1. Introduction to SQL

What is SQL? Types of SQL:

- DDL (Data Definition Language) CREATE, ALTER, DROP, TRUNCATE
- DML (Data Manipulation Language) SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE
- DCL (Data Control Language) GRANT, REVOKE
- TCL (Transaction Control Language) COMMIT, ROLLBACK, SAVEPOINT SQL vs NoSQL

2. Database Basics

What is a database?

Types of databases (Relational & Non-relational)

Popular relational databases: MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQL Server, Oracle, SQLite

3. SQL Basics (CRUD Operations)

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Creating a database & tables (CREATE DATABASE, CREATE TABLE)
   Inserting data (INSERT INTO)
   Reading data (SELECT)
   Updating data (UPDATE)
   Deleting data (DELETE)
   Example:
sql
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CREATE TABLE employees (
    id INT PRIMARY KEY,
    name VARCHAR(50),
    age INT,
    department VARCHAR(50)
);
INSERT INTO employees (id, name, age, department)
VALUES (1, 'Alice', 30, 'IT');
```

4. Filtering Data

WHERE Clause – Filtering rows **Operators:**

- Arithmetic (+, -, *, /)
- Comparison (=, !=, >, <, >=, <=)

Logical (AND, OR, NOT)
 BETWEEN, IN, LIKE, IS NULL

Example:

```
sql
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SELECT * FROM employees WHERE age > 25 AND department = 'IT';
```

5. Sorting and Aggregation

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ORDER BY – Sorting results (ASC, DESC)
GROUP BY – Grouping data
HAVING – Filtering groups
Aggregate functions:
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COUNT(), SUM(), AVG(), MIN(), MAX()

Example:

sql
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SELECT department, COUNT(*) AS total_employees
FROM employees
GROUP BY department
HAVING COUNT(*) > 5
ORDER BY total_employees DESC;

6. Joins in SQL

Types of Joins:

- **INNER JOIN** Matches rows in both tables
- **LEFT JOIN** All rows from the left table, matching from right
- **RIGHT JOIN** All rows from the right table, matching from left
- **FULL OUTER JOIN** Combines both tables
- **SELF JOIN** Joins the table with itself

Using ON and USING clauses

Example:

```
sql
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SELECT e.name, d.department_name
FROM employees e
INNER JOIN departments d ON e.department = d.id;
```

7. Subqueries & CTEs

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Subqueries (Nested Queries)
Common Table Expressions (CTEs)

Example:

sql
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WITH employee_count AS (
    SELECT department, COUNT(*) AS total FROM employees GROUP BY department
)
SELECT * FROM employee_count WHERE total > 10;
```

8. Indexes & Performance Optimization

What are indexes?
Clustered vs Non-clustered Indexes
Creating and Dropping Indexes
Query Optimization Techniques
EXPLAIN / ANALYZE Statements

Example:

```
sql
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CREATE INDEX idx_employee_name ON employees (name);
```

9. Views & Stored Procedures

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Creating Views (CREATE VIEW)
Stored Procedures (CREATE PROCEDURE)
Functions (CREATE FUNCTION)
Triggers (CREATE TRIGGER)

Example:

sql
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CREATE VIEW active_employees AS
SELECT * FROM employees WHERE status = 'active';
```

10. Transactions & ACID Properties

What are transactions?
ACID Properties (Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, Durability)
Using COMMIT, ROLLBACK, and SAVEPOINT

Example:

```
sql
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BEGIN TRANSACTION;
UPDATE accounts SET balance = balance - 100 WHERE id = 1;
UPDATE accounts SET balance = balance + 100 WHERE id = 2;
COMMIT;
```

11. Advanced SQL Topics

Partitioning Tables (PARTITION BY)
JSON Functions in SQL
Full-Text Search
Materialized Views
Recursive Queries

12. SQL for Data Analysis

Window Functions (ROW_NUMBER(), RANK(), DENSE_RANK())
PIVOT and UNPIVOT Operations
Case Statements

Example:

How to Learn SQL Effectively?

Practice with Real Data – Use sample datasets like Sakila, Chinook, or AdventureWorks.

Work on Projects – Build a mini database for inventory, employee management, or ecommerce.

Use Online Platforms – Leetcode (SQL), HackerRank, Mode Analytics. **Explore Advanced Topics** – Learn **PL/SQL** (Oracle) or **T-SQL** (SQL Server).

SQL (Structured Query Language) - Detailed Guide

1. Introduction to SQL

SQL (**Structured Query Language**) is a programming language used to **manage and manipulate relational databases**. It allows users to store, retrieve, modify, and delete data efficiently.

Types of SQL Commands:

SQL commands are categorized into four main types:

1.1 DDL (Data Definition Language)

DDL commands are used to **define, alter, or delete** the structure of database objects (tables, indexes, views, etc.).

- CREATE Creates tables, databases, indexes, etc.
- ALTER Modifies an existing table structure.
- DROP Deletes a database object.
- TRUNCATE Deletes all records but keeps the structure.

Example:

