

Data Science Unlocked

From Zero to Data Hero

SQL & Database for Data Science



SQL Mastery Notes

I. Comprehensive Guide to Databases

11 What is a Database?

- A **database** is a structured collection of data stored electronically, designed to efficiently manage and retrieve data.
- Used in almost every domain: e-commerce, banking, healthcare, education, social media, etc.

12 Why Do We Need Databases?

- 1. **Efficient Data Storage**: Handle large datasets in an organized manner.
- 2. **Data Integrity**: Prevent duplication and maintain accuracy.
- 3. **Scalability**: Accommodate growing data needs.
- 4. **Concurrency**: Allow multiple users to access data simultaneously.
- 5. **Data Security**: Protect sensitive information from unauthorized access.

13 Types of Databases

1. Relational Databases (RDBMS):

- Data is stored in tables (rows and columns).
- Relational model: Uses keys to establish relationships.
- Example: MySQL, PostgreSQL, OracleDB.

2. NoSQL Databases:

• Designed for unstructured or semi-structured data.

- Types: Document-based, key-value, column-family, graph databases.
- Example: MongoDB, Cassandra.

3. Hierarchical Databases:

- Data is stored in a **tree-like structure** (parent-child relationships).
- Example: IBM IMS.

4. Network Databases:

• Data is stored as a graph with multiple relationships.

5. **Object-Oriented Databases**:

Stores data as objects with attributes and methods.

14 Key Components of a Database

- 1. **Tables**: Organized into rows (records) and columns (fields).
- 2. **Schema**: Blueprint that defines the structure of tables, columns, relationships, and constraints.

3. **Keys**:

- **Primary Key**: Uniquely identifies each record.
- Foreign Key: Links two tables.
- **Composite Key**: Combination of two or more columns to form a unique identifier.
- 4. **Indexes**: Speed up data retrieval.
- 5. **Queries**: SQL commands for data manipulation and retrieval.
- 6. **Views**: Virtual tables created from queries.
- 7. **Constraints**: Rules to ensure data integrity (e.g., UNIQUE, NOT NULL).

15 Database Design Principles

Designing a database requires careful planning to ensure efficiency, scalability, and data integrity.

151 Normalization

Normalization is the process of organizing data to reduce redundancy and improve data integrity. It involves breaking a database into smaller, related tables.

Normal Forms:

1. First Normal Form (1NF):

- Ensure that all columns contain **atomic (indivisible)** values.
- No repeating groups or arrays.
- Example:

```
Bad: {Name: John, Phones: [123, 456]}Good: {Name: John, Phone: 123}, {Name: John, Phone: 456}
```

2. **Second Normal Form (2NF)**:

- Achieve 1NF and remove partial dependencies.
- Partial Dependency: When a non-key attribute depends on part of a composite key.
- Example:
 - Bad: {OrderID, ProductID, ProductName} (ProductName depends only on ProductID, not OrderID).
 - Good: Split into two tables: Orders and

3. Third Normal Form (3NF):

- Achieve 2NF and remove transitive dependencies.
- Transitive Dependency: When a non-key attribute depends on another non-key attribute.
- Example:
 - Bad: [StudentID, DeptID, DeptName] (DeptName depends on DeptID, not StudentID).
 - Good: Split into Students and Departments.

4. Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF):

A stricter version of 3NF, ensuring every determinant is a candidate key.

5. Fourth Normal Form (4NF):

- Achieve BCNF and remove multivalued dependencies.
- Example:
 - A student can have multiple hobbies and multiple subjects, which should be stored separately.

6. Fifth Normal Form (5NF):

 Break tables further to eliminate redundancy caused by join dependencies.

7. **Denormalization**:

• Sometimes, databases are denormalized (combine tables) for better performance, especially in read-heavy systems.

152 Database Relationships

1. One-to-One (1:1):

• Example: One person has one passport.

2. One-to-Many (1:N):

• Example: One customer places multiple orders.

3. Many-to-Many (M:N):

• Example: Students enroll in multiple courses, and courses have multiple students. Requires a **junction table**.

