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# OTHER DDL Commands

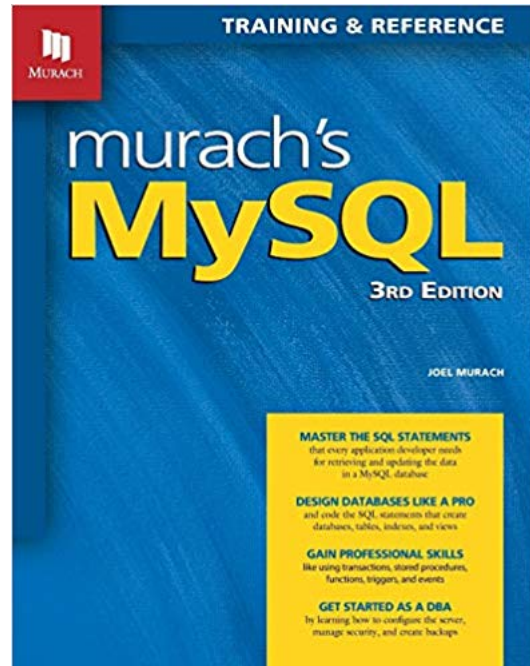
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## Topic 3

### Lesson 10 – More commands for table structure modification

# Chapter 5, 11 Murach's MySQL

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# CREATE TABLE AS Operation in SQL

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Use the CREATE TABLE AS command when you want to store the result of a query as a base table.

The structure of the table is defined by the structure of the result. The data types are determined by the data types of the returned fields.

This command combines the CREATE and the INSERT command.

SYNTAX:

```
CREATE TABLE table_name AS select_statement
```

# EXAMPLE: CREATE TABLE AS

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Create a copy of the Student table.

```
CREATE TABLE student_copy AS  
SELECT * FROM students;
```

ID	Name	School	Credits_Earned	Credits_Req	Yr_o_grad
1	Smith	Khoury	32	120	2019
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# Remove a table

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- Use the command **DROP** to remove the table from a database. All data as well as the definition of the table is removed from the database.

```
DROP TABLE Student;
```

# Alter the structure of a table

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The alter command allows a user to change the structure of the table such as add/change/delete fields, add / change/ remove constraints.

SYNTAX:

```
ALTER TABLE    [db_name.]table_name
{
ADD              column_name data_type
    [column_attributes] |
DROP COLUMN      column_name |
MODIFY           column_name data_type
    [column_attributes] |
RENAME COLUMN    old_column_name TO
    new_column_name
}
```

# EXAMPLE: ALTER a table

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Add a field to a table

```
ALTER TABLE student ADD column email VARCHAR(20);
```

Drop a field from a table

```
ALTER TABLE student DROP column credits_earned;
```

Change a field constraint

```
ALTER TABLE student MODIFY column email VARCHAR(20)  
                        DEFAULT "UNKNOWN";
```

If a modification to a table would lose tuples the ALTER command will fail.

# Summary

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In this module you learned:

- CREATE TABLE AS
- DROP
- ALTER command