SQL – need for SQL, types of SQL statements, data types in SQL, SELECT statement with various operators, single row and multi row functions, group by and having clauses.

❖ Need for SQL

SQL (Structured Query Language) is essential for managing and manipulating relational databases. It allows users to:

- Create, read, update, and delete (CRUD) data.
- Define the structure of the database (tables, views, indexes).
- Control access to the data (permissions, roles).
- Retrieve and analyze data efficiently through queries.

SQL is the standard language for relational database management systems (RDBMS) like MySQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle, and SQL Server.

❖ Types of SQL Statements

SQL statements are categorized based on their functionality.

SQL is broadly categorized into five main types:

1. DDL - Data Definition Language

Used to define and modify database structures:

- CREATE Create a new table/database.
- ALTER Modify an existing table.
- DROP Delete a table/database.
- TRUNCATE Remove all rows from a table.

Statement	SQL Example	Explanation
CREATE	CREATE TABLE Students (ID INT, Name VARCHAR(50), Age INT);	Creates the Students table
ALTER	ALTER TABLE Students ADD Email VARCHAR(100);	Adds a new column to the table

Statement	SQL Example	Explanation
DROP	DROP TABLE Students;	Deletes the Students table
TRUNCATE	TRUNCATE TABLE Students;	Removes all rows but keeps structure

2. DML – Data Manipulation Language

Used to manage data within tables:

- INSERT Add new data.
- UPDATE Modify existing data.
- DELETE Remove data.

Statement	SQL Example	Explanation
INSERT	INSERT INTO Students (ID, Name, Age) VALUES (1, 'Alice', 20);	Adds a new student record
UPDATE	UPDATE Students SET Age = 21 WHERE ID = 1;	Modifies the age of Alice
DELETE	DELETE FROM Students WHERE ID = 1;	Deletes Alice's record

3. DQL – Data Query Language

Used to fetch/query data:

• SELECT – Retrieve data from one or more tables.

Statement	SQL Example	Explanation
SELECT	SELECT * FROM Students WHERE Age > 18;	Retrieves students older than 18

4. TCL - Transaction Control Language

Used to manage transactions:

❖ COMMIT – Save changes, Saves changes made by a transaction.

- ❖ ROLLBACK Undo changes, Undoes changes made by a transaction.
 - ❖ SAVEPOINT Sets a point within a transaction to roll back to.

Statement	SQL Example	Explanation
COMMIT	сомміт;	Saves the transaction permanently
ROLLBACK	ROLLBACK;	Undoes changes since last commit
SAVEPOINT	SAVEPOINT sp1;	Sets a point to roll back to

5. DCL – Data Control Language

Used to control access:

- ❖ GRANT Provide access privileges, Gives permissions to users.
- ❖ REVOKE Withdraw access privileges, Removes permissions from users.

Statement	SQL Example	Explanation
GRANT	GRANT SELECT ON Students TO user1;	Gives read access to user1
REVOKE	REVOKE SELECT ON Students FROM user1;	Removes read access from user1

DDL (Data Definition Language): These statements define the structure of the database.

CREATE: Creates a new database, table, index, or view.

```
CREATE TABLE Employees (
EmployeeID INT PRIMARY KEY,
FirstName VARCHAR(50),
LastName VARCHAR(50),
Department VARCHAR(50),
Salary DECIMAL(10, 2),
HireDate DATE
);
```

- ❖ EmployeeID: Unique ID for each employee (**Primary Key**).
- FirstName / LastName: Names (up to 50 characters).
- Department: Department name.
- ❖ Salary: Employee salary with up to 10 digits and 2 decimals.
- HireDate: The date the employee was hired.

Employees Table

EmployeeID	FirstName	LastName	Department	Salary	HireDate
101	Alice	Johnson	HR	50000.00	2021-06-15
102	Bob	Smith	IT	65000.00	2020-09-01
103	Clara	Lee	Finance	72000.00	2019-11-20
104	David	Kumar	IT	68000.00	2022-01-10

ALTER: Modifies an existing database object.

