

# SQL BASICS

1. Select Data from Table
2. Create Tables
3. SQL Functions

**Database = organised collection of data, with data usually stored in tables.**

- DB
  - Table
  - Data

## **Relational vs Non-Relational:**

- Relational (**RDBMS**):
  - Table based.
  - structured database, using columns and rows, with headers.
  - data is stored in a large amounts.
  - Access using SQL.
  - Eg. **MySQL, Oracle, Microsoft SQL Server**.
- Non-Relational (**DBMS**):
  - document based.
  - unstructured database, using keywords:values.
  - data is stored in small amounts.
  - Eg. **MongoDB, Apache Cassandra**.

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EPISODE ONE - How to select data from database

## **Show a Table:**

`DESCRIBE table_name;`

## **Where operator:**

- find items within a numeric range

```
Select *
FROM player
WHERE weight>190 AND height>200
or
WHERE weight>190 OR height>200;
```
- find items between a range

```
Select *
FROM player
WHERE weight BETWEEN 150 AND 200;
```
- find items by name

```
Select *
FROM player
WHERE player_name LIKE "Aaron Creswell";
or start with string
WHERE player_name LIKE "Aaron%";
```

**or end with string**

WHERE player\_name LIKE "%Aaron";

**or starts with and ends**

WHERE player\_name LIKE "A%n";

**or one char = \_ , so any string with T+char+m and then anything**

WHERE player\_name LIKE "T\_m%";

- find NULL values

Select \*

FROM match

WHERE home\_player\_1 is null;

**or**

WHERE home\_player\_1 is not null;

### Sort (ORDER BY) operator:

- sort by ascending/descending order

Select \*

FROM player

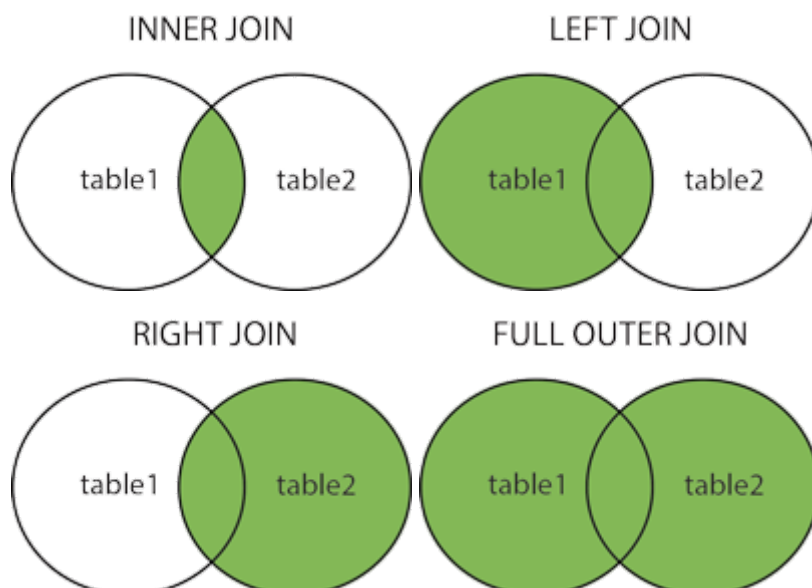
ORDER BY weight;

**or**

ORDER BY weight desc;

### JOIN data from tables:

- Four Join Types:
  - INNER JOIN
  - LEFT (OUTER) JOIN
  - RIGHT (OUTER) JOIN
  - FULL (OUTER) JOIN



- Join two tables on two attributes in both tables (.player\_api\_id)

SELECT

player\_attributes.player\_api\_id,

```

        player.player_name,
        player_attributes.date,
        player_attributes.overall_rating
FROM
        Player_Attributes INNER JOIN Player ON
        Player_Attributes.player_api_id=Player.player_api_id;

```

- Clean up using *Alias (FROM player as p)*

```

SELECT
        a.player_api_id,
        b.player_name,
        a.date,
        a.overall_rating
FROM
        Player_Attributes a INNER JOIN Player b ON
        Player_Attributes.player_api_id=Player.player_api_id;

```

- SUM operator:
  - add up each players overall ratings - one per match
  - Group by id and name to have each players total overall rating
  - Remove .date attribute as we want total rating over all dates

```

SELECT
        a.player_api_id,
        b.player_name,
        SUM(a.overall_rating) as rating
FROM
        Player_Attributes a INNER JOIN Player b ON
        Player_Attributes.player_api_id=Player.player_api_id
GROUP BY    a.player_api_id,
              b.player_name;

```

- AVG operator:

```

....
AVG(a.overall_rating) as average_rating
....

```

- COUNT operator:

```

....
COUNT(a.overall_rating) as num_ratings
....

