

Database Theory and Applications for Biomedical Research (BMIN 502/EPID 635)
Basic SQL Syntax: CREATE, SELECT, UPDATE, and DELETE

1. CREATE TABLE *table_name* ("*field_name1*" "*data_type*",..., "*field_name_n*" "*data_type*";

Example: CREATE TABLE demographics
 (study_id NUMBER(3),
 dob DATE(),
 sex NUMBER(1),
 race CHAR(1),
 hospital VARCHAR(10)
 PRIMARY KEY (study_id);

This SQL code creates the table (demographics), but does not populate the database with data.
One way to add data is with the INSERT INTO command

2. INSERT INTO *table_name* (*field_name_1*, ..., *field_name_n*) VALUES (*value for field1*,...etc);

Example: INSERT INTO demographics
 (study_id, dob, sex, race, hospital)
 VALUES (1,'10/1/1998',1,'Caucasian','HUP'),
 (2,'4/16/2004',2,'Asian','PUPMC'),
 (314,'3/7/1995',1,'Caucasian','PAH'),
 ...
 (10,'4/5/2000',1,'Asian','HUP');

This sample table is the result!

| study_id | dob | sex | race | hospital |
|----------|------------|-----|------------------|----------|
| 1 | 10/1/1998 | 1 | Caucasian | HUP |
| 2 | 4/16/2004 | 2 | Asian | PUPMC |
| 314 | 3/7/1995 | 1 | Caucasian | PAH |
| 40 | 9/1/2000 | 1 | African American | PAH |
| 506 | 11/15/1993 | 2 | African American | HUP |
| 600 | 7/13/2003 | 1 | Pacific Islander | HUP |
| 7 | 9/18/2007 | 2 | Caucasian | PAH |
| 823 | 1/4/1999 | 2 | African American | PUPMC |
| 9 | 10/4/1994 | 2 | Asian | PAH |
| 10 | 4/5/2000 | 1 | Asian | HUP |

3. SELECT *field_name* FROM *table_name*;

This command selects a field from a table

Example: SELECT dob
 FROM demographics;

Result:

| dob |
|------------|
| 10/1/1998 |
| 4/16/2004 |
| 3/7/1995 |
| 9/1/2000 |
| 11/15/1993 |
| 7/13/2003 |
| 9/18/2007 |
| 1/4/1999 |
| 10/4/1994 |
| 4/5/2000 |

4. SELECT *field_name_1, field_name_2,..., field_name_n* FROM *table_name*;

This command selects fields from a table

Example: SELECT dob, sex, race
 FROM demographics;

Result:

| dob | sex | race |
|------------|-----|------------------|
| 10/1/1998 | 1 | Caucasian |
| 4/16/2004 | 2 | Asian |
| 3/7/1995 | 1 | Caucasian |
| 9/1/2000 | 1 | African American |
| 11/15/1993 | 2 | African American |
| 7/13/2003 | 1 | Pacific Islander |
| 9/18/2007 | 2 | Caucasian |
| 1/4/1999 | 2 | African American |
| 10/4/1994 | 2 | Asian |
| 4/5/2000 | 1 | Asian |

5. SELECT * FROM *table_name*;

This command selects all fields from a table

Example: SELECT *
 FROM demographics;

Result: Shown above in parent table

6. SELECT DISTINCT *field_name* FROM *table_name*;

This command selects all unique instances from a field from a table

Example: SELECT DISTINCT race
 FROM demographics;

Result:

| race |
|------------------|
| Caucasian |
| Asian |
| African American |
| Pacific Islander |
| African American |

7. SELECT *field_name* FROM *table_name* WHERE *condition*;

This command selects a field from a table, filtered by the condition

Example: SELECT race
 FROM demographics
 WHERE race='Caucasian';

Result:

| race |
|-----------|
| Caucasian |
| Caucasian |
| Caucasian |

8. SELECT *field_name* FROM *table_name* WHERE *condition* AND|OR *condition*

The AND|OR allows you to express a compound condition or conditions

Example 1: SELECT subject_id
 FROM demographics
 WHERE race='Caucasian'
 AND sex=1

Result:

| sex | race |
|-----|-----------|
| 1 | Caucasian |
| 1 | Caucasian |
| 1 | Asian |

Example 2: SELECT subject_id
 FROM demographics
 WHERE subject_id>100
 OR (hospital='HUP' AND race=Asian')

Result:

| study_id | race | hospital |
|----------|------------------|----------|
| 2 | Asian | PUPMC |
| 314 | Caucasian | PAH |
| 506 | African American | HUP |
| 600 | Pacific Islander | HUP |
| 823 | African American | PUPMC |
| 10 | Asian | HUP |