Add a new coloumn

```
ALTER TABLE Students
ADD Gender CHAR(1);
```

Now your table becomes:

StudentID	FirstName	LastName	Age	Gender
1	John	Doe	20	
2	Alice	Smith	22	

DROP: Deletes an existing database object.

```
ALTER TABLE Students
DROP COLUMN Gender;
```

```
sql -- DDL

CREATE TABLE Students (ID INT, Name VARCHAR(50), Age INT);

-- DML

INSERT INTO Students VALUES (1, 'Alice', 20);
INSERT INTO Students VALUES (2, 'Bob', 19);

-- DQL

SELECT * FROM Students WHERE Age > 18;

-- TCL

SAVEPOINT before_update;
UPDATE Students SET Age = 18 WHERE ID = 2;
ROLLBACK TO before_update;

-- DCL

GRANT SELECT ON Students TO user1;
```

Data Types in SQL

SQL supports a wide range of data types, which can be categorized as follows:

- Numeric Data Types:
 - ❖ INT: Integer (whole numbers).
 - ❖ **DECIMAL(p,s)**: Fixed-point numbers (precision p, scale s).

- **FLOAT**: Floating-point numbers (approximate precision).
- **DOUBLE**: Double precision floating-point number.
- Character/String Data Types:
 - **CHAR(n)**: Fixed-length string of length n.
 - ❖ VARCHAR(n): Variable-length string with maximum length n.
 - **TEXT**: Large text strings.
- Date/Time Data Types:
 - **❖ DATE**: Date (year, month, day).
 - **TIME**: Time of day (hours, minutes, seconds).
 - **DATETIME**: Date and time.
- Boolean:
 - **BOOLEAN**: Represents TRUE or FALSE values.

SELECT Statement with Various Operators

★ Basic Syntax

```
SELECT column1, column2 FROM table_name WHERE condition;
```

The SELECT statement is used to retrieve data from a database. You can use different operators to filter and manipulate the data:

- Comparison Operators:
 - ❖ =: Equal to
 - ❖ != or <>: Not equal to
 - ❖ >: Greater than
 - : Less than
 - ❖ >=: Greater than or equal to
 - <=: Less than or equal to</p>

- **SETWEEN:** Within a range.
- IN: Matches any of the values in a list.
- LIKE: Searches for a specified pattern.
- ❖ IS NULL: Checks for null values.

Examples

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

SELECT name FROM students WHERE grade IN ('A', 'B');

SELECT * FROM products WHERE name LIKE 'Sam%';
```

Syntax:

```
SELECT column1, column2
FROM table_name
WHERE condition;
```

- Logical Operators:
 - ❖ AND: Combines multiple conditions (all must be true).
 - OR: Combines multiple conditions (at least one must be true).
 - NOT: Negates a condition.
- Ordering and Limiting Results:
 - ORDER BY: Sorts the results by one or more columns.

Operators:

Operator	Example	Use
=	age = 25	Equals
!= or <>	name != 'John'	Not equal
<, >, <=, >=	salary > 50000	Comparisons
BETWEEN	age BETWEEN 20 AND 30	Range
IN	<pre>department IN ('HR', 'Sales')</pre>	Set of values
LIKE	name LIKE 'A%'	Pattern matching
IS NULL	email IS NULL	Null check
AND , OR , NOT	Combines conditions	

* Example Table: Employees

ID	Name	Age	Salary	Dept
1	Alice	30	60000	HR
2	Bob	25	50000	Sales
3	Charlie	28	70000	IT

Example Query:

5. Single Row and Multi-Row Functions

- Single Row Functions: Operate on a single row at a time, returning a single result.
 - ❖ String Functions: UPPER(), LOWER(), CONCAT(), LENGTH().
 - **❖ Numeric Functions**: ROUND(), CEIL(), FLOOR(), ABS().
 - **❖ Date Functions**: CURRENT_DATE(), DATEADD(), DATEDIFF().
- 1. CURRENT_DATE() (or GETDATE() in SQL Server)

- What it does:
- Returns the **current system date** (without time).

Syntax:

```
SELECT CURRENT_DATE; -- MySQL / PostgreSQL
SELECT GETDATE(); -- SQL Server (returns date + time)
```

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Example Output:

CURRENT_DATE

2025-04-08

Operates on one row and returns one result per row.

Туре	Function	Example
String	<pre>UPPER() , LOWER() , LENGTH() , SUBSTR()</pre>	UPPER('hello') → HELLO
Numeric	ROUND(), TRUNC(), MOD()	ROUND(123.456, 2) \rightarrow 123.46
Date	SYSDATE , NOW() , DATEDIFF()	DATEDIFF(NOW(), '2024-01-01')

Example Table: Employees

EmpID	Name	Salary	JoinDate
1	alice	25000	2021-01-15
2	bob	30000	2020-06-10
3	charlie	27000	2022-03-01

Example Query 1 (String Function):

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SELECT UPPER(Name) AS Upper_Name FROM Employees;

✓ Output:

Upper_Name

ALICE

BOB

Example Query 2 (Numeric Function):

CHARLIE



- Multi-Row Functions: Operate on multiple rows and return a single result, often used with grouping.
 - ♣ Aggregate Functions: COUNT(), SUM(), AVG(), MIN(), MAX().

Function	Use
COUNT()	Number of rows
SUM()	Total value
AVG()	Average value
MIN() / MAX()	Minimum / Maximum value

P Example Query:

SELECT COUNT(*) AS Total_Employees, AVG(Salary) AS Average_Salary FROM Employees;

Output:

Total_Employees	Average_Salary
3	27333.33

With GROUP BY:

