

# SQLite with Python: Full Guide


SQLite is a lightweight **relational database** built into Python — no server setup required! 

## 1. Import & Connect to a Database

```
import sqlite3

# Connect to a database file (creates file if it doesn't exist)
conn = sqlite3.connect('my_database.db')


# Create a cursor object to execute SQL commands
cursor = conn.cursor()
```

 Tip: Use `:memory:` to create a temporary in-memory DB:

```
conn = sqlite3.connect(':memory:')
```

## 2. Create a Table

```
cursor.execute('''
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS users (
    id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT,
    name TEXT NOT NULL,
    age INTEGER,
    email TEXT UNIQUE
)
''')
conn.commit()
```

 Use `AUTOINCREMENT` for unique primary keys. ☒ `conn.commit()` saves the changes.

## 3. Insert Data into the Table

```
cursor.execute("INSERT INTO users (name, age, email) VALUES (?, ?, ?)",
               ("Darshan", 23, "darshan@example.com"))
conn.commit()
```

☒ Always use `?` placeholders to prevent SQL injection.

You can also insert multiple records:

```
users = [  
    ("Asha", 28, "asha@mail.com"),  
    ("Ravi", 32, "ravi@mail.com")  
]  
cursor.executemany("INSERT INTO users (name, age, email) VALUES (?, ?, ?)", users)  
conn.commit()
```

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## 4. Read / Query Data

```
cursor.execute("SELECT * FROM users")  
rows = cursor.fetchall()  
  
for row in rows:  
    print(row)
```

 Use `.fetchall()` to get all rows, or `.fetchone()` for a single record.

Query with a condition:

```
cursor.execute("SELECT name FROM users WHERE age > ?", (25,))  
print(cursor.fetchall())
```

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## 5. Update Records

```
cursor.execute("UPDATE users SET age = ? WHERE name = ?", (24, "Darshan"))  
conn.commit()
```

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## 6. Delete Records

```
cursor.execute("DELETE FROM users WHERE name = ?", ("Ravi",))  
conn.commit()
```


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## 7. Close Connection

```
conn.close()
```

## 8. Use `with` Statement (Auto Close & Commit)

```
with sqlite3.connect('my_database.db') as conn:
    cursor = conn.cursor()
    cursor.execute("SELECT * FROM users")
    print(cursor.fetchall())
```

 Best practice: Ensures connection closes automatically.

## BONUS: Dict-Like Access to Rows

To access rows as dictionaries:

```
conn.row_factory = sqlite3.Row
cursor = conn.cursor()
cursor.execute("SELECT * FROM users")
row = cursor.fetchone()

print(row["name"]) # dict-style access
```

## Sample Project Use Case: Simple Login System

```
import sqlite3

def login_user(email):
    with sqlite3.connect('my_database.db') as conn:
        cursor = conn.cursor()
        cursor.execute("SELECT * FROM users WHERE email = ?", (email,))
        user = cursor.fetchone()
        if user:
            print(f"Welcome, {user[1]}!")
        else:
            print("User not found.")

login_user("darshan@example.com")
```




## Tips and Gotchas

**Tip** 

**Description**

Tip 💡	Description
Use <code>executemany()</code>	For bulk insertions
Use <code>?</code> placeholders	Prevent SQL injection
Always commit	After insert/update/delete
Use <code>.fetchone()</code> for single record	Efficient for exact match queries
<code>.row_factory = sqlite3.Row</code>	Enables dict-like row access
Keep <code>conn</code> and <code>cursor</code> inside <code>with</code> block	Cleaner and safer

## Libraries Built on SQLite

-  `SQLAlchemy` – ORM with SQLite backend
-  `Peewee` – Lightweight ORM
-  `Pandas` – You can read/write to SQLite using `.to_sql()` and `pd.read_sql()`

## SQLite Cheat Sheet in Python

### Import & Connect

```
import sqlite3

conn = sqlite3.connect('mydatabase.db') # Creates or opens DB
cursor = conn.cursor()
```

