tableName(s) [WHERE condition] LIMIT N; | LIMIT keyword syntax |
| SELECT * FROM table1 LIMIT 1, 2; | OFF SET in the LIMIT query |

MySQL SubQuery commands :

| Command | Description |
|---|-------------|
| SELECT t1_name FROM table1 WHERE category_id =(SELECT MIN(t1_id) from table2); | sub queries |

MySQL JOINS commands

| Command | Description |
|---|--------------------------|
| SELECT * FROM table1 CROSS JOIN table2 | Cross JOIN |
| SELECT table1.t1 , table1.t2 , table2.t1 FROM table1 ,table2 WHERE table2.id = table1.table2_id | INNER JOIN |
| SELECT A.t1 , B.t2 , B.t3 FROM table2 AS A LEFT JOIN table1 AS B ON B.table2_id = A.id | LEFT JOIN |
| SELECT A.t1 , A.t2, B.t3 FROM table1 AS A RIGHT JOIN table2 AS B ON B.id = A.table2_id | RIGHT JOIN |
| SELECT A.t1 , B.t2 , B.t3 FROM table2 AS A LEFT JOIN table1 AS B | “ON” and “USING” clauses |



MySQL UNION commands

| Command | Description |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| SELECT column1, column2 FROM table1 | UNION syntax |
| SELECT column1,column2 FROM table2; | UNION DISTINCT |

MySQL in Views commands

| Command | Description |
|--|----------------|
| CREATE VIEW view_name AS SELECT statement; | Views syntax |
| DROP VIEW general_v_movie_rentals ; | Dropping views |

MySQL Index commands

| Command | Description |
|---|-------------------------|
| CREATE INDEX id_index ON table_name(column_name); | Add index basic syntax |
| DROP INDEX index_id ON table_name; | Drop index basic syntax |

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