

ALTER TABLE

The **ALTER TABLE** command is used to add, delete, or modify columns in an existing table.

You would also use the ALTER TABLE command to add and drop various constraints on an existing table.

Consider the following table called **People**:

ID	FirstName	LastName	City
1	John	Smith	New York
2	David	Williams	Los Angeles
3	Chloe	Anderson	Chicago

The following SQL code adds a new column named **DateOfBirth**

```
ALTER TABLE People ADD DateOfBirth date;
```

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Result:

ID	FirstName	LastName	City	DateOfBirth
1	John	Smith	New York	NULL
2	David	Williams	Los Angeles	NULL
3	Chloe	Anderson	Chicago	NULL

All rows will have the default value in the newly added column.

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