



SQL Best Practices

A modern office interior with large windows and a long conference table with chairs. The image is overlaid with a blue tint and a white, torn-paper-like border.

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- you will always work in a team

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clean code

code that is *focused* and *understandable*, which means it must be readable, logical, and changeable

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assumption:

at your workplace, you will always type code cleanly -
as simple as possible, perfectly organized, maintaining a steady logical flow

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- names will constitute more than 80% of your code

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SQL

```
CREATE TABLE sales
(
    purchase_number INT,
    date_of_purchase DATE,
    customer_id VARCHAR(255),
    item_code VARCHAR(255),
    PRIMARY KEY (purchase_number)
);
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intervene manually and adjust your code as you like

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`# or --` *(for one-line comments)*

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