```

- Now sort (ORDER) this by descending

```

SELECT
        a.player_api_id,
        b.player_name,
        SUM(a.overall_rating) as rating
FROM
        Player_Attributes a INNER JOIN Player b ON
        Player_Attributes.player_api_id=Player.player_api_id

```

```

GROUP BY  a.player_api_id,
          b.player_name
ORDER BY rating desc;

```

- HAVING operator:
  - only used with GROUP BY operator
  - must be immediately after GROUP BY
  - similar to WHERE but only for numeric searches

```

SELECT
    a.player_api_id,
    b.player_name,
    SUM(a.overall_rating) as rating
FROM
    Player_Attributes a INNER JOIN Player b ON
    Player_Attributes.player_api_id=Player.player_api_id
GROUP BY
    a.player_api_id,
    b.player_name
HAVING
    rating>85
ORDER BY
    rating desc;

```

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## EPISODE TWO - Creating Tables

### Syntax:

```

| CREATE TABLE table_name( |
|     field_name data_type, |
| );                         |

```

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What is a Table:

- SQL database is made up of *tables*.
- Tables made up of *rows* and *columns*.
- Each **column or field**: contains a *metric* or *dimension*
  - metric = quantitative numbers and measure stuff.
  - dimension = qualitative and describe stuff.
- Each **row**: contains an *entry* in the table.

Common Data Types:

- **INT**
- **DECIMAL(s,d)** -s=size(number of digits),d=decimal places
  - [eg. decimal(6,2)]
- **VARCHAR(n)** - n=number of characters
- **DATE** - format= "YYYY-MM-DD"
- **TIMESTAMP** - format= "YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS"

**CREATE** a Table:

```
CREATE TABLE bond(  
    id INT,  
    title VARCHAR(255),  
    released INT,           #not DATE bc we can use INT for calculations  
    actor VARCHAR(255),  
    director VARCHAR(255),  
    box_office DECIMAL(10,2)  
);
```

**DELETE** a Table:

```
DROP TABLE bond;
```

Constraints:

- **PRIMARY KEY** (most common):

- recommended for every table
- *uniquely* identifies every row (entry) in table
- cannot contain NULL (empty) values
- only ONE per table
- usually use field that already guarantees a unique value, for us that's id.

```
CREATE TABLE bond(  
    id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
    title VARCHAR(255),  
    ....  
);
```

- **Unique:**

- no duplicates in a field
- can contain single NULL value
- can have more than one per table
- For us we want only one entry per bond movie so use the title.

```
CREATE TABLE bond(  
    id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
    title VARCHAR(255) UNIQUE,  
    ....  
);
```

- **NOT NULL**

- doesn't allow NULL (empty) value in the field for every single entry.
- for us we can use this on *released* as each film can't not have been released

```
CREATE TABLE bond(  
    id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
    title VARCHAR(255) UNIQUE,  
    released INT NOT NULL,  
    .....  
);
```

- **DEFAULT**

- replaces NULL values with specified default value
- if field is missing a value, we can auto replace it.4

- for us to say the newest film doesn't have box office data yet, we can set it to default.

```
CREATE TABLE bond(
    id INT PRIMARY KEY,
    title VARCHAR(255) UNIQUE,
    released INT NOT NULL,
    .....
    box_office DECIMAL(10,2) DEFAULT '0.0' #must use single quotes
);
```

- Full TABLE now:

```
CREATE TABLE bond(
    id INT PRIMARY KEY,
    title VARCHAR(255) UNIQUE,
    released INT NOT NULL,
    actor VARCHAR(255),
    director VARCHAR(255),
    box_office DECIMAL(10,2) DEFAULT '0.0'
);
```

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#### Insert row into SQL table:

```
INSERT INTO bond VALUES(
    1,
    'DR.NO',
    1962,
    'Sean Connery',
    'Terence Young',
    59.50
);
```

or

Insert data when you dont know all fields:

- fields will be filled with NULL or default values set earlier

```
INSERT INTO bond(id,title,released) VALUES(
    2,
    'From Russia With Love',
    1963
);
```

Delete a row:

```
DELETE FROM bond
WHERE title='Never Say Never Again';
```

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#### Modify a Table:

- Add a *column* (**ALTER TABLE - ADD**)
    - add column for the studio
- ```
ALTER TABLE bond ADD studio VARCHAR(255);
```

- Delete a *column* (**ALTER TABLE - DROP**)  
ALTER TABLE bond DROP studio;
- Change values (**UPDATE**)  
UPDATE bond  
SET actor='Connery'  
WHERE actor='Sean Connery';

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## EPISODE THREE - SQL Functions

Using SQL functions to manipulate existing data and create new fields.

These new fields can be useful for:

- Grouping values
- Creating new values
- Cleaning data:
  - Correcting poorly formatted or incorrect data so that it can be analysed.

Data is usually corrupted when copying data multiple times, for example adding spaces before or after or in between strings.

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- To us these values look the same, but to SQL the second one has a space at the end so they are handled as two separate values!!!

