

SQL Commands - Reserved Keywords (MySQL)

In SQL languages there are reserved keyword, meaning you are not allowed or recommended to use them outside there intended use cases.

Ex, One keyword is `NAMES` If you decides to create a table called `NAMES` It appears to be harmless, it might not work or you get unexpected results down the line.

```
CREATE SCHEMA IF NOT EXISTS name_storage_db;
USE name_storage_db;

--          ↳ NAMES is a restricted keyword
CREATE TABLE names(
id INT PRIMARY KEY,
_name VARCHAR(255) -- NAME is also a keyword
-- ↳ A way around keyword restriction, just add underscore (_) before.
);
```

Reserved Keywords in MySQL?

Execute this command in you DB and you will get a list of all keywords you should avoid using outside there intentional use cases.

```
SELECT * FROM mysql.help_keyword;
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mysql> SELECT * FROM mysql.help_keyword;
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| help_keyword_id | name                |
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| 108             | %                   |
| 264             | &                   |
| 422             | (JSON              |
| 86              | *                   |
| 84              | +                   |
| 85              | -                   |
| 423             | ->                  |
| 425             | ->>                 |
| 87              | /                   |
| 75              | :=                  |
| 59              | <                   |
| 266             | <<                  |
| 58              | <=                  |
| 56              | <=>                 |
| 57              | <>                  |
| 55              | =                   |
| 61              | >                   |
| 60              | >=                  |
| 267             | >>                  |
| 90              | ABS                 |
| 881             | ACCOUNT             |
| 91              | ACOS                |
| 659             | ACTION              |
| 49              | ADD                 |
| 120             | ADDDATE             |
| 121             | ADDTIME             |
| 915             | ADMIN               |
| 270             | AES_DECRYPT          |
| 271             | AES_ENCRYPT          |
| 581             | AFTER               |
| 247             | AGAINST              |
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