

# Cassandra CRUD Operations



**Skills**  
Network

Estimated time needed: **15** minutes

## Objectives

After completing this lab you will be able to:

- Insert data into a table with an INSERT command
- Read data from a table by querying from it
- Update and delete data from the table based on specific criteria

## About This SN Labs Cloud IDE

This Skills Network Labs Cloud IDE provides a hands-on environment for course and project related labs. It utilizes Theia, an open-source IDE (Integrated Development Environment) platform, that can be run on desktop or on the cloud. To complete this lab, we will be using the Cloud IDE based on Theia and Cassandra running in a Docker container.

## Important Notice about this lab environment

Please be aware that sessions for this lab environment are not persisted. Every time you connect to this lab, a new environment is created for you. Any data you may have saved in the earlier session would get lost. Plan to complete these labs in a single session, to avoid losing your data.

## Exercise 1 - Getting the environment ready

1. Problem:

*Start the cassandra server.*

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Refer to the [Using the CQL Shell \(cqlsh\)](#) lab.

▼ Click here for Solution

Run the below command on the terminal.

1. 1

1. start\_cassandra

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2. Problem:

*Connect to the cassandra server.*

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Refer to the [Using the CQL Shell \(cqlsh\)](#) lab.

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Use the below command with the user name and password generated on your terminal window, when you started the cassandra server using start\_cassandra command.

1. 1

1. cqlsh --username cassandra --password MTg3MzMtcnNhbm5h

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3. Problem:

*Create a keyspace named **training** using SimpleStrategy and replication factor of 3.*

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use CREATE KEYSPACE command with appropriate options

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On the cqlsh run the below command.

1. 1

2. 2

1. CREATE KEYSPACE training
2. WITH replication = {'class':'SimpleStrategy', 'replication\_factor' : 3};

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#### 4. Problem:

*Create a table named **movies** with columns 'movie\_id' which is the primary key and integer type, 'movie\_name' of type text, and 'year\_of\_release' of type integer.*

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use CREATE TABLE command with appropriate options

#### ▼ Click here for Solution

On the cqlsh run the below command.

1. 1
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4
5. 5
6. 6

1. use training;
2. CREATE TABLE movies(
3. movie\_id int PRIMARY KEY,
4. movie\_name text,
5. year\_of\_release int
6. );

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## Exercise 2 - Insert data into a table

Let us insert a row into the table movies.

On cqlsh run the below command.

1. 1
2. 2
3. 3

1. INSERT into movies(
2. movie\_id, movie\_name, year\_of\_release)
3. VALUES (1,'Toy Story',1995);

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Verify that the data is saved.

1. 1

1. select \* from movies;

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Insert the below movies into the table.

movie_id	movie_name	year_of_release
2	Jumanji	1995
3	Heat	1995
4	Scream	1995
5	Fargo	1996

▼ [Click here for Solution](#)

On the cqlsh run the below command.

1. 1  
2. 2  
3. 3  
4. 4  
5. 5  
6. 6  
7. 7  
8. 8  
9. 9  
10. 10  
11. 11  
12. 12  
13. 13  
14. 14  
15. 15

```
1. INSERT into movies(  
2. movie_id, movie_name, year_of_release)  
3. VALUES (2,'Jumanji',1995);  
4.  
5. INSERT into movies(  
6. movie_id, movie_name, year_of_release)  
7. VALUES (3,'Heat',1995);  
8.  
9. INSERT into movies(  
10. movie_id, movie_name, year_of_release)  
11. VALUES (4,'Scream',1995);  
12.  
13. INSERT into movies(  
14. movie_id, movie_name, year_of_release)  
15. VALUES (5,'Fargo',1996);
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## Exercise 3 - Read data from a table

In the previous exercise you have inserted some data into the table named **movies**. Let us query the data in the **movies** table.

Query all rows.

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1. select * from movies;
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Query the movie name with movie\_id 1.

1. 1

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1. select movie_name from movies where movie_id = 1;
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## Exercise 4 - Update data in a table

The movie\_id for Scream is 4. It was released in 1996 and not 1995. Here is how you modify it.

1. 1

2. 2

3. 3

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1. UPDATE movies
2. SET year_of_release = 1996
3. WHERE movie_id = 4;
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Verify that the update was successful.

1. 1

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1. select * from movies where movie_id = 4;
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# Exercise 5 - Delete data from a table

Delete the movie with the movie\_id 5.

- 1.
- 2.

1. DELETE from movies
2. WHERE movie\_id = 5;

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Verify using the below command.

- 1.

1. select \* from movies;

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## Practice exercises

1. Problem:

*Insert the below movie into the movies table.*

movie_id	movie_name	year_of_release
6	Twister	1997

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use the command 'insert into table'

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On the cqlsh run the below command.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

1. INSERT into movies(  
2. movie\_id, movie\_name, year\_of\_release)  
3. VALUES (6, 'Twister', 1997);

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2. Problem:

*Modify the release year of Twister to 1996.*

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use the command ‘update table set column=value where column=value’

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On the cqlsh run the below command.

1. 1
2. 2
3. 3

1. UPDATE movies
2. SET year\_of\_release = 1996
3. WHERE movie\_id = 6;

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3. Problem:

*Delete the movie Twister.*

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use the command ‘delete from ..’

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On the cqlsh run the below command.

1. 1
2. 2

1. DELETE from movies
2. WHERE movie\_id = 6;

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4. Problem:

*Drop the **training** keyspace.*

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use the ‘drop keyspace’ command

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On the cqlsh run the below command.

1. 1

1. drop keyspace training;

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5. Problem:

*Disconnect from the cassandra server.*

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Refer to the [Using the CQL Shell \(cqlsh\)](#) lab.

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Run the below command on the terminal.

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1. exit

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## Change Log

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