

Hands-on Lab : INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE



Estimated time needed: 20 minutes

In this lab, you will learn some commonly used DML (Data Manipulation Language) statements of SQL other than SELECT. First, you will learn the INSERT statement, which is used to insert new rows into a table. Next, you will learn the UPDATE statement which is used to update the data in existing rows in the table. Lastly, you will learn the DELETE statement which is used to remove rows from a table.

Objectives

After completing this lab, you will be able to:

- Insert new rows into a table
- Update data in existing rows of the table
- Remove rows from a table

Concepts covered

How does the syntax of an INSERT statement look?

1. 1
 2. 2
 3. 3
- ```
1. INSERT INTO table_name (column1, column2, ...)
2. VALUES (value1, value2, ...)
3. ;
```

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**How does the syntax of an UPDATE statement look?**

1. 1
  2. 2
  3. 3
  4. 4
- ```
1. UPDATE table_name
2. SET column1 = value1, column2 = value2, ...
3. WHERE condition
4. ;
```

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How does the syntax of a DELETE statement look?

1. 1
 2. 2
 3. 3
- ```
1. DELETE FROM table_name
2. WHERE condition
3. ;
```

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## Introduction to Lab Environment

## Software Used in this Lab

In this lab, you will use Datasette, an open source tool for exploring and publishing data. You can visit the [Datasette GitHub repository here](#).

### Working with Datasette

The **Datasette** tool offers a platform to input and execute SQL queries. By clicking the **Submit query** button, you can execute the SQL query.

The screenshot shows the Datasette web interface. At the top, a blue header bar contains the text "home / SanFranciscoFilmLocations" and a hamburger menu icon. Below the header, the main content area has a title "Practice SQL" and a subtitle "Database: SanFranciscoFilmLocations". A large text input box contains the SQL query "SELECT \* FROM FilmLocations;". Below the input box, a tip in pink text reads "Tip: Autocomplete with Ctrl+Enter or Cmd+Enter". A red rectangular box highlights a "Submit query" button. On the right side of the interface, there is a vertical blue button labeled "Support/Feedback". At the bottom of the main content area, a blue footer bar says "Powered by [Datasette](#)".

## Database Used in this Lab

The dataset used in this lab is an internal database.

## Exploring the Database

Let us first explore the **Instructors** database using the **Datasette** tool:

1. If the first statement listed below is not already in the Datasette textbox on the right, then copy the code below by clicking on the little copy button on the bottom right of the codeblock below and then paste it into the textbox of the Datasette tool using either **Ctrl+V** or right-click in the text box and choose **Paste**.

```
1. 1
1. SELECT * FROM Instructor;
```

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## Practice SQL

Database: Instructors

```
1 SELECT * FROM Instructor;
```

Tip: Autocomplete with Ctrl+Enter or Cmd+Enter

Submit query

2. Click **Submit Query**.

3. Now you can scroll down the table and explore all the columns and rows of the **Instructor** table to get an overall idea of the table contents.

| ins_id | lastname  | firstname | city    | country |
|--------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|
| 1      | Ahuja     | Rav       | Toronto | CA      |
| 2      | Chong     | Raul      | Toronto | CA      |
| 3      | Vasudevan | Hima      | Chicago | US      |

4. These are the column attribute descriptions from the **Instructor** table:

```
1. 1
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4
5. 5
6. 6
7. 7
1. Instructor (
2. ins_id: unique identification number of the instructors,
3. lastname: last name of the instructors,
4. firstname: first name of the instructors,
5. city: name of the cities where instructors are located,
6. country: two-letter country code of the countries where instructors are located
7.)
```

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## Exercise 1: INSERT

In this exercise, you will first go through some examples of using INSERT in queries and then solve some exercise problems by using it.

### Task A

#### Example exercises on INSERT

Let us go through some examples of INSERT related queries:

1. In this example, suppose we want to insert a new single row into the **Instructor** table.

1. Problem:

*Insert a new instructor record with id 4 for Sandip Saha who lives in Edmonton, CA into the “Instructor” table.*

2. Solution:

```
1. 1
2. 2
1. INSERT INTO Instructor(ins_id, lastname, firstname, city, country)
```

```
2. VALUES(4, 'Saha', 'Sandip', 'Edmonton', 'CA');
```

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3. Copy the solution code above by clicking on the little copy button on the bottom right of the codeblock below and paste it to the textbox of the Datasette tool. Then click **Submit query**.

4. Copy the code below by clicking on the little copy button on the bottom right of the codeblock below and paste it to the textbox of the Datasette tool. Then click **Submit query**.

```
1. 1
```

```
1. SELECT * FROM Instructor;
```

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5. Your output resultset should look like the image below:

The screenshot shows the 'Practice SQL' interface. At the top, it says 'home / Practice SQL / Instructors'. Below that, the title 'Practice SQL' is displayed. The database is set to 'Instructors'. A code editor shows the query '1 SELECT \* FROM Instructor;'. A tip below the editor says 'Tip: Autocomplete with Ctrl+Enter or Cmd+Enter'. A 'Submit query' button is present. Below the button, a green message box states 'All commands ran successfully'. The results section shows the query 'SELECT \* FROM Instructor' and a table with 5 columns: ins\_id, lastname, firstname, city, and country. The table contains 4 rows of data. At the bottom, it says 'Powered by Datasette'.

| ins_id | lastname  | firstname | city     | country |
|--------|-----------|-----------|----------|---------|
| 1      | Ahuja     | Rav       | Toronto  | CA      |
| 2      | Chong     | Raul      | Toronto  | CA      |
| 3      | Vasudevan | Hima      | Chicago  | US      |
| 4      | Saha      | Sandip    | Edmonton | CA      |

2. In this example, suppose we want to insert some new multiple rows into the **Instructor** table.

1. Problem:

*Insert two new instructor records into the "Instructor" table. First record with id 5 for John Doe who lives in Sydney, AU. Second record with id 6 for Jane Doe who lives in Dhaka, BD.*

2. Solution:

```
1. 1
```

```
2. 2
```

```
1. INSERT INTO Instructor(ins_id, lastname, firstname, city, country)
```

```
2. VALUES(5, 'Doe', 'John', 'Sydney', 'AU'), (6, 'Doe', 'Jane', 'Dhaka', 'BD');
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3. Copy the solution code above by clicking on the little copy button on the bottom right of the codeblock below and paste it to the textbox of the Datasette tool. Then click **Submit query**.

4. Copy the code below by clicking on the little copy button on the bottom right of the codeblock below and paste it to the textbox of the Datasette tool. Then click **Submit query**.

```
1. 1
```

```
1. SELECT * FROM Instructor;
```

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5. Your output resultset should look like the image below:

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Practice SQL

Database: Instructors

```
1 SELECT * FROM Instructor;
```

Tip: Autocomplete with Ctrl+Enter or Cmd+Enter

Submit query

Results

All commands ran successfully

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SELECT \* FROM Instructor

| ins_id | lastname  | firstname | city     | country |
|--------|-----------|-----------|----------|---------|
| 1      | Ahuja     | Rav       | Toronto  | CA      |
| 2      | Chong     | Raul      | Toronto  | CA      |
| 3      | Vasudevan | Hima      | Chicago  | US      |
| 4      | Saha      | Sandip    | Edmonton | CA      |
| 5      | Doe       | John      | Sydney   | AU      |
| 6      | Doe       | Jane      | Dhaka    | BD      |

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# Task B

## Practice exercises on INSERT

Now, let us practice creating and running some INSERT related queries.

1. Problem:

Insert a new instructor record with id 7 for Antonio Cangiano who lives in Vancouver, CA into the “Instructor” table.

▼ Hint

Follow example 1 of the INSERT exercise.

```
1. 1
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4
1. INSERT INTO table_name([columnn1],[column2], [column3], [column4], [column5])
2. VALUES(7, 'Cangiano', 'Antonio', 'Vancouver', 'CA');
3.
4. SELECT * FROM tablename;
```

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▼ Solution

```
1. 1
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4
1. INSERT INTO Instructor(ins_id, lastname, firstname, city, country)
2. VALUES(7, 'Cangiano', 'Antonio', 'Vancouver', 'CA');
3.
4. SELECT * FROM Instructor;
```

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▼ Output

```
1 INSERT INTO Instructor(ins_id, lastname, firstname, city, country)
2 VALUES(7, 'Cangiano', 'Antonio', 'Vancouver', 'CA');
3
4 SELECT * FROM Instructor;
```

Tip: Autocomplete with Ctrl+Enter or Cmd+Enter

Submit query

Results

All commands ran successfully

INSERT INTO Instructor(ins\_id, lastname, firstname, city, country)  
VALUES(7, 'Cangiano', 'Antonio', 'Vancouver', 'CA')  
1 row affected

SELECT \* FROM Instructor

| ins_id | lastname  | firstname | city      | country |
|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| 1      | Ahuja     | Rav       | Toronto   | CA      |
| 2      | Chong     | Raul      | Toronto   | CA      |
| 3      | Vasudevan | Hima      | Chicago   | US      |
| 4      | Saha      | Sandip    | Edmonton  | CA      |
| 5      | Doe       | John      | Sydney    | AU      |
| 6      | Doe       | Jane      | Dhaka     | BD      |
| 7      | Cangiano  | Antonio   | Vancouver | CA      |

2. Problem:

Insert two new instructor records into the “Instructor” table. First record with id 8 for Steve Ryan who lives in Barlby, GB. Second record with id 9 for Ramesh Sannareddy who lives in Hyderabad, IN.

▼ Hint

Follow example 2 of the INSERT exercise.

- 1. 1
- 2. 2
- 3. 3
- 4. 4
- 1. INSERT INTO table\_name([columnn1],[column2], [column3], [column4], [column5])
- 2. VALUES(8, 'Ryan', 'Steve', 'Barlby', 'GB'), (9, 'Sannareddy', 'Ramesh', 'Hyderabad', 'IN');
- 3.
- 4. SELECT \* FROM tablename;

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▼ Solution

- 1. 1
- 2. 2
- 3. 3
- 4. 4
- 1. INSERT INTO Instructor(ins\_id, lastname, firstname, city, country)
- 2. VALUES(8, 'Ryan', 'Steve', 'Barlby', 'GB'), (9, 'Sannareddy', 'Ramesh', 'Hyderabad', 'IN');
- 3.
- 4. SELECT \* FROM Instructor;

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▼ Output

```
1 INSERT INTO Instructor(ins_id, lastname, firstname, city, country)
2 VALUES(8, 'Ryan', 'Steve', 'Barlby', 'GB'), (9, 'Sannareddy', 'Ramesh', 'Hyderabad', 'IN');
3
4 SELECT * FROM Instructor;
```

Tip: Autocomplete with Ctrl+Enter or Cmd+Enter

Submit query

Results

All commands ran successfully

INSERT INTO Instructor(ins\_id, lastname, firstname, city, country)
VALUES(8, 'Ryan', 'Steve', 'Barlby', 'GB'), (9, 'Sannareddy', 'Ramesh', 'Hyderabad', 'IN')
2 rows affected

SELECT \* FROM Instructor

| ins_id | lastname   | firstname | city      | country |
|--------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| 1      | Ahuja      | Rav       | Toronto   | CA      |
| 2      | Chong      | Raul      | Toronto   | CA      |
| 3      | Vasudevan  | Hima      | Chicago   | US      |
| 4      | Saha       | Sandip    | Edmonton  | CA      |
| 5      | Doe        | John      | Sydney    | AU      |
| 6      | Doe        | Jane      | Dhaka     | BD      |
| 7      | Cagliano   | Antonio   | Vancouver | CA      |
| 8      | Ryan       | Steve     | Barlby    | GB      |
| 9      | Sannareddy | Ramesh    | Hyderabad | IN      |

Exercise 2: UPDATE

In this exercise, you will first go through some examples of using UPDATE in queries and then solve some exercise problems by using it.

Task A

Example exercises on UPDATE

Let us go through some examples of UPDATE related queries:

1. In this example, we want to update one column of an existing row of the table.

1. Problem:

Update the city for Sandip to Toronto.

2. Solution:

1. 1
2. 2
3. 3
1. UPDATE Instructor
2. SET city='Toronto'
3. WHERE firstname="Sandip";

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3. Copy the solution code above by clicking on the little copy button on the bottom right of the codeblock below and paste it to the textbox of the Datasette tool. Then click **Submit query**.

4. Copy the code below by clicking on the little copy button on the bottom right of the codeblock below and paste it to the textbox of the Datasette tool. Then click **Submit query**.

1. 1
1. SELECT \* FROM Instructor;

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5. Your output resultset should look like the image below:

```
SELECT * FROM Instructor;
```

Tip: Autocomplete with Ctrl+Enter or Cmd+Enter

Submit query

## Results

All commands ran successfully

```
SELECT * FROM Instructor
```

| ins_id | lastname   | firstname | city      | country |
|--------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| 1      | Ahuja      | Rav       | Toronto   | CA      |
| 2      | Chong      | Raul      | Toronto   | CA      |
| 3      | Vasudevan  | Hima      | Chicago   | US      |
| 4      | Saha       | Sandip    | Edmonton  | CA      |
| 5      | Doe        | John      | Sydney    | AU      |
| 6      | Doe        | Jane      | Dhaka     | BD      |
| 7      | Cangiano   | Antonio   | Vancouver | CA      |
| 8      | Ryan       | Steve     | Barlby    | GB      |
| 9      | Sannareddy | Ramesh    | Hyderabad | IN      |

2. In this example, we want to update multiple columns of an existing row of the table.

1. Problem:

*Update the city and country for Doe with id 5 to Dubai and AE respectively.*

2. Solution:

```
1. 1
2. 2
3. 3
1. UPDATE Instructor
2. SET city='Dubai', country='AE'
3. WHERE ins_id=5;
```

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3. Copy the solution code above by clicking on the little copy button on the bottom right of the codeblock below and paste it to the textbox of the Datasette tool. Then click **Submit query**.

4. Copy the code below by clicking on the little copy button on the bottom right of the codeblock below and paste it to the textbox of the Datasette tool. Then click **Submit query**.

```
1. 1
1. SELECT * FROM Instructor;
```

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5. Your output resultset should look like the image below:



# Practice SQL

Database: Instructors

```
1 SELECT * FROM Instructor;
```

Tip: Autocomplete with Ctrl+Enter or Cmd+Enter

Submit query

## Results

All commands ran successfully

SELECT \* FROM Instructor

| ins_id | lastname   | firstname | city      | country |
|--------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| 1      | Ahuja      | Rav       | Toronto   | CA      |
| 2      | Chong      | Raul      | Toronto   | CA      |
| 3      | Vasudevan  | Hima      | Chicago   | US      |
| 4      | Saha       | Sandip    | Toronto   | CA      |
| 5      | Doe        | John      | Dubai     | AE      |
| 6      | Doe        | Jane      | Dhaka     | BD      |
| 7      | Cangiano   | Antonio   | Vancouver | CA      |
| 8      | Ryan       | Steve     | Barlby    | GB      |
| 9      | Sannareddy | Ramesh    | Hyderabad | IN      |

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# Task B

## Practice exercises on UPDATE

Now, let us practice creating and running some UPDATE related queries.

1. Problem:

Update the city of the instructor record to Markham whose id is 1.

▼ Hint

Follow example 1 of the UPDATE exercise.

```
1. 1
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4
5. 5
1. UPDATE table_name
2. SET [column1]='Markham'
3. WHERE [specifiedcolumn]=1;
4.
5. SELECT * FROM tablename;
```

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▼ Solution

```
1. 1
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4
```

```
5. 5
1. UPDATE Instructor
2. SET city='Markham'
3. WHERE ins_id=1;
4.
5. SELECT * FROM Instructor;
```

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▼ Output

```
5 SELECT * FROM Instructor;
```

Tip: Autocomplete with Ctrl+Enter or Cmd+Enter

Submit query

Results

All commands ran successfully

UPDATE Instructor  
SET city='Markham'  
WHERE ins\_id=1  
1 row affected

SELECT \* FROM Instructor

| ins_id | lastname   | firstname | city      | country |
|--------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| 1      | Ahuja      | Rav       | Markham   | CA      |
| 2      | Chong      | Raul      | Toronto   | CA      |
| 3      | Vasudevan  | Hima      | Chicago   | US      |
| 4      | Saha       | Sandip    | Toronto   | CA      |
| 5      | Doe        | John      | Dubai     | AE      |
| 6      | Doe        | Jane      | Dhaka     | BD      |
| 7      | Cangiano   | Antonio   | Vancouver | CA      |
| 8      | Ryan       | Steve     | Barlby    | GB      |
| 9      | Sannareddy | Ramesh    | Hyderabad | IN      |

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2. Problem:

Update the city and country for Sandip with id 4 to Dhaka and BD respectively.

▼ Hint

Follow example 2 of the UPDATE exercise.

```
1. 1
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4
5. 5
1. UPDATE table_name
2. SET [column1]='Dhaka', [column2]='BD'
3. WHERE [specifiedcolumn]=4;
4.
5. SELECT * FROM tablename;
```

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▼ Solution

```
1. 1
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4
5. 5
1. UPDATE Instructor
2. SET city='Dhaka', country='BD'
3. WHERE ins_id=4;
4.
5. SELECT * FROM Instructor;
```

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▼ Output

4

5

SELECT \* FROM Instructor;

Tip: Autocomplete with Ctrl+Enter or Cmd+Enter

Submit query

## Results

All commands ran successfully

UPDATE Instructor

SET city='Dhaka', country='BD'

WHERE ins\_id=4

1 row affected

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SELECT \* FROM Instructor

| ins_id | lastname   | firstname | city      | country |
|--------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| 1      | Ahuja      | Rav       | Markham   | CA      |
| 2      | Chong      | Raul      | Toronto   | CA      |
| 3      | Vasudevan  | Hima      | Chicago   | US      |
| 4      | Saha       | Sandip    | Dhaka     | BD      |
| 5      | Doe        | John      | Dubai     | AE      |
| 6      | Doe        | Jane      | Dhaka     | BD      |
| 7      | Cagliano   | Antonio   | Vancouver | CA      |
| 8      | Ryan       | Steve     | Barlby    | GB      |
| 9      | Sannareddy | Ramesh    | Hyderabad | IN      |

## Exercise 3: DELETE

In this exercise, you will first go through an example of using DELETE in a query and then solve an exercise problem by using it.

### Task A

#### Example exercise on DELETE

Let us go through an example of a DELETE related query:

1. In this example, we want to remove a row from the table.

1. Problem:

*Remove the instructor record of Doe whose id is 6.*

2. Solution:

```

1. 1
2. 2
1. DELETE FROM instructor
2. WHERE ins_id = 6;

```

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3. Copy the solution code above by clicking on the little copy button on the bottom right of the codeblock below and paste it to the textbox of **Custom SQL query** of the Datasette tool. Then click **Submit query**.

4. Copy the code below by clicking on the little copy button on the bottom right of the codeblock below and paste it to the textbox of the Datasette tool. Then click **Submit query**.

```

1. 1
1. SELECT * FROM Instructor;

```

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5. Your output resultset should look like the image below:

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## Practice SQL

Database: Instructors

```
1 SELECT * FROM Instructors;
```

Tip: Autocomplete with Ctrl+Enter or Cmd+Enter

Submit query

### Results

All commands ran successfully

SELECT \* FROM Instructors

| ins_id | lastname   | firstname | city      | country |
|--------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| 1      | Ahuja      | Rav       | Markham   | CA      |
| 2      | Chong      | Raul      | Toronto   | CA      |
| 3      | Vasudevan  | Hima      | Chicago   | US      |
| 4      | Saha       | Sandip    | Dhaka     | BD      |
| 5      | Doe        | John      | Dubai     | AE      |
| 7      | Cagliano   | Antonio   | Vancouver | CA      |
| 8      | Ryan       | Steve     | Barlby    | GB      |
| 9      | Sannareddy | Ramesh    | Hyderabad | IN      |

## Task B

### Practice exercise on DELETE

Now, let us practice creating and running a DELETE related query.

#### 1. Problem:

*Remove the instructor record of Hima.*

#### ▼ Hint

Follow example 1 of the DELETE exercise.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
1. DELETE FROM tablename
2. WHERE [columnname1] = 'Hima';
- 3.
4. SELECT \* FROM tablename;

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#### ▼ Solution

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
1. DELETE FROM instructor
2. WHERE firstname = 'Hima';
- 3.
4. SELECT \* FROM Instructors;

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#### ▼ Output

```
1 DELETE FROM instructor
2 WHERE firstname = 'Hima';
3
4 SELECT * FROM instructor;
```

Tip: Autocomplete with Ctrl+Enter or Cmd+Enter

Submit query

Results

All commands ran successfully

DELETE FROM instructor  
WHERE firstname = 'Hima'  
1 row affected

SELECT \* FROM instructor

| ins_id | lastname   | firstname | city      | country |
|--------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| 1      | Ahuja      | Rav       | Markham   | CA      |
| 2      | Chong      | Raul      | Toronto   | CA      |
| 4      | Saha       | Sandip    | Dhaka     | BD      |
| 5      | Doe        | John      | Dubai     | AE      |
| 7      | Cagliano   | Antonio   | Vancouver | CA      |
| 8      | Ryan       | Steve     | Barlby    | GB      |
| 9      | Sannareddy | Ramesh    | Hyderabad | IN      |

Support

Thank you for completing the Hands-on Lab : INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE! where you learnt to perform operations on tables like inserting and removing rows, and updating the data in existing rows.

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Changelog

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