

SQLite3 Cheat Sheet

SQLite is a public domain C-language library implementing a small, fast, self-contained, reliable, and full-featured, SQL database engine.

Manipulating data

Create database	> .open example.db;
Create table and define fields	> CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS mytable (→ foo TEXT NOT NULL);
View tables in database	> .tables
Insert data into a table	> INSERT INTO mytable (foo) → VALUES ('aaa'), ('bbb'),('ccc');
View table schema	> .schema mytable
Add a new column to mytable	> ALTER TABLE mytable ADD bar INTEGER;
Update data in a table	> UPDATE mytable SET bar=123 → WHERE foo='aaa';

Joins

Display an inner join	> SELECT * FROM mytable → INNER JOIN othertable → ON mytable.rowid=othertable.foo;
Display a left join	> SELECT * FROM mytable LEFT JOIN → ON mytable.id=othertable.foo;
Display a cross join	> SELECT * FROM mytable → CROSS JOIN othertable;

Data types

Some SQLite functions

TEXT	Text data	abs()	Absolute value
INTEGER	Whole number	max() min()	Maximum and minimum values
REAL	Floating point number	upper() lower()	Convert case of string
BLOB	Binary data	length()	Length of string
NULL	Null value	random()	(Pseudo) random integer

Select

Display all data	> SELECT * FROM mytable;
Display data of the third row	> SELECT * FROM mytable → WHERE rowid=3;
Display foo and bar columns	> SELECT foo,bar FROM mytable;
Display first 10 results	> SELECT * FROM mytable LIMIT 10;
Sort by column foo	> SELECT * FROM mytable ORDER BY foo;

Views

A view is a virtual table providing a template for displaying the results of a specific query.

Create a new view	> CREATE VIEW myview AS → SELECT foo FROM mytable → WHERE example > 10;
Show existing views	> .tables
Display data with a view	> SELECT * FROM myview;
Delete (<i>drop</i>) a view	> DROP VIEW myview;

Column constraints

Set default text for a field	DEFAULT 'default text'
Enforce unique value	UNIQUE
Designate a column as a unique identifier	PRIMARY KEY > CREATE TABLE mytable → (Id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY);
Pointer to a primary key of a different table	FOREIGN KEY
Impose a condition for validation	CHECK > CREATE TABLE mytable → (CHECK(condition>0), bar TEXT);
Prevent NULL values	NOT NULL