SQL Cheat Sheet

1. Basic SQL Structure

SELECT column1, column2
FROM table_name
WHERE condition
GROUP BY column

HAVING condition

ORDER BY column [ASC|DESC]

LIMIT number;

2. Data Definition Language (DDL)

CREATE TABLE table_name (col1 TYPE, col2 TYPE);
DROP TABLE table_name;
ALTER TABLE table_name ADD column_name TYPE;
ALTER TABLE old_name RENAME TO new_name;

3. Data Manipulation Language (DML)

INSERT INTO table (col1, col2) VALUES (val1, val2); UPDATE table SET col1 = val1 WHERE condition; DELETE FROM table WHERE condition;

4. Data Query Language (DQL)

SELECT * FROM users; SELECT name, age FROM users; SELECT * FROM users WHERE age > 18;

5. Joins

-- INNER JOIN

SELECT * FROM A INNER JOIN B ON A.id = B.a id;

-- LEFT JOIN

SELECT * FROM A LEFT JOIN B ON A.id = B.a_id;

-- RIGHT JOIN

SELECT * FROM A RIGHT JOIN B ON A.id = B.a_id;

-- FULL JOIN (PostgreSQL)

SELECT * FROM A FULL JOIN B ON A.id = B.a_id;

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6. Aggregate Functions

SELECT department, COUNT(*) FROM employees GROUP BY department;

7. Filtering

WHERE age > 25 AND city = 'Dhaka'

WHERE name LIKE 'A%'

WHERE id BETWEEN 1 AND 100

WHERE status IN ('pending', 'done')

WHERE email IS NULL

8. Set Operations

SELECT name FROM students

UNION

SELECT name FROM teachers;

SELECT name FROM students

UNION ALL

SELECT name FROM teachers;

9. Subqueries

SELECT name FROM employees

WHERE salary > (SELECT AVG(salary) FROM employees);

10. Other Useful Clauses

ORDER BY: Sort rows (ASC / DESC)

LIMIT: Restrict rows (MySQL/PostgreSQL)

DISTINCT: Remove duplicates

AS: Alias a column/table

TOP N: SQL Server: SELECT TOP 5 * FROM table

11. User & Permissions (DCL)

GRANT SELECT ON db.table TO 'user';

REVOKE SELECT ON db.table FROM 'user';

12. Transaction Control (TCL)

BEGIN; -- or START TRANSACTION

UPDATE ...

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COMMIT; -- save
ROLLBACK; -- undo
SAVEPOINT my_save;
ROLLBACK TO my_save;