





Structured Query Language (SQL)

Bachelor of Information Systems





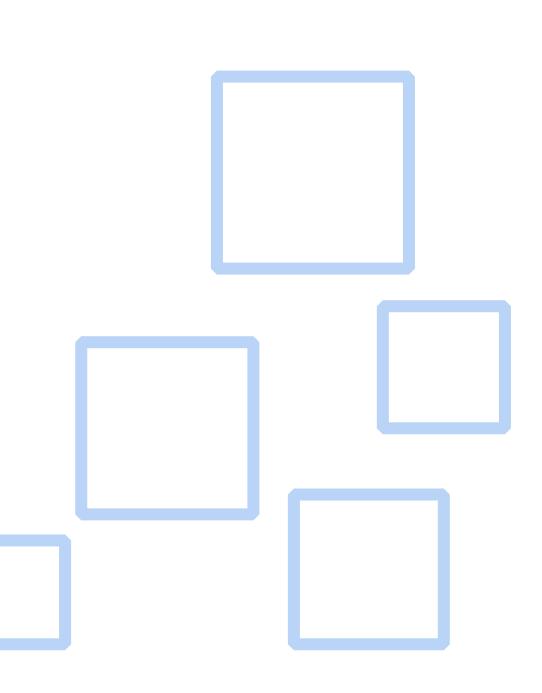


Learning Objective(s)



This material should address the following question(s).

- How do we communicate with relational databases?
- ? What are the SQL language elements?
- What are the SQL statements categories?
- ? What are the SQL syntax rules?





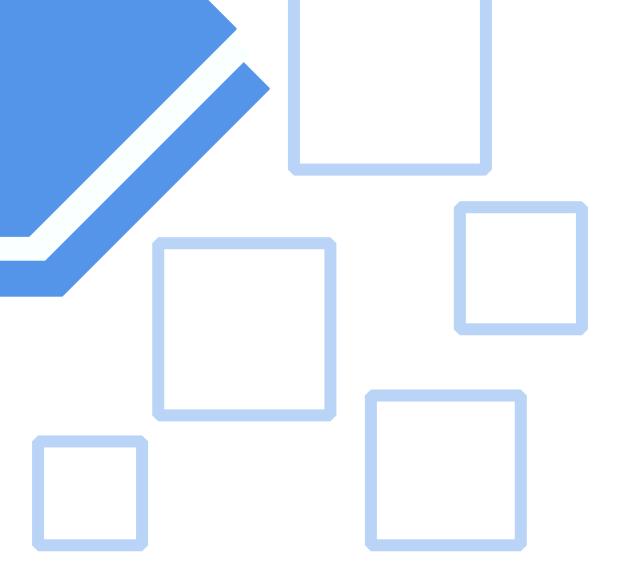


How do we communicates with relational databases?



First thing first

Query languages provide a standardized way for users to communicate their information needs to the database system.





SQL

- Structured Query Language (SQL) is a standard programming language for accessing, manipulating, and controlling data stored in a relational database.
- SQL became a standard of the ANSI in 1986, and of the ISO in 1987.



SQL statement



Result





What are the SQL language elements?



Language Elements

- SQL is a declarative language.
- SQL key elements:
 - statement, query, keywords, identifiers, clauses, predicates, and expressions.
- In essence, all queries are statements, but not all statements are queries.

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STATEMENT (QUERY) [KEYWORD] [IDENTIFIER]

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FROM book!

WHERE published year = 2000;
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What are the SQL statements categories?



SQL

 SQL statements are generally considered to be either Data Manipulation Language (DML) statements or Data Definition Language (DDL) statements

DDL	DML
It is used to define the database conceptual schema.	It is used used for specifying database retrievals and updates.
The keywords: CREATE, ALTER, DROP, etc.	The keywords: SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE, MERGE, etc.





What are the SQL syntax rules?



SQL Syntax Rules (1/4)

- SQL statements always start with the keywords.
- SQL keywords must be written in uppercase.
- SQL statements must end with a semicolon (;).
- Numeric values should not be enclosed in quotes.

Example:

- >> SELECT title, published_year
- FROM book
- WHERE published_year = 2000;



SQL Syntax Rules (2/4)

- String values must be enclosed in single quotes (' ').
- Table and column names should be written in lowercase.
- If multiple words are used, they should be separated by an underscore (_) or camelCase.
- SQL is not case-sensitive, which means the **select keyword** is the same as the **SELECT**.



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Example:
SELECT title, published_year
FROM book
WHERE title = 'Amazing';
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SQL Syntax Rules (3/4)

- Date values must be enclosed in single quotes ('') and should be in the format 'YYYY-MM-DD'.
- Each clause in a SQL statement should be written on a separate line for better readability.
- When using the WHERE clause, the operator must be placed between the column name and the value being compared.

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Example:
    SELECT title, published_date
    FROM book
    WHERE published_date = '2023-01-01';
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SQL Syntax Rules (4/4)

- When joining tables, the ON clause should specify the relationship between the columns of the two tables.
- The SELECT clause must come first in a SELECT statement, followed by the FROM clause and other clauses such as WHERE, JOIN, GROUP BY, and ORDER BY.

Example:

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SELECT book.title, book_copy.location
FROM book
JOIN book_copy
ON book.call id = book copy.call id;
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Conclusion



- The Structured Query Language (SQL) is a standard programming language used to communicate with relational databases.
- The language elements of SQL are statement, query, keywords, identifiers, clauses, predicates, and expressions.
- SQL statements are generally considered to be either DML statements or DDL statements.
- There are some of the most important rules to keep in mind when writing SQL statements.



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