

SQL Fundamentals

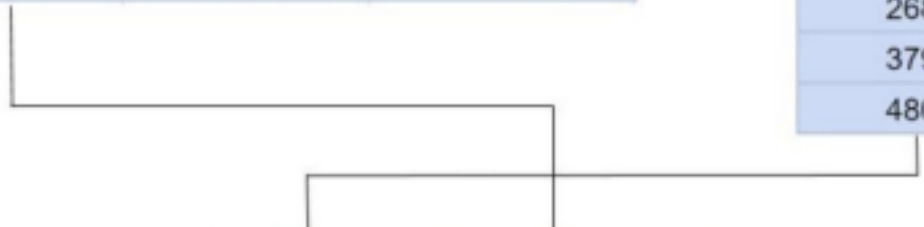
Relational Databases

A relational database is one that stores data in tables. The relationship between each data point is clear and searching through those relationships is relatively easy. The relationship between tables and field types is called a schema. For relational databases, the schema must be clearly defined.

Relational Databases

Name	Dry/Wet Food	Good Boy (Y/N)
Fido	Dry	Y
Rex	Wet	N
Bubbles	Dry	Y
Cujo	Wet	N

Tag #	Height (in)	Weight (lbs)
1573	15	21
2684	9	7
3795	27	130
4806	6	5



Tag #	Name	Breed	Color	Age
1573	Fido	Beagle	Brown/White	1.5
2684	Rex	Pekingese	White	9
3795	Bubbles	Rottweiler	Black	5
4806	Cujo	Chihuahua	Gold	4

Non-Relational Databases

A non-relational database is any database that does not use the tabular schema of rows and columns like in relational databases. Rather, its storage model is optimized for the type of data it's storing.

Non-Relational Databases

Key	Document
1001	{ "TagID": 1573 , "Dimensions": [{ "Height": 15, "Weight": 21 }], "Name:" Fido }
1002	{ "TagID": 2684 , "Dimensions": [{ "Height": 9, "Weight": 7 }], "Name:" Rex }

There are four different types of NoSQL databases.

Document-oriented databases – Also known as a document store, this database is designed for storing, retrieving and managing document-oriented information. Document databases usually pair each key with a complex data structure (called a document). **Key-Value**

Stores – This is a database that uses different keys where each key is associated with only one value in a collection. Think of it as a dictionary. This is one of the simplest database types among NoSQL databases.

Wide-Column Stores – This database uses tables, rows, and columns, but unlike a relational database, the names and format of the columns can vary from row to row in the same table.

Graph Stores – A graph database uses graph structures for semantic queries with nodes, edges, and properties to represent and store data.

How to choose a

- 1) What type of data will you be analyzing?
- 2) How much data are you dealing with?
- 3) What kind of resources can you devote to the setup and maintenance of your database?
- 4) Do you need real-time data?

Introduction to SQL

SQL (Structured Query Language) is a computer language aimed to store, manipulate and retrieve data stored in relational databases.

SQL language has several parts:

- 1) DDL - Data Definition Language**
- 2) DML - Data Manipulation Language**
- 3) View Definition**
- 4) Transaction Control**

Data Definition Language

DDL statements are used to define the database structure or schema. Examples :

- 1) CREATE**
- 2) ALTER**
- 3) DROP**
- 4) RENAME**

Data Manipulation Language

DML statements are used for managing data within schema objects. Examples :

- 1) SELECT**
- 2) INSERT**
- 3) UPDATE**
- 4) DELETE**

Basic Structure of SQL Query

General Structure	SELECT, ALL/ DISTINCT, *, AS, FROM, WHERE
Comparison	IN, BETWEEN, LIKE, ILIKE
Grouping	GROUP BY, HAVING, COUNT(), SUM(), AVG(), MAX(), MIN()
Display Order	ORDER BY, ASC/ DESC
Logical Operators	AND, OR, NOT
Output	INTO TABLE/ CURSOR, TO SCREEN
Union	UNION

SELECT & DISTINCT Statement

SELECT is the most common statement used, and it allows us to retrieve information from a table.

In order to select the entire table **SELECT *** is used

Sometimes a table contains a column that has duplicate values and in order to return only the unique values, **DISTINCT** statement is used in combination with **SELECT**

COUNT Statement

COUNT returns the number of input rows that match a specific condition of a query

COUNT can be applied on a specific column or just passed as **COUNT(*)**, both giving same results

WHERE Statement

WHERE statement allows us to specify the conditions on columns for the rows to be returned

OPERATOR	DESCRIPTION
=	EQUAL
>	GREATER THAN
<	LESS THAN
>=	GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO
<=	LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO
<> OR !=	NOT EQUAL TO
AND	BOTH CONDITIONS TRUE
OR	EITHER OF THE CONDITIONS TRUE
NOT	OFFSET OF SPECIFIED CONDITION

ORDER BY Statement

SELECT company, name, sales **FROM** table
ORDER BY company, sales

COMPANY	NAME	SALES
Apple	Andrew	100
Apple	Zach	300
Google	Claire	200
Google	David	500
Xerox	Steven	100

LIMIT Statement

The **LIMIT** command allows us to limit the number of rows returned for a query.

Useful for not wanting to return every single row in a table, but only view the top few rows to get an idea of the table layout

LIMIT also becomes useful in combination with **ORDER BY**

LIMIT goes at the very end of a query request and is the last command to be executed

BETWEEN Statement

The **BETWEEN** operator can be used to match a value against a range of values

value **BETWEEN** low **AND** high

Can be combined with **NOT** operator

Can be also used with dates in the format : YYYY-MM-DD

IN Statement

The **IN** operator can be used to create a condition that checks to see if a value is included in a list of multiple options for example if a user's name shows up in a list of know names

value **IN** (option 1, option 2, option 3,....., option N)