

BigQuery SQL Cheat Sheet

Basic SQL Commands

1. CREATE TABLE

Syntax:

sql

code:

```
CREATE TABLE `project_id.dataset_id.table_name` (  
    column_name1 DATA_TYPE,  
    column_name2 DATA_TYPE,  
    ...  
);
```

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Example:

sql

code:

```
CREATE TABLE `my_project.my_dataset.daily_activity_1` (  
    user_id STRING,  
    activity_date DATE,  
    steps INTEGER,  
    calories FLOAT64  
);
```

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2. DROP TABLE

Syntax:

sql

code:

```
DROP TABLE `project_id.dataset_id.table_name`;
```

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3. SELECT

Syntax:

sql

code:

```
SELECT column1, column2, ...  
FROM `project_id.dataset_id.table_name`  
WHERE condition;
```

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Example:

sql

code:

```
SELECT user_id, steps  
FROM `my_project.my_dataset.daily_activity_1`  
WHERE activity_date = '2024-08-26';
```

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4. INSERT INTO

Syntax:

sql

code:

```
INSERT INTO `project_id.dataset_id.table_name` (column1, column2, ...)  
VALUES (value1, value2, ...);
```

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Example:

sql

code:

```
INSERT INTO `my_project.my_dataset.daily_activity_1` (user_id,  
activity_date, steps, calories)  
VALUES ('user123', '2024-08-26', 10000, 250.5);
```

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5. UPDATE

Syntax:

sql

code:

```
UPDATE `project_id.dataset_id.table_name`  
SET column1 = value1, column2 = value2, ...  
WHERE condition;
```

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Example:

sql

code:

```
UPDATE `my_project.my_dataset.daily_activity_1`  
SET steps = 11000  
WHERE user_id = 'user123' AND activity_date = '2024-08-26';
```

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6. DELETE

Syntax:

sql

code:

```
DELETE FROM `project_id.dataset_id.table_name`  
WHERE condition;
```

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Example:

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code:

```
DELETE FROM `my_project.my_dataset.daily_activity_1`  
WHERE user_id = 'user123' AND activity_date = '2024-08-26';
```

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7. ALTER TABLE

Syntax:

sql

code:

```
ALTER TABLE `project_id.dataset_id.table_name`  
ADD COLUMN new_column_name DATA_TYPE;
```

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Example:

sql

code:

```
ALTER TABLE `my_project.my_dataset.daily_activity_1`  
ADD COLUMN new_column STRING;
```

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Common SQL Functions

1. Aggregate Functions

COUNT():

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code:

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM `project_id.dataset_id.table_name`;
```

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SUM():

sql

code:

```
SELECT SUM(column_name) FROM `project_id.dataset_id.table_name`;
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AVG():

sql

code:

```
SELECT AVG(column_name) FROM `project_id.dataset_id.table_name`;
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MAX():

sql

code:

```
SELECT MAX(column_name) FROM `project_id.dataset_id.table_name`;
```

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MIN():

sql

code:

```
SELECT MIN(column_name) FROM `project_id.dataset_id.table_name`;
```

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2. String Functions

CONCAT():

sql

code:

```
SELECT CONCAT(column1, column2) AS combined_column FROM  
`project_id.dataset_id.table_name`;
```

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UPPER():

sql

code:

```
SELECT UPPER(column_name) FROM `project_id.dataset_id.table_name`;
```

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LOWER():

sql

code:

```
SELECT LOWER(column_name) FROM `project_id.dataset_id.table_name`;
```

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SUBSTRING():

sql

code:

```
SELECT SUBSTRING(column_name, start_position, length) FROM  
`project_id.dataset_id.table_name`;
```

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3. Date Functions

CURRENT_DATE():

sql

code:

```
SELECT CURRENT_DATE();
```

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DATE():

sql

code:

```
SELECT DATE('2024-08-26');
```

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EXTRACT():

sql

code:

```
SELECT EXTRACT(YEAR FROM date_column) FROM  
`project_id.dataset_id.table_name`;
```

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- 4. **Conditional Functions**

IF():

sql

code:

```
SELECT IF(condition, value_if_true, value_if_false) FROM  
`project_id.dataset_id.table_name`;
```

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- COALESCE():**

sql

code:

