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PHP MySQL DELETE Query

In this tutorial you'll learn how to delete records from a MySQL table using PHP.

Deleting Database Table Data

Just as you insert records into tables, you can delete records from a table using the SQL DELETE statement. It is typically used in conjugation with the WHERE clause to delete only those records that matches specific criteria or condition.

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The basic syntax of the $\,$ DELETE $\,$ statement can be given with:

```
DELETE FROM table_name WHERE column_name=some_value
```

Let's make a SQL query using the DELETE statement and WHERE clause, after that we will execute this query through passing it to the PHP mysqli_query() function to delete the tables records. Consider the following *persons* table inside the *demo* database:

```
| id | first name | last name | email
  --+-----
  1 | Peter
              Parker
                        | peterparker@mail.com |
              Rambo
                        | johnrambo@mail.com
  2 John
 3 | Clark
              | Kent
                        | clarkkent@mail.com
              Carter
                        | johncarter@mail.com |
| 4 | John
  5 | Harry
              Potter
                        | harrypotter@mail.com |
```

The PHP code in the following example will delete the records of those persons from the *persons* table whose *first_name* is equal to John.

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     <?php
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     /* Attempt MySQL server connection. Assuming you are running MySQL
 3
     server with default setting (user 'root' with no password) */
     $link = mysqli_connect("localhost", "root", "", "demo");
 4
 5
     // Check connection
 6
 7
     if($link === false){
 8
         die("ERROR: Could not connect. " . mysqli_connect_error());
 9
10
11
     // Attempt delete query execution
     $sql = "DELETE FROM persons WHERE first_name='John'";
12
13
     if(mysqli_query($link, $sql)){
14
          echo "Records were deleted successfully.";
15
     } else{
16
          echo "ERROR: Could not able to execute $sql. " . mysqli_error($link);
17
18
     // Close connection
19
20
     mysqli_close($link);
21
```

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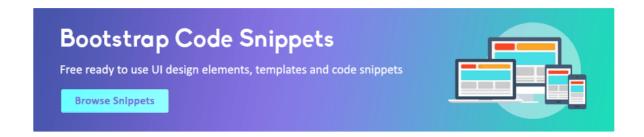
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After the deletion the persons table will look something like this: +---+ | id | first_name | last_name | email +---+ | 1 | Peter | Parker | peterparker@mail.com | | 3 | Clark Kent | clarkkent@mail.com | | harrypotter@mail.com | 5 Harry Potter As you can see the records has been deleted successfully from the persons table. Marning: The WHERE clause in the DELETE statement specifies which record or records should be deleted. If you omit the WHERE clause, all records will be deleted. **« PREVIOUS PAGE NEXT PAGE >>** ADVERTISEMENTS (i) X (i) X **Build AI into SQL Build AI into SQL** MindsDB MindsDB



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