### Create Table

```
cursor.execute("""
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS users (
    id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY,
    name TEXT NOT NULL,
    email TEXT UNIQUE
)
""")
conn.commit()
```

### Insert Data

```
cursor.execute("INSERT INTO users (name, email) VALUES (?, ?)", ("Alice",  
"alice@example.com"))  
conn.commit()
```

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### Read Data

```
cursor.execute("SELECT * FROM users")  
rows = cursor.fetchall()  
  
for row in rows:  
    print(row)
```

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### Update Data

```
cursor.execute("UPDATE users SET email=? WHERE name=?", ("new@example.com",  
"Alice"))  
conn.commit()
```

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### Delete Data

```
cursor.execute("DELETE FROM users WHERE name=?", ("Alice",))  
conn.commit()
```

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### Close Connection

```
conn.close()
```

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## Build a Mini CRUD App with SQLite + Python CLI

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```
import sqlite3  
  
def connect():  
    return sqlite3.connect("crud_app.db")  
  
def create_table():
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with connect() as conn:
    conn.execute('''CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS notes (
        id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY,
        title TEXT NOT NULL,
        content TEXT
    )''')

def add_note(title, content):
    with connect() as conn:
        conn.execute("INSERT INTO notes (title, content) VALUES (?, ?)", (title,
content))

def view_notes():
    with connect() as conn:
        notes = conn.execute("SELECT * FROM notes").fetchall()
        for note in notes:
            print(note)

def update_note(note_id, title, content):
    with connect() as conn:
        conn.execute("UPDATE notes SET title=?, content=? WHERE id=?", (title,
content, note_id))

def delete_note(note_id):
    with connect() as conn:
        conn.execute("DELETE FROM notes WHERE id=?", (note_id,))

# Usage
create_table()
add_note("First Note", "This is a test.")
view_notes()
update_note(1, "Updated Note", "Changed the content.")
delete_note(1)

```

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## Flask + SQLite Integration

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```

from flask import Flask, request, jsonify
import sqlite3

app = Flask(__name__)

def connect():
    return sqlite3.connect('flask_users.db')

@app.route('/users', methods=['GET'])
def get_users():
    conn = connect()
    cursor = conn.cursor()
    users = cursor.execute("SELECT * FROM users").fetchall()

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        conn.close()
        return jsonify(users)

@app.route('/users', methods=['POST'])
def add_user():
    data = request.get_json()
    with connect() as conn:
        conn.execute("INSERT INTO users (name, email) VALUES (?, ?)",
            (data['name'], data['email']))
    return jsonify({"message": "User added"}), 201

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run(debug=True)

```

## ⚡ FastAPI + SQLite Integration ✨

```

from fastapi import FastAPI, HTTPException
from pydantic import BaseModel
import sqlite3

app = FastAPI()

class User(BaseModel):
    name: str
    email: str

def connect():
    return sqlite3.connect("fastapi_users.db")

@app.post("/users/")
def add_user(user: User):
    with connect() as conn:
        conn.execute("INSERT INTO users (name, email) VALUES (?, ?)", (user.name,
            user.email))
    return {"message": "User created"}

@app.get("/users/")
def get_users():
    conn = connect()
    cursor = conn.cursor()
    users = cursor.execute("SELECT * FROM users").fetchall()
    conn.close()
    return {"users": users}

```

## ☑ Pro Tips

- Use `with sqlite3.connect()` for auto-closing connections.
- Use `row_factory = sqlite3.Row` for dict-like results.
- `sqlite3` is built-in. No need to install separately.
- For production, consider using [SQLAlchemy](#) for ORM.





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## YouTube Video Manager App with SQLite

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### Objective:

A CLI (Command Line Interface) app to manage a list of YouTube videos using **SQLite** for storage. Perform full CRUD operations:

-  Create
-  Read
-  Update
-  Delete

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### Technologies Used:

- `sqlite3` – Built-in Python module for SQLite DB
- `Python` – For scripting
- `Terminal/CLI` – To run and interact

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## Database Setup

```
import sqlite3

conn = sqlite3.connect('youtube_videos.db') # 🔄 Creates or connects to SQLite
database file

cursor = conn.cursor()

cursor.execute('''
    CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS videos (
        id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY,
        name TEXT NOT NULL,
        time TEXT NOT NULL
    )
''')
```

### Explanation:

- `sqlite3.connect()` opens the DB file (creates if not exists).
- `cursor.execute()` runs SQL commands.
- `CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS` ensures the table is created only once.




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## Features & Functions

### 1 List All Videos

```
def list_videos():  
    cursor.execute("SELECT * FROM videos")  
    for row in cursor.fetchall():  
        print(row)
```

 Fetches and prints all rows from **videos** table.

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### 2 Add New Video

```
def add_video(name, time):  
    cursor.execute("INSERT INTO videos (name, time) VALUES (?, ?)", (name, time))  
    conn.commit()
```

 Adds a new record with safe parameterized SQL to prevent SQL injection.

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### 3 Update Video Details


```
def update_video(video_id, new_name, new_time):  
    cursor.execute("UPDATE videos SET name = ?, time = ? WHERE id = ?", (new_name,  
new_time, video_id))  
    conn.commit()
```

 Modifies video info by **id**.

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### 4 Delete a Video

```
def delete_video(video_id):  
    cursor.execute("DELETE FROM videos WHERE id = ?", (video_id,))  
    conn.commit()
```

 Deletes video from DB by its ID.

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## Main App Loop

```
def main():
    while True:
        print("\nYoutube manager app with DB")
        print("1. List Videos")
        print("2. Add Videos")
        print("3. Update Videos")
        print("4. Delete Videos")
        print("5. Exit App")

        choice = input("Enter your choice: ")

        if choice == '1':
            list_videos()
        elif choice == '2':
            name = input("Enter the video name: ")
            time = input("Enter the video time: ")
            add_video(name, time)
        elif choice == '3':
            video_id = input("Enter video ID to update: ")
            name = input("Enter the new video name: ")
            time = input("Enter the new video time: ")
            update_video(video_id, name, time)
        elif choice == '4':
            video_id = input("Enter video ID to delete: ")
            delete_video(video_id)
        elif choice == '5':
            break
        else:
            print("Invalid Choice")

    conn.close()

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
```

✎ Handles all UI and user inputs. Uses a loop to offer options repeatedly.

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## ☑ Sample Output:

```
Youtube manager app with DB
1. List Videos
2. Add Videos
3. Update Videos
4. Delete Videos
5. Exit App
Enter your choice: 2
Enter the video name: Python Decorators
Enter the video time: 12:30
```

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## Best Practices & Enhancements:






### Error Handling:

Add try-except blocks to avoid crashes.

```
try:
    cursor.execute("...")
except sqlite3.Error as e:
    print("Database error:", e)
```

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## Feature Upgrades:

-  Search by name or ID
-  Sort by video duration or name
-  Unit Tests using **unittest**
-  Convert to web app using **Flask** or **FastAPI**
-  Export data to CSV

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## Project Structure:

```
youtube_manager/
├── youtube_videos.db      # SQLite database file (auto-created)
└── app.py                # Main Python script
```

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## Convert to Flask/FastAPI (Bonus):

Flask Example:

```
from flask import Flask, request, jsonify
import sqlite3

app = Flask(__name__)

@app.route('/videos', methods=['GET'])
def get_videos():
    conn = sqlite3.connect('youtube_videos.db')
    cursor = conn.cursor()
    cursor.execute("SELECT * FROM videos")
    videos = cursor.fetchall()
    conn.close()
    return jsonify(videos)
```

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# Similarly, add POST, PUT, DELETE routes
```

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