

# DELETE

As the name suggests, the DELETE statement would remove data from your database.

The syntax is as follows:

```
DELETE FROM users WHERE id=5;
```

The output should indicate that 1 row was affected:

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)
```

Important: Just like the UPDATE statement, if you don't specify a WHERE clause, all of the entries from the table will be affected, meaning that all of your users will be deleted. So, it is critical to always add a WHERE clause when executing a DELETE statement.

```
DELETE FROM users;
```

The output should indicate (where x is the number of tuples in the table):

```
Query OK, x row(s) affected (0.047 sec)
```

Similar to the Linux rm command, when you use the DELETE statement, the data would be gone permanently, and the only way to recover your data would be by restoring a backup.