

Keyspace Operations



Estimated time needed: **15** minutes

Objectives

After completing this lab, you will be able to:

- Create, update, and remove a keyspace in Cassandra
- Identify the keyspace for the current session with the USE command
- Describe a keyspace by listing all the tables in it

About This SN Labs Cloud IDE

This Skills Network Labs Cloud IDE provides a hands-on environment for course and project related labs. It utilizes Theia, an open-source IDE (Integrated Development Environment) platform, that can be run on desktop or on the cloud. To complete this lab, we will be using the Cloud IDE based on Theia and Cassandra provided by Skills Network.

Important Notice about this lab environment

Please be aware that sessions for this lab environment are not persisted. Every time you connect to this lab, a new environment is created for you. Any data you may have saved in the earlier session would get lost. Plan to complete these labs in a single session, to avoid losing your data.

Exercise 1 - Getting the environment ready

Open the Cassandra database page by clicking the button below:

[Open Cassandra Page in IDE](#)

On that page, click the Create button to create a Cassandra database.

After creation has finished, click the Cassandra CLI button (below the Create button from the previous step) to connect to the database using the cqlsh CLI.

Exercise 2 - Create a keyspace

The below command creates a keyspace called **training**, using SimpleStrategy and a replication_factor of 3.

SimpleStrategy is used when all the nodes in your cassandra cluster exist in a single data center.

On cqlsh run the below command.

```
CREATE KEYSPACE training  
WITH replication = {'class':'SimpleStrategy', 'replication_factor' : 3};
```

List all keyspaces.

```
describe keyspaces
```

Exercise 3 - Describe a keyspace

In the previous exercise you have created a keyspace named **training**.
Let us print more details of it using the describe command.

Describe a keyspace.

```
describe training
```

Exercise 4 - Alter a keyspace

In a previous exercise, you created a keyspace named **training** using SimpleStrategy.
Let's change that to use NetworkTopologyStrategy.

NetworkTopologyStrategy is used when all the nodes in your cassandra cluster are spread across multiple data centers.

Alter a keyspace.

```
ALTER KEYSPACE training  
WITH replication = {'class': 'NetworkTopologyStrategy'};
```

Verify the changes using the describe command.

```
describe training
```

Exercise 5 - Use a keyspace

To use a keyspace run the below command.

```
use training;
```

List all tables in this keyspace.

```
describe tables
```

You will get an empty list because we do not have any tables yet.

Exercise 6 - Drop a keyspace

To drop a keyspace, run the below command.

```
drop keyspace training;
```

Verify the changes using the describe command.

```
use system;  
describe keyspaces
```

Practice exercises

1. Problem:

*Create a keyspace named **sales** using SimpleStrategy and a replication factor of 1.*

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2. Problem:

*Change the replication factor to 3 for the **sales** keyspace.*

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3. Problem:

*Drop the **sales** keyspace.*

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4. Problem:

*Verify that the **sales** keyspace is dropped.*

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5. Problem:

Disconnect from the cassandra server.

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