153 Entity-Relationship (ER) Model

- 1. **Entity**: Object with data (e.g., Student, Course).
- 2. Attributes: Properties of an entity (e.g., Name, Age).
- 3. **Relationships**: Links between entities (e.g., Enrolls relationship between students and Courses).
- 4. **ER Diagram**: A graphical representation of the database structure.

154 Data Integrity

1. Entity Integrity:

• Each table must have a unique **Primary Key**.

2. **Referential Integrity**:

• Foreign Keys must reference valid data in another table.

3. **Domain Integrity**:

• Columns must contain valid data types and constraints.

155 ACID Properties

- 1. **Atomicity**: Transactions are all-or-nothing.
- 2. **Consistency**: Data remains consistent before and after a transaction.
- 3. **Isolation**: Transactions do not interfere with each other.
- 4. **Durability**: Data is permanently saved after a transaction.

16 Popular Database Management Systems

1. Relational DBMS:

• Examples: MySQL, PostgreSQL, OracleDB, SQL Server.

2. **NoSQL DBMS**:

 Examples: MongoDB (Document-based), Redis (Key-Value), Cassandra (Column-Family).

3. Cloud Databases:

• Examples: Amazon RDS, Google Firestore, Azure SQL Database.

II. SQL Basics

21 What is SQL?

- **SQL (Structured Query Language)**: A standardized programming language used to manage and manipulate relational databases.
- Key Features:
 - Query data efficiently.
 - Insert, update, delete, and retrieve data.
 - Create and manage database schemas.
- Pronunciation: "S-Q-L" or "Sequel."

22 SQL Syntax Basics

- 1. Case-insensitive: SELECT, select, and Select are the same.
- 2. **Statements End with a Semicolon** (;): This signals the end of a command.

23 SQL Commands Classification (CRUD Operations)

- 1. Data Definition Language (DDL):
 - Used to define or modify the database structure.
 - · Commands:
 - CREATE: Create a database or table.
 - ALTER: Modify a table structure.
 - DROP: Delete a table or database.
 - TRUNCATE: Delete all rows in a table without logging individual row deletions.

2. Data Manipulation Language (DML):

- Used to manipulate data in the database.
- Commands:
 - INSERT: Add new records to a table.
 - UPDATE: Modify existing records.

- DELETE: Remove records.
- SELECT: Retrieve data from tables.

3. Data Control Language (DCL):

- · Controls access to data.
- Commands:
 - GRANT: Give user permissions.
 - REVOKE: Remove user permissions.

4. Transaction Control Language (TCL):

- Manages transactions in a database.
- Commands:

 - ROLLBACK: Undo changes made by a transaction.
 - SAVEPOINT: Set a point in a transaction to roll back to.

24 Basic SQL Commands

1. CREATE DATABASE:

```
CREATE DATABASE my_database;
```

2. **USE DATABASE**:

```
USE my_database;
```

3. CREATE TABLE:

```
CREATE TABLE users (

id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,

name VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,

email VARCHAR(100) UNIQUE,
```

```
created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
);
```

4. INSERT INTO TABLE:

```
INSERT INTO users (name, email)
VALUES ('John Doe', 'john@example.com');
```

5. **SELECT FROM TABLE**:

```
SELECT * FROM users;
```

6. **UPDATE TABLE**:

```
UPDATE users
SET email = 'john.doe@example.com'
WHERE id = 1;
```

7. **DELETE FROM TABLE**:

```
DELETE FROM users
WHERE id = 1;
```

8. **DROP TABLE**:

```
DROP TABLE users;
```

25 SQL Constraints

Constraints enforce rules on the data in a table.

- 1. **NOT NULL**: Ensures a column cannot have a **NULL** value.
- 2. **UNIQUE**: Ensures all values in a column are unique.
- 3. **PRIMARY KEY**:

- Combines NOT NULL and UNIQUE
- Example:

```
id INT PRIMARY KEY;
```

- 4. FOREIGN KEY: Links two tables by referencing a column in another table.
- 5. **CHECK**: Ensures a condition is met for all values in a column.
- 6. **DEFAULT**: Sets a default value for a column.
 - Example:

```
status VARCHAR(20) DEFAULT 'active';
```

26 Filtering Data with WHERE

- Use the WHERE clause to filter rows based on conditions.
- Example:

```
SELECT * FROM users
WHERE email = 'john@example.com';
```

27 Operators in SQL

- 1. Comparison Operators:
 - Equal to.
 - != : Not equal to.
 - <, >, <=, >= : Comparison operators.