9. SELECT *field_name* FROM *table_name* WHERE *field_name* IN (value1, value 2, ...)

Example: SELECT *
 FROM demographics
 WHERE race IN ('Caucasian', 'Asian')

Result:

| study_id | dob | sex | race | hospital |
|----------|-----------|-----|-----------|----------|
| 1 | 10/1/1998 | 1 | Caucasian | HUP |
| 2 | 4/16/2004 | 2 | Asian | PUPMC |
| 314 | 3/7/1995 | 1 | Caucasian | PAH |
| 7 | 9/18/2007 | 2 | Caucasian | PAH |
| 9 | 10/4/1994 | 2 | Asian | PAH |
| 10 | 4/5/2000 | 1 | Asian | HUP |

10. SELECT *field_name* FROM *table_name* WHERE *field_name* BETWEEN (value1, value 2, ...)

Example: SELECT *
 FROM demographics
 WHERE study_id BETWEEN (300, 800)

Result:

| study_id | dob | sex | race | hospital |
|----------|------------|-----|------------------|----------|
| 314 | 3/7/1995 | 1 | Caucasian | PAH |
| 506 | 11/15/1993 | 2 | African American | HUP |
| 600 | 7/13/2003 | 1 | Pacific Islander | HUP |

11. SELECT *field_name* FROM *table_name* WHERE *field_name* LIKE *pattern*

Example: SELECT *
 FROM demographics
 WHERE hospital LIKE '%UP%'
This returns records with hospital of HUP and PUPMC

Result:

| study_id | dob | sex | race | hospital |
|----------|------------|-----|------------------|----------|
| 1 | 10/1/1998 | 1 | Caucasian | HUP |
| 2 | 4/16/2004 | 2 | Asian | PUPMC |
| 506 | 11/15/1993 | 2 | African American | HUP |
| 600 | 7/13/2003 | 1 | Pacific Islander | HUP |
| 823 | 1/4/1999 | 2 | African American | PUPMC |
| 10 | 4/5/2000 | 1 | Asian | HUP |

12. SELECT *field_name* FROM *table_name* ORDER BY *field_name* [ASC, DESC]

Example: SELECT *
 FROM demographics
 ORDER BY study_ID ASC

Result:

| study_id | dob | sex | race | hospital |
|----------|------------|-----|------------------|----------|
| 1 | 10/1/1998 | 1 | Caucasian | HUP |
| 2 | 4/16/2004 | 2 | Asian | PUPMC |
| 7 | 9/18/2007 | 2 | Caucasian | PAH |
| 9 | 10/4/1994 | 2 | Asian | PAH |
| 10 | 4/5/2000 | 1 | Asian | HUP |
| 40 | 9/1/2000 | 1 | African American | PAH |
| 314 | 3/7/1995 | 1 | Caucasian | PAH |
| 506 | 11/15/1993 | 2 | African American | HUP |
| 600 | 7/13/2003 | 1 | Pacific Islander | HUP |
| 823 | 1/4/1999 | 2 | African American | PUPMC |

13. UPDATE *table_name* SET *field_name* = *value*;

This command replaces a value in a field with some value

Example: UPDATE demographics
 SET hospital='1'
 WHERE hospital='HUP';

Result:

| study_id | dob | sex | race | hospital |
|----------|------------|-----|------------------|----------|
| 1 | 10/1/1998 | 1 | Caucasian | 1 |
| 2 | 4/16/2004 | 2 | Asian | PUPMC |
| 314 | 3/7/1995 | 1 | Caucasian | PAH |
| 40 | 9/1/2000 | 1 | African American | PAH |
| 506 | 11/15/1993 | 2 | African American | 1 |
| 600 | 7/13/2003 | 1 | Pacific Islander | 1 |
| 7 | 9/18/2007 | 2 | Caucasian | PAH |
| 823 | 1/4/1999 | 2 | African American | PUPMC |
| 9 | 10/4/1994 | 2 | Asian | PAH |
| 10 | 4/5/2000 | 1 | Asian | 1 |

14. DELETE FROM *table_name* WHERE *condition*;

This command deletes records from a table

Example: DELETE FROM demographics
 WHERE sex=1;

Result:

| study_id | dob | sex | race | hospital |
|----------|------------|-----|------------------|----------|
| 2 | 4/16/2004 | 2 | Asian | PUPMC |
| 506 | 11/15/1993 | 2 | African American | HUP |
| 7 | 9/18/2007 | 2 | Caucasian | PAH |
| 823 | 1/4/1999 | 2 | African American | PUPMC |
| 9 | 10/4/1994 | 2 | Asian | PAH |