





# SQL STATEMENT:

DROP

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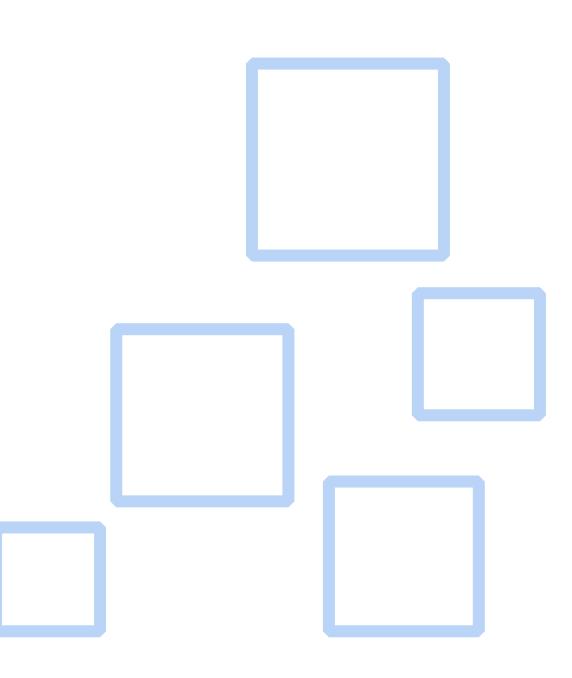


## Learning Objective(s)



This material should address the following question(s).

- How do we delete an existing database in SQL?
- How do we delete an existing table in SQL?





# Question



How do we delete an existing database in SQL?



## DROP DATABASE

- DROP DATABASE is used to delete an existing database along with all the data such as tables, views, indexes, stored procedures, and constraints.
- Syntax:DROP DATABASE DatabaseName;

### **Example:**

Database
master
performance_schema
information_schema
mysql
Library

Delete Library database

```
DROP DATABASE Library;

SHOW DATABASES;
```

#### Output:

```
Database
master
performance_schema
information_schema
mysql
```



# DROP DATABASE IF EXISTS

- Instead of always checking if a database exists or not before dropping it.
- Use IF EXISTS clause to check whether the database exists before trying to delete it.
- Syntax:
   DROP DATABASE IF EXISTS
   DatabaseName:



## **Example:**

Database
master
performance_schema
information_schema
mysql

Delete Library database if it exists

DROP DATABASE IF EXISTS Library;

#### Output:

The query will be ignored with the following output displayed:

Query OK, 0 rows affected, 1 warning (0.000 sec)

# DELETING MULTIPLE DATABASE

- DROP DATABASE is used to delete an existing database along with all the data such as tables, views, indexes, stored procedures, and constraints.
- Syntax:
   DROP DATABASE DatabaseName1,
   DatabaseName2, DatabaseNameN:



## **Example:**

Database
master
performance_schema
information_schema
mysql
Library1
Library2

Delete Library1 and Library2 databases

```
DROP DATABASE Library1, Library2;
```

```
SHOW DATABASES;
```

#### Output:

Database	
master	
performance_schema	
information_schema	
mysql	

# Question



How do we **delete** an existing **table** in SQL?



## DROP TABLE

- Use prop table to remove a table's definition, and its data, indexes, triggers, constraints and permission specifications (if any).
- Syntax:DROP TABLE TableName:

### **Example:**

Tables_in_Library
Assignments
Books
Members
Roles

Delete Roles table

```
DROP TABLE Roles;
```

List all tables in current database

```
SHOW TABLES;
```

### Output:

```
Tables_in_Library
Assignments
Books
Members
```



# DROP TABLE IF EXISTS

- Instead of always checking if the table exists or not in a database before dropping it.
- Use IF EXISTS clause to check whether the table exists in the current database and then drops it, if yes, else it will be ignored.
- Syntax:
   DROP TABLE IF EXISTS TableName;



## **Example:**

Tables_in_Library
Assignments
Books
Members
Roles

Delete Authors table if it exists

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS Authors;

#### Output:

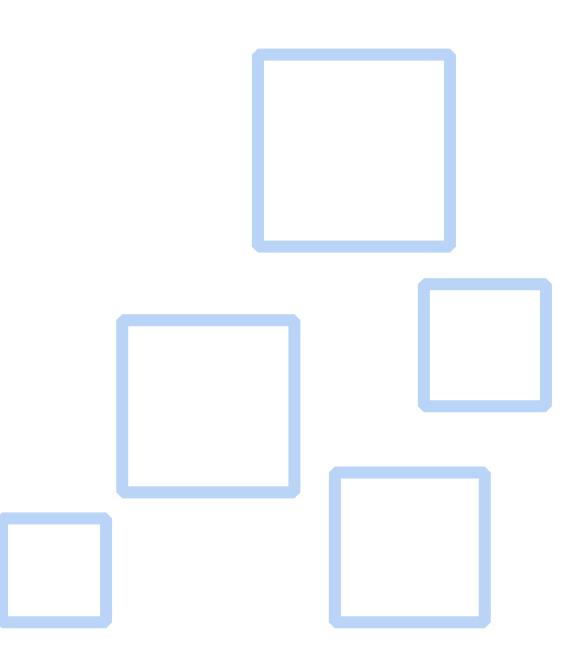
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## Conclusion



- Use DROP DATABASE or DROP DATABASE IF EXISTS to delete an existing database in SQL.
- Use DROP TABLE or DROP TABLE IF EXISTS to delete an existing table in SQL.





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