### How to clean:

1. **TRIM** = remove extra spaces
  - **LTRIM(string)**
    - removes *leading* spaces
    - Our example: Table of sales in a USA store, has a column segment that has two values with one having a space error:
      - "Consumer"
      - "Consumer "

```
SELECT
    count(*) as count,
    TRIM(Segment) as segment_trim
FROM
    orders
GROUP BY
    segment_trim
```

- **RTRIM(string)**
    - removes *trailing* spaces
  - **TRIM(string)**
    - removes *both leading and trailing* spaces
2. **LEFT/RIGHT** = returns specified number of characters
    - **LEFT(string, length)**

- returns specified number of characters from the *left* of the string
- Our example: Table of sales in a USA store, has a column order\_id with values such as:
  - CA-2016-152412
  - US-2015-162223
  - create new column that only uses the first two characters (CA,US)

```
SELECT
    count(*) as count,
    TRIM(Segment) as segment_trim
    LEFT(order_id,2) as order_cat
FROM
    orders
GROUP BY
    segment_trim,
    order_cat; #if its added to SELECT it must be in GROUP BY
```

- **RIGHT(string, length)**
  - returns specified number of characters from the *right* of the string

### 3. *PADDING* out column values:

- **LPAD(str,len,padstr)**
  - Left pads a string with another string
  - Our Example: we have a zip\_code column with all different lengths, if we wanted them all the same length using leading zeros.

```
SELECT
    zip_code,
    LPAD( zip_code, 5, '0')
FROM
    orders;
```

- **RPAD(str,len,padstr)**
  - right pads a string with another string

### 4. Extract a substring from a value (commonly used):

- **SUBSTRING(str, start\_pos, len)**
  - Returns a specified number of characters from a particular position of a given string.
  - Our Example: our table has order\_id like:
    - CA-2016-152156
 But we want to extract just the central four digits (2016)

```
SELECT
    SUBSTRING(order_id,4,4) as order_num    #starts at pos 4
FROM
    orders;
```

### 5. Return the length of a string (commonly used with SUBSTRING ^^)

- **LENGTH(str, pos, len)**
  - returns the length of a given string
  - can be used in SELECT or in WHERE



```
SELECT
    customer_name,
    LENGTH(customer_name)
FROM
    orders;
```

or

```
SELECT
    customer_name
FROM
    orders
WHERE
    LENGTH(customer_name)>10;
```

6. Return position of a substring

- **LOCATE(substr, str)**
  - returns the position of the *first occurrence* of substring.
  - Our Example: return *first occurrence* of a space in a string

```
SELECT
    customer_name,
    LOCATE( ' ', customer_name )
FROM
    orders;
```

- **POSITION(substr IN str)**
  - returns the position of substring within the string.

7. Use multiple operations together:

- Our Example: all names in table are in format “John Smith” but we want to split this string into first and last name in format “John” and “Smith”
- How?
  - firstname = go from Left first character to first space
  - lastname = go from first space to Right last character (len)
  - BUT we dont want the space, so we need -1 and +1

```
SELECT
    SUBSTR(customer_name, 1, LOCATE( ' ', customer_name)-1)
as fname,
    SUBSTR(customer_name, LOCATE( ' ', customer_name)+1,
    LENGTH(customer_name)) as lname
FROM
    orders;
```

8. Change to Uppercase or LowerCase:

- **UPPER(str)**
  - converts all characters in a string to uppercase

```
SELECT
    UPPER(customer_name)
FROM
```

- **LOWER(str)** orders;

#### 9. Change just the first letter to Uppercase

- Combination of a few operations
- Combine LEFT, UPPER, LOWER, LENGTH functions
- Then use CONCAT to reassemble
- **CONCAT(str1, str2, ...)**

- used to add/join two or more strings

```
SELECT
    CONCAT(
        UPPER(LEFT( first_name, 1)),
        LOWER(SUBSTRING(first_name, 2,
            LENGTH(first_name)))
    ) AS new_firstname
FROM
(
    # subquery from earlier ^^^
    SELECT
        SUBSTR(customer_name, 1, LOCATE( ' ', customer_name)-1)
        as fname,
        SUBSTR(customer_name, LOCATE( ' ', customer_name)+1,
            LENGTH(customer_name)) as lname
    FROM
        orders;
) AS names;
```

#### 10. Conditional Expressions & Case Statements

- Like IF-THEN-ELSE expressions
- Can be used to group column values and fix errors like misspellings
- Our Example: table has column *state* with value "Ohio" misspelt as "Ohios"
- Fix with **CASE function**

```
SELECT
    state,
    CASE
        WHEN state LIKE 'Ohios' THEN 'Ohio'
        ELSE
            state
    END
FROM
    orders;
```

#### 11. More on Case statements

- one CASE statements can have multiple WHEN statements
- Group together rows in the product\_name column into brands:
  - Xerox, Acme, Avery

```
SELECT
    product_name,
    CASE
```

```
      WHEN product_name LIKE '%Xerox%' THEN 'Xerox'
      WHEN product_name LIKE '%Acme%' THEN 'Acme'
      WHEN product_name LIKE '%Avery%' THEN 'Avery'
      ELSE
        'Other
      END as brand
FROM
  orders;
```

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