2. Logical Operators:

- AND: Combine multiple conditions.
- Satisfy at least one condition.
- Not : Negate a condition.

3. **LIKE** (Pattern Matching):

- R: Matches zero or more characters.
- II: Matches a single character.
- Example:

```
SELECT * FROM users WHERE name LIKE 'J%';
```

4. **IN**:

- Match a value in a list.
- Example:

```
SELECT * FROM users WHERE id IN (1, 2, 3);
```

5. **BETWEEN**:

- Select a range of values.
- Example:

```
SELECT * FROM users WHERE id BETWEEN 1 AND 10;
```

28 Sorting Data with **ORDER BY**

- Sort data in ascending (ASC) or descending (DESC) order.
- Example:

```
SELECT * FROM users
ORDER BY name ASC;
```

29 Limiting Data with LIMIT

- Retrieve a specific number of rows.
- Example:

```
SELECT * FROM users LIMIT 5;
```

210 Aggregation Functions

1. COUNT: Count rows.

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM users;
```

2. Sum numeric values.

```
SELECT SUM(salary) FROM employees;
```

3. Avg: Calculate average.

```
SELECT AVG(salary) FROM employees;
```

4. MAX / MIN: Find maximum or minimum value.

```
SELECT MAX(salary) FROM employees;
```

211 Grouping Data with GROUP BY

- Group rows based on column values.
- Example:

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

212 **Joining Tables**

Combine data from multiple tables using **joins**:

1. INNER JOIN:

Returns rows with matching values in both tables.

```
SELECT users.name, orders.order_id
FROM users
INNER JOIN orders ON users.id = orders.user_id;
```

2. **LEFT JOIN**:

• Returns all rows from the left table and matching rows from the right table.

```
SELECT users.name, orders.order_id
FROM users
LEFT JOIN orders ON users.id = orders.user_id;
```

3. RIGHT JOIN:

• Opposite of LEFT JOIN.

4. FULL OUTER JOIN:

• Combines LEFT and RIGHT JOIN.

213 Aliases in SQL

- Use aliases to rename tables or columns.
- Example:

```
SELECT u.name AS username, o.order_id AS orderID
FROM users u INNER JOIN orders o ON u.id = o.user_id;
```

214 Subqueries

- A query inside another query.
- Example:

```
SELECT name
FROM users
```

```
WHERE id = (SELECT MAX(id) FROM users);
```

215 Views

- Virtual tables created using queries.
- Example:

```
CREATE VIEW active_users AS
SELECT * FROM users WHERE status = 'active';
```


31 Advanced Joins

1. **SELF JOIN**:

- A table is joined with itself.
- Example:

```
SELECT el.name AS Employee, e2.name AS Manager
FROM employees e1
INNER JOIN employees e2
ON el.manager_id = e2.id;
```

2. CROSS JOIN:

- Returns the Cartesian product of two tables.
- Example:

```
SELECT * FROM products CROSS JOIN categories;
```

3. NATURAL JOIN:

- Automatically matches columns with the same name and compatible data types.
- Example:

```
SELECT * FROM orders NATURAL JOIN customers;
```

32 Window Functions

• Perform calculations across rows that are related to the current row.

1. ROW_NUMBER():

- Assigns a unique number to each row.
- Example:

```
SELECT ROW_NUMBER() OVER (PARTITION BY department ORDER BY salary DESC) AS rank, name, salary FROM employees;
```

2. **RANK()**:

- Assigns a rank to each row, with gaps if there are ties.
- Example:

```
SELECT RANK() OVER (ORDER BY salary DESC) AS rank, nam e, salary
FROM employees;
```

3. **DENSE_RANK()**:

- Similar to RANK(), but without gaps.
- Example:

```
SELECT DENSE_RANK() OVER (ORDER BY salary DESC) AS ran
k, name, salary
FROM employees;
```

4. **NTILE()**:

- Divides rows into a specified number of groups.
- Example:

