SQL Notes for Data Analysts

1. What is SQL?

SQL (**Structured Query Language**) is used to **store, retrieve, update, and manage data** in databases. It helps in **analysing and organizing** large datasets efficiently.

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2. Basic SQL Commands

Command	Purpose	Example
SELECT	Retrieve data	SELECT * FROM Customers;
INSERT	Add new data	INSERT INTO Customers VALUES (1, 'John', 25);
UPDATE	Modify existing data	UPDATE Customers SET Age = 30 WHERE ID = 1;
DELETE	Remove data	DELETE FROM Customers WHERE ID = 1;

Example:

SELECT Name, Age FROM Customers WHERE Age > 25;

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3. Creating and Managing Tables

3.1 Creating a Table (CREATE TABLE)

```
CREATE TABLE Customers (
   ID INT PRIMARY KEY,
   Name VARCHAR(50),
   Age INT
);
```

3.2 Modifying a Table (ALTER TABLE)

- **Add a new column:**

```
ALTER TABLE Customers ADD Email VARCHAR(100);
```

- **Rename a column:**

```
ALTER TABLE Customers RENAME COLUMN Age TO Customer_Age;
```

- **Delete a column:**

```
ALTER TABLE Customers DROP COLUMN Email;
```

3.3 Deleting a Table (DROP TABLE)

DROP TABLE Customers;

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4. Filtering Data (WHERE Clause)

SELECT * FROM Sales WHERE Revenue > 5000;

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5. Sorting and Limiting Data

5.1 Sorting (ORDER BY)

SELECT * FROM Sales ORDER BY Revenue DESC;

5.2 Limiting Rows (LIMIT)

SELECT * FROM Sales LIMIT 5;

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6. Aggregate Functions

SELECT COUNT(*) FROM Customers;

SELECT AVG(Revenue) FROM Sales;

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7. Grouping Data (GROUP BY & HAVING)

SELECT Region, SUM(Revenue) FROM Sales GROUP BY Region;

SELECT Region, COUNT(*) FROM Sales GROUP BY Region HAVING COUNT(*) > 10;

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8. Joining Tables (JOIN)

8.1 INNER JOIN

SELECT Customers.Name, Orders.Order_ID FROM Customers INNER JOIN Orders ON Customers.ID = Orders.Customer_ID;

8.2 LEFT JOIN

SELECT Customers.Name, Orders.Order_ID FROM Customers LEFT JOIN Orders ON Customers.ID = Orders.Customer_ID;

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9. Constraints in SQL

Constraint	Purpose
PRIMARY KEY	Ensures uniqueness
FOREIGN KEY	Links tables
NOT NULL	Prevents NULL values
UNIQUE	Ensures unique values
CHECK	Sets conditions
DEFAULT	Assigns default values

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10. Views (CREATE VIEW)

CREATE VIEW HighRevenue AS SELECT * FROM Sales WHERE Revenue > 10000;

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11. Indexing (CREATE INDEX)

CREATE INDEX idx_name ON Customers(Name);

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12. Transactions (START TRANSACTION)

START TRANSACTION;

UPDATE Sales SET Revenue = Revenue + 1000 WHERE Region = 'East';

COMMIT; -- Save changes

ROLLBACK; -- Undo changes

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13. Truncating Data (TRUNCATE)

TRUNCATE TABLE Sales;

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14. Window Functions

14.1 Ranking Functions (ROW_NUMBER, RANK, DENSE_RANK)

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SELECT Employee_ID, Name, Department,
    ROW_NUMBER() OVER (PARTITION BY Department ORDER BY Salary DESC) AS RowNum
FROM Employees;
```

14.2 LAG() and LEAD()

```
SELECT Month, Sales,
    LAG(Sales) OVER (ORDER BY Month) AS PreviousMonthSales,
    LEAD(Sales) OVER (ORDER BY Month) AS NextMonthSales
FROM SalesData;
```

14.3 Running Total (SUM() OVER)

```
SELECT Employee_ID, Name, Salary,
    SUM(Salary) OVER (ORDER BY Employee_ID) AS RunningTotal
FROM Employees;
```

📌 **Summary Table for Data Analysts**

Topic	Key SQL Command
Basic Queries	SELECT, WHERE, ORDER BY, LIMIT
Table Operations	CREATE TABLE, ALTER TABLE, DROP TABLE
Data Modification	INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE, TRUNCATE
Filtering & Aggregation	GROUP BY, HAVING, SUM(), AVG()
Joins & Relationships	INNER JOIN, LEFT JOIN, FOREIGN KEY
Constraints	PRIMARY KEY, NOT NULL, UNIQUE, CHECK
Performance Optimization	INDEX, VIEW, TRANSACTION, TRIGGER
Window Functions	ROW_NUMBER(), LAG(), LEAD(), SUM() OVER

Final Notes

- SQL is essential for a **Data Analyst** to **query, filter, and analyze data** efficiently.
- **Practice with real-world datasets** to improve SQL skills.
- **Learn Joins, Aggregations, and Window Functions** for advanced analytics.