```
SELECT Department, COUNT(*) AS Emp_Count
FROM Employees
GROUP BY Department;
```

(Assume Department column exists)

Output Example:

Department	Emp_Count
HR	2
IT	3

Single-row vs Multi-row Functions

Feature	Single-Row Function	Multi-Row Function (Group)
Works on	One row at a time	Group of rows
Returns	One result per row	One result per group
Used with	SELECT, WHERE	SELECT + GROUP BY / HAVING
Examples	UPPER(), ROUND(), LENGTH()	COUNT(), AVG(), MAX()

6. GROUP BY and HAVING Clauses

❖ **GROUP BY Clause**: Used to group rows with the same values in specified columns, often used with aggregate functions. Used to group rows that have the same values in specified columns.

Syntax:

```
SELECT column1, aggregate_function(column2)
FROM table
GROUP BY column1;
```

Example:

Assume we have a table called Sales:

Product	Category	Amount
Pen	Stationery	10
Pencil	Stationery	5
Eraser	Stationery	2
Soap	Toiletries	15
Shampoo	Toiletries	20

Query:

```
SELECT Category, SUM(Amount) AS Total_Sales
FROM Sales
GROUP BY Category;
```

Result:

Category	Total_Sales
Stationery	17
Toiletries	35

- from the sales by Category and calculates the total Amount per category.
- ❖ HAVING Clause: Used to filter groups after the GROUP BY clause has been applied (acts like a WHERE clause for groups). Used to filter groups based on aggregate results. Works after GROUP BY.
- ❖ The GROUP BY clause groups data by one or more columns, and the HAVING clause filters the result of the GROUP BY based on a condition.

Syntax:

```
SELECT column1, aggregate_function(column2)
FROM table
GROUP BY column1
HAVING aggregate_function(column2) condition;
```

🥟 Example:

```
SELECT Category, SUM(Amount) AS Total_Sales
FROM Sales
GROUP BY Category
HAVING SUM(Amount) > 20;
```

Result:

Category	Total_Sales
Toiletries	35

The HAVING clause filters out the Stationery group because its total sales (17) is less than 20.

Key Differences: WHERE vs HAVING

Feature WHERE Clause HAVING Clause

Used on Individual rows Grouped rows

Used with SELECT, UPDATE, DELETE GROUP BY (mostly)

Applies Before grouping After grouping

Topic	Key Points
Need for SQL	Essential for managing relational databases
SQL Types	DDL, DML, DQL, DCL, TCL
Data Types	Numeric, String, Date/Time, Others
SELECT + Operators	Used to filter and retrieve specific data
Single Row Functions	Operate on individual rows
Multi Row Functions	Operate on groups of rows
GROUP BY + HAVING	Used for aggregation and filtering groups

Offline Platforms

These are software or applications you install on your computer.

Platform	Description
MySQL Workbench	GUI tool for MySQL databases (free, popular)
Oracle SQL Developer	For working with Oracle DB (supports PL/SQL)
Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS)	For Microsoft SQL Server
pgAdmin	GUI for PostgreSQL
SQLite Studio	Lightweight, good for learning and small projects
DBeaver	Universal SQL client supporting MySQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle, etc.
XAMPP	Includes MySQL + phpMyAdmin for local web development

2. Online Platforms

 $These \ are \ websites \ where \ you \ can \ practice \ SQL \ directly \ in \ your \ browser -- no \ installation \ needed!$

Platform	Highlights	
SQL Fiddle	Test small SQL queries with sample schema	
W3Schools SQL Tryit	Beginner-friendly	
LeetCode SQL	Practice with real problems	
HackerRank SQL	Challenges + certificates	
Mode SQL Tutorial	Interactive learning	
DB Fiddle	Supports PostgreSQL, MySQL, SQLite	
Replit	You can create PostgreSQL projects online	