```
sql
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CREATE TABLE employees (
    id INT PRIMARY KEY,
    name VARCHAR(50),
    age INT,
    department VARCHAR(50));
```

1.2 DML (Data Manipulation Language)

DML commands deal with the **manipulation of data** (inserting, updating, and deleting records).

- INSERT Adds new data into a table.
- UPDATE Modifies existing records.
- DELETE Removes records.

Example:

```
sql
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INSERT INTO employees (id, name, age, department) VALUES (1, 'Alice', 30, 'IT');
UPDATE employees SET age = 32 WHERE id = 1;
DELETE FROM employees WHERE id = 1;
```

1.3 DCL (Data Control Language)

DCL commands are used for **user access control**.

- GRANT Provides privileges to users.
- REVOKE Removes privileges from users.

Example:

```
sql
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GRANT SELECT, INSERT ON employees TO user1;
REVOKE INSERT ON employees FROM user1;
```

1.4 TCL (Transaction Control Language)

TCL commands manage transactions.

- COMMIT Saves changes permanently.
- ROLLBACK Undoes changes.
- SAVEPOINT Creates checkpoints for rollback.

Example:

```
sql
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BEGIN TRANSACTION;
UPDATE employees SET age = 35 WHERE id = 1;
ROLLBACK; -- Undo changes
```

2. Database Basics

A **database** is a collection of structured data stored electronically. SQL works with **Relational Databases**, where data is organized into **tables** (rows & columns).

Popular Relational Databases:

- **MySQL** Open-source, widely used.
- **PostgreSQL** Advanced features, open-source.
- **SQL Server** Microsoft's enterprise solution.
- **Oracle SQL** High-performance databases.
- **SQLite** Lightweight database.

3. SQL Basics (CRUD Operations)

CRUD stands for:

- Create → INSERT
- Read → SELECT
- Update → UPDATE
- **D**elete → **D**ELETE

3.1 Creating a Table

```
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CREATE TABLE employees (
   id INT PRIMARY KEY,
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   age INT,
   department VARCHAR(50)
);
```

3.2 Inserting Data

```
sql
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INSERT INTO employees (id, name, age, department)
VALUES (1, 'Alice', 30, 'IT');
```

3.3 Reading Data (SELECT)

```
sql
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SELECT * FROM employees;
SELECT name, age FROM employees WHERE department = 'IT';
```

3.4 Updating Data

```
sql
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UPDATE employees SET age = 35 WHERE id = 1;
```

3.5 Deleting Data

```
sql
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DELETE FROM employees WHERE id = 1;
```

4. Filtering Data (WHERE, BETWEEN, LIKE, IN)

4.1 WHERE Clause

Filters data based on conditions.

```
sql
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SELECT * FROM employees WHERE age > 25;
```

4.2 BETWEEN

```
sql
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SELECT * FROM employees WHERE age BETWEEN 25 AND 35;
```

4.3 LIKE (Pattern Matching)

```
sql
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SELECT * FROM employees WHERE name LIKE 'A%'; -- Names starting with A

4.4 IN Clause
sql
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SELECT * FROM employees WHERE department IN ('IT', 'HR');
```

5. Sorting and Aggregation

5.1 ORDER BY (Sorting)

```
sql
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SELECT name, age FROM employees ORDER BY age DESC;
```

5.2 GROUP BY (Grouping)

```
sql
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SELECT department, COUNT(*) FROM employees GROUP BY department;
```

5.3 HAVING (Filtering Groups)

```
sql
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SELECT department, COUNT(*) FROM employees
GROUP BY department
HAVING COUNT(*) > 5;
```

6. Joins (Combining Tables)

6.1 INNER JOIN

```
sql
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SELECT e.name, d.department_name
FROM employees e
INNER JOIN departments d ON e.department = d.id;
```

6.2 LEFT JOIN

```
sql
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SELECT e.name, d.department_name
FROM employees e
LEFT JOIN departments d ON e.department = d.id;
```

7. Subqueries & CTEs

7.1 Subquery

```
sql
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SELECT name FROM employees WHERE age = (SELECT MAX(age) FROM employees);

7.2 CTE (Common Table Expression)
sql
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WITH dept_count AS (
        SELECT department, COUNT(*) AS total FROM employees GROUP BY department
)
SELECT * FROM dept_count WHERE total > 5;
```

8. Indexes & Performance Optimization

8.1 Creating an Index

```
sql
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CREATE INDEX idx_employee_name ON employees (name);
```

8.2 Using EXPLAIN for Optimization

```
sql
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EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM employees WHERE name = 'Alice';
```

9. Views & Stored Procedures

9.1 Creating a View

```
sql
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CREATE VIEW active_employees AS
SELECT * FROM employees WHERE status = 'active';
```

9.2 Stored Procedure

```
sql
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CREATE PROCEDURE GetEmployeeData()
BEGIN
         SELECT * FROM employees;
END;
```

10. Transactions & ACID Properties

ACID stands for:

- Atomicity → All or nothing
- Consistency → Maintains integrity
- Isolation → Transactions don't interfere
- **D**urability → Data is permanent after commit

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Conclusion

This covers everything in SQL from basic queries to advanced database management.