```
SELECT COALESCE(column1, column2, 'default_value') FROM  
`project_id.dataset_id.table_name`;
```

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- ## Advanced SQL Commands

- 1. **JOIN**

Syntax:

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code:

```
SELECT a.column1, b.column2  
FROM `project_id.dataset_id.table_a` a  
JOIN `project_id.dataset_id.table_b` b  
ON a.common_column = b.common_column;
```

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- 2. **GROUP BY**

Syntax:

sql

code:

```
SELECT column1, COUNT(*)  
FROM `project_id.dataset_id.table_name`  
GROUP BY column1;
```

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- 3. **ORDER BY**

Syntax:

sql

code:

```
SELECT column1, column2
FROM `project_id.dataset_id.table_name`
ORDER BY column1 ASC;
```

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4. **LIMIT**

Syntax:

sql

code:

```
SELECT *
FROM `project_id.dataset_id.table_name`
LIMIT 10;
```

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BigQuery-Specific Functions

1. **ARRAY_AGG()**

Syntax:

sql

code:

```
SELECT ARRAY_AGG(column_name) FROM `project_id.dataset_id.table_name`;
```

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2. **STRUCT()**

Syntax:

sql

code:

```
SELECT STRUCT(column1 AS field1, column2 AS field2) FROM
`project_id.dataset_id.table_name`;
```

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3. **GENERATE_ARRAY()**

Syntax:

sql

code:

```
SELECT GENERATE_ARRAY(1, 10);
```

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Basic Syntax Rules

1. **Semicolon (;)**
 - End each SQL statement with a semicolon.
2. **Identifiers**
 - Use backticks (`) to enclose project, dataset, and table names, especially if they contain special characters or reserved words.
3. **String Literals**
 - Enclose string literals in single quotes (').
4. **Comments**
 - Use `--` for single-line comments and `/* ... */` for multi-line comments.

Types of sql joins:

1. INNER JOIN

- **Purpose:** Returns rows that have matching values in both tables.
- **Result:** Only rows with matching keys in both tables are included.

Example:

sql

code:

```
SELECT a.*, b.*  
FROM table1 a  
INNER JOIN table2 b  
ON a.id = b.id;
```

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2. LEFT JOIN (or LEFT OUTER JOIN)

- **Purpose:** Returns all rows from the left table and the matched rows from the right table. If no match is found, NULL values are returned for columns from the right table.
- **Result:** Includes all rows from the left table, with matched rows from the right table.

Example:

sql

code:

```
SELECT a.*, b.*  
FROM table1 a
```



```
LEFT JOIN table2 b
ON a.id = b.id;
```

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3. RIGHT JOIN (or RIGHT OUTER JOIN)

- **Purpose:** Returns all rows from the right table and the matched rows from the left table. If no match is found, NULL values are returned for columns from the left table.
- **Result:** Includes all rows from the right table, with matched rows from the left table.

Example:

sql

code:

```
SELECT a.*, b.*
FROM table1 a
RIGHT JOIN table2 b
ON a.id = b.id;
```

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4. FULL JOIN (or FULL OUTER JOIN)

- **Purpose:** Returns all rows when there is a match in either the left or right table. Non-matching rows will have NULL values for columns from the table without a match.
- **Result:** Includes all rows from both tables, with NULLs where there are no matches.

Example:

sql

code:

```
SELECT a.*, b.*
FROM table1 a
FULL JOIN table2 b
ON a.id = b.id;
```

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5. CROSS JOIN

- **Purpose:** Returns the Cartesian product of both tables. Every row from the first table is combined with every row from the second table.
- **Result:** Includes all possible combinations of rows from both tables.

Example:

sql

code:

```
SELECT a.*, b.*  
FROM table1 a  
CROSS JOIN table2 b;
```

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6. SELF JOIN

- **Purpose:** Joins a table with itself. Useful for comparing rows within the same table.
- **Result:** Includes rows from the same table with different aliases.

Example:

sql

code:

```
SELECT a.*, b.*  
FROM table1 a  
INNER JOIN table1 b  
ON a.id = b.related_id;
```

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These joins allow you to combine data from multiple tables in various ways to meet your querying needs.