**SQL Study Notes**

SQL is short form for **Structured Query Language.** SQL is specifically designed for working with databases. It can create, manipulate and share data from relational database management systems. A ***query*** – a piece of code – is used to induce the computer to perform a certain operations, like a function in other programming languages for a desired output.

SQL allows you to write queries.

**SQL Object Types**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Object Type | Description |
| TABLE |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |

**SQL Data Types**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Data Type | Description |
| INT |  |
| DATE |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |

**SQL Definition Keywords**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Keyword | Description | Syntax |
| CREATE | Used for creating databases, database objects and tables. | CREATE object\_type object\_name (column\_name data\_type);  ---  CREATE TABLE customers (customer\_id INT); |
| DROP | Used for deleting objects/tables. | DROP object\_name table\_name;  ---  DROP TABLE customers; |
| ALTAR | Used for modifying data within an existing object.  ADD, REMOVE and RENAME can be used to modify objects which includes adding, removing, or renaming existing columns within a table. | ALTAR object\_type object\_name  ADD COLUMN column\_name data\_type;  ----  ALTAR TABLE customers  ADD COLUMN purchase\_date DATE; |
| RENAME | Used to rename tables/objects. | RENAME object\_type object\_name TO new\_object\_name;  ----  RENAME TABLE customers TO old\_customers; |
| TRUNCATE | Used to delete all data within a table, but does not delete the table itself. | TRUNCATE object\_type object\_name;  ----  TRUNCATE TABLE customers; |

**SQL Manipulation Keywords**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Keyword | Description | Syntax |
| SELECT | Used to retrieve date from database objects, like tables. | SELECT \* FROM table\_name  ---  SELECT \* FROM customers |
| WHERE |  |  |
| JOIN |  |  |
| LEFT JOIN |  |  |
| RIGHT JOIN |  |  |
| UNION |  |  |
| UNION ALL |  |  |
| AS |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |