Data Cleaning using SQL



Missing Values

Find Missing Values: Use IS NULL to find missing values.

```
SELECT * FROM your_table WHERE column_name IS NULL;
```



Missing Values

Replace Missing Values: Use COALESCE or ISNULL to provide default values.

```
UPDATE your_table
SET column_name = COALESCE(column_name, 'default_value')
WHERE column_name IS NULL;
```



Remove Duplicates

Find Duplicates

```
SELECT column_name, COUNT(*) FROM your_table
GROUP BY column_name
HAVING COUNT(*) > 1;
```

Remove Duplicates

Delete Duplicates (keeping the first occurrence)

```
DELETE FROM your_table
WHERE id NOT IN (
  SELECT MIN(id)
  FROM your_table
  GROUP BY column_name
);
```



Standardize Data Formats

Update Data Formats: Ensure consistency in data formats, such as date formats or phone numbers.

```
UPDATE your_table
SET date_column = TO_DATE(date_column, 'YYYYY-MM-DD')
WHERE date_column IS NOT NULL;
```

Remove Unnecessary Data

Delete Unnecessary Rows

```
DELETE FROM your_table
WHERE condition_to_remove_rows;
```



Correct Data Inconsistencies

Correct Specific Issues

```
UPDATE your_table
SET column_name = 'correct_value'
WHERE column_name = 'incorrect_value';
```



Normalize Data

Create New Tables for Normalization: Break down large tables into smaller related tables.

```
CREATE TABLE new_table AS
SELECT DISTINCT column_name
FROM your_table;
```

Validate Data

Check Constraints: Ensure data adheres to business rules.

```
SELECT *
FROM your_table
WHERE column_name NOT BETWEEN lower_bound AND upper_bound;
```



Handle Outliers

Identify Outliers

```
SELECT *
FROM your_table
WHERE
column_name > (SELECT AVG(column_name) + 3 * STDDEV(column_name)
FROM your_table)
OR
column_name < (SELECT AVG(column_name) - 3 * STDDEV(column_name)</pre>
FROM your_table);
```