
SQL Cheat Sheet (MySQL)

1 Basic SELECT

-- All columns

```
SELECT * FROM employees;
```

-- Specific columns

```
SELECT first_name, last_name FROM employees;
```

-- Unique values

```
SELECT DISTINCT department FROM employees;
```

-- Sorting

```
SELECT * FROM employees ORDER BY salary DESC, first_name ASC;
```

-- Limit results

```
SELECT * FROM employees LIMIT 5;
```

2 Filtering Data (WHERE)

-- Basic filters

```
SELECT * FROM employees WHERE salary > 50000;
```

-- Multiple conditions

```
SELECT * FROM employees  
WHERE department = 'IT' AND salary > 60000;
```

-- Range

```
SELECT * FROM products WHERE price BETWEEN 50 AND 200;
```

-- List of values

```
SELECT * FROM customers WHERE city IN ('New York', 'LA');
```

-- Pattern matching

```
SELECT * FROM employees WHERE name LIKE 'A%'; -- Starts with A
```

```
SELECT * FROM employees WHERE name LIKE '%son'; -- Ends with son
```

3 Aggregate Functions

```
SELECT COUNT(*) AS total_employees FROM employees;
SELECT AVG(salary) AS avg_salary FROM employees;
SELECT SUM(amount) AS total_sales FROM orders;
SELECT MIN(price) AS cheapest FROM products;
SELECT MAX(price) AS most_expensive FROM products;
```

4 GROUP BY & HAVING

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

```
SELECT department, AVG(salary) AS avg_salary
FROM employees
GROUP BY department
HAVING AVG(salary) > 60000;
```

5 Joins

```
-- INNER JOIN
SELECT e.name, d.department_name
FROM employees e
INNER JOIN departments d ON e.department_id = d.id;
```

```
-- LEFT JOIN
SELECT c.name, o.order_id
FROM customers c
LEFT JOIN orders o ON c.id = o.customer_id;
```

```
-- RIGHT JOIN
SELECT o.order_id, c.name
FROM customers c
RIGHT JOIN orders o ON c.id = o.customer_id;
```

```
-- Multiple Joins
SELECT o.order_id, c.name, p.product_name
FROM orders o
JOIN customers c ON o.customer_id = c.id
JOIN products p ON o.product_id = p.id;
```

6 Subqueries

```
-- Single value
SELECT * FROM employees
WHERE salary > (SELECT AVG(salary) FROM employees);

-- Multiple values
SELECT * FROM employees
WHERE department_id IN (
    SELECT department_id FROM departments WHERE location = 'NY'
);

-- Correlated
SELECT name FROM customers c
WHERE EXISTS (
    SELECT 1 FROM orders o WHERE o.customer_id = c.id
);
```

7 Conditional Logic

```
SELECT name, salary,
CASE
    WHEN salary > 80000 THEN 'High'
    WHEN salary BETWEEN 50000 AND 80000 THEN 'Medium'
    ELSE 'Low'
END AS salary_grade
FROM employees;
```

8 String Functions

```
SELECT CONCAT(first_name, ' ', last_name) AS full_name FROM employees;
SELECT UPPER(name) FROM customers;
SELECT LOWER(city) FROM customers;
SELECT SUBSTRING(name, 1, 3) FROM employees;
SELECT TRIM(' spaces ') AS trimmed;
SELECT REPLACE(name, 'Corp', 'Corporation') FROM companies;
```

9 Date Functions

```
SELECT CURDATE();      -- Current date
```

```
SELECT NOW();           -- Date + Time
SELECT YEAR(NOW());     -- Current year
SELECT MONTH(NOW());    -- Current month
SELECT DATEDIFF(CURDATE(), hire_date) AS days_worked FROM employees;
SELECT * FROM orders WHERE YEAR(order_date) = 2024;
```

10 Window Functions (MySQL 8+)

```
-- Row number
SELECT name, salary, ROW_NUMBER() OVER(ORDER BY salary DESC) AS row_num
FROM employees;

-- Rank in department
SELECT department, name, RANK() OVER(PARTITION BY department ORDER BY salary
DESC) AS rank_in_dept
FROM employees;
```

Interview-Tricky Queries

```
-- Second highest salary
SELECT MAX(salary) AS second_highest
FROM employees
WHERE salary < (SELECT MAX(salary) FROM employees);

-- Products never ordered
SELECT p.*
FROM products p
LEFT JOIN orders o ON p.id = o.product_id
WHERE o.product_id IS NULL;

-- Top 3 salaries per department
SELECT department, name, salary
FROM (
    SELECT department, name, salary,
           DENSE_RANK() OVER(PARTITION BY department ORDER BY salary DESC) AS rnk
    FROM employees
) t
WHERE rnk <= 3;
```

Quick Syntax Recap Table

Feature	Syntax Example
Select all	<code>SELECT * FROM table;</code>
Filtering	<code>WHERE col > 100</code>
Sorting	<code>ORDER BY col DESC</code>
Aggregates	<code>COUNT(), SUM(), AVG()</code>
Group & Filter	<code>GROUP BY col HAVING condition</code>
Inner Join	<code>JOIN ... ON ...</code>
Left Join	<code>LEFT JOIN ... ON ...</code>
Subquery	<code>WHERE col IN (SELECT col...)</code>
Case Condition	<code>CASE WHEN ... THEN ... END</code>
String Ops	<code>CONCAT(), UPPER(), LOWER()</code>
Date Ops	<code>NOW(), DATEDIFF()</code>