```
SELECT NTILE(4) OVER (ORDER BY salary DESC) AS quartil e, name, salary FROM employees;
```

5. **LAG() and LEAD()**:

- Access data from previous or next rows.
- Example:

```
SELECT name, salary, LAG(salary) OVER (ORDER BY salary)
AS previous_salary
FROM employees;
```

33 Common Table Expressions (CTEs)

• Temporary result sets that simplify complex queries.

1. Simple CTE:

```
WITH EmployeeCTE AS (
    SELECT department, AVG(salary) AS avg_salary
    FROM employees
    GROUP BY department
)
SELECT * FROM EmployeeCTE;
```

2. Recursive CTE:

• Used for hierarchical data (e.g., org charts).

```
WITH RECURSIVE OrgChart AS (
    SELECT id, name, manager_id
    FROM employees
    WHERE manager_id IS NULL
    UNION ALL
    SELECT e.id, e.name, e.manager_id
    FROM employees e
    INNER JOIN OrgChart o ON e.manager_id = o.id
)
SELECT * FROM OrgChart;
```

34 Advanced Subqueries

1. Correlated Subquery:

- Subquery depends on the outer query.
- Example:

```
SELECT name, salary
FROM employees e1
WHERE salary > (SELECT AVG(salary) FROM employees e2 WH
ERE e1.department = e2.department);
```

2. **EXISTS**:

- Checks for the existence of rows in a subquery.
- Example:

```
SELECT name FROM customers
WHERE EXISTS (SELECT 1 FROM orders WHERE customers.id =
orders.customer_id);
```

35 Indexing

1. What is an Index?

- Speeds up data retrieval by creating pointers to data in a table.
- Types:
 - Single-column Index: Based on one column.
 - **Composite Index**: Based on multiple columns.

2. Creating Indexes:

```
CREATE INDEX idx_name ON employees(name);
```

3. Removing Indexes:

```
DROP INDEX idx_name;
```

36 Transactions

• A transaction is a sequence of SQL operations performed as a single unit.

1. Properties of Transactions (ACID):

- **Atomicity**: All or nothing.
- **Consistency**: Maintains database integrity.
- **Isolation**: Transactions do not interfere.
- **Durability**: Changes are permanent.

2. Commands:

- START TRANSACTION: Begin a transaction.
- COMMIT: Save changes permanently.
- ROLLBACK: Undo changes.
- Example:

```
START TRANSACTION;
UPDATE accounts SET balance = balance - 100 WHERE accou
nt_id = 1;
UPDATE accounts SET balance = balance + 100 WHERE accou
nt_id = 2;
COMMIT;
```

37 Stored Procedures

1. What are Stored Procedures?

- Reusable SQL code stored in the database.
- Benefits: Faster execution, reduced network traffic, better security.

2. Creating a Stored Procedure:

3. Executing a Stored Procedure:

```
CALL GetEmployeesByDept(101);
```

38 Triggers

1. What are Triggers?

 Automatically executed actions in response to certain database events (INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE).

2. Creating a Trigger:



```
CREATE TRIGGER BeforeInsertEmployee
BEFORE INSERT ON employees
FOR EACH ROW
BEGIN
    SET NEW.created_at = NOW();
END;
```

39 Partitioning

1. What is Partitioning?

• Splitting large tables into smaller pieces for improved performance.

2. Types of Partitioning:

- Range Partitioning: Based on ranges of values.
- Hash Partitioning: Based on a hash function.
- List Partitioning: Based on a predefined list of values.

3. Example:

```
CREATE TABLE sales (
   id INT,
   amount DECIMAL,
   sale_date DATE
)

PARTITION BY RANGE (YEAR(sale_date)) (
   PARTITION p1 VALUES LESS THAN (2020),
   PARTITION p2 VALUES LESS THAN (2025)
);
```

310 Advanced Query Optimization

1. **EXPLAIN**: Analyze query performance.

```
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM employees WHERE department id = 101;
```

2. **Query Optimization Tips**:

- Use indexes on frequently queried columns.
- Avoid using **SELECT** *; specify the columns.
- Use joins instead of

subqueries when

possible. • Limit the

number